ROSA PARKS HONORED IN MEMORIAL SERVICE

By Alexis Jungblut
Editor in Chief

The Johnson & Wales community embraced civil rights activist Rosa Louise Parks during a memorial service held in her honor on December 1, 2005. Parks passed away on October 24, 2005 at the age of 92.

Parks is best known for refusing to give up her seat to a white passenger on a segregated bus on December 1, 1955. Many believe her actions spurred the Civil Rights Movement and have named her the 'mother of the civil rights movement.' J&W's Multicultural Center hosted the event at 11:30am.

Stacy Heads, president of J&W's NAACP chapter, and procedure Master of Ceremonies and educated the attendees about the life of Parks. The service also featured the musical selection "Thank You Sister Rosa" by the Neville Brothers followed by remarks from several J&W professors.

Professors Terry Novak, James Alves, Thomas Gains and guest Professor of Early Childhood Development William Sperber participated in the event, addressing a crowd of students and faculty.

"Rosa Parks is an individual who spoke out, who took action, and took it in the right way," said an economics professor in the School of Arts & Sciences. "The future looks much, much brighter because of Rosa Parks and people like her."

The event not only honored Parks accomplishments but culminated the 50 year anniversary of her refusal to give up her seat on an Alabama bus.

"If she had not passed away we might not have realized this important anniversary. This event helped highlight a part of each of us." said Pat Troscian, director of the Multicultural Center.

Heads was pleased with the turn out for the event. One senior, Nahtnya Caraballo felt the event made a positive impact on the university community.

"Very productive. It was eye opening for students who don't know much about this culture."

NEW ACCESS CONTROL PLAN TO ENSURE STUDENT SAFETY

By Patrick Dyl
Staff Writer

The main purpose of any security system, or plan, is to protect your most valuable assets. To Johnson & Wales and most Universities, their most valuable asset is their students.

Student safety is the primary concern for J&W's Safety and Security department and its director, Major Michael Quinn. With a growing concern regarding student safety, Quinn and his staff have created many tools and methods that are used to protect the J&W Community, ranging from new and innovative access and control programs, to special trained patrol officers and a working relationship with the Providence Police Department.

Campus Safety and Security uses three patrol methods, which include vehicle, foot, and bicycle patrols. Foot and bicycle patrol officers patrol the campus and immediate areas, as well as interact with students, staff and faculty. Vehicle patrols observe the outlying areas and assist in student medical transports.

The newest campus innovation for Safety and Security is an access and control project that will be implemented campus wide over the next several years. The program will feature a high tech "card swipe" system on all exterior entrances of J&W buildings.

With the new system, students use their J&W ID card to gain entry to academic buildings, administrative offices, and residence halls. This gives Safety and Security the ability to limit access to members of the students and faculty who are approved to enter specific buildings during certain hours of the day.

For example, only students who live in McNulty Hall will be able to swipe their ID and unlock the exterior doors to their own dorm.

Due to the size and cost of this project, these changes will be implemented over several years. The first phase of this project launched on December 2nd when McNulty, Snowden, and Renaissance residence halls began to use the card access system for main door entry. With this switch, students living in these residence halls will use their J&W ID to enter their assigned hall at any and all times. As added protection, RAs and Professional Security Services will continue to monitor entrance to the building, and guests will still have to be signed in at the front desk.

University members may have noticed an increase in the number of surveillance cameras on campus this year. These cameras, which are monitored and recorded at the Safety and Security Operations Center, located at the Downing court. The University believes these cameras will decrease the number of crimes against people and property downtown because of the success at the Harbor Side Campus.

In accordance with state and federal laws, an annual crime report is published by Safety and Security and can be picked up at the Safety and Security office, or online at www.jwedu.edu/pdf/safety_report.pdf. The report also includes statistics for the last three years.

Crime awareness is also posted on campus on a bi-weekly basis, and any incident that requires immediate communication will also be posted. According to the report, incidents of violent crimes, thefts, robberies and assaults have all fallen in the last three years.

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On the other hand, incidents involving drugs or alcohol have risen. The Providence Police Department has stepped up its monitoring for under age drinking. Any J&W student caught by the police will face both penalties from the state as well as possible sanctions from the University in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

PROJECT ID is a service offered by Safety and Security that can be utilized to help identify and recover lost or stolen items. Valuable items (i.e. cell phones, laptops, iPods, etc.) are engraved with a unique identifying number that is entered into a database with the students contact information. That way, when items are recovered, they can be returned to their rightful owner. This is one of many services that are offered by Safety and Security. For more information please visit the Safety and Security office, or visit: http://www.jw.edu/provsecurity/service.htm.

Major Quinn offers some tips for those students who take night classes. Those who finish around 10:00 PM. He encourages students to use common sense when walking in the city at night and he advises students to "use the buddy system, no matter where. Team up with classmates and walk in groups" to help deter attacks. Quinn also suggests avoiding poorly lit streets when walking.

Major Quinn and his staff are always looking for ways to improve the safety of students on campus and want students and all members of the University community to feel one hundred percent safe to ask him, or any officer, questions about their safety on campus. The biggest asset in the fight for safety on cam-

Happy New Year.

Check out our racks in 2006.

Safety & Security Blotter

• Monday November 7, 2005
10:15 pm - Young Arms Lobby, Barberside Recreation Center
A student reported a male subject approached him in the lobby of the building and demanded to drop his phone. The suspect started punching the student. The suspect fired a few shots and pushed the phone. The three subjects fled toward Washington Ave. Police were notified.

• Tuesday, November 29, 2005
4:45 pm - Student arrested, Snowdon Hall
A student was arrested by local police for a drug violation.

• Tuesday, November 29, 2005
1:23 AM - Unlawful entry, McNally Hall
Student reported that an unknown person gained entry to his room after bending up the window screen and stole his cell phone.

• Thursday December 1, 2005
3:30 AM - Student arrested, Off campus
A student was arrested by Providence Police for domestic assault.

• Saturday December 10, 2005
12:28 pm - Student arrested, McNally Hall
Student arrested and charged with a narcotics violation.

On Patrol: A Safety and Security van patrols Weybosset Street. Photo by Matthew Medeiros, are the members of the Campus Community itself. "What we are willing to stand for, what we accept, what we don't. That's what creates an environment with security" says Quinn.

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ON CAMPUS APARTMENTS MAKE LIFE EASY

2006 Updates in Residential Life

By Tara Leamy
Associate Director of Residential Life
Guest writer

Big changes are happening in Residential Life. Anyone who has visited the Harborside Campus during the last few months has seen the biggest change of all: the addition of upperclassman housing known as the Harborside Village.

Harborside Village, opening in September 2006, will be available to 2006-07 juniors and seniors and will house 576 residents. Twelve buildings will be erected, each containing 12 apartment-style units with four residents per apartment. Every apartment will provide four single bedrooms, two private bathrooms, common living space, an eat-in kitchen, a side-by-side washer and dryer unit, cable TV and Internet service. The Village will also offer limited parking, available through a lottery system, as well as a community hub where residents can retrieve their mail, gather to participate in programs or social activities, or casually meet to interact with their peers.

But that’s not all that’s being done to enhance the on-campus housing system. In an effort to establish a progressive, quality housing system for continuing Johnson & Wales students, the attributes of many halls are being altered.

For starters, for the 2006-2007 academic year, the Harborside Campus will undergo further changes. East Hall will still offer quad rooms to returning students, but at a reduced “value” rate, a slightly lower rate than the current “standard” rate. (South and West Hall will be devoted to first-year students.)

On the Downtown Campus, Renaissance Hall will become premium housing and the occupancy of each apartment will be reduced to four-person suites (some larger five-person suites will remain). Specialized floors will also be offered to upperclassmen, including floors devoted to student leaders; International students and students interested and involved in diversity leadership; honors students and those interested in “quiet” housing or a more academically-focused floor.

Positive changes in hall programming for upperclassman communities will be instituted as well. The programming focus will ease away from subjects such as adjusting to college and making friends, and turn instead to topics relevant to upperclassmen; e.g., career issues, finances after college, preparing for graduation, searching for graduate school programs. Social activities will also be structured to appeal to an older student who is already familiar with Johnson & Wales and the city of Providence.

Beginning in February 2006, students are invited to attend various housing events to learn more about the communities of which they can become a part in 2006-2007. On Friday, February 3rd, Residential Life will host a Housing Fair on both campuses: from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Pepsi Forum and from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Harborside Recreation Center. Students are encouraged to come and learn about their housing options for next year. Residential Life staff and students will be on hand to answer questions and discuss the benefits of living on campus.

Hall Open House Week will kick off Sunday, February 12th. During this week returning students are welcome to tour their 2006-07 residence hall options (different halls will be showcased on different nights). Students should visit the Residential Life Web site in mid January to learn more about the Housing Fair and the Hall Open House Week schedule: www.jw.edu/provreslife.

The lottery process to select on-campus housing will begin in March. Students, parents, and staff are encouraged to log onto the Residential Life Web site for complete process details.

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PROVIDENCE POLICE RECOVER STUDENTS STOLEN JEWELRY
By Alexis Jungdahl
Editor in Chief

"You always see students with bags on their windows from break-ins but I never thought it would happen to me," said Diana Turon, a Johnson & Wales student of the Providence Campus.

On Thursday, December 15, 2005 Turon parked her car by the Woman's and Infant's Hospital on Chestnut Street in Downtown Providence. Turon locked her car and went to class for 45 minutes. Later returned to find her car window smashed and all of her belongings stolen.

Turon, who had packed all her jewelry and belongings in to suitcases to leave for break after class, was shocked. Even though her car had an alarm system and many people were on the streets, she had been robbed. Quickly she dialed 911 who redirected her call to Providence Police and sent a squad car to her in about five minutes.

Although visibly upset Turon was able to list of the valuable items that were in her suitcases including expensive jewelry, checkbooks, money, paper work, and family photos. Police collected information regarding the robbery for over 40 minutes before sending Turon home.

"The officer told me to go to a local towing place and ask the men for some plastic for my window," Turon said, "For the three and a half hour drive home."

Four days later Turon was surprised to receive a call from the local police station in her home state of New Jersey. The police were looking for a girl named Diana, and although they had no details, referred her to a West Warwick detective.

Feeling relieved, Turon got in contact with the Rhode Island detective and found out that the detective had found some jewelry and was able to trace it back to Turon through her high school class ring and name plate necklace.

Turon’s most expensive jewelry was returned to her and her case turned over to the Providence Police. On January 6, 2006 a local woman was charged with the robbery.

"Since the location of Johnson & Wales is in the heart of the city, most crime occurs around us, and half of the time we’re clueless of the possibility of it occurring so to us," Turon said, apprehensive to park downtown but grateful to have her possessions returned to her.

J&W IS ON THE BLOCK
By Matthew Medeiros
Assistant Editor

In a memo dated December 2, Dr. Irving Schneider announced the transition of block scheduling at Johnson & Wales to the Downcity Campus. For many years this type of scheduling has been utilized at the Harborside Campus and many of the other Johnson & Wales campuses.

Effective in the 2006 to 2007 academic year, block scheduling will offer courses two days a week for two hours. If they choose, students may schedule all four classes a day and only attend classes twice a week. Although, they will still be considered a full-time student, they must in class for up to eight hours a day.

In the academic sense, students will benefit from greater scheduling flexibility and have more sections to choose from. According to the same memo, the increase of class meeting time will foster learning opportunities and more in-depth discussions. Faculty will be able to attend to students needs better.

There will be no more make-up days. So even if there is no class on a Monday, there will be no class on Friday. When scheduling, students have the option to pick a Friday class that meets only on Fridays for three and a half hours. The times for this class are 8:30 AM to 12 PM or 12:30 PM to 4 PM.

In order to lighten the course load around finals and help students better prepare for them, reading days have been added to the end of each term. So instead of going to class on Friday and Monday and then having a final on Tuesday, students will get those two extra days to study.

This change does not impact the laboratory schedule for the College of Culinary Arts or the academic calendar. The start and end of classes and the breaks remain the same. The culinary labs will still have necessary Friday make-up days.

Night classes will still be once a week, but will end at 9:30 PM instead of 9:45 PM. There is even a 6 PM to 7:55 PM night class which meets twice a week.

The Johnson & Wales administration feels that the entire Providence campus can benefit from block scheduling. As seen in both the North Miami and Charlotte campuses, this is a successful way for students to gain the most knowledge out of each class.

Wildcat Spirit: J&W Men's Basketball team leans in for a team huddle. Photo by Raleigh Bermus

Red Sea washes up at Delaney Gym
By Jason Williams
Ideas & Opinion Editor

The Johnson & Wales men’s and women’s basketball teams played the Plymouth State Panthers on Thursday night, January 5. Under the "Sea of Red," organized by Student Activities, roughly 1,000 fans came out to support the players in their victory. "I am very happy with the turnout," said Assistant Director of Athletics Jamie Marcoux after the game.

Free t-shirts and pizza were the backdrop to the evening's game as part of the Sea of Red festivities. One lucky student won a raffle for the chance to win $7,000 if he or she could make a basket from the center line. Dustin Bride, a freshman Management major from Manchester, CT, was the night’s lucky raffle winner. He didn’t manage to make the basket, but he walked away with a number of consolation prizes.

The men’s team tipped off at 7:30PM and led the game until the last minute of the first half, finally succumbing to the Panthers by a 1 point margin. The half was ended with the Wild Cats at 25 and the Panthers at 26.

The Wildcatters were quick to regain the lead however, making their way back on top with 16 minutes left to go in the game. Once they had the lead, they didn’t look back. As the Cats continued to hold tough, the Panthers began to show signs of physical and emotional fatigue as the game was soon locked by a number of penalty points.

The final score of the game was 70 to 66 with the Wildcatters on top.

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PROFESSOR INTERVIEW: DR. Yacob Ali

By Steven Josephson
Staff Writer

Born in a small Eritrean town on an undisclosed date, Dr. Yacob Ali worked as a translator for Bayer Pharmaceutical Company in Saudi Arabia, taught English at the National University of the United Arab Emirates, taught English at Norman Public Schools in Oklahoma, was a principal at the Annmar Academy in Oklahoma, and taught Business English for Oklahoma City University’s Master of Business Program before coming to Johnson & Wales School of Arts and Sciences.

Who is this well-traveled mystery man? Dr. Yacob Ali is coming to an English class near you. To his new position, Dr. Ali brings a wealth of background knowledge, having earned two masters, English and English as a Second Language, and a PhD in the face of financial difficulties and family responsibilities. He also knows languages: he speaks fluent English, Tigré (a Semitic east-African language), Arabic, Amharic (the official language of Ethiopia), and Tigrinya (a language spoken in Eritrea) as well as some French and Italian. This is Ali’s first year at Johnson & Wales.

The Campus Herald: What classes are you currently teaching?

Dr. Ali: This term I am working on research.

TCH: How did you decide to teach at the University?

Dr. Ali: I was aware of the student diversity of this university, so when I learned that there was an opening, I applied, and I was hired.

TCH: How would you describe your teaching style?

Dr. Ali: Student-centered, interactive learning.

TCH: What is your favorite part about teaching?

Dr. Ali: Actively interacting and exchanging ideas with students.

TCH: What is your least favorite part?

Dr. Ali: Dealing with a few students who repeatedly fail to meet deadlines.

TCH: What would you most like to change about Johnson & Wales?

Dr. Ali: Establish more counseling for some students and renovating some of the buildings and classrooms.

TCH: Do you think that you will come back to J&W for another year?

Dr. Ali: Yes.

TCH: Who are your greatest heroes?

Dr. Ali: John Kennedy, Jimmy Carter, and Bill Clinton.

TCH: Who is your favorite author?

Dr. Ali: Ralph Waldo Emerson.

TCH: What is your favorite quote?

Dr. Ali: “Love conquers all.”

TCH: What do you enjoy most about New England?

Dr. Ali: A mild summer.

TCH: Do you do you like least about New England?

Dr. Ali: Winter.

TCH: Do you have any favorite sports teams?

Dr. Ali: The Oklahoma Sooners, Red Socks and Patriots.

TCH: What is the best advice you’ve ever received?

Dr. Ali: “Don’t be fooled by external appearances of things.”

STUDENTS FLARE FOR THE LENS ATTRACTS 150

By Denise Thompson
Staff Writer

Over 150 students came out for a student photography exposition held November 9th, 2005 in the 1st floor of the Academic Building.

The expo, entitled “Lens Flare” for the photographic term that occurs when sunspots appear in a photograph, featured the works of J&W senior, Nikkla Arena. Arena, a marketing communications student and the Ad Club President, organized the event to serve an Honors Program requirement. The exhibit, a private collection of 36 pieces shot between the years 2000-2005, included portraits of friends and family and scenic stills from all over the country and world, in full color and black and white.

The photos were taken with four different pieces of equipment: two film cameras; a Canon EOS Rebel and a Nikon N90S, and two digital cameras: a Nikon D70 and a Fuji FinePix S5100. The artist’s love of photography stemmed from the inheritance of her grandmother’s old equipment. The process of picture taking is more than a hobby for Arena. It’s a form of self-expression. She said, “When I’m depressed, I do not take photos.” There was a connection with people involved in the process of the photos.

On display: Two samples of Arena’s photographic work

Arena’s family and friends were present to support her endeavor.

When asked how she felt about the night’s presentation, she replied, “…very nervous! I was worried nobody would like the show or like my stuff, but overall I’d say it has been a success.”

One of Arena’s Computer Graphics professors, Hilary Mason, said, “It makes us all look good. I think the show is absolutely fantastic. I’m impressed that she put in all this hard work.”

Some of Arena’s favorite photos on display were “Forever,” “The Swedish Dr. Brosnan” and “Minnie in the Mirror.” An overwhelming crowd favorite was “In the Alley,” a portrait that was part of a photo shoot with fellow J&W student, senior Vanessa Guillemette. Arena worked with Guillemette to develop her modeling portfolio at Club Hell one night before its opening.

“Lens Flare” was on exhibit until November 18th, but don’t worry. If you missed the exposition, there is an opportunity to purchase prints from her directly. Contact Nikkla Arena for more information.

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LOCAL: BOOKS BOUND IN HUMAN SKIN FOUND IN TOLEDO LIBRARIES

By M.L. Johnson
Associated Press Writer

Brown University's library boasts an unusual anatomy book. Tanned and polished to a smooth golden brown, its cover looks like leather but it is different from any other fine leather.

But here's its secret: the book is bound in human skin.

A number of prestigious libraries - including Harvard University's and the College of Physicians of Philadelphia - have borrowing agreements for their collections. While the idea of making leather from human skin seems bizarre and cruel today, it was not uncommon in centuries past, said Laura Hartman, a rare book cataloger at the National Library of Medicine in Maryland and author of a paper on the subject.

An article from the St. Louis Post-Dispatch from the late 1800s "suggests that the practice may go back further, but it also indicates it wasn't talked about in polite society," Hartman said.

The best libraries then belonged to private individuals. Some doctors who had access to skin from amputated parts, and patients whose bodies were not claimed by family or friends, used the skin to be relatively cheap, durable and waterproof.

"What we are seeing is a conversation that is taking place in the library catalog, and it is a conversation that is not being heard," said Sarah Lewis, a librarian who works in the medical history division at Harvard University.

In other cases, wealthy bibliophiles may have had entire libraries of their own established by physicians who were executed, cadavers used in medical schools and people who died in the poor

NATIONAL: STATES TRY TO EXTEND HEALTH COVERAGE FOR COLLEGE-AGE YOUNG PEOPLE

By Holly Ranter
Associated Press Writer

In the months before colon cancer took her life, aspiring teacher Michelle Morse attended Plymouth State University full-time, often wearing a chemotherapy pump on her hip to class or when she'd been teaching.

To remain covered under her mother's health insurance, Morse had to either maintain her course load or pay about $550 a month. She chose the former, even though her doctors urged her to cut back. Following Morse's death, her daughter, Ann Marie, wrote in her journal in December 2003, just after she was diagnosed, "I want to make this easier on them."

The state had a deadline in November. Morse was ineligible for the program, lacking a year's worth of full-time education. Her condition was too severe to make this easier on them.

"Michelle's Law" would require health insurance companies that cover college students under their parents' plans to continue the coverage if a student takes a medical leave of absence.

Morse's mother, Ann Marie Morse, has become the driving force behind the legislation "I have a lot of energy," Ann Marie Morse said in a recent interview. "I knew the odds were against us... but I knew I had to do something else."

WORLD: ISRAELI HOLOCAUST FUND SAYS CASH CRUNCH IS THREATENING AID

By SARA TOOTH
Associated Press Writer

An Israeli foundation that provides health care help to elderly Holocaust survi-
vors said Tuesday it will have to curtail services to thousands of people on Jan. 15 because the organization is running out of money.

Because the cost of care is increasing but donations remain the same, officials said the Foundation for the Benefit of Holocaust Victims in Israel can no longer afford to provide in-home nursing care and money for glasses and hearing aids. Duddy Arbel, the foundation's chief executive, said 20,000 people received short-term care last year, and 16,000 others are on a waiting list.

"I don't know who will help the Holocaust survivors. I do know that everything was torn from my heart today and from the hearts of the Jewish people," he told a news conference. He said the group needs an additional $10 million to continue its work.

The foundation's main service, long-term nursing for about 12,000 survivors, will not be disrupted, he said. Six million Jews were killed by German Nazis and their collaborators during World War II. After the war, many survived in Israel, about 280,000 live here.

A study this year showed that 40 per-
cent of them live below or just above the poverty line, defined by the government as what would happen to their bodies. In most cases, the skin appears to come from poor people who had no one to take care of them. Hough's patient was a 28-year-old Irish widow.

"There are chances she was very poor," Hartman said of the patient. "We don't know the family's edu-
cation, but maybe no one came to claim the body."

In most cases, universities and other libraries required the books as donations or as part of collections they purchased. An alumnus donated the anatomy book to Brown University, according to librarian Susan Smith.

But "De Humanocorpis Fabrici", it was a primary anato-
ymical text of its time and is still used by classes, Hartman said.

The Harvard Law School Library bought its copy of a 1605 practice manual for Spanish lawyers decades ago for $45 from an antiquarian books dealer in New Orleans. It sat on a shelf unnoticed until the early 1990s, when curator Daniel Fenselau was going through the library catalog and saw a note, copied from inside the cover, saying it was bound in the skin of a man. "It was a shock," Fenselau said.

DNA tests were inconclusive, the Since the genetic material has been destroyed, the skin was kept in a special plastic box made to store the book and now it keeps it on a special shelf.

"We felt we couldn't just let someone else's law books," Fenselau said.

The foundation receives almost all of its budget from the Claims Conference, an international body that distributes German and Austrian reparations to Holocaust survivors. Arbel urged that the claims Conference and the Israeli government provide more funds.

"It's a lot of money from private dona-
tions, but it's a small amount for the promotion of an important cause," he said.
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There's been a great misunderstanding.
Community Service: It doesn’t pay

By Jason Williams
Ideas & Opinions Editor

In 1995, with the help of the egregious philanthropist Alan Shawn Feinstein, Johnson & Wales began steps to implement a rampant policy against the student body. As it stands, any student (save for transfers) of J&W must complete a given number of community service hours. You may choose to serve the sick, the hungry, the poor, the homeless, as long as you give into the altruistic standards, whether you want to or not. The ultimatum is simple: Graduate or don’t graduate.

Should you choose not to sacrifice your self to the vices of others, the cost will be what you have spent your time and thousands of dollars paying for your diploma.

Author Thomas A. Bowden once compared the mandatory community service requirement to that of the military draft. He’s not far off from the truth. Ironically enough, those who speak out adamantly against the draft have kept quiet, and in some cases, even advocated the mandatory service halting the involuntary servitude at the greatest of viruses.

My name is Michael B. Eisenhower and I am a United States Marine Corps combat veteran. I served in the current Iraq war as an infantry squad-leader in 2005. And attending school at Johnson & Wales in March of 2005. Since my first day of school in the spring, I have never missed a single class session, and worked exceptionally hard to receive exemplary grades for each term.

As you and the faculty are aware, there were a very important holiday occurring on Friday, November 11th. Veteran’s Day is one day out of 365 days when American citizens honor veterans who have served in our armed forces protecting your freedom. Many of these veterans have fought in foreign wars for their country that should honor them one day out of the year.

My question to you, Johnson & Wales administration, is the following. Who in the staff is responsible for the disrespect and ignorance bestowed upon me and the other veterans attending this school? There are several instructors and students who are displeased with the scheduling and lack of respect you have displayed by holding classes on Veteran’s Day.

Again, I have never missed a day of class since spring, so attending class is certainly not the issue. The issue is attending class on a holiday that honors those who fought for your freedom. The administration should thoroughly examine the reasons for holding class on Veteran’s Day, when Columbus Day was celebrated with a long weekend. I am completely aware of Johnson & Wales’ required amount of contact hours per term, but this should have been taken into consideration prior to the full semester.

In conclusion, I will continue to be dedicated to my studies at the university, but I am extremely disappointed about this situation. Thank you for your time and inconvenience.

Sincerely,
Michael Eisenhower

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It takes a village

Students to find home in the new Harborside Village

By Mathiew Medeiros
Assistant Editor

The Harborside Village will be available for students to move in at the beginning of the fall semester in 2006. According to Chris Placco, Vice President of Facilities, the apartments will be owned and operated by Johnson & Wales and is a part of a Residential Life expansion project this year.

Only being offered to seniors and juniors, the apartments will be selected through a lottery system, said Damean Slocum, Director of Residential Life. Students interested can apply through Residential Life just as if they were picking a residence hall and when students go to sign up seniors and juniors have the Harborside Village as an option. As long as it’s not already full.

According to Slocum, students will be able to choose their roommates. Each apartment is gender based, so there are no co-ed rooms. You can’t move in with your girlfriend or boyfriend, but they can live right across the hall.

Since it is a JWU Residential Life building, the same rules will apply as they do in the halls. Slocum assured there will be no alcohol allowed. There will not be any RAs or RDS either. Instead there will be a Community Manager and Community Advisors. Slocum said this is someone they residents can go to if something in their apartment isn’t working.

“Being upperclassmen, there will be more freedom allowed. There’s a level of maturity that is expected when you’re at that level,” said Slocum.

Placco said that the cost will be competitive to the surrounding apartments and is all inclusive. There is no extra gas or cable charges. According to Tara Leamy, Assistant Director of Residential Life, it will be cheaper than living in the dorms and does not include meals. The commuter meal plan is an option.

“Having the fully functional kitchen right there, most students will never use a meal plan. So we cut it out to make it cheaper,” said Leamy.

The cost for the nine month academic year will be $7,979 per student. Break that down by the nine months, students will stay there and they are paying $800 a month. With a washer and dryer right in the apartment, you can’t find anything for that price this close to campus.

Each apartment will be fully furnished with four single bedrooms, two bathrooms, and a living room. The bedrooms will have similar beds and dressers to the dorms, but the kitchen and the living rooms will have more home-like furniture. Slocum said that students can view the fabrics and colors being used at the Residential Life open house on February 3.

“As a junior I was already established in an apartment and paying approximately $500 a month. So from my perspective this wouldn’t be worth it,” said Julie DaSilva a senior majoring in Information Science and currently resides off campus.

The Village on paper: The original illustrations of the Harborside Village proposal.

The View: Some students will have a view of the Narragansett Bay from their windows.

Kara Lombardo, a sophomore Travel & Tourism major, who lives in Snowden, had this to say, “It sounds great. It’s a Johnson & Wales establishment and there are no RAs or RDS so there’s more independence. Being a downtown student I don’t want to be bothered with having to catch a bus or I’m late for class.”

Parking is available and for a little extra secure parking is even available, said Placco. Since it is JWU property, Safety and Security will do regular rounds of the buildings as they do with the rest of the campus. Placco also said that maintenance will be taken care of by Johnson & Wales. According to Richard Zarlanga, there will be security cameras at the main entrance of each building and residents will eventually need a key card for entrance.

“I’m very excited about the progress and can’t wait to see it completed in the fall of 2006,” said Placco.

According to Placco, right now the frames on all buildings are complete and the entire project should be finished mid-June. Next time you are at Harborside, walk over and take a look at the progress. There will be an excellent view of the waterfront from inside some of the rooms.

Slocum said, “Housing is growing and changing and we want to keep our students with us. We want to keep them safe and connected.”
Perspective: A view of the future green space.

Harborside: The view of the Harborside Campus from the Village's elevated height.

Facade: Each building features brick, siding, and roofing in tones that compliment the Village's landscaping.

Progress: The last apartment building structure goes up.

Dry Wall: A Village apartment's bedroom ready to be painted and carpeted.
Do you want a body that looks good?

By Kristina Punturiero
Guest Writer

Why do girls stress so much about what our body looks like and what we eat? Regardless of body shape, we only see what we want to see, instead of exactly what we are looking at in the mirror. We see perfect images in magazines and on television, but face it, the truth is that most images in advertisements and on covers of magazines are airbrushed; the pictures we see are not real. What is real is that we are torturing our minds and bodies by trying to look like the pictures we see that are not real. We are real and we need to focus on taking care of our bodies, not trying to look like fake images in magazines.

If everyone looked the same what would make us different from each other? Regardless of what I am telling you, it will not change the fact that girls suffer from anorexia. You don't need to starve yourself to look good. You need to eat the right foods and be healthy to look good. To stay healthy and fit you should eat foods with plenty of vitamins and minerals, including calcium, riboflavin, iron and vitamin B12. According to nutritionist Page Love, non-dairy food sources of calcium include calcium-fortified soy milk products, rice milk, and orange juice. The body obtains calcium by eating vegetables and fruits, like spinach, broccoli, tofu, legumes, nuts and seeds, and many vegetables. Good sources of riboflavin include milk and dairy products, organic meats, red meats, eggs, green leafy vegetables, and fortified grains. Iron is found in legumes — dried beans, peas, and lentils.

iron-fortified grains, spinach and other greens, prunes, and small amounts in vegetables and eggs. Vitamin B12 can be found in fortified foods, such as breakfast cereals, soy milk, or nutritional yeast. Choose nutrient-rich carbohydrate foods, including fruits and vegetables and add other foods to meals and snacks to provide a good source of protein. Although there have been many advertisements urging us not to eat carbohydrates, the reality is that carbohydrates keep us energized. Carbohydrates and proteins are building blocks for our muscles, so we need them to keep us healthy and strong. Carbohydrate-rich foods, like potatoes, pasta, oatmeal, and sports drinks are good sources of carbohydrate for healthy muscle development. Intense exercise is also less difficult to maintain, if you do not need to include necessary carbohydrates in your diet.

Studies by doctors and nutritionists have shown that low carbohydrate diets, without exercise and a balance of vitamins and proteins, are not successful. Within one year, all weight is regained. Having a balanced diet, including plenty of fresh fruits and vegetables, carbohydrates, calcium and other nutrients and vitamins, and protein makes for a healthy body. Remember, however, how we treat our bodies affect how we feel and look, now and in the future. Love your body and working well and exercising moderately. The advertisements and magazine covers are not showing us how to be healthy. It is time we take matters into our own hands and ensure everyone to learn what healthy means.

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The Wonderful World of Disney: The Food and Wine Festival looks

Photo by Amy Ward

DEFINE HAPPY...
An insider's look at a culinary co-op at Disney

By Amy Ward
Staff Writer

If you had a chance to spend a trimester at the happiest place on Earth, to have a Fortune 100 company on your resume, to supposedly work side-by-side with famous chefs, would you? Now, before you answer, let me ask you another question. Would you sacrifice an incredible learning experience to obtain this? I spent the first trimester of this school year doing just that. Well, not working with famous chefs (although, I did catch a glimpse of Paula Dean through a window once). Instead, the majority of my "working" experience consisted of wasting my time and money on a foolish dream.

When I first got to Disney, I had the innocent belief of a child that I would be happy doing my co-op there. After several days of paperwork, living in a 6-person apartment that should comfortably fit three, and being fingerprinted/background checked, that innocent hope began to turn into mild apprehension. Mild apprehension turned into outright disgust when I first stepped foot into my initial job. The smell literally caused me to step back a few feet. It was the oddest kitchen I had ever seen; my co-workers nicknamed it the submarine. It was also the dirtiest. Everything I have ever learned about sanitation seemed to go out the window in that place. The floor was covered in water with bits of garbage and food floating about in it. At the end of each night, it was necessary to rinse our shoes off. My trainer actually told me to forget everything I learned there, because it was nothing like a real kitchen... highly encouraging.

The Epicot International Food and Wine Festival, however, was where I spent the majority of the program. Though it was considerably cleaner, my duties there were hardly glamorous. I spent most of my time in a kiosk, scooping food that I didn’t prepare into a cup, or setting it on a paper plate. Several years of industry experience, plus a year at culinary school, only to find myself doing a job any trained monkey could perform. I was not the only CP (college program) to feel this way. Disgruntled Disney college program cast member Christi Heimbarger, a culinary student at the College of DuPage says, “I hate the fact that our kitchen makes $20 million a year, and we have to use broken equipment; 45 days of working at Food and Wine made me stupid.”

Kristy Crum, a communications graduate from COFC had this to say about her Food and Wine experience “Currently, I’m doing the Disney College Program, which is... interesting. The majority of the program is amazing – kind of like a five-month vacation...living in an all-Disney cast apartment complex, getting into the parks for free, taking an occasional Disney-sponsored class in order to keep at least some of the brain cells stimulated... My actual job, though, (standing inside a 10x10 Food and Wine Festival kiosk) is one of the most monotonous and stifling experiences I’ve ever had. I spent day after day doing the same mindless, repetitive task, and any deviation from a strict set of policies is cause for punishment...There’s no variety, intellectual stimulation, or freedom to be original and real.”

In short, if you are serious about gaining knowledge and experience from your Co-Op, then Disney is the place to avoid. However, if you’re looking for an interesting social experience, then by all means, feel free to waste your brain cells accordingly. Oh, and for all Co-Opers out there, get the project over and done with as soon as possible. Trust me... the late penalties aren’t pretty.

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Time to Take a Stand for Illegal Immigration

By Kevin Longo
StaffWriter

It's about time... Congress has finally listened to the American people and taken a positive step in protecting us from terrorism and stopping individuals from the put poor strain on our education and healthcare systems, not to mention the burden they place on our economy and law enforcement agencies by entering the United States illegally through the US-Mexico border.

When I learned that the House of Representatives had passed legislation to the creation of a 700 mile perimeter security fence along some of the most heavily crossed sections of our southern border and that the legislation would potentially allow the United States military and local law enforcement agencies to assist in securing the area from and technology, I felt the Mexican government to prevent us from exercising our rights as a sovereign nation. Hopefully, President Bush will get his act together and cease playing games with our security. By allowing illegal entrants into the United States to stay under the guest worker program, as Bush proposed, would reward those whose first act in this country was an illegal one. How can we expect someone to be law abiding if they're committing a crime simply by being here?

President Bush's illegal immigration movements have been made to protect our national security since the September 11 attacks, but knowing each day thousands of criminals pass freely across the US-Mexican border makes me more than a bit pessimistic. Perhaps we should concentrate on defending our borders and spend less time harassing grandmas and toddlers passing through security at our nation's airports.

By Karlla Pirner
Speak Out! Editor

Johnson & Wales University is the Career University of America. Johnson & Wales students have a 98% chance of getting a job 30-60 days after graduating. The students who come from Johnson & Wales are the best business professional candidates for any job that is placed in front of them.

It's interesting how Johnson & Wales molds their students into the best. There are rules that are instilled in us so that we are ready for the real world when we leave. Rules such as you can only miss so many classes. You get Friday's off so that you have more opportunities to gain job experience. You must pass certain types of tests to be at an optimum skill level. And of course, the real clincher that will make you the best business person, is no sleeping in class.

By Scott McConnell
Connecticut Magazine Guest Writer

The meaning of most holidays is clear: Valentine's Day, Fourth of July, Independence Day, Thanksgiving, productivity, Christmas, good will toward men. The meaning of New Year's Day, however, is not so clear. On this day, many people remember last year's achievements and failures and look forward to the changes of a new year, of a new beginning. But this celebration and reflection is the result of more than an accident of the calendar. New Year's has a deeper significance. What is it?

On New Year's Day, when the singing, fireworks and champagne toasts are over, many of us become more serious about life. We take stock and plan new courses of action to improve our lives. This is best seen in the most popular New Year's resolution of all: the key to the meaning of New Year's: making resolutions.

On average each American makes 1.8 New Year's resolutions. When the rest of the world is taken into account, the number of people making resolutions skyrockETS. From New Year's Day to the end of January, for example, New York to Paris to Sydney, interesting similarities arise as shown in two very common New Year's resolutions: to be more attractive by losing weight, and to be healthier by exercising more and smoking less. They want to become better people. Some say that New Year's resolutions are a way to make our souls purged, because it is the one where people evaluate their lives and plan and return to a better people. One dramatic example of taking resolutions seriously is the old European custom of "What one does on the first day of the year will do for the rest of the year." What unites this custom and the more common type of resolutions is that on the first day of the year people take control and be serious. Values are not only physical and external. They also can be psychological. Many New Year's resolutions reveal our want to better ourselves by improving psychologically. For example, look at your own resolutions over the years. Haven't you ever made resolutions like these: I'm going to be more patient with your children, improve your self-esteem, be more emotionally open with your husband? Such resolutions express the moral ambitiousness of a person wanting to improve his or her self and soul.

What then is the philosophical meaning of New Year's resolutions? Every resolution you make on this day implies that you are in control of your life and that you are not victim fated by circumstance, controlled by stars, or owned by luck, but that you are an individual who can make choices, change your life. You can learn statistics, ask for that promotion, fight your shyness, search for that marriage partner. Your life is in your own hands.

But what is the purpose of making such goals and resolutions? Why bother? Making New Year's resolutions, no matter how far off after failing last year's, stresses that people want to be happy. On New Year's Day many people accept, often more implicitly than explicitly, that their happiness comes from the achievement of values. That is why you resolve to be healthier, more ambitious, more successful. You want to enjoy that sense of purpose, accomplishment and pleasure that one achieves when achieving values. It is happiness that is the motor and purpose of one's life. It is New Year's, more than any other day, that makes the attainment of happiness more real and more serious. The meaning of New Year's Day and why it is so psychologically important and significant for so many people throughout the world.

If people were to apply the value- achievement meaning of New Year's Day explicitly and consistently 365 days each year, they would be happier. So every day, fill your champagne glass of life, to the brim with values--and drink deep to your life and the joy that it can and should be.

Happy New Year. Happy life.

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Botany: Keeping it Real

By Kevin Polizotto
Staff Writer

Those who are part of the Johnson & Wales hierarchy that decide when classes will run and how often, didn't see this one coming. The "hot" class for the winter term is Introduction to Botany, a science elective.

That's right a science elective. Some of you may be questioning yourselves, what is botany? The study of Robo's. It's the study of plants. Planet Earth counts on plants to keep it running in return the word plant is used in the word "planet," (small price to pay to get your name out there.

So what is so "hot" about plants this tri-semester? Beasts. The class of 40 plus students squeeze into room 317 Taco at 11:30, to hear Professor Tainsh lecture upon the very much alive, but inanimate features of the ground. It seems that the class is more interested in skipping to week 9 and where they will learn about Medicinal and edible plants (some students dabbling in this topic prior to taking the course). With only 5 books stocked in the bookstore, no one expect- ed such a turnout for the course.

"Maybe we can have a Botany Pow-Wow," exclaimed Professor Tainsh on the first day of class. With other science elec- tives not receiving as much "street-cred," Prof. Tainsh boasts on the importance of Plants in our ecosystem. Think about it, plants satisfy mankind's most basic warn- ings. Plants are at the very bottom of the pyramid, they make it all happen.

So what is the hype about? See for yourself. On the first day of class, when all the plants have been chronologi- cally frozen during the months of the 2nd tri-semester. Maybe Johnson & Wales should think about growing some interesting how many times they will run Introduction to Botany. As I learned in Economics, the demand is here for Botany, now let's supply it.

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CD REVIEW: O.A.R. - Stories of a Stranger

By Jason Williams
Ideas & Opinions Editor

Granted, this is long overdue, but better late than never. Of a Revolution's (OAR) latest CD release, entitled "Stories of a Stranger," is definitely a fresh sound from a band that has just recently started to gain momentum in the main-stream music industry.

Having long since established a die-hard fan base amongst most college campuses across the country, "Stories of a Stranger" is definitely geared towards a new ear. When I think of OAR's songs like "Black Rock" or "Crazy Game," I get the sudden urge to call up a group of friends and head to the beach for a night of bon fires and good company. I'll admit, when I first heard "Stories of a Stranger," I was a little disappointed in the lack of that raw, pure melodic assault on the senses that has long been a cornerstone of OAR's musical style, but as time has passed, I've really started to enjoy the new sound.

One song that is definitely noteworthy, if for no other reason that it's pure uniqueness, is "Program Director." This song alone encompasses all of OAR's musical talent from the first song of their first album to the last song of their current album. "Tragedy in Waiting" is a rather uplifting song. Great melody and rhythm take second stage only to some powerful lyrics that manage to bring one's spirit into a mood of exhilaration. This is the OAR I remember and love.

Perhaps the best song of the album, in my opinion, is "$2.50." The song has an absolute great introduction, not to mention the entire song, rounding out at just under 9 minutes, is absolutely fantastic. The opening saxophone is quite possibly the best sax that I've heard that hasn't been on a strictly jazz album.

They say many things get better with age - whiskey, fine wine, and brandy, for instance. All have stood the test of time against such a cliché and I can't help but think this CD has a bright future. Track number 2, "Love and Memories," has already gained huge following and increased the band's popularity ten fold.

Of course, there will always be the nay-sayers. Many critics have claimed that OAR has now sold out since they've being widely accepted by the general public. To me, the term "sold out" should be applied to washed up artists/hands that are now doing jingles for radio and TV commercials in order to make a living. If you think OAR has sold out, perhaps you should join the rest of your anti-establishment friends, stop embarrassing yourself, and let me enjoy my new CD.

Simply put, if you are expecting the same OAR as heard on previous albums, then you will be disappointed, but if you give it a chance, I think you'll like what you hear. The songs are beginning to give me that "beach" feeling again. This is a strong step forward in the evolution of a great band.

Once again, I'm looking forward to where they go next.

Final Grade: B+

AMERICAN APPAREL MOVES IN DOWNCITY

By Matthew Mederios
Assistant Editor

American Apparel opened its doors last week on Weybosset Street in downtown Providence right across from Gaebe Commons. Offering quality clothes that actually fit, American Apparel is all about vertically integrated manufacturing.

A different type of retailer, everything the company offers is made right in downtown Los Angeles, California at its factory. Vertically integrated manufacturing means that literally all operations, from sewing to photography, are contained in the same building.

By not outsourcing any process, the company can oversee all operations. The manufacturing process is more efficient than their competitors and they can rapidly respond to market demands.

The clothes themselves are very plain and various colored t-shirts make up the majority of their most popular products. There are no screen printed graphics or sarcastic slogans on the logo free t-shirts. Although, they don't make any designer jeans, you can find an array of colorful t-shirts, pants, underwear, and even some accessories for men, women, and children.

Unlike most companies today, nothing is outsourced even advertising. Their ads are definitely eye-catching. Featuring girls in booties-shorts, the ads are seen as provocative to some.

Marketing towards American youth, their plain style is offered year round. With new colors and styles always being added, the company takes customer feedback and ideas into context.

American Apparel is for the conscious consumer who likes their clothes to dictate their personality. There are no screen printed logos or offensive slogans. With numerous styles and sizes available in several different colors, it's easy to personalize a wardrobe.

With its mid priced clothing line and downcity location artsy RISDI students and fashion forward J&W students have a new place to shop.

A LORD OF THE RINGS FOR A YOUNGER GENERATION


By Steven Josephson
Staff Writer

Anyone who is nerdy enough to admit it will tell you that The Chronicles Of Narnia series was a gateway book, a gateway that for many led to The Lord of The Rings, Harry Potter, and sometimes a table in the basement for Dungeons and Dragons match sách. Those who aren’t so nerdy will likely tell you that the Narnia series is a great bunch of books, though they likely never got beyond the first one, namely: The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe.

While it may be geared towards a younger generation, this movie has mass appeal. Considering that the book has been entertaining children for over 50 years, that shouldn’t be much of a surprise.

For those of you who haven’t read the books I’ll give you a briefing of what this whole thing is all about. In besieged World War II England, the four Pevensie siblings - older Peter (William Moseley), Susan (Anna Popplewell) and the younger children, Edmund (Skandar Keynes) and Lucy (Georgie Henley) are evacuated from London to a large country manor of an old professor (Jim Broadbent). In the manor, a game of hide and seek leads to an enchanted wardrobe. To their amazement, they discover that if they step to the back of this large piece of furniture past the fur coats, they stumble into the parallel universe of Narnia, a land of talking animals and fantastic creatures. It is also covered in snow, for Narnia has fallen under the curse of the White Witch (Tilda Swinton), which has forced inhabitants to suffer through 100 years of winter with no Christmas.

The appearance of the Pevensie children changes all this. Foes of the White Witch spring into action as these “children of Adam and Eve” might fulfill an old prophecy. Rumor has it that Aslan, the long-absent lion king (and the story’s Christ figure), is on the move, ready to reclaim his realm. Heroic antics ensue, but you’ll have to read the book or see the movie to get the full story.

The movie really is a cinematic gem, with a great mixture of everything that makes a movie good. The actors play their characters well (particularly Georgie Henley, who plays the part of Lucy), the computer generation is wonderfully done due in part to the talents of director Andrew Adamson (co-director of the "Shrek" Movies), and the rugged New Zealand setting is amazing. Those who are book fanatics will likely nitpick, but not to the small exception of Aslan, whose presence seems to be somewhat lacking but that small shortcoming is quickly made up by the Beavers. I honestly believe that if more movies had armor wearing bow shooting beavers, Hollywood wouldn’t be in a box office crisis. Hell, if all the movie is what a Narnia movie should be: a movie where our imaginations are put on the big screen and anything can happen.

Final Grade: A
MOS DEF AND TALIB KWELI SHOW THEIR SKILLS

By Jorge Bolivar
Staff Writer

On November 30, the dynamic duo of Mos Def and Talib Kweli hit the floor of Lupo’s Heartbreak Hotel in Providence. They first met in high school were they both realized their love for poetry and hip-hop were one in the same. Both born in Brooklyn NY, Dante Beze (Mos Def) began rhyming at the age of nine, while Talib started at about the same age writing short stories and poetry. They both use intelligent and imaginative rhyming skills that prove hip-hop will one day be rhyming about life and not just being gangsta, guns, and pop rap.

Mos Def formed his first group called “Urban Thermo Dyanmics” or (UTD) with his brother and sister. The first single for the group was called “My Kung Fu” in 1994. From there he was invited to join the group called “Native Tongue Rappers” from Africa. The group included De La Soul and A Tribe Called Quest which combined a very exclusive amount of MC’s only. He finally found a label, Rawkus Records, that played by his rules. “I like being a free agent; I liked negotiating my own terms, working with my own friends,” said Mos Def.

He then recorded his first single with Rawkus called “The Universal Magnetic.”

PROVIDENCE’S OLDEST DINER CLOSES FOR THE LAST TIME

By Ray Henry
Associated Press Writer

Albert Iannone did something last weekend he hasn’t done in five decades: he closed the Prairie Diner for more than a day.

Facing a dwindling number of customers and recovering from a heart attack, Iannone, 85, finally closed his family run restaurant Saturday, marking the end of what one historian calls Providence’s oldest continuously operating diner.

“I’m going on 86. How many more years can I go?” Iannone asked.

After serving in the U.S. Navy during World War II, Iannone and his brother used their military wages to buy the then-rundown diner in 1945 for about $5,500.

The diner had rolled into Providence in 1923, but Iannone and son’s need of repair. Iannone said he and his brother spent about a year renovating the interior; some times on their hands and knees scrubbing grease off the gitty floor. When the renovated Prairie Diner finally opened, it attracted patrons with a cheap but filling menu.

Daniel Zita, the acting director of the American Diner Museum, said he used to bring tour groups to see Iannone’s establishment and sample a menu that was tradition with a few Italian twists.

“Too much, it’s always what you’d expect if you were in Iowa or Rhode Island,” Zita said. “There’s not a lot of places you can find in Rhode Island that have small salad and grits on a menu.”

In the postwar era, Iannone said three South Providence factories kept his count stools full and his waitresses busy. Factory workers grabbed a sandwich on their way to work. Neighbors dropped by for a leisurely breakfast. Bar hoppers came for late-night burgers.

Iannone said he closed the diner running from 6 a.m. to 3 a.m., said it closed only on Sundays and major holidays.

“Speed was always the key to the business,” Iannone said.

“They want it quick and fast and good,” he explained. “They want it yesterday for today, it’s so quick. And that’s what made us go.”

As manufacturers left the city and eventually the country, Iannone said his restaurant began its slow decline.

Pedestrians disappeared from South Providence, as did the families who supported the diner. Iannone said a heart attack two months ago proved the last straw. His children urged him to retire, and on Saturday, he served customers for what may be the last time.

The future of the Prairie Diner remains uncertain. In recent years, Iannone became a co-owner with his son Robert, who is still debating whether to continue the business.

Developers are planning a new community health center on the next block over, and Iannone said he hopes the move might revitalize the neighborhood and revive his restaurant clientele.

In the meantime, Iannone said Zita will advertise the restaurant on the American Diner Museum’s Web site to try and find an interested suitor.

“I really think it could be a gold mine for the area,” Zita said. “It would be a shame to lose it, like gone to glory.”

POPCORN FACTS

Compiled by Steven Josephson
Staff Writer

January 17 is the 300th birthday of Benjamin Franklin, our topic for this week. 8 in 1731 Franklin and several fellow members of a philosophical association put together their resources, and began the first public library.

*On December 7, 1736, Franklin helped found the Union Fire Company, the first ever volunteer fire department, their standard equipment consisted of buckets, strong bags and baskets (for packing and transporting goods), which were to be brought to every fire.* The fights Engine Fire Company monthly to discuss fire fighting techniques and fire prevention methods.

*In 1749 Franklin founded The Academy and College of Philadelphia, the first American university not focused on the education of clergy; it later merged with another school and became the University of Pennsylvania in 1791.*

*On June 15, 1752 Franklin conducted his famous lightning experiment, based on his earlier proposal that lighting could be drawn out from clouds. Unbeknownst to Franklin at the time, the experiment had already been successfully carried out in May of the same year.*

*Franklin is credited with the naming of electrical charges as positive and negative.*

*The CGS (centimeters, grams, second) unit for electrical charge was originally measured in Franklin (F) before it was renamed in honor of the French scientist Charles-Augustin de Coulomb.*

*Franklin established dynamic meteorology after noting that a storm’s travel path went from Philadelphia to the nearby countryside.*

*In 1783, Franklin and Dr. Thomas Bond obtained a charter from the Pennsylvania legislature to establish the Pennsylvania Hospital, it is the first hospital in the United States.*

*The Pennsylvania Hospital has an exceptionally large library; in 1847 the American Medical Association designated the library as the first, largest, and most important medical library in the United States. It is still a repository for historic books and medical collections, with works dating from 1493 to 1930.*

*Franklin developed a Phonetic alphabet in A Scheme for a New Alphabet and a Reformed Mode of Spelling, an alphabet discarded six letters Franklin regarded as redundant, and substituted six new letters for sounds he felt lacked fa- tors of their own; however, his new alphabet never caught on and he eventually lost interest.*

*Franklin is the only Founding Father who has his signature on all three of the major documents of the founding of the United States: The Declaration of Independence, The Treaty of Paris and the United States Constitution.*

*In his later years, Franklin became a fervent abolitionist, in 1789 he established the Pennsylvania Abolition Society, and wrote several letters in protest to slavery.*

*“One of his most notable letters against slavery was written in 1790, and included a slam speech by the fictitious Sidi Mahemet Ibrahim, a "member of the Divan of Algiers" the supposed speech defended the African right to continue to import white Christian slaves and condemned any legislation over stopping shipments of white slaves from Europe.*

*Benjamin Franklin died on April 17, 1790 he weighed over 300 pounds at the time of his death.*

*Franklin appears as a character in Tony Hawk’s Underground 2. Players encounter Franklin in his hometown of Boston and are able to play as him thereafter.*
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Bethesda, MD

“More people with PhD’s in Bethesda than any other city in America. We’re smart!”

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**Jason Burger-Jr.**
**S.E.E.**

Philadelphia, PA

“When the Liberty Bell was struck the tone was E flat.”

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**Matt Silberman-Jr.**
**S.E.E.**

Memphis, TN

“Memphis is the home of Elvis Presley, Triple Six Mafia, and Saliva.”

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**Jorge Rivera-Se.**
**Business Mgmt.**

Springfield, MA

“Basketball and Volleyball were invented in my town.”

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**Chris Andrade-Jr.**
**Food Service Mgmt.**

East Lake, OH

“Round on the outside and high in the middle.”

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**Kelly Walker-Jr.**
**Food Service Mgmt.**

White Plains, NY

“New York is the communication capital of the US.”

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**Kaitlyn Hanusey-Fr.**
**S.E.E.**

Oley, PA

“My house is surrounded by corn fields.”

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**Kimberly Mehrmann-Fr.**
**Criminal Justice**

Mendon, MA

“Aerosmith played my first concert at my middle school.”

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**Katie Staples-Fr.**
**Marketing**

Dighton, MA

“The soccer coach from my high school was on MTVs Made this week.”

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**Eric Pray-Sr.**
**Rec/Leisure**

Portland, ME

“Maine is not a hick state.”

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**Katie Cronin-Fr.**
**Fashion Merch.**

Hudson, MA

“Someone from my town plays on the soccer team. Revolution. Tony Frizz.”

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by Linda Thistle

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