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WEST HALL WINS BATTLE OF THE CAMPUS

By Steven Josephson
Life & Leisure Editor

On May 5, 2006, over 15 teams of Johnson & Wales students gathered together at the Temple of Music in Roger Williams Park to participate in the 22nd annual Johnson & Wales Battle of the Campus. Competitors came representing a variety of dorms, clubs, organizations, sororities and fraternities. All were ready to play their hearts out for one giant trophy and official bragging rights.

With few clouds and positively perfect temperatures, the stage was set for one amazing competition. The events were kicked off with the newly elected student body president, Steve Dean, singing the national anthem and a DJ pumping up the crowd with the obligatory "Get ready to rumble," through the speakers.

The first event was the egg relay, in which an egg has to be tossed to a teammate, who placed it on another teammate’s spoon. This person then had to carry the spoon in their mouth across to another person after which another toss and spoon race had to begin.

After the egg relay was the human pyramid competition, in which teams had to race to a line, and assemble a ten-man pyramid before the other teams. Next was the human wheelbarrow relay, where one person had to grab the other's legs and walk them across the race course. Switching at designated stops after the first group crossed the line, another team had to hop across the course in a burp sack to tag another wheelchair team. The process was repeated numerous times.

The standings were exceptionally close after the first three events as the teams took a lunch break. With no run-away winner in any of the events, the whole thing came down to the tug-of-war. After a series of several sudden-death elimination rounds, the winner was decided with one last battle. After a long hard give and take fight between team Grape and team Big Deuce, West Hall’s Big Deuce finally got the rope on their side, and locked in the victory. The team happily accepted their trophy from the judges at the awards ceremony.

While Big Deuce may have won the trophy, most everyone at the Battle of the Campus had a lot of fun. The organizers of the event filled two kiddie pools with bottled water, and kept everyone happy with plenty of hot dogs and hamburgers on the grill. The DJ on site kept the energetic tunes coming and got the crowd pumped.

Even those who weren’t able to participate in the events had a lot of fun cheering on their friends and listening to the music. As the 22nd Battle of the Campus came to an end, the teams got back on the buses back to their dorms. Someone brought out a boom box and played Queen’s “We Are the Champions.” Surely, everyone who competed in the various events were champions in their own right.

WELLNESS FAIR HELPS MAKE HEALTH A PRIORITY FOR J&W STUDENTS

By Douglas Garrison
Staff Writer

Old ‘90s fitness music played as students, drinking water and energy drinks, milled about the floor of the Pepsi Forum on Tuesday afternoon. The reason for the hubbub was the Johnson and Wales University Wellness Fair.

There was a video playing on the projection screen displaying health information, quotes, and pictures to go along with the booths. There were also many booths in the room, each of which held a different health related attraction. Some of these attractions included booths related to yoga, dental hygiene, nutrition, etc.

One booth was manned by Doug DeCubellis, D.C. of DeCubellis Family and Capital Chiropractic. “I’m here today to give free spinal screenings and a health and stress survey,” said DeCubellis. “I’m looking for any spinal distortions and to give advice to people concerning their chiropractic health.” Apparently many students believed that this was an important part of their health as quite a few stopped by the booth.

There were many other booths of interest. CCMJ Massage occupied one booth the employees of the company were giving free massages to all visitors of the fair. Another was a booth created by the own Safety and Security team. They were trying to make people more aware of drug and alcohol abuse through the use of pamphlets and other visual aids, such as the “Fatal Vision Beer Goggles” which distorted the wearer’s vision to give him the feeling of being drunk.

Also on hand for the event were the members of the Providence Fire Department, who were giving “Firefighter Training.” The basic idea behind the mock training was that they would dress a student in full firefighting outfit (complete with mask and oxygen tank) and first let them walk around in it. Then they would let the student make a timed run of a small obstacle course which was designed to give the person in the gear hard time.

Also available at the event were free water, energy drinks, and health food for sale. To complete the Wellness Fair, there was a blood drive going on in the fitness center as well. All in all, it was a healthy day in the Pepsi Forum.

J&W ATHLETE HONORED FOR COMMITMENT

By Jason Williams
Ideas & Opinions

The Rhode Island Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women annually awards one female athlete from each Rhode Island Institute for Higher Learning. This year’s recipient is Hospitality Management major, Betsy Loomis. This award goes to a female athlete who exemplifies the all around student athlete, excelling in academics, athletics, community involvement and leadership.

20 Commodore of the Johnson & Wales Sailing Team and President of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC), has been instrumental in leading the sailing team to its best finish in the New England Intercollegiate Sailing Association’s Southern Series to date.

After transferring to George Washington University in the fall of 2004, Loomis soon returned to J&W to pursue her love of the sailing team. “Betsy is a model student athlete,” said Sailing Team coach Alan Penney, “very active, not only in the team, but also in athletics.”

Heavily involved in the J&W athletics department since her return, in the spring of 2005, Loomis was recently elected President of the J&W SAAC, which is comprised of two representatives from each men’s and women’s varsity athletic teams. They are appointed to speak on behalf of their team regarding issues that effect athletics. “Our largest goal,” writes Loomis in an e-mail interview “is to make the University more aware of the great athletic teams we have here and gain support from the University body.”

With plans to obtain her Masters in Education and teach Hospitality courses to college students, Loomis has not ruled out the possibility of eventually returning to J&W as a professor. She plans to grad-

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By Patrick Dyl
Staff Writer

May 1, or May Day, is largely uneventful in the United States. That is, until this year. May Day is celebrated around the world as a day for workers and laborers, and is very highly celebrated in Socialist and Communist countries.

International Workers’ Day, a name used interchangeably with May Day, is the commemoration of the Haymarket Riot of 1886 in Chicago, and a celebration of the social and economic achievements of the international labor movement. The May 1 date is used because in 1884 the Federation of Organized Trades and Labor Unions, inspired by labor’s 1872 success in Canada, demanded an eight-hour workday in the United States to come in effect as of May 1, 1886. This resulted in a general strike and the riot in Chicago of 1886, but eventually also in the official sanction of the eight-hour workday.

The May Day Riots of 1894 and 1919 occurred subsequently. In 1889, there were demonstrations in remembrance of the 1890 anniversary of the Chicago riot. These were so successful that May Day was formally recognized as an annual event.

This year, millions of people took to the streets in protest of anti-immigrant legislation under consideration in Congress. A national boycott was dubbed, “A Day Without Immigrants,” and was supposed to emphasize the importance of immigrants on the economy and job force. Not just immigrants, but millions did not show up to work, school, and close their businesses.

In Rhode Island, thousands of people marched across Downcity Providence, stopping rush hour traffic. In one of many marches across the country, these sizes have not been seen since the Vietnam War. As the march passed the construction site at the Westin Hotel, construction workers halted their work, and motioned for the crowd to cheer, sending echoes cascading down the streets.

The American dream is not just an idea; it’s a reality,” said Juan Garcia, who was a key organizer for the March, and head of the Immigrants in Action committee. “The fact that you are here; you are making history; Garcia spoke on the steps of the state house.

His comments were followed by thundering roars, and applause that echoed throughout Downcity. Garcia, who is now a legal permanent resident, came from Guatemala illegally many years ago spoke on behalf of the undocumented millions who “live in the shadows”.

On May 22nd, Earth Day, another group of J&W students participated in a cemetery clean-up as part of the Trinity Gateway Project for the Grace Church Cemetery and the surrounding Trinity Square Neighborhood. This historic cemetery sits between Broad Street and Elmwood Avenue and is one of the few green spaces left in the South Providence neighborhood. The students did an excellent job raking and picking up trash. Their efforts were so impressive that they filled the dumpster by lunchtime and had to pile bags next to the enormous dumpster.

Lastly, on Saturday, April 29, Johnson & Wales students participated in a Rebuilding Together project at the Providence Animal Rescue League (PARR). The project took place in collaboration with a number of other Rebuilding project job raking and picking up trash. Their efforts were so impressive that they filled the dumpster by lunchtime and had to pile bags next to the enormous dumpster.

For the past five years Catholic Campus Ministry at Johnson & Wales University has initiated a project to collect supplies from hotels and the University community to put together homeless kits. As of last year, the Newman Club of Johnson & Wales has taken over this project and student Derek Greer is the 2006 coordinator.

Supplies were collected during March and April and donated by groups such as CHS (Collegiate Honor Society), The Campus Herald, the Multicultural Center and numerous individuals. The bulk of sample size items were donated by hotels such as the Johnson & Wales Inn, the Radisson Airport Inn, the Hampton Inn, the Hilton Garden Inn, the Fairfield Inn by Marriott, the Courtyard by Marriott (Providence and Warwick locations), and the Homewood Suites by Hilton.

The hygiene kits were assembled on April 22 by Newman Club members and a member of Delta Sigma Phi. This year, over 600 kits were put together which represents over a 60% increase from last year.

The hygiene kits were donated to Diocesan Social Services with a case of larger size items going to the Family Shelter in Pawtucket and a carton of kits each to Amos House and Crossroads. Diocesan social services has offices in Woonsocket, Newport and Providence and distributes the kits to people on the streets.
Congratulations to the class of 2006!

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YEAR IN REVIEW

Spring

By Mathew J. Medeiros
Assistant Editor

The spring trimester is the begin-
ning of the end of another successful
year at Johnson & Wales University
in Providence, R.I. Along with the
warm weather, spring brought many
fabulous events and announcements
among the community.

President George W. Bush signed
the Deficit Reduction Act into law
on February 1. This increased the
cost of students borrowing loans to
help finance higher education.

Graduating students need to consoli-
date before July 1, 2006 or they will
be affected by the rise in interest
rates.

During the spring break members
of the J&W community along with
William Strader, or Dr. Bill, partici-
pated in the National Education
Association’s annual Read Across
America day. Dr. Bill read to 95 chil-
dren that day. There were 35 loca-
tions around Providence.

Sadness struck the campus when
it was found that J&W Health
Services failed to submit the proper
information to the school’s insur-
ance company that provides full-
time students with coverage.

Although the conflict was resolved,
many students had to pay full price
for prescriptions.

March marked 30 years of suc-
sess for cooperative education at
J&W. This coincided with the spring
career expo which many students
gained employment and valuable
internships from. With the spirit of
career fair in the air, the School of
Technology hosted their own
Technology Career Fair.

Many special guests frequented the
campus this past trimester. The U.S.
Small Business Administration
announced that J&W will become
the new host of the Rhode Island
Small Business Development Center.

Tongue Fu, the debate society at
J&W, hosted a debate which featured
members of the Cambridge Union
Society from across the pond in the
United Kingdom. It was also
announced that Bobby V-Tino and
Family Force 5 were set to headline
this year’s Wildcat Wahoo.

557 students picked their leaders
in this year’s Student Government
Association elections. Steve Dean
was elected Student Body President
while Stephen Burnstein became
Chief Justice. Tyler Hunt was elected
Speaker of the House, and Shaina
White is the new Speaker of the
Senate.

The roof was torn off the Pepsi
Forum as 138 dancers helped Greek
Life raise over $10,000 for the
Make-a-Wish foundation of Rhode
Island. This fifth annual dance lasted
for 12 hours and helped two termi-
nally ill children’s wishes come true.

Dr. Irving Schneider announced
that the College of Business and
Hospitality College will no longer
offer associate degrees as of the fall
trimester in 2008. This decision
came when research showed that
students with a bachelor’s degree in
these sectors are more likely to suc-
cceed in their industry.

As the warm weather approached,
students began to unwind and wrap
up the year. The Wildcat Wahoo
offered a chance to enjoy the weath-
er with free food, rides, and great
bands. Graduating seniors are get-
ing ready to leave and enter the
workforce.

The commencement ceremony is
to be held on Saturday, May 20
in the Dunkin’ Donuts Center.
Business, Hospitality, and Technology
students begin promptly at 8 AM
while Culinary students start at 11
AM. At the Business, Hospitality, and
Technology ceremony, Mr. Jon L.
Luther, Chief Executive Officer of
Dunkin’ Brands, will receive an hon-
orary degree in Doctor of Business
and give a speech. At the College of
Culinary Arts ceremony, the President
and Chief Executive Officer of
Morrison Management Specialists,
Mr. Glenn Davenport, will
give a speech and receive an hon-
orary degree in Doctor of Culinary
Arts.

The University is quite fortunate
to have Jon Luther and Glenn
Davenport share in this year’s
Compencement ceremonies, said Dr.
Irving Schneider, Ph.D., President of
the Providence Campus.

Each of these gentlemen has an outstanding track record in the global market-
place. Mr. Davenport has been recognized by Nation’s Restaurant News as one of
the 50 Power Players in the
restaurant industry; Mr. Luther is recognized as a proven leader in creative
brand development. The insight they will share with the audience on such a
momentous occasion — grad-
uation — is sure to inspire
our graduates, their families
and friends.
YEAR IN REVIEW

Fall

By Patrick Dy
Staff Writer

On September 6, Johnson & Wales students returned to class, and the University once again bustled with the activity of thousands of students, faculty, and staff. Still in awe of the destruction caused by Hurricane Katrina, a somberness seemed to fill the air as people struggled for a way to help out those affected by the disaster. In an E-mail, Campus President Irving Schneider announced plans to assist college students affected by the storm, J&W as well as other private Universities in Rhode Island collaborated to bring students to Rhode Island schools. Many local colleges and universities offered victims a free term of school, and other benefits.

Doctor John Yena was honored by the University by having what is formerly University Hall, home of the J&W Downstate library, Admissions and administrative offices named after him.

The second week of school brought a new federal Holiday, dubbed Constitution Day. Aside from scrambling to learn how to spell the word Constitution, the University needed to come up with events to coincide with the event. Family weekend came this year with a safari theme and students, their families and the University did not let the weather dampen the spirit of things. The Wildcat Safari is the biggest event of the year coor.

The events started with the annual homecoming parade, in which there were a total of twenty-nine different groups representing Residence Halls, Sororities and other campus organizations. This year's float winners were Sigma Delta Tau, Sigma Phi, Snowdon Hall and the Travel and Tourism club. The University also created a new tradition, with events all week, including a talent show, outdoor movies, and a fashion show.

Johnson and Wales Annual Career fair was held in October at the Rhode Island Convention Center, with over 150 different employers looking to enlist Johnson & Wales graduates and students. This year was so successful that several companies ran out of applications after only a few hours. Also, new was the J&W Retail Lab which opened on the first floor of the Academic Center on Matthewson Street. The Retail Lab allows for J&W students in the Fashion Merchandising majors to gain first hand experience in the job place.

The Trial of former Iraqi President Saddam Hussein began the last week of October in a secure Baghdad courthouse. The former leader infuriated judges and the Iraqi government with his constant arguments, showboating, and lengthy political speeches. The trial is still on going, albeit with much less press coverage these days.

The last week of September also brought a strange new publication to the Providence Campus, The Johnson & Wales Bullshit Blotter or simply the J&WBlb. This two-page newspaper printed on standard 8.5 by 11 paper was an attack on the staff of the Campus Herald by an anonymous student. Although this student claimed, I will print this out every Thursday and it will be available exactly where you find this one, there was never a follow up on the issue of the J&WBlb, much to the dismay of the Campus Herald Staff who took the criticism with a laugh and smile.

On November 2, comedian Celebrity Ken Jennings made a visit to Johnson and Wales to speak about his experience on the show.
YEAR IN REVIEW

Winter

By Jason Williams
News & Opinion Editor

At Johnson & Wales, the 2005-2006 Winter Trimester saw the arrival of a great civil rights leader, the administration of a new access control system, the announcement of a switch to block scheduling for the upcoming year, and a student trip to sunny Mexico.

The J&W NAACP Chapter welcomed Julian Bond, NAACP Chairman, to campus on February 8, 2006. Many students came out to the Providence Student Center to listen to Bond speak on the Civil Rights Movement and the obstacles he faced during the struggles of the '60s and '70s.

Problems of racial discrimination weren't the only issues being discussed by J&W students. Deep questions and social issues were also addressed by the members of Plato's Cafe, J&W's unofficial philosophical think tank, established during 2005 by Professor Paulette Levy. The mission of the cafe was "to provide a forum for open and free discussion," said Professor Levy. The group meets twice a month in Room 311 of the John Hazle White Building.

While some were thinking, others were dancing. February 11 saw the annual SnoBall at the Providence Student Center. "The SnoBall is a Johnson & Wales tradition that dates back a long way," said Jeannette Williams, Provost's Advisor for Student Activities. The theme for this year's SnoBall was "Fire & Ice."

Some students took the cold weather as a sign to head south. Eighteen J&W students traveled to Tijuana, Mexico, to help the less fortunate. Organized by Performance Excellence Coordinator Melinda Mountbatten, these few students used their entire spring break to help school children. "I always wanted to help people and explore a different country," said sophomore Jamie Greenmark.

Perhaps the largest impact on the future of J&W that occurred during the Winter Trimester was the announcement from Dr. Schneider that the downtown campus will be moving to block scheduling beginning in the Fall Trimester of 2006. According to Dr. Schneider, block scheduling will afford students a larger class selection and greater flexibility in choosing their classes. The new scheduling system will eliminate Friday make-up days for future years.

The Student Government Association (SGA) took time out from their schedules to focus on more issues involving students on campus. The SGA set a goal for the remainder of the year to address 15 "hard hitting" issues that concerned students. Trying to get away from strictly community service and focus more on student issues, the SGA sent out 250 surveys over the prior two months to find out what the student body wanted from their elected leaders. "All students are members of the SGA," said Student Body President Kevin Paris, "and we're here to help them."

Over the next several years, J&W Safety and Security will be implementing new access and control projects that will allow students to swipe their J&W IDs in order to gain entry into J&W property. The first phase of this project began in December, when McNulty, Snowdon, and Renaissance residence halls began using the ID access system.

Perhaps one thing that sticks out in everyone's mind when they think of the Winter Trimester was the uncharacteristically low number of snow days this year. According to the school administration, there were zero official snow days during the 2005-2006 academic year. Perhaps there is something to be said about global warming.
J&W Finishes The Year Off With A Wahoo

By Steven Josephson
Life & Leisure Editor

On May 6th, 2006 Johnson and Wales capped the year with their annual Wildcat Wahoo. This year’s Wahoo featured a skydiving simulator, carnival rides, and live entertainment from Family Force 5 and Bobby T Vino. In addition to the music and games, several souvenir photographers were on site, taking photos to put anything from magnets to mugs. Carnival food, ice cream, beverages and other edibles were also provided to the attending students free of charge. Also featured at the Wahoo was a cereal eating contest, sponsored by General Mills and Pepsi. The results of which were not available at the time of publication.

The event was highly attended by Johnson and Wales students, and guests to the campus, who could enter the Wahoo for $5.

Some students entered the event with a degree of skepticism about Johnson and Wales’ booking of Family Force 5. How do you go from Papa Roach to Family Force 5? Asked sophomore Sergio Espinosa.

Still, after Family Force 5 finished their set, few were left in doubt as to why they were asked to perform for the students at Johnson and Wales. Saxx Mars, a friend of one of Johnson and Wales’ students said, (I) thought they were great, they have a unique style that gets you moving.

Family Force 5 took an 18 hour ride in their tour bus to play at the Wahoo, but according to the band’s lead singer, Soul Glow Activator, it was worth the trip. Going to new cities, meeting new people, (and) having a wildcat dance on stage is pretty stinking cool. He went on to say that, Playing in front of everybody, watching the crowd get hyped to it is fun.

Bobby T Vino also performed at the Wahoo, and though he performed an hour late, he gathered a huge crowd.

Bobby was awesome and well worth the wait, said junior Brittany Orr.

Another student, NAME, also had an excellent time in Providence and was heard to say, I’m enjoying the Wahoo to the full effect, during his time at Johnson and Wales.

Ultimately the annual Johnson and Wales Wildcat Wahoo was a wild success that left the students with several great memories to bring home from J&W.

I’m amazed that Johnson and Wales could put on such an awesome event. It had a blast! said Freshman Josh Moobie. Truly Johnson and Wales’s 2006 Wildcat Wahoo was one worthy of saving in the scrapbook.

Family Force 5: Getting the crowd cranked at the harborside campus.
With a grain of salt and a nod of accomplishment
The Campus Herald says thanks

By Alexis Jung Dahl
Editor in Chief

Sometimes I get hate mail, or feedback, as it is more professionally called. Writers write to tell me of their omissions, and I must thank those, or their Opinions of what we have decided to print. These valued readers keep us on our toes and help us to write.

It’s true, we don’t always get it right, but the year has been one of growth for the Herald. A strong staff with many new faces and a large number of new columns and features. Most importantly, this student-run newspaper has allowed us, its writers and editors, to try new things in a learning environment. Sometimes we have failed, sometimes we have succeeded, but we have always learned in the way.

What the Campus Herald, and other clubs and organizations represent, is the important idea of valuing something larger than oneself. (meme)

Thank you to all the students who work hard, who serve, who strive, and who care.

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Our readers, we do it for you. Thank you for your continued support and constructive criticism.

STOP THE STEREOTYPE

By Steven Josephson
Life & Leisure Editor

Those who are familiar with my writing in this paper probably have noticed that I am generally a Republican, and that I have been one for quite some time. Over the years, and particularly during my stay in Providence, I’ve noticed a trend for those who are not Republicans to unfairly generalize the Republican Party as a stupid talking yokel who is relatively ignorant of anything other than mom, God, and apple pie. These people, commonly referred to as the religious right, often become a sort of standing joke to many, and even as a symbol of disdain to some. I myself consider myself a part of this. I’m given the fact that I am a Christian, and also a Republican.

Many times I’ve found myself in a position where I am forced to publicly show the inaccurate stereotyping of those beliefs with similar beliefs. I don’t often hear others do this. In fact, I’ve noticed that the Republican Party is often the recipient of more negative coverage than any other political party in the country.

I don’t think that there aren’t people who fully fit the bill of an ignorant god-loving simpliciton Republican, but I do consider that there are many people who are not common among the religious right. In my continued battle against ignorance, I’ve decided to break down a few commonly stereotypes regarding the religious right. I ask that people understand that these stereotypes are not necessarily applicable to every god-fearing Republican, but in my experience these views are generally held by those among the religious right.

Firstly, in regards to the Bible, more specifically the interpretation of the bible, I do not believe that the bible has to be constantly interpreted literally. For example, I don’t think that the earth was literally created in six days. When you read the account of the earth’s creation in the bible, the story parallels the scientific version of earth’s creation. I believe there’s a reason behind that, the reason being that God followed the laws of physics. I believe that the biblical account of creation was an ancient prophet’s description of what God showed him, it’s hard to be ancient for an ancient prophet to understand the concept of billions of years, so he understood it as he saw it from basic stages of creation and wrote it in an understandable form. As a result of this belief, I don’t see any scientific or intelligent people be taught in science classes, in my opinion it’s a rediculous form. Secondly, I’d like to talk about groups such as the Westboro Baptist Church, a group known for their active opposition towards members of homosexuals and their supporters.

The group, headed by Fred Phelps, is known for the fact that every soldier that has died in the war in Iraq has been killed by God, as a divine punishment for homosexuals and their behavior. Their website, godhatesfags.org is a veritable snake pit of anti-homosexual venom. I can’t stand anyone who claims that god hates anyone. As a Christian, I’ve always seen God as a kind of divine father, someone who loves his children unconditionally. Now I’m not saying he condones mistakes, but just as I have a hard time saying you should get over it, I have a hard time seeing God hating anyone, regardless of the sin. If, in heaven, forribed, committed a murder, I think my dad would still love me, though he’d also support the consequence that went along with that mistake. I think God would do the same. It’s not how high we sin we sin we will experience a consequence, but we will still love us. I have a harder time imagining God hating a homosexual then imagining God hating Fred Phelps.

Thereby, I’d like to talk about the common stereotypes of the religious right. As I am in college, and I am a Republican, I find this stereotype particularly offensive. I did not come to college to meet geeks, get drunk, meet friends, spread my religion, or get laid. I came to learn, college first and foremost, to learn. I know that there is an abundance of morons in the world, but I’d like to believe that political ideals do not determine mental standards. I competed in Knowledge Bowl (a Jeopardy-like competition). I went to the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals (a creative problem solving component), and I am not as dumb. Many of my friends are Republicans (though many aren’t), and they aren’t stupid, many are Christians, some aren’t. All are educated, make their decisions based on solid judgment, and avoid stereotyping. I can say the same thing about my non-Republican friends, not because I am highly selective, but because ignorance is harder to find then you might think, among both Republicans and Democrats.

Lately it seems that the musical group of ignorant dooms in the country has been on the rise on the right and of the spectrum, I understand that. I also understand that often the most vocal representatives of a group usually are often the least representative. The so-called silent majority usually would rather live their lives in peace, than bother with these anomalies, we’re not the kind of people who’d rather do the same, but recent events have convinced me that to do so would be inexcusable. Now I’m not saying we should allow bad behavior, or forgo the American people, I’d rather do the same, but recent events have convinced me that to do so would be inexcusable. Now I’m not saying we should allow bad behavior, or forgo the American people, I’d rather do the same, but recent events have convinced me that to do so would be inexcusable.
The Oil Conspiracy

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For some time now, California politicians and bureaucrats have been searching for a way to regulate an oil company's controllability, something that would explain the rising price of gasoline. They have come up with nothing. The idea of "energy sector" being a scapegoat, now it is Congressional Republicans who are setting out on the terrain.

And why not? Have they anything really useful to do? (Oh, if we could only get back to the age when Congress spent more of its time--one or two weeks each year in the nation's capital!)

Why do gasoline prices rise? Because either supply is shrinking or demand is increasing. And indeed both of these are happening as we speak.

Because of the efforts of environmentally conscious lobbyists, no new refineries have been built in the United States since 1972. Nor have any new wells been dug, even though there are thousands of undeveloped regions of the country with plenty of oil to be extracted.

But the alarmists in the environmental movement, who are often with enthusiasm supported from the alarmists in the mainstream media - have made sure that no additional supplies of oil will be forthcoming. Then there is the increase in demand.

The Chinese are improving their standard of living due to the recent state-sanc
tioned semi-capitalism that's enabling mil
denarios to become entrepreneurs with well-paying jobs.

Elsewhere, like in India, Pakistan, and even in parts of Africa - not to mention more of the former Soviet bloc countries - there is now a rise in living standards because of more competition in the service industry and this, too, is leading to rather significant increases in travel.

So the demand for gasoline has been ris
ing considerably, without any correspon
ding increase in supply.

The Middle East, which, through decades of geopolitical c
craziness has become a major oil producer, and with a corresponding politicalization of the oil industry - isn't helping any of this. On the contrary, oil has become a potent weapon for them to use against the West.

Understanding all this doesn't require much expertise, only a little bit of atten
tion - like the informal and - you can imagine that, too - reports are perhaps a bit beyond what one can glean on CNN and other sound bite news media.

Yet there is another matter to be rec


A SENIOR'S PERSPECTIVE ON J&J

By Greg Barbeau
Staff Writer

Graduating college is a feeling I have yet to experience until May 20, but I know it will be a special one. Four years of college, one of them that... During the first few months of freshman year, I experienced what college will throw at you. Anything from parties, shady Providence clubs, new and exciting food mates in the dorms, and even the always-apparent pan handler who hassles you for change everyday. The possibilities are endless, and chances are, he will follow you.

We've all experienced the joyous moments, the moments we will try to forget. Even today, I still have a $100 parking ticket for being in a spot for five minutes, or times when you've felt you've eaten out of your mind. Food from the dining halls, believe me, we've all been there, including me.

As I look back, I realize that the time at Johnson & Wales has gone faster than expected. Four years is a long time no matter how you slice it, but the memories of what I have gained at J&J has been second to none. A chapter in all our lives is coming to a close no matter what we do after. It is always hard adjusting in moments in college that will change your life and your entire future. Speaking of the future, what is this I am speaking of?

Firstly, enjoy the last few years of free
dom that you have, you will never get time like this from Social Security Xanter, and chances are, he will follow you.

With all these years, you will take you a long time to reach the sat
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"UNDERDOG"
AN EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

By Amanda Ranochak
Guest Writer

No parking spots, roads closed, busi
esses not operating, trailers everywhere. What may be a major headache for some has become just a part of everyday life for J&J students. As big produc
tion companies move into Rhode Island, kudos to excellent tax credits awarded to the movie and television industry.

Lately, big wig Disney has moved into the city as they film the live action version of the hit 60's cartoon Underdog. Since early this month they have been filming in various locations throughout Providence, including Financial Plaza, Cranston St. Academy Prep, Providence College, Hope School, and even some locations near our beloved Academic Center. Usually, people get scared off by security and police control the area, but, well, I took this as an opportunity to try some
ting I learned last tri in my CMS class.

Networking

Three weeks ago, I was heading home from Kennedy Plaza, when I came across a

film crew in an alleyway near Quixote's on Durance St. I, like several other people nearby decided to spend some time, got to know one of the actors and scene with Monclos of Groove Choice (she played Cindy Lou Who by the way).

I sat there for an hour, watching them film. It was kind of cool. I learned back in my CMS class a try. So I talked to the people around me, and I ended up talking to one of the directors and managers. After talking to the guy for a few minutes, I decided to go ahead and ask about any extra positions.

With one call, he was already hiring. He took me across the street where they were filming and introduced me to a lady who was acting as the head number for casting. I called the number, and a week later, I made my way onto the set as a movie extra.

With all this networking hasn't stopped there.

On the set, I managed to talk to a Publicity/Public Relations person, who accidentally stumbled upon the set during filming. I talked to the man in-between campus to make your job search easier, it won't be tremendously easier but I assure you it will help you understand your job search better.

Finally, keep your mind open with your jobs. Just because you're a business major doesn't mean you're going to go into that field. Make connections however possible and keep them!

With the job search out of the way, all J&J students are here to graduate, get a better culture and more job opportunities. Your degree is what separates you from the crowd and the future will be increasingly by plain as you go job by job, so hang on to more years, it definitely won't hurt.

And finally, in my last article I say to everyone to try networking and have a portfolio of encouragement for things you need to do at school before you graduate. Keep some of these things you can; involve yourself with the school; and finally, be nice to your roommate, whoever it is, it could be a lot worse!
THE MORE TRENDS CHANGE THE MORE THURSDAY STAYS THE SAME

By Mathew J. Medeiros
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Great bands stand the test of time while others barely get by on a footnote of the latest trend. Thursday stopped in Providence on Friday, April 28 with the "Shirts For A Cure Tour" and proved to the scene that they are in fact anything less.

With their fourth album, A City By The Light Divided, released by Island/Def Jam Records on May 2, they created 11 tracks of passion and emotion. Call them scare, but whatever it is. Thursday is nothing short of six musicians who share a common love for great music.

"We took the time we needed to write and record this record," mentioned bassist Tim Payne. "Every song has its own personality and it's everything we wanted to do. This is one of the first records that we really feel happy like every song came out." During the course of this record, Thursday welcomed the addition of keyboardist Andrew Everest to the mix full-time. Guitarist Steve Pedulla explained that Everett had a first hand in the writing process and it helped shape the record. Their first single, "Counting 5-4-3-2-1," not only shows how emblematic the keys are, but how the band has progressed since 2000's "Come Together." It's "good to listen to through headphones," said Pedulla. "Every time you hear it, you get something different out of it."

The Thursday opened their set at Lupo's with "Understanding in a Car Crash," which is off their second album, Full Collapse. The crowd turned into a sea of fans swaying back and forth while pumping fists of angst into the air.

"It seemed as though everybody knew every word of the song," says lead singer Matty "Saw" Sartorello. "I'm really happy with how the crowd response was. If anything, they're the best fans a group could ask for." By the time "Creep" started, the crowd was a sea of black and white with a few reds thrown in. "The crowd was so energetic and I was just living off of it," said Sartorello.

The second song of the night, "Quiet," brought the crowd to their feet and started the day-long party. "I really wanted to make sure we gave a good show, and I think we did," said Sartorello. "I think we gave a lot of our fans a good show." Thursday closed the show with "The Night," and the crowd was left wanting more. "We'll be back," said Sartorello, "9:30 at the Palace, and we'll be back with a new album, so keep your eyes open for that."

THE THREE SEASONS OF FASHION

By Taina Rexach, Teyra Lane & Cindy Lopez

Guest Writers

Fall, winter, and spring–as we know all have different looks. Since we go to school using trimesters we get to see all different styles and looks. Here at JWU, we are a year or two behind trends, but we still know how to look fierce.

FALL

Almost immediately after Jessica wore cowboy boots in The Dukes of Hazzard they became a hot trend here on campus. So did all other types of boots: chunky, wedge heels, knee boots, round toe, furry, leather and lots of suede.

The "boho-chic" look was carried over from the summer into the fall with long tights paired with a jean jacket for the cooler New England weather. Lots of Neutral colors including the season's biggest color: "Turkey Red," were everywhere. Large-sized, braided leather and metal plate belts paired with chunky, ethnic jewelry completed the whole look.

Layering with shrugs, tie-front ballet tops, polos and t-shirts over long camisoles and sheer tops were big and could be found everywhere from JC Penney to Nordstrom. Embellished jeans and all other jeans with interesting designs were big here on campus as well. Retailers everywhere were really trying to push their fall line for Back-to-School especially decorated.

Metallic shoes, bags and belts though we hate to say it, were and still are hot here at JWU!

WINTER

We don't necessarily love the winter for the weather but we do love it for the clothing we get to wear. Something that will never go out of style for women is leather coats. They're great because you can either dress them up with a pair of heels and a cute pair of boots or you could wear business attire with them. Leather coats are very versatile and on everyone's "must have" list.

North Faces were popular among men for another year in 2005. They were being sold in many different colors ranging from the basic black and white to royal blue and beige. With the North Face brand it's more of the name that sells the product than a specific style. Blazers for men were another hot item. Men were able to wear a blazer with a nice pair of jeans and shoes or boots and look very nice and not too casual. Blazers could be found in solid colors like navy blue, black, white and in many patterns. A popular pattern for 2005 was herringbone.

Every woman gets excited about a new pair of shoes or boots. Well, for the winter of 2005, boots that stopped just below the knee were a necessity. Women enjoy these shoes because they could be worn with pants and look like ankle boots. Then you can wear them with dress shoes and skirts and they keep your legs warm, as well as the public thinking you have two pairs of shoes instead of one that you're wearing with different outfits.

"Bring out the Flip Flops" time, this is the time in our school year you see the most toots, guys and girls. So the big question is what is everyone wearing? Bermuda shorts for women are so huge right now and they can be found typically anywhere. This spring we are seeing these shorts worn with all kinds of shirts; polos, graphic tees, etc...Flip Flops are a must for these shorts.

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Another huge trend that has hit the streets of JWU is the "Hipster look." For those of you who don't know what this is; a pair of shorts and a long-sleeved button shirt with mini skirts or skinny jeans and flats with loose tops (stripes are big right now). This look is really emphasized in lots of scenes right now and can be seen almost everywhere in the mall.

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SPRING

Everyone wants to look cute in the spring! It's the time of year where everyone is in a winter's over, it is also the beginning of the year where everyone wants to look cute. This is the time of year where you see the most toots, guys and girls. So the big question is what is everyone wearing? Bermuda shorts for women are so huge right now and they can be found typically anywhere. This spring we are seeing these shorts worn with all kinds of shirts; polos, graphic tees, etc...Flip Flops are a must for these shorts.

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POP CORN FACTS

"Facts That Aren't Filling, But Taste Good Anyway"

By Steven Josephson

Life & Leisure Editor

Happy Birthday to Rhode Island, which was officially admitted to the Union on May 29th, 1790.

On May 4, 1776 Rhode Island was the first of the 13 colonies to declare independence from the British, it was also the last of the original colonies to ratify the constitution and join the Union, which it did on May 29, 1790.

Rhode Island joined the US just six months after the 12th colony, North Carolina, joined. Rhode Island officials had held for more rights, and only joined after being threatened of having its exports taxed as a foreign nation by the US governennts.

Rhode Island also had the lowest level of constitutional approval, only 52 of Rhode Island's representatives ratified the Constitution.

The first ever automobile race was held in Newport in 1895.

The Toury Synagogue, at 85 Touro Street in Newport, Rhode Island, is the oldest Jewish worship place in North America, it was built in 1759.

Rhode Island's state capitol features the fourth largest unsupported marble dome in the world.

Rhode Island's state seal is the quahog (pronounced Co-hog).

Quahog, Rhode Island is a the fictional setting of the popular cartoon series Family Guy, which often includes references to Rhode Island life and politics in its episodes.

"The Usual Superpower, which was among the Snoopy Providence, was among the smuggling ships which were part of the Continental Navy, the first official warship was John Paul Jones's first ship which he ever captained and during its career it sank or captured 39 British enemies.

Rhode Island enacted the North American first law against slavery; it was officially ratified on May 18, 1652.

Rhode Island has no county government, instead it's divided into 39 municipalities, each of which has its own form of local government.

The highest temperature recorded in Rhode Island was 104°F on August 2, 1975 at Providence. The lowest temperature recorded in Rhode Island was -11°F, which happened on February 6, 1996 at Greenville.

Rhode Island's drivers are notoriously bad drivers. Many residents had the lowest score in the nation in a recent survey which tested drivers' knowledge of basic driving rules.

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Inquiring photographer by Dawn Thomas

"What's your favorite TV show? Why?"

Jeff Goodwin, Suffolk, VT

"The Homecoming" because I had never slept across with Alice or her.

Kerry Deck, South Pomme, MA

"The Wonder years" because it really shows family spirit.

Frances Amorosi Berndt, N.J.

"The Fun Way Iers Never The Fun Way it's a Hui."

Mary Fransen, Yonkers, NY

"If I'm old, I'm because I'm really dieing to "

Looking back as we look forward.

Congratulations to the class of 2006.
Thanks for a great year.

See you next fall!