J&W Student Impacts November Elections

BY TIM COLETTI
Herald Staff Writer

Local Johnson & Wales student Emily Stoot '07, and recent graduate of Brown, Emily Dietsch, have been recently featured in the Pawtucket Times for their new website: www.Polichicks.com (no "v"). The website features personal interviews with candidates running for local positions, along with other relevant information on upcoming elections. The site is concentrating on the primary for the moment, and will get involved with the general election once the preliminary is finished.

Their goal with "Polichicks" is to give

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The Humble Hero

Paul Rusesabagina speaks at the Beneficent Congregational Church about his history in Rwanda, the genocide, and Hollywood film

BY NINA DEVRIJHADZE
Herald Staff Writer

Paul Rusesabagina is acknowledged as a hero, not just by ordinary people across the United States and Europe, but also by diplomats, politicians, journalists and Rwandan officials in diplomatic posts here in the States. Yet despite all this, Mr. Rusesabagina laughs at the thought, saying, "No, I don't consider myself a hero. I consider myself a normal person who did what he had to do, who has done his job, and this is it."

In fact, it was his heroism in the face of genocide that inspired the hit movie Hotel Rwanda, which portrays the Rwandan episode, a slaughter of unimaginable horror and magnitude. "I was very much disappointed by human beings when I saw how my neighbors behaved," he says, "I never understood how a normal human being can believe they are going to solve problems with a machete...even guys I used to see, guys with whom I used to share my barber, guys I used to respect and look as wise men and gentlemen."

Rusesabagina used his influence and connections as temporary manager of the

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Study Begins of Casino Impact on Warwick

BY DANIEL BARBARISSI
Providence Journal Staff Writer

WARWICK -- With the possibility of a casino opening up next door to West Warwick, city leaders want to hire a professional firm to assess the potential impact of Harrah's planned gambling palace on commerce, crime and quality of life in Warwick.

But a formal invitation to bid got no takers. So Warwick is going back to school.

The city has enlisted four graduate students from Johnson & Wales University to work with the Department of Tourism, Culture, and Development to examine the impact of a West Warwick casino.

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Student Body President Welcomes New Senators

My Fellow Students:

What have we been up to for this issue? During the past 2 weeks, the Office of the Student Government Association has finally started to take shape for the 2006-07 academic year.

Just recently, the Speaker of the Senate, Ms. Shawna White '09, welcomed her new team of University Senators: Andrew Childers '09, Chris Biscotti '09, Steven Shapiro '08, Megan Kenney '08, Alecia Dow '07, Jeremy Clark '09, Joan Perez '09, Corey Currell '09, Anthony Miles '08, Sarah Buchanan '09, Josh McSherry '09, Brian Cottman '07, Devin Murphy '09, Evan Lasley '07, Kelly Sacho '10, Julie Goodison '08, Sean Harrell '08, Ashley Masterson '10, Jason Atkins '10, Nina Devrijsdaze '10, and Elizabeth Hernandez '10.

Congratulations newly elected University Senators! I know that Ms. Shawna White is excited about her new team and has many plans in store for the new Senate. Keep up the good work Shawna! I am very proud to work with you!

On another note, the Chief of Staff for the Office of the Student Body President has officially resigned as of October 4, 2006 at

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The Campus Herald invites Letters to the Editor and guest commentary from students, faculty, and staff, as well as non-University community members.

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Casino

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Starting this week, the students will work with the department's director, Karen Jedarson, who said that she expects to have a completed study before mid-October, so that Warwick voters will know the local impact when they go to the polls in November to vote on a constitutional amendment that would allow Harrah's and the Narragansett Indian Tribe to operate a West Warwick casino.

"I'm looking at max four weeks, that's my goal," Jedarson said.

Mayor Scott Avedisian proposed the study as part of an anti-casino resolution he brought before the City Council last month. That resolution failed, but council members were generally supportive of conducting the study.

"Clearly, we are disappointed that we did not receive any bids," Avedisian said. "The City of Warwick remains convinced that it would lead to a host of socioeconomic problems, not only in the city of Warwick and in our neighboring towns, but for the state as a whole."

Jedarson said that the students will analyze the impact of a casino on local home values and other business practices and on public safety and general quality of life.

Her team will consist of graduate students called from marketing classes, working toward an MBA. They are students of Prof. Gary Gray, and the unpaid work will count as a mid-term project.

"Our collaboration with the City of Warwick will give our students the opportunity to work with businesses, interact with officials and educators, and enhance their research skills through a market research project that will also provide a service of professional caliber to Warwick," Gray said.

Jedarson will provide the students with basic data on the city, and the students will conduct field visits and on-site research in the community. She expects to have their services for roughly 10 hours a week.

President's Letter

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5pm. During the past few weeks I have been able to evaluate what the needs are of this diverse population and I came to several conclusions.

Leaders never lead alone, they consult with others constantly. With that said, in order for me to serve the student body more effectively, I will be forming a President's Advisory Council, whose purpose will be to advise me on student concerns across both campuses. This council will not be voting, though they will be forming the platform issues that I will personally address on behalf of the student body and this University.

Recently, I went on a ride-along with Campus Safety & Security. Sergeant Paul Coughlin of the 3rd shift was supervising the ride-along. I learned several key facts about Campus Safety & Security during my three hour tour: they work for both campuses, address concerns regarding the students, facilities, safety, off campus issues, community concerns, address behavior of community members and hold prevention programs to keep the student body informed.

Until that night, I never realized how much they did. To Mayor Quinn and the members of Campus Safety & Security, you're doing a terrific job! Keep up the good work and always know you are supported by me and the rest of the student body, we appreciate all that you do.

Most recently, I sat on President Bowers' presentation on FOCUS 2011 and I realized something very important. The administration really does care. I also realized that, as your elected official, we (the student body) must also care! With this, I have decided to launch some initiatives that I feel will positively affect our University Community First, I will launch and propose to the Senate a program called: Operation Commuter In Action (CIA). This program will focus on commuter student needs and empowerment. I will also be launching, in conjunction with the Women's Center, Operation Student Advocates For Equality (SAFE). This initiative will focus on all aspects of diversity and student education about our diverse community and how to conduct ourselves.

The third initiative that I will be launching is Operation Empowered Community (EC). This initiative will focus on University Community members, empowered and empowerment, thinking big, and civility.

In order for students to be taken seriously, we must show that we are serious about our future and serious about making a positive impact.

Mark my words: We will not fail! I will not allow it. We are strong, smart, and enthusiastic students who will succeed!

I am a different type of leader. I have different type of President. I have 11,000 advisors and I am ready to hear the advice.

With Honor,
Jonathan Stephen Dean
Student Body President

A Night of Bingo

BY ASHLEY MURPHY
Herald Staff Writer

On September 25, the University Envolvement Board (UEB) hosted a game of music Bingo at the Barbourside Campus. The room filled up quickly and the students were anticipating the revealing of the grand prize.

The prizes stuck with the theme of music from various artists including Justin Timberlake and Beyonce. Other prizes included the "Now 22" CD and a $20 itunes card allowing a student to download the music of their choice. The prize everyone desired was a stereo with a five-disc CD changer, XM-radio, and speakers.

Everyone anxiously waited as the UEB members called out by UEB members. The goal was to fill the entire bingo card in order to win the stereo. The anticipation came to an end when one lucky student managed to fill her entire bingo card.

UEB is a club that plans numerous activities on campus. A night of bingo was just one of the efforts they have planned for the year. Every bingo game will have a different theme, allowing students to win a wide range of prizes from music to games.

The UEB members welcome all students to come and join in playing the game. It does not cost anything to participate and it is hosted at Barbourside. Students are encouraged to check their calendar of events given out to each dorm to learn the night that bingo will be played and other events that UEB is putting on.

SAFETY & SECURITY BLOTTER

- Tuesday, September 26, 2006 @ 2:11 PM
  Arrested / McNulty Hall: Student arrested and charged with a narcotics violation.
- Thursday, September 28, 2006 @ 1:15 PM
  Robbery / Off campus: A student and his friend were at another friend's apartment when two male suspects entered and one of the suspects pulled out a knife. The suspects stole various items from the apartment.

- Friday, September 29, 2006 @ 0:59 AM
  Arrest / Xavier Mercy Hall: Student arrested for possession of marijuana
Hotel Rwanda

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Mille Collins to shelter over 1,260 Tutsis and seven Hutus from being slaughtered by the Interahamwe militia. Though Rusesabagina was of mixed heritage — his father was a Hutu and his mother Tutsi — he was relatively safe from the Interahamwe, due to his prior work as a diplomat. These notwithstanding, his wife Tatiana was a Tutsi and their children were considered mixed, so he could not escape the war zone with his family without outside help.

In fact, when the genocide first started back in April, 1994, Rusesabagina planned on saving only his family. “I never realized I changed,” said Rusesabagina, “from the day that genocide broke out, I had 26 strangers in my own house and when I left, I said to myself, ‘Will I leave these people here? If they die, I will never go to my bed and sleep. I will never eat and feel satisfied. I will never have a drink and feel my thirst quenched.’”

No foreign aid came from the United Nations or its more powerful Western member states until over 900,000 Rwandans had been murdered. “The whole country was like a zoo,” he says. “We trusted the international community, but the international community failed.”

The magnitude of the slaughter is hard to grasp — 8,000 lives a day, five lives a minute. Many of these men, women, and children died slowly, often witnessing their own family members being raped, tortured and slowly chopped to pieces by their own neighbors.

Yet, “today there is no difference,” says Rusesabagina, “those two words [Hutu, Tutsi] have become taboos. Do you believe making them taboos is the right way of solving problems? The right way is to let a Hutu know he is a Hutu, and a Tutsi should know that he is a Tutsi, and they should respect each other!”

Rusesabagina continues, “only through dialogue, truth and reconciliation can we reconcile our country.”

The delay of the international community in acting could have saved over 900,000 Rwandans lives, however, the struggle of nations in one state often leads to atrocities that few mediate on and many try to deny. Hitler’s genocide of the Jews, Stalin’s psychopathic attempt to remain in power, and Rwanda’s effort to eliminate a race can now be more safely. The saga continues, however, and few are willing to interfere with the affairs of other nations. This call goes out to the international community as a whole and proves how one individual can accomplish and change a series of events.

Pick-Me-Up or Bring-Me-Down?

BY KAITLYN FORD
Staff Writer

It’s only 7a.m. as I peak around at the blank faces scattered around Café Commons. Needless to say, we all have the same idea in mind. “I am so tired. How am I going to make it through the day?”

Ah, there it is in the corner of the room. The coffee pots, momentarily seeming like a savior, and before, are carried by a small group of students. Once again, coffee has saved the day, or so we think.

Many of us know coffee, and caffeine for that matter, as a wake up call whenever we feel worn-out. There is so much about it that most are not aware of. Coffee temporarily changes the chemistry of the brain.

A chemical called adenosine is located in the brain and works by causing drowsiness. When your body is physically tired from daily activity, the adenosine is the cause. When we drink a cup of coffee, caffeine is also released in the brain. To your nerves, caffeine looks like adenosine and the body reacts. In other words, the nerve cells react to the chemical, it realizes that isn’t what it should be. Instead of relaxation, the body is put in a state of panic and individuals are heightened awake. This keeps us up and going so that we need on our way to campus.

Meanwhile, the pituitary gland thinks there is an emergency and releases the hormones that produce adrenaline. The effect of adrenaline, also called the “flight or fight” mechanism, causes numerous effects including dilated pupils, increased heart rate, tightened muscles, and a sugar release. Yet another chemical affected is dopamine, which is also manipulated by cocaine and heroin. Dopamine activates the “pleasure center” of the brain. It has even been proven by researchers at Duke University that caffeine taken in the morning can have effects that persist until bedtime.

Aside from keeping us alert after a long night, caffeine has some surprising effects, both long- and short-term. After that great feeling of having the ability to do anything, we are waved with anxiety and even a little gloom. Having the body in a state of emergency does not sound very appealing. Once the coffee buzz wears off, we are left fatigued and irritable.

Stress levels are also put under a magnifying glass. Blood pressure is elevated and we become short-tempered. In a study funded by the National Institute of Health, those who consumed over 400 milligrams of caffeine in a day were stressed more about daily dilemmas than those who had none. Hormone levels are increased when those chemicals in the brain are messed with. These negative results spiral into the greatest set back of faithful coffee drinkers.

After a cup or two of coffee a day, it will become more and more difficult to fall asleep at night. Once rest is achieved, it is even more difficult to reach that deep sleep that we all need. As you can see, this has the potential to become a vicious cycle of sleepless nights, followed by increasing amounts of coffee to be able to function.

After years of this schedule, caffeine addicted can’t go a coffee-free day without head and stomach aches. If this continues, they are faced with an increased risk of heart attack or stroke.

Coffee can absolutely live up to its reputation and keep you going through those rough mornings when getting out of bed seems impossible. However, there are so many other effects to ponder that could be even more effective in the long run. If you’re looking to take a little break from that beloved caffeine filled pick-me-up, try decaf. Although it is caffeine free, it is still equipped with that rich flavor we love.

Polichicks

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people easier access to local politicians and issues; in all in an interview-style format. Some of the interviews consist of candid dates for Rhode Island Secretary of State (Mollis and DeRamell), US Congress District 2 (Lawless and Langevin), RI Lieutenant Governor (Carbone and King), State Representative Party (Centracchio and King), Providence Mayor (Republican Party (Harrop and Talan), and more.

The website has a simple format, where one question is asked and both parties answer the question. It makes it quick, easy, informative, and convenient to watch the videos while weighing the information presented, along with both sides of the story. “We try to keep the interviews brief so that you can hear the issues...quickly so you don’t have to sit through some long speech. You can sort of pick out the details. We’re also hoping that by going to these events and putting them online,” she said, “people who have worked all day and have a busy schedule can take a good five minutes, go to our site, see what’s up there and get up to speed about what’s going on in Rhode Island as far as the political scene goes.”

While most students do not follow national politics, let alone city or state politics, their goal is to cover the political spectrum, from the congressional races, to contests for state general officers; the General Assembly, and even some local city and town council and school committee races. “This is one-stop, easy shopping for the politically interested that is not daunting for someone who doesn’t follow politics 24 hours a day,” Dietsch says.

The Polichicks site is for “someone who is interested in the issues, but is a full-time mother or a lawyer and doesn’t have time to do this all the time. This is really easy for someone to log on and see it.”

Neither student is from Rhode Island. Stout is from Bangor, ME, and Dietsch is from Cincinnati, OH. However, when they came to Rhode Island, they fell in love with the city, and they even claimed to stop returning home during breaks. “Our funding now is pretty much ourselves and our credit cards,’’ Dietsch says, “and we are sort of employing the use of a couple of our friends at Brown who are MCM (Modern Culture and Media) majors at Brown.”

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Dena Devine/Results "10 (background) interviews Paul Rusesabagina (background) before his speech at Beneficent Church on Wednesday, September 28, 2006, Photographer: Dustin Gentleman "10
Immigrants Rally for Support in Protest of Deportation

BY PATRICK DYL
Assistant Editor-in-Chief

On Saturday, September 30, about 60 people (including roughly 10 young children) gathered outside the offices of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) on Dorrance Street, just a few hundred yards from Johnson & Wales’ Yerna Center.

The rally was sponsored by the Committee to Stop Detentions and Deportation and the Committee of Immigrants in Action. “We are carrying out a protest to end deportation,” said Brian Childs, member of the Committee to Stop Detentions and Deportation, “because the mass worker demonstrations in the spring were followed by a wave of deportations, splitting children from their parents, husbands from their wives, and brothers from their sisters.”

The most publicized accounts that participants at the rally knew about was that of Alex Mathew, a U.S. permanent resident and a Dutch citizen. On November 5, 2005, while returning to the U.S. from a trip to Holland, he was pulled aside at Logan International Airport. He was then asked whether he had ever been jailed in Aruba, which he truthfully answered as “yes.” After reviewing some paperwork, ICE officials at the airport informed him there was a discrepancy with his paperwork, and his passport and green card were confiscated until the matter was settled. Alex, along with his American Citizen wife, Dr. Arianna Iannuccilli-Mathew, and his infant son, visited Immigration in Providence, R.I. several times in an attempt to correct the problem and each time were told that the Immigration Office had not yet received the proper paperwork. Alex received a letter to report to Customs on May 9 to complete a “deferred inspection.” He and his wife thought he would finally get his green card back.

Alex was taken into a room, shackled and arrested, all without an explanation. On every visit to Customs, Alex was informed that he did not have the right to a lawyer, and his wife claims that since he was arrested on May 9, he has been assaulted by authorities, psychologically tortured, and denied his rights to due process.

Alex’s previous arrest in Aruba is not sufficient enough to deport him, so he has also been accused of lying on his paperwork, a claim his wife venomously denies. Arianna boldly stated at the rally, “I know it is not just my husband they are doing this to, but all immigrants...some of these children are having their parents taken away from them. These children are the future of America and they are going to be growing up in broken homes.”

There are other stories, each more disturbing and saddening than the story of Alex Mathew. Another man who spoke at the event has asked not to be identified for fear of retribution to his family from Immigration officials; however, he was there to announce he is going on a hunger strike even before his immigration hearing is convened. He said “I’d rather die here. I have everything here. I have my two daughters and my wife. I want to stay here and help them. This is my decision. I’ll stay on a hunger strike ‘til I’m given permission to stay, or until its ultimate consequences.”

Children clutched large hand made poster board signs that said, “Don’t deport my mommy and daddy” and “we are not terrorists, we are workers.”

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Photo of part of the crowd outside the offices of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, September 30, 2006. Photograph: Patrick Dyl '08.
SPEAK Out!

The interactive "Speak Out" section of The Campus Herald is meant to provide the University community with a professional forum to voice their ideas and opinions.

To submit a question for Speak Out, please email campusherald@jwu.edu.

Isaiah Kelsey '08
Food Service Mgmt.

"I feel it's better because students become more in-depth within their classes and major."

Sara Criss '08
Marketing & Advertising Mgmt.

"Absolutely not! Teachers are now loading on the work, assuming that students have more time, which is 100% not true!"

Melissa Prince '08
Electronics Engineering

"It really doesn't bother me. I'm already used to it."

Dan Gaucher '09
SEE Mgmt.

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Morgan Shank '09
SEE Mgmt.

"I believe it benefits 'working' students, but not A.D.D kids like myself."

Sam Panice '08
Graphic Design

"No! My attention is lost after 55 minutes."

Nekoro Giscombe '08
Business Admin.

"No, I won't get used to it until I graduate."

Micheal Daniels '07
Food Service Mgmt.

"It would be a lot more effective if there was some kind of break in between the two hour period."

Megan Kenney '08
Hotel Mgmt.

"No, I miss 55 minute classes and the same classes every day. I feel like I'm learning less this year."

Lauren Basso '09
Marketing Comm.

"It's really hard to pay attention for the full two hours. I find myself daydreaming more and learning less."

Do you feel the two hour block schedule is better than the 55 minute classes we had in previous years?
The Block Scheduling Diet

Why one student has not been very pleased with one of the latest changes in the J&W playbook

By Tristan Thomas-Allen
Herald Staff Writer

This year, Johnson & Wales’s Providence Campus has seen some drastic changes. One of those changes was the implementation of block scheduling for the entire campus. Are people looking a little more haggard than usual on campus? That might be because they are starving! Block scheduling leaves absolutely nothing to eat.

For example, my Wednesday schedule puts me in Xavier Hall for eight straight hours. Xavier is too far from any of the dining facilities to grab something during our 15-minute breaks, and the sugary granola and fruit bars I shove into my mouth in the hallways between classes cause me to crash two-thirds of the way through the two-hour-long classes. As of late, I have taken to spending $10 a day on petty snacks from the cart parked outside, and vomiting a little every time I have to scarf something down while running up five flights of stairs.

Then there is the “no break” policy. This should really be up to the discretion of individual professors, not any of the deans or any of the other administrators. If you have a highly efficient professor or a particularly attentive class that can cover two hours of material in an hour and forty minutes, why are we forced to stay in class for useless banter and group activities that are obviously filler?

Better yet, why aren’t we allowed to go to the bathroom? All the coffee that I drink in order to stay awake during my long days means that I have to go to the bathroom relatively often. I can see how professors might fear the riot of noise and rattle usually caused by causal trips to the bathroom, but personally, it’s been at least a year since I burnt down a classroom by taking a leak. Seriously, how long are you guys going to hold that against me?

Yes, the culinary campus is on blocks. And that works well for them because the skills that they learn in their labs don’t take 55 minutes to learn. They take rigorous instruction and tons of supervised practice to master. And yes, the current system of block scheduling is responsible for both the Denver and North Miami campuses. But those campuses combined have one third of the JWI Providence enrollment. Scheduling in a campus of 1500 is a lot easier than on a campus of 10,000.

A better way to make this system work for Providence is to implement 2 blocks.

Wild idea, huh? Run the 7:30 a.m. – 5:45 p.m. block, but then run another block that goes from 8:00 a.m. – 4:25 p.m. That way, people can schedule one hour breaks where they need them by moving in and out of blocks. It would make more sense for me to schedule a 1 hour long break in the middle of the week.

Wednesday schedule and go from 7:10 to 11:15, take a lunch break, and then go back to class during the second block from 12:20 p.m. to 4:25 p.m. I’m still home before dark during winter trimester, I still get to eat lunch and use the bathroom, and teachers get students who are more alert because they aren’t starved, caffeine-deprived zombies. Some people simply can’t do a 7:10 a.m. class, but could easily start their day at 8:00 a.m. Others don’t have a full two hours to spare for a lunch break, so they are pushing themselves through eight-and 10-hour school days without eating or taking a break.

Johnson & Wales is America’s Career University. But on this campus, one of the major reasons why block scheduling is being met with such resistance is because here we need a greater degree of scheduling flexibility in order to accommodate all of the internships, externships, co-ops, and jobs that we have in addition to our course loads that make us so famous. So our level of real-world experience. This one-size-fits-all approach isn’t working. This year it has become abundantly clear that this school lacks the necessary foresight of what is required when implementing major changes. Let us not forget the Harborside Bus Debacle of 2006. Perhaps the administration needs to be more in touch with its students. I, for one, wouldn’t recognize President Schneider if he asked me for a quarter in front of him in the Beneficial Church.

The choice is clear: either make the necessary adjustments to the block scheduling, or set up donuts and coffee in all of the classrooms.”

“Either make the necessary adjustments to the block scheduling, or set up donuts and coffee in all of the classrooms.”
THE LEFT:
THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION AND A group of Senate Republicans declared a major victory last week after reaching an agreement on the treatment of so-called "enemy combatants" in the War on Terror. Instead of a "compromise" to protect detainees' rights as Republican Senators John McCain, Lindsey Graham and John Warner claimed they wanted, the new proposal will do more to legalize the torture of prisoners and prevent them from ever receiving a fair trial. The bill will give the Bush Administration powers far greater than any president in recent history.

Faced with a U.S. Supreme Court decision challenging its detention system at Guantanamo Bay, the White House had been pushing Congress to rewrite portions of the 2006 War Crimes Act to strip pris-ners of protection under the Geneva Conventions, which outlaw "outrages upon personal dignity, in particular, humiliating and degrading treatment." Bush has claimed several times in the last few years that complying with the requirements of the Geneva Conventions is a threat, not only to the safety of the United States, but also to Western civilization. Bush claims that if the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) is unable to question detainees using so-called "alternative interrogation procedures" such as water boarding (mock drowning) and extreme psychological abuse, the United States is at great risk for another Bin Laden.

But are these "alternative interrogation procedures"? Can the United States really rely upon information gathered under duress? I believe they cannot, and should not, take at face value any information gathered in these means. Not only because of my moral objections to the torture of another human being, but simple logic dictates that a person under torture will tell his abusers anything in order to get them to stop, regardless of whether or not it is the truth.

Now that the U.S. has legalized torture, do we not lose the supposed moral high ground on which the Bush Administration is fighting its war? I believe that the Bush Administration and supporters of this legislation are no better than Osama Bin Laden himself, and should immediately be recalled from office. The U.S. was built on the ideal that "[a]ll men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." Unless of course, it seems that you’re a Muslim, or of Arab decent, for you will forever be looked upon with suspicion by certain elements of our government and populace.

THE RIGHT:

TERRORISTS. MAKE NO MISTAKE about it, they want you and I dead. They want to destroy America; they want to destroy the American way of life and the American dream. Each day they plot attacks against Americans and our inter- ests around the world in an effort intensi-fy us into retreat. We’ve seen the dam-age these terrorists could do repeatedly if we don’t stop them. We’ve witnessed the bombing of the USS Cole to the events of September 11th 2001, train bombings in Madrid, and attacks on the subways in London.

Through the relentless dedication of ter-roirists, foreign and domestic intelligence agencies, and our armed ser-vicemen we’ve been successful at capturing and detaining thousands of individuals who may hold information pertaining to future attacks. We’re not dealing with compunctionate, honorable, and recognizable people. We’re dealing with deceitful murder-ers who have taken up arms against America and our coalition forces. Extracting information from these heartless and shameless bastards can be a daunting task, even for specially trained interrogators.

Nontraditional and unconventional methods of interrogation are sometimes necessary to protect innocent people from being slaughtered in the streets when detainees refuse discolse information. Some say these unorthodox interrogation methods are inhumane and degrading, others go as far as to suggest they threaten America’s security.

What are these cruel and inhumane inter-roigation methods? Well, some include playing loud music, sleep deprivation, one of the hallmarks of a police state. On behalf of all Americans, whether or not they want to speak for them or not, to those who have been hurt by this legis-la-tion, the families that have been destroyed, I apologize, and hope that you will one day see that not all of us support these heinous acts.

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Everyone has a “That Kid” in Their Lives

BY JESSELL WNJC

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So, I’m sitting in class, midsting my own business, half listening to the teacher talk and half zoning out. All of a sudden, the teacher turns to the class and says, “No big deal, she’s not going to call on anyone, she’ll just answer herself.” But does that happen? Of course not, “That kid” answers her. It’s not that someone offered an answer, cause that’s cool, but it’s “that kid” answered. I mean, anyone can have a great idea, but “that kid” have been fine. But no, it had to be “that kid.”

At a senior here at Johnson & Wales, I’ve been through enough classes to know that I’ll never remember everything I learned in a lot of them. But over the years, and through the classes, I’ve found one thing that applies to all of them: there is always a “that kid.” It never fails. From labs to academics, Downcity to Harborview, “that kid” is always there.

Now, it’s not always the same kid exactly, “cause that would be creepy, but it’s always the same type of kid. Through my eyes, I’ve compiled a list of basic characteristics. See if anyone in your classes comes to mind.

1. “That kid” is always there, somehow always knows the answer.

2. He draws abnormal attention to himself, always making comments and answering questions.

3. He thinks he knows absolutely every-thing; he gets up when the professor says he’s wrong.

4. He’s proud of his voice is enough to drive you crazy and makes it impossible to pay attention.

5. He’s a weird, he’s a fabulous person, but he’s really just conceited.

6. He usually doesn’t know he’s “that kid” and has no idea who you keep referring to.

7. All you can do when he starts talking is roll your eyes and say, “That kid!”

First off, “that kid” is in class always. What’s that about? I mean, rarely do I not go to class but why can’t this kid skip once in a while? Where did this amazing attendance aspiration come from anyway? It’s noble and everything, but I’d really rather he not be there most of the time.

Then he’s always talking. Now, normal-ly, I don’t have a problem with people answering questions or asking questions. In fact, the professor just said cause, ‘let’s face it, that takes up a lot of class time. But he doesn’t stop so damn often. He drives me crazy. If he was really so smart, he’d be teaching right? But he’s not. He’s sitting in a chair, just like the rest of us. If only he’d shut up.

If he could realize it, he might actually succeed in being a little less conceited. However, he thinks he knows everything. It seems like he should be able to even be a little bit wrong. Heck, he doesn’t even know he’s “that kid.” That’s what makes it a little bit sad. He’s still really funny, has no idea when people refer to “that kid,” they’re really talking about him. He does- n’t even know there is a “that kid,” because he’s never suspicion himself.

All of this leads up to the last character-istic. His the kid that makes you roll your eyes, and say, in a slightly disdained tone of voice, “That kid.” That’s all that needs to be said, because all your friends know exactly who you’re talking about. In fact, they’re probably saying the same thing, or at least thinking it.

So, with all this said, there’s really only one logical way to deal with “that kid.” It’s time that he’s made it through three years here, and how I’ll get through my fourth and final year. Every I go to class with the hope that “that kid” will allow me to sleep.

When I see him come into class, I can only hope he’s developed a severe case of laryngitis and will be unable to talk. And when he answers a question or makes a stupid comment, I roll my eyes, say “That kid,” and hope that he doesn’t come to class the next day.

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Coffee house review 2: Zog Café

BY CARA McAVOY
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The first impression is the most impor-
tant and lasting. At least this is what we have all been told. Why else would we get so worked up to go on an inter-
view or have the "first date" jitters? Unfor-
unately for some, this initial impression is not always the most posi-
tive. This basic scenario perfectly describes a recent trip to Café Zog on Wickenden Street.

Roaming the streets on a Saturday morning in search of a good cup of Joe, I hit Wickenden in hopes of finding just that. The chalk covered façade and homey comfort Café Zog seemed to en-
vocate drew me in. Pushing aside the
screen door, I entered a dim, slightly
dingy café. Not to be deterred by a lit-
tle dust, I approached the counter and got down to business. "One black cof-
fee for here, please."

I also ordered the breakfast combo (pancakes, eggs, fresh fruit, and home fries for $5.95) in hopes of sampling as much variety as I could. What I received resembled its description, but was lacking. The coffee was very good and smooth but was served in a to-go cup, even to those who wished to dine in. This is convenient for those who like to finish their brew on the go, but a deterrent to the caffeïne dependent hoping for free refills.

None the less, I enjoyed the warm soothing aromas as I waited for my fare. When it arrived it was, well, it was. The eggs, which I ordered over easy, were cooked way past done and the yolks were broken. The home fries were good, but strangely mushy on the outside and undercooked on the inside. Neither were seasoned with salt and pepper at all! The fruit was nonexis-
tent, but the pancakes were fabulous!
The meal was puzzling. How could some parts be so good and others so poor? Or are the truth hiding with the chocolate cake in the dessert case?

Anything that Café Zog buys pre-made (desserts, bread, coffee, etc.) proved to be wonderful. On the other hand, any-
thing prepared on-site could use a little love.
The same goes for the establishment itself, which could go for a good
spring, or fall, as the case may be, cleaning. The location is prime: 239
Wickenden Street. They even have a
backyard patio where they hold live
music, but none of it was kept in good
condition. Everything from the
music to the menus, to the bathroom, seemed to have a layer of dust covering up
what could be a shining establishment.

Renowned for their fresh fruit juice bar and very accommodating hours (open 7am-midnight) this café ducks with potential, but was a little sloppier in its shortcomings. They have an entire lunch menu that I did not even get to sample that looked delicious, but looks can be deceiving. It is definitely worth checking out to peruse the lengthy menu, just be aware and follow the simple rule: stay away from the food
made completely in house, but the rest is fair game.

If you have had a better experience at
Café Zog, write to The Campus Herald and let me know!

Café Zog
Wickenden Street, Providence RI
401.421.2271
Open Daily 7am-midnight
Serves breakfast all day and lunch
starting in the afternoon

Todd Carey Will Road Test New Material on Fall
Currently in Los Angeles Recording with Marshall Altman
Press release.

Singer-songwriter Todd Carey left his home in the Windy City for the City of Angels to record his follow-up to 2005's Revolving World. Carey will put his work on display this fall on a three-week tour at clubs and colleges throughout the Northeast and Midwest.

For the new disc, Carey tapped acclaimed producer Marshall Altman (Marc Broussard, Matt Nathanson, Zebrafish), and legendary producer/engineer Niko Bolas (Neil Young, Warren Zevon, Rachel Yamagata, Melissa Etheridge). The yet-to-be titled set is due out in early 2007, but fans need not wait long as Carey hits the road with his band in mid-October.

A musical chameleon, Todd lends an array of styles and influences into his blend of guitar-driven contemporary singer-songwriter-rock, which often
rides the fringes of categorized genres. His unwavering ambition and drive to push creative boundaries as a song-
writer and performer, leads to the type of ecclecticism and freshness that keeps people on their toes with ears perked. Whether performing solo armed with his looping mastery, or backed by his 4-piece band, Carey's performances are undeniably captivating, infections, and foster a palpable connection with the audience.

"I've always gravitated towards the writers and performers who seem to possess that transcendent quality," says Todd. "The ones who literally
reached off the stage or through your stereo speakers with their own two hands and shook you. Playing live and writing songs are just the tools I employ to hopefully achieve that goal of making a physical connection with my audience."

Eager to make that connection, Carey has performed several showcases at the Hotel Café in Los Angeles, and Twiggs in San Diego (w/ guest Jason Mraz) while recording. He will visit Johnson & Wales on October 25, 2006, in the Harborside Rec. Center.

A research project sponsored by Brown University and the National Institute on Drug Abuse.
Book Review: Sex Tips for Straight Women from a Gay Man: Part Two

BY JULIE GOODSON
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Let’s recap shall we? Dan and Maggie gave us a few helpful tips on how to keep our partners the salt. I hope you took their advice and found them helpful. Let’s get into what really gets our hearts racing.

The big “O”! Oh, yes, that’s right. Dan and Maggie go into great detail and descriptions of different techniques to make sure both parties are satisfied. Dan and Maggie discuss one man in particular, Master Tung-hsuan, from seventh-century China, describing thirty basic positions of “clouds and rain,” all referring to different styles of intercourse. Have you ever heard of the: Princeton Belly Rub, The Flying Wallenda, Hovering Butterflies, Tie for Two, X marks the spot, and Prized Thighs? Just make sure you stretch first!

Excuses, excuses, excuses. Sometimes, not all the time, but sometimes just don’t work out. Maybe it’s him, maybe it’s her. Give them another chance. For men, drinking to, let’s say, having a buzz to okay, but from a buzz to piss drunk is just a killjoy. Here’s one to the fellows: Men, if you plan on getting any action that night, drink in moderation. Women are not miracle workers. You can’t build a house with dead, rotten wood.

Here are some fashion tips from Dan to tell us women what men don’t like. Pools show both gay and straight men, if women want to get some action, choose your undergarments wisely. It scares them to see Granny panties when they’re about to throw down a move. Select your handbag cautiously. Men sometimes despise large handbags especially at bars and clubs. I do agree with Dan on that one. It is awkward shifting a purse around trying to pick up guys. It also makes them nervous because they then start to wonder what we carry around in them. Women already make men nervous, so it is probably a good idea to control our luggage loads.

Maggie gives a vocabulary lesson. It is important to know the difference between the two:

- Cruising: walking around looking for action, being interactive.
- Scoping: scanning a room, looking for potential candidates to have some fun with from either in the corner or at the bar.

Make sure you have brushed and whitened your teeth, have mints, not gum. Women chew their gum more like a cow. Mints are easier to swallow than gum, in case you reach that crucial moment.

Now it’s time to seal the deal. At the end of the night, it all boils down to what Dan and Maggie have shared with you. Your eye candy from all night long better be going home with you after all your time and effort. Your sexual persona must include confidence because you can still blow it when leave the bar. Whatever you do, don’t screw up, because you could end up going to town all alone.

Award winning words and rewards is what it’s all about in the end. Please choose your words wisely. No baby talk. It degrades your partner and makes them feel like they are not pulling their own weight. Instead, encourage them. Try to be honest without being too honest. Try to be sincere without being an open book. Don’t lie; otherwise, you’ll open up a can of worms.

This book made me realize there is so much we don’t know about sex and we should think before we act. It’s about exploring your own sexuality and keeping an open mind. Feel comfortable in your own skin, otherwise you’ll never know what you’re missing out on. Just remember responsibility lies on both shoulders, it takes two to tango.
"This Week In Greek"

Greek of the Week

This week’s Greek of the Week is a member of Sigma Pi. He is a sophomore and has shown exceptional leadership skills since he has become a member last year. He is always volunteering to do anything that the chapter needs and also holds a position on the executive board. He helps organize fundraisers and community service events for his chapter. He is an exemplary Sigma Pi in every aspect.

This week’s Greek of the Week is Jon Dean. Congratulations!

Upcoming Events

Black History Month Informational Meeting
10/16/06 6pm @ C133

Check us out online at:
www.jwu.edu/prov/osa/greek

Greek of the Week is brought to you by Order of Omega

Did You Know?

48% of all US Presidents have been Greek.
42% of Senators are Greek.
30% of all US Supreme Court Justices have been Greek.
30% of Fortune 500 Executives are Greek.

Greeks make up 3% of the JWU Community.

FREAK WEEK

Thursday, October 19th

"CAN GO NO" 1st Annual 2006 Unofficial Costume Contest
This Thursday! From 6-9pm in the Main Dining Hall. Show your creativity and win prizes!
Wear a costume and show that you have the spirit of your favorite Greek organization.

Friday, October 20th

"CAN GO NO"
Tahiti vs. Hawaii State Men’s Basketball game in the University Center. Come out and support our men’s basketball team!

Saturday, October 21st

"CAN GO NO"
JWU’s Men’s Basketball game against Robert Morris University at 7pm in the UU. Come out and support your guys!

Sunday, October 22nd

"CAN GO NO"
Religious Studies Symposium: "Becoming Greek in a Multicultural World."
This Sunday! From 1-4pm in the UU. Come out and see how JWU is open to all perspectives.

Thursday, October 26th

"CAN GO NO"
JWU’s Men’s Basketball game against West Virginia State University at 7pm in the UU. Come out and support your guys!

Friday, October 27th

"CAN GO NO"
Milwaukee vs. JWU Men’s Basketball game in the University Center. Come out and support our men’s basketball team!

Saturday, October 28th

"CAN GO NO"
JWU’s Men’s Basketball game against Cal State Long Beach at 7pm in the UU. Come out and support your guys!

MOMENT OF QUIET

Monday, October 23rd

This Monday! At 5pm in the University Center. Come out and participate in a moment of quiet reflection.

Silly Week

Monday, October 23rd

"CAN GO NO"
Silly Monday! Come out and have a good time!

Tuesday, October 24th

"CAN GO NO"
Silly Tuesday! Come out and have a good time!

Wednesday, October 25th

"CAN GO NO"
Silly Wednesday! Come out and have a good time!

Thursday, October 26th

"CAN GO NO"
Silly Thursday! Come out and have a good time!

Friday, October 27th

"CAN GO NO"
Silly Friday! Come out and have a good time!

Saturday, October 28th

"CAN GO NO"
Silly Saturday! Come out and have a good time!

All events are free and open to the public. For more information, call reservations, 401.598.1195.

Happy Halloween from OSA

WHAT’S DIDDING THIS WEEK?

2006 FALL MOVIE SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 7
CLICK

SEPTEMBER 14
MONSTER HOUSE

SEPTEMBER 19
LADY IN THE WATER

SEPTEMBER 20
THE BREAK UP

SEPTEMBER 26
SEEN NO EVIL

SEPTEMBER 27
PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN

SEPTEMBER 29
SUPERMAN RETURNS

MOVIES BEGIN AT 9PM
AT THE RAMSEYTON 8 CINEMA, 2nd FLOOR
ADMISSION IS FREE FOR JOHNSTON & WALES STUDENTS

Creating Excellent Organizations

"The Key to Success"
5:30pm Pelosi Forum

October 10th:
Starting your year off right...
Jasmine Woods, Johnson & Wales University
Director of Student Orientation

November 8th:
Communication
Ed Callahan, Bridgewater State
Associate Director of Residence Campus Center

December 12th:
Homegrown Events
Rebecca Rispal, The College of the Holy Cross
Director of Student Activities

January 22nd:
Resolving Organizational Conflict
William Fischer, Johnson & Wales University
Assistant Director of Student Affairs

February 12th:
Organizational Success
Andy Matuss
Leadership Trainer

March 19th:
A "Brand" New Direction
Sarah Firestone, Johnson & Wales University
Program Advisor

April 6th:
Recruiting Members Now for Next Year
Melissa Frazer, Stonewall College
Assistant Director of Student Activities

May 7th:
Planning for Next Year
Sarah Firestone, Johnson & Wales University
Program Advisor
**MONDAY OCT. 16TH**

**“BE SMART” BINGO @ KRL 2ND FLOOR 8PM**

Test your BINGO skills while learning interesting facts and stats about alcohol.

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**TUESDAY OCT. 17TH**

**EDUCATIONAL FAIR @ GAEBE COMMONS**

4:30 - 7:00 PM

Enjoy an educational evening with displays from various groups or vendors covering three specific areas related to the effects of alcohol. Booths will share information about the costs of alcohol consumption, prevention methods, and after effects. One cash prize of $525 will be awarded to the best booth and $500 each to 5 other categories. Safety and Serenity will be on site using impaired vision goggles to show students what it’s like to walk the line when your Blood Alcohol Content rises to unsafe levels.

To reserve a booth contact the Office of Student Activities at x1195.

**WEDNESDAY OCT. 18TH**

**MIKE GREEN LECTURE @ PEPSI FORUM**

7:30 PM

Over the past 18 years, Mike Green has presented on more than 5000 campuses nationwide in his effort to educate young people about the dangers that drugs and alcohol pose for every student. He has made it his life’s work to help young people avoid the pitfalls of abuse, and because Mike Green is an inspiring and dynamic speaker, he makes students not only sit up and listen, but buy what he is selling.

**THURSDAY OCT. 19TH**

**DEAD FOR A DAY**

A special remembrance of those whose lives have been negatively impacted by alcohol.

**LIGHT THE NIGHT CEREMONY**

GAEBE COMMONS, 7:30pm

This special ceremony will be a chance for those who participated in the day’s events and others on campus who have been affected by alcohol in any way to reflect on their experiences. The entire KRW community is invited to attend this important event as we reflect on the true impact of alcohol on our individual lives, our community, and all those we know.

**ESSAY CONTEST**

What does “binge drinking” mean to you?

In this year’s Alcohol Awareness Week essay contest, we will be asking writers to share their own definitions of high-risk drinking and their observations of student-originated prevention strategies. How do college students work together to keep each other safer and what can we do as a campus community to minimize alcohol-related harms?

To enter the essay contest, you must read the entire essay topic as well as the rules and submission requirements at www.psu.edu/pvo/ppo. Entries must be received by Tuesday, October 10 by email to els.saron@psu.edu. Winners will receive a $500 gift certificate to the Providence Rose Mall. The winners will be notified on Wednesday, October 18.

For more information, call Health Education at 401-598-2025.

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Take Control of Your Financial Future

BY STEPHEN MAZZARELLO
Herald Staff Writer

In my last article, I spoke of some of the differences between the wealthy middle-class and that of the poor middle-class and what role basic financial knowledge would play in your future as you aspire to become one of the rich. You may ask yourself what's in it for me? To put it simply, it could lead to a higher quality of life and eventually a prosperous retirement. So, if you're interested in learning the simple fundamentals and principles to acquiring money, keeping money, and making money earn more money, then this is where you need to start.

One of America's foremost business philosophers, Jim Rohr, once said "if you have more friends that go to ballgames than concerts, chances are you'll go more to ballgames than concerts." Mr. Rohr explores the power of influence and often warms us to evaluate who we are spending our money with and what internal or external factors are influencing the important decisions in our lives.

Our culture, society, media, and all advertisements are out to convince you to live someone else's version of wealth. You can not purchase wealth for yourself, but if you fall into that belief, you will surely purchase it for someone else. Look at the house you live in and then look at the house that the people who own Visa and Mastercard live in, and tell me who is living better.

When Albert Einstein was asked what he thought was the greatest miracle in the world, he answered, "compound interest." When compound interest is working for you, in time, it can make you truly rich. The first day you walk onto the grounds of any university, on opening day of registration, there are tents set up with no less than a dozen credit card companies wanting to total your pre-spa credit. No one giving you a credit card because they like you, and it is not free money. The interest rate is low for the first six months, without reading the fine print, you wouldn't know that by being late one day, the rate goes up and you open yourself up to many high fees. It's nothing more than a trap for the unsuspecting. With most credit card balances that are a few years old, people can't even tell you what they are paying for anymore. Credit card interest is nothing more than compound interest working against you. The lesson is that it can make you rich when it's working for you over time; when it works against you, it can steal your wealth and rob your future. Warren Buffet, the Oracle of Omaha, arguably the greatest investor of all time, has become one of the wealthiest men in the world by having compound interest work for him at a rate of a little over 20% a year.

Your greatest asset is something everyone begins with, everyone sooner or later realizes it, children possess it, adults have used most of it and those who are beyond it, want it back. It is youth. Plant the seeds of prosperity now, so that in the future, you will have a sturdy foundation with a tree that's in full bloom.

Today, more than ever, financial intelligence is something you must have. Most of us will work in jobs, industries and businesses of our own, but our basic retirement plans will be what's called, "defined contribution plans," as opposed to what our parents and grandparents had, which was a "defined benefit plan." The difference being that a defined contribution plan means that your retirement is based on how much you contribute to the plan yourself and where you chose to invest the money. That may be the only thing that will determine what you live on when you retire. Most of the responsibility will fall on you. You will be responsible for allocating your funds into a mutual fund, stock portfolio, bond portfolio or a mixture of these. Fortunately it's not that risky if you know what you're doing. The idea in anything is to use your technical knowledge and wisdom to cut the odds down and lower the risk.

Investing does not have to be risky. If you are trained and educated on some basic financial principals and fundamentals, you can make educated decisions that will significantly reduce the risk. Robert Kiyosaki, author of Rich Dad, Poor Dad, constantly reinforces the fact that even crossing the street can be risky; if no one has ever taught you. He understands that it's the financial intelligence that improves the odds. And so it is with investing. The more you know, the easier it will be to compete with inflation and capitalize on opportunities that come around every day.

In my next column, I will help you to identify the various investment vehicles and specifically outline the advantages and disadvantages to each. In addition, I will be recommending a book in each edition to assist in increasing your financial literacy. It is my hope that by the end of this academic year, you will have developed a money mindset to assist you in achieving your personal and professional goals.

Google Reportedly Talking With YouTube

Google Reportedly in Talks to Buy Online Video Site YouTube for $1.6 Billion in Cash, Stock

BY PAUL ELIAS
AP Business Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) -- Internet search leader Google Inc. is in talks to acquire the popular online video site YouTube Inc. for about $1.6 billion in cash and stock, according to published reports.

Mountain View-based Google and San Mateo-based YouTube are still at a sensitive stage in the discussion, The Wall Street Journal and The New York Times reported on their Web sites Friday, citing unnamed people familiar with the negotiations.

The blog TechCrunch had reported on rumors of the acquisition talks. Google and YouTube officials declined comment.

Analysts said a Google acquisition of YouTube would make sense for both companies if the reported talks lead to a deal, especially considering Google's $10 billion in cash on hand.

"It's damn cheap for a company that already has a global presence," said Trip Chowdhry, an analyst with the San Francisco-based Global Equities Research.

"YouTube's brand identity is no less than Google's and is no less than Coke's," Chowdhry said.

As YouTube's popularity continues to soar, she said, Google can help make sure the site's infrastructure can keep pace.

The acquisition would also immediately propel Google to the top of the online video heap. YouTube eclipsed traffic on Google's video site in February. By July, the number of monthly visitors had grown to about 20.5 million, compared with 9.3 million for Google Video and 5.3 million for Yahoo Inc.'s Yahoo Video, according to Nielsen/NetRatings.

YouTube users watch more than 100 million videos daily.

Google's video service lets everyday users post clips, too, and unlike YouTube, Google also gives them the choice of selling video. All YouTube clips are free.

YouTube was founded in February 2005 by three former employees of eBay Inc.'s video entertainment unit, and its chief financial backer is the Silicon Valley venture capital firm Sequoia Capital, which has invested $11.5 million. Sequoia was also an early Google investor.

The 25-employee YouTube is surging thanks to the increased availability of high-speed Internet connections and gadgets such as camera phones and digital cameras capable of taking video. Most of YouTube offerings are short amateur clips, although professional filmmakers, television networks and even political campaigns have posted materials.

But many of the site's videos contain copyright material, putting it at odds with big media companies such as Universal Music Group. YouTube immediately removes videos when copyright holders complain, but analysts said the company is still in a precarious legal position.

"Google would be taking on all that liability," Forrester Research analyst Josh Bernoff said.

But Google also could present a solution, Bernoff said, noting that the software innovator could develop automated systems to block attempts to post copyright materials. He also said Google's size and clout gives the company much more leverage than YouTube to negotiate deals with copyright holders.

When rumors circulated earlier this year that some major media companies were interested in buying YouTube, the company's chief executive, Chad Hurley, said the company was not for sale and a future initial public offering was possible.

Shares in Google rose $0.69, or 2.11 percent, to close at $420.50 Friday on the Nasdaq Stock Market.
Members of the Johnson & Wales sailing team traveled to Larchmont, New York, September 6 – 8, 2006, to compete in the Storm Trysail Club’s 2006 Intercollegiate Offshore Regatta.

Invitation only and comprised strictly of skilled blue water and ocean racing sailors, the Storm Trysail Club, established in 1938, is one of the world’s most respected sailing organizations. Along with the annual intercollegiate regatta, the organization also hosts the annual Block Island Race Week, which takes place in late June. According to the organization’s website, Storm Trysail "has been in the vanguard of development of new events, handicap rating systems, yacht design, safety procedures, and new rum drinks."

The annual regatta was hosted by Larchmont Yacht Club, located on Western Long Island Sound. This year, over 20 schools were represented, including Brown University, Boston College, Michigan, the U.S. Naval Academy, and many others. All told, 33 vessels competed in the event.

The teams competed in borrowed offshore boats, anywhere in length from 34 - 44 feet, and were organized in class according to boat specifications. "This is college sailing taken to new heights," said Regatta Chair and Storm Trysail Club (STC) member Adam Loory. "The Storm Trysail Club, which includes in its mission the education of junior sailors, runs the regatta to expose college dinghy sailors to the fun and teamwork of offshore racing, since many have had little experience with keels, spinnakers and winches."

The J&W team, which usually competes in 420- or NJI-class boats (2-crew member dinghies), was invited to attend again this year, having attending previous years and sailed aboard an Express 37 named Draco. The owner of Draco, Bob Behringer, from Atlantic Highlands, NJ, invited the team to sail aboard his vessel once again.

During last year’s regatta, the team suffered a torn mainsail prior to the start of the opening race, caused by heavy gusts. The racing for the first day was subsequently cancelled.

A total of 240 college sailors participated in this year’s regatta over the weekend. Racing began on Saturday morning to a welcomed 20- to 25 ‘out wind. "The college teams handled the boats well and had close finishes," said Loory on Saturday evening.

Racing was called on Sunday due to the absence of perhaps the most critical element of sailing: wind. After waiting for the breeze to pick up for over two hours, the race committee finally called the event and sent the fleet home for the awards ceremony.

The J&W team finished 7th in their class on Saturday. Although they did not do as well as they had hoped, “we had a lot of fun,” said Hospitality Management major and captain of the sailing team Betsy Loomis ‘07. The team will return to Larchmont for another round of sailing next fall.
JWU Men's Soccer Blanks Emmanuel, 4-0

**By Dan Booth**
Director of Athletic Communications

The Johnson & Wales men's soccer team posted their third shutout in the last four games, blanking Emmanuel by a score of 4-0 in a Great Northeast Athletic Conference contest at Pierce Stadium on Wednesday evening.

Johnson & Wales took an early lead when sophomore Keith Zanardi (Hampden, Maine) took a pass from freshman Paul Dyer (Berwick, Maine) and blasted it into the lower left corner of the net to give the Wildcats a 1-0 lead just 3:12 into the game. Johnson & Wales dominated the action in the first half and had an 8:1 advantage in shots.

JWU struck again early in the second half when a goal by junior Joel Reynolds (Middletown, Pa.) after a pass from junior Michael Glinsicki (Baltimore, Md.) gave the team a 2-0 advantage at the 48:32 mark. The Wildcats added an insurance goal at 68:53 when Dyer converted a cross from junior Brian Sousa (Providence, R.I.) to make the score 3-0. Junior Barry Phillips (West Glover, Vt.) capped off the scoring for the evening at 77:33 when he headed in a corner kick from Sousa, making the score 4-0. JWU had a 16-6 advantage in shots for the contest.

Senior Brenton Blanchard (Saline, Mich.) made three saves for Johnson & Wales while senior Dan Campagna (Somers, Conn.) had eight saves for Emmanuel.

With the win Johnson & Wales improves to 8-3 overall, 5-0 in the GNAC while Emmanuel drops to 5-4-1 on the season, 1-3 in league play.

JWU Men's Soccer Downs Albertus Magnus, 2-1

**By Dan Booth**
Director of Athletic Communications

Junior Brian Sousa (Providence, R.I.) scored in the 80th minute to give the Johnson & Wales men's soccer team a thrilling 2-1 victory against Albertus Magnus in a Great Northeast Athletic Conference contest at Pierce Stadium on Saturday afternoon.

Johnson & Wales got on the board first when junior Alin Ornea (Ypsilanti, Mich.) put in a 20 yard shot to give the Wildcats a 1-0 lead just 1:35 into the game. Albertus Magnus responded quickly when senior Miro Zemrubschi (Ansonia, Conn.) converted a corner kick from junior Joe Salamone (Northford, Conn.) to knot the game at 1-1 at the 10:51 mark.

The two teams then battled through the remainder of the first half and the first 35 minutes of the second half before Sousa gave JWU the 2-1 victory after putting in a cross from freshman Paul Dyer (Berwick, Maine).

Senior Brenton Blanchard (Saline, Mich.) made nine saves in the win for Johnson & Wales while sophomore Alfredo Perez (Norwalk, Conn.) had six stops for Albertus Magnus.

With the win Johnson & Wales improves to 7-3 overall, 4-0 in the GNAC while Albertus Magnus falls to 2-7-1 on the season, 1-2 in league play. The Wildcats will return to action on Tuesday, October 3rd when they host Emmanuel in a GNAC at 7:00 p.m.

2006 Johnson & Wales University Volleyball Fall Classic

**By Dan Booth**
Director of Athletic Communications

The Johnson & Wales University volleyball team hosted day one of the 2006 JWU Fall Classic at the Harborbide RAC on Friday, September 29. Eastern Connecticut finished the day with perfect 2-0 record while host Johnson & Wales, Plymouth State and Connecticut College each went 1-1 on the day.

Junior Priscilla Dougherty (Island Park, N.Y.) was named the Most Valuable Player after she led Eastern Connecticut to a first-place finish at the Johnson & Wales Fall Classic, held at the Harborbide RAC this weekend. Eastern Connecticut finished the tournament with perfect 4-0 record while host Johnson & Wales was in third place with a 2-2 mark. Junior Kelle Pfunder (Cincinnati, Ohio) was named to the all-tournament team for host Johnson & Wales.

JWU Volleyball Takes Fourth At Crabtree Invitational

**By Dan Booth**
Director of Athletic Communications

Sophomore Alanna Schloff (Chicago, Ill.) was named to the all-tournament team after leading Johnson & Wales to a fourth-place finish at the Eastern Connecticut Crabtree Invitational this weekend. The Wildcats finished with a 2-2 record for the two-day five team tournament. JWU defeated Salve Regina by a score of 3-0 and Eastern Connecticut 3-2 on Friday evening. On Saturday, the Wildcats fell to tournament champion Southern Wesleyan 3-2 and capped off the tournament with a 3-1 setback against Brandeis.

Schloff averaged 9.3 kills and 4.2 blocks per match for Johnson & Wales while freshman Ashley Constantino (Marlton, N.J.) tallied 32 kills and 55 digs for the weekend. Johnson & Wales is now 14-11 on the season.

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Johnson & Wales
Women’s Soccer
Downs Emmanuel, 4-1

BY DAN BOOTH
Director Of Athletic Communications

The Johnson & Wales University women’s soccer team posted a commanding 4-1 victory against Emmanuel in a Great Northeast Athletic Conference contest at Pierce Field on Saturday afternoon. Emmanuel got on the board first when senior Nicole Davis (Bridgton, Maine) put a shot into the back of the net to give the visiting Saints a 1-0 lead just 5:36 into the contest. Johnson & Wales responded quickly, however, when they notched a pair of goals just :49 apart to take the 2-1 advantage. Senior Leah Parrar (Uxbridge, Mass.) converted a corner kick from sophomore Katie Cronin (Hudson, Mass.) to knot the game at 1-1 at 15:48 and fellow senior Katie Cherewich (Howell, N.J.) notched what would prove to be the game-winner at the 16:37 mark to give the Wildcats the 2-1 advantage.

JWU added a pair of goals in the second half as sophomore Kellie Warner (Mystic, Conn.) scored at the 49:53 mark to give the team the 3-1 lead. Senior Kelly Gil (Pawtucket, R.I.) capped of the scoring at 83:53 to give the Wildcats an insurance goal on route to the 4-1 victory.

Freshman Kate Nast (Quakertown, Pa.) made five saves in the victory for Johnson & Wales while freshman Meaghan Mingo (Grey, Maine) had five stops in the set-back for Emmanuel.

With the win Johnson & Wales improves to 7-5 overall and 6-0 in the GNAC while Emmanuel falls to 5-6-1 on the season, 4-1-1 in league play.

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Johnson & Wales
Golf Takes Third At
Wildcat Invitational

BY DAN BOOTH
Director of Athletic Communications

The Johnson & Wales University golf team notched a third place finish with a score of 336 at the Wildcat Invitational on Friday afternoon. The four team event was held at the Cranston Country Club. Endicott College took home first place with a team score of 326. Co-medallists for the day were Endicott’s Nick Turczak and Rhode Island College’s Lionel Noel.

Leading the way for Johnson & Wales was sophomore Bobby Newcomb (Newcomb, Mass.) who finished in fifth-place with a score of 81 while Chad Raymond (Nashua, N.H.) fired an 84, good for a tie for eighth place.

Johnson & Wales
Cross Country
Competes At Tri-State Invitational

BY DAN BOOTH
Director of Athletic Communications

The Johnson & Wales University men’s and women’s cross country squads competed at the Tri-State Invitational at the CCRI Flanagan Campus in Lincoln, R.I., on Saturday afternoon. The men notched a 3rd-place finish out of 11 teams while the women’s team was tied for third out of nine teams.

Leading the way for the JWU men’s cross country team was sophomore Tristen Montalvo who notched an 15th-place finish with a time of 28:30 while on the women’s side, sophomore Danielle Sargent’s time of 20:14 was good for a seventh place finish at the event.

Johnson & Wales
Cross Country
Competes At RWU Invitational

BY DAN BOOTH
Director of Athletic Communications

The Johnson & Wales University men’s and women’s cross country squads competed at the Roger Williams Invitational at Colt State Park in Bristol, R.I., on Saturday afternoon. The men notched a 3rd-place finish out of 12 teams while the women’s team was fifth out of 11 teams.

Leading the way for the JWU men’s cross country team was sophomore Tristen Montalvo (Roselle, N.J.) who notched a 15th-place finish with a time of 29:35 while on the women’s side, sophomore Danielle Sargent’s (Dunwars, Mass.) time of 20:16 was good for a fifth place finish at the event.

Both the Wildcats men’s and women’s cross country squads will return to action on Saturday, October 14th when they travel to the Southern Vermont Invitational, starting at 11:00 a.m.
**October Home Matches**

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**October Away Matches**

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Women's Soccer @ Simmons: TBA

**Friday, October 6**
Women's Volleyball @ Eastern Connecticut Tourn.: 4PM

**Saturday, October 7**
Men's Soccer @ Norwich: 2PM
Cross Country @ Roger Williams: 11AM
Sailing @ Storm Trysail Intercollegiate Regatta: 9AM

**Sunday, October 8**
Sailing @ Storm Trysail Intercollegiate Regatta: 9AM

**Monday, October 9**
Women's Tennis @ Western New England: TBA

**Wednesday, October 11**
Women's Tennis @ Mitchell: 3:30PM
Women's Soccer @ Eastern Connecticut: TBA

**Saturday, October 14**
Women's Volleyball @ Rhode Four Tourn.
Women's Tennis @ Emmanuel: TBA
Women's Soccer @ Western New England: 1PM
Men's Soccer @ Southern Vermont: TBA
Cross Country @ Southern Vermont Invitational: 11AM
Sailing @ Connecticut: 9:30AM

**Tuesday, October 17**
Men's Soccer @ MIT: TBA

**Wednesday, October 18**
Women's Volleyball @ Emmanuel: 7PM
Women's Tennis @ GNAC Quarterfinals: TBD
Women's Soccer @ St. Joseph College: 4PM

**Thursday, October 19**
Men's Soccer @ Bridgewater State: TBA

**Saturday, October 21**
Women's Tennis @ GNAC Semifinals: TBD
Sailing @ Yale: 9:30AM

**Wednesday, October 25**
Women's Volleyball @ Albertus Magnus: TBA
Women's Soccer @ Emerson: 6PM
Men's Soccer @ Suffolk: TBA

**Saturday, October 28**
Women's Volleyball @ Simmons: TBA
Women's Soccer @ GNAC Quarterfinals: TBD
Cross Country @ GNAC Championship: TBD
Sailing @ NEISA Meeting: 5PM

**Sunday, October 29**
Men's Soccer @ GNAC Quarterfinals: TBD
Sailing @ Providence College Invite: 9:30

**Tuesday, October 31**
Women's Volleyball @ GNAC Quarterfinals: TBD
Women's Soccer @ GNAC Semifinals: TBD
Dear Sextpert: Is sex under the influence ever safe sex?

For the ladies: Have you ever heard that girls can’t drink as much as guys? Research shows that women become more intoxicated than men after drinking equal amounts of alcohol. This is based on physiological factors, so we have to take it seriously. Women have less body water than men; this means they can’t dilute alcohol like men and by result, become intoxicated quicker. Alcohol is also absorbed quicker into the bloodstream of women due to enzyme factors. And menstrual cycles and birth control pills can influence alcohol metabolism, causing quicker and longer intoxication. So, ladies should avoid the drinking games, beer pong, and binge drinking as one step to stay in control.

Control is especially important for women to avoid potential dangers and health consequences like hangovers, stomach irritation, unprotected or unwanted sex, and sexual assault or date rape. Most sexual assaults on college campuses have direct links to alcohol consumption. Most “drink sex” is unprotected (meaning no condoms). And some people actually regret it in the morning. Ladies need to take care of themselves and their friends if they choose to drink. Don’t put yourself (or let your friends) get into situations where they can lose control. Know what you are going to do that night and what you are not going to do. For example, if you want to have sex that night, bring some condoms and know how to use them (but be smart about it and let your friends know if you are going home with someone). If you don’t want to have sex, make sure you stick to that and don’t let drinking change your mind. Think about these things before you start drinking. Be assertive about your boundaries with guys and don’t be afraid to get help if you need it. You have the right to say “no” at any time. Remember - drunk sex is never an excuse for date rape.

For the guys: There is no prize for the dude who can drink the most. It’s important to understand that drinking more than one drink (one shot, one beer, one or five oz. of wine) per hour is probably going to leave you with a hangover in the morning. Experts say it takes one hour per drink to process the alcohol. Mixing alcohol with carbonated drinks or sugary juices will speed up absorption - not a good thing. Drinking without food in your stomach is also going to speed up absorption - again, not a good thing. Finally, having a "high tolerance" is not something to be proud of because your body is still being damaged by the alcohol, even though you may not feel it. In fact, a high tolerance is sometimes an early sign of a drinking problem. Think about these things before your next round of beer pong.

Control is also important for the guys, too. As stated above, drunk sex is not an excuse for date rape. If you rape a woman, you are responsible for it, even if you were drunk or thought it was okay because of "body language." Guys have to be aware of the "stop signs" girls might give them. No means no, regardless of what point you are at in a sexual encounter. Drinking makes communication about sex more difficult and you can’t rely on body language alone. Communication is essential and guys have to make sure they have consent before pursuing sex. Don’t think it’s okay, know it’s okay - ask for consent. Have you seen our "Got Consent" condom campaign?

If sex (with consent) is going to happen, make sure someone has the condoms. We don’t recommend drunk sex because it can be messy, awkward, or worse. Also, condoms work, but you have to use them right. How good are you at putting a condom on with beer glasses?

For everyone: Be healthy, be safe. Don’t lose control. Take care of each other and yourself. Ladies - help a sister out and make sure she gets home safely; stop her if she is going home with someone and it feels like an unsafe situation or you know she’d regret it in the morning. Guys - you have a responsibility to help prevent sexual assault; stop a friend if you think he is pressuring or forcing someone to have sex. Don’t be an accomplice to sexual assault. For more information about how to stay safer or how to help a friend, stop by or call Health Education at 598-2023, 3rd floor CBCSH.

Researchers Found Lower Bone Density Among Regular Drinkers of Cola Soft Drinks

By Salynn Boyles
WebMD Medical News
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Women who are concerned about thinning bones may want to limit the number of colas they drink. Researchers found that drinking cola soft drinks on a regular basis was associated with lower bone mineral density in the hip.

Lower bone density/bone can lead to osteoporosis/osteoporosis, which, in turn, can cause bone fractures. Complications from hip fractures are a common cause of disability - and even death - in women as they age.

The association was not seen in men, and it was not seen in women who regularly drank noncoca soft drinks.

Drinking three or more cola soft drinks a day was associated with lower bone density. Results were similar for diet colas. However, the potentially harmful effect was less for decaffeinated cola.

"Caffeine may explain part of this, but it doesn’t explain it all," researcher Katherine L. Tucker, PhD, of Boston’s Tufts University, tells WebMD.

"This association was strong, and it persisted even when we controlled for everything that we could think of that might influence risk, including calcium and vitamin D intake, fruit and vegetable consumption, and physical activity."

Cola Drinkers Also Drink Milk

Approximately 55% of Americans, mostly women, are at risk for the brittle and thinning bone disease known as osteoporosis, according to the National Osteoporosis Foundation.

Bones naturally become thinner with age, and women are four times as likely as men to develop osteoporosis. In addition to having a family history of osteoporosis, getting little exercise, being extremely thin, getting too little calcium and vitamin D, and smoking all contribute to risk. More than one alcoholic drink a day also increases a woman’s risk of osteoporosis.

Earlier studies have linked cola consumption to bone loss, but doctors thought this was because cola drinkers drank less milk, which is high in bone-building nutrients. Tucker and colleagues did not find this to be the case among women in their study. However, women who regularly drank cola did have overall lower calcium intake, possibly due to eating less. Researchers examined data derived from 1,413 women and 375 men.

The men reported drinking an average of six carbonated drinks a week, with five being cola. The women reported drinking five carbonated drinks, four of which were cola.

Cola consumption did not appear to affect bone mineral density among men, but the more colas the women drank, the lower their bone mineral density.

Why Cola May Affect Bones

Tucker believes the phosphoric acid in cola may explain at least some of the observed impact on bone.

Some nutrients, like calcium, magnesium, and potassium, help keep bones strong. Others, including phosphoric acid, are considered negative influences on bone health.

"Physiologically, a diet low in calcium and high in phosphorus may promote bone loss, tipping the balance of bone remodeling toward calcium loss from the bone," Tucker says.

Critics of the theory counter that the amount of phosphoric acid in cola is negligible compared with other dietary sources, such as chicken or cheese. Tucker says controlled studies are needed to answer the question.

The findings are published in the October issue of the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition.

Spooky Booze Bingo

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Eat It While You Can

Jay-Z boycotts Cristal, airlines restrict all fluids, and Chicago bans what?

BY NATE MARTELL
Herald Staff Writer

As of August 22nd, Chicago was the first city in the country to ban the sale of foie gras. There are no commercial producers of foie gras in Illinois. The ban is there to stop the sale of foie gras dishes in Chicago restaurants. The state of California will follow in 2012 by banning the production and sale of the liver product. California has one out of the 3 major foie gras producers. The other two are located in New York State.

You may be wondering why there is such an issue in this country with one food product that most people have never heard of, are unable to pronounce (foie gras), can't afford, and probably have never tasted. Well, it has to do with the method of feeding and treatment of the birds. On a typical foie farm, such as Sonoma Foie Gras in California, the ducks are allowed to roam out in the open from the age of six to twelve weeks before they are moved inside.

Thus begins the forced feeding process called gavage (it's French). The animal is arrested by the farmhand and a copper tube is slid down the esophagus, then a feed made of corn and oil is hydraulically pumped down the tube in a little less than eight seconds. This feeding happens three times a day for fourteen to twenty days. The resulting liver ends up ten times its original size, around one and a half pounds and costs upwards of $70.

Does the government have the right to decide what you eat? Why don't politicians worry more about education, poverty, crime, and war? These are the questions many people are asking, whether they eat foie gras or not. Even the mayor of Chicago, Richard M. Daley, questions why the Chicago City Council doesn't focus on more serious matters at hand. "Is the City Council going to plan our menus?" asked the mayor, when an alderman from the City Council announced that he was planning on a citywide ban on trans-fats. Two prominent Chicago chefs, Rick Tramonto of Tru, and Charlie Trotter of his eponymous snack bar, represent the opposing sides of the foie gras battle. All of their banter has been well documented by the Chicago Tribune over the past year. At one time, both chefs served foie gras and featured it proudly in their cookbooks. Trotter no longer serves it due to several visits to farms in past years where he claims the animals were suffering. The situation came to a point of no return when Trotter decided to respond to a statement made by Tramonto in the Chicago Tribune. "It's a little hypocritical because animals are raised to be slaughtered and eaten every day," Tramonto said. "I think certain farms treat animals better than others. Either you eat animals or you don't eat animals."

"Rick Tramonto's not the smartest guy on the block," Trotter retorted. "Yeah, animals are raised to be slaughtered, but are they raised in a way where they need to suffer? He can't be that dumb, is he? It's like an idiot comment. 'All animals are raised to be slaughtered.' Oh, OK. Maybe we ought to have Rick's liver for a little treat. It's certainly fat enough."

Upon being told Trotter's comments, Tramonto said only: "Charlie's in my prayers."

Trotter still allows chefs to cook foie gras at his restaurant when they visit, but does not condone it. As for Tramonto, right until the ban was in place, he featured a foie gras tasting menu and was blazing through 30-35 livers a week. Other Chicago restaurants had similar opportunities with a brand new onslaught of clientele trying foie gras for the first time. Now all Chicagoans have to do is hike 20 minutes out into the suburbs to find a restaurant serving the delicacy.

Chefs and lawyers are now in the process of appealing the City Council's decision to ban foie gras. It is rumored that several Chicago aldermen are ready to change their votes and tip the scales towards a repeal of the ban. Foie gras may be the first of many foods embargoed. Other delicacies on the chopping block include lobster, fish, roe, trans-fats, unpasteurized milk used in cheeses, morel mushrooms, and the sous vide cooking technique. "That food has always been, and will continue to be, the basis for one of our greatest snobberies does not explain the fact that the attitude toward the food choice of others is becoming more and more heatedly exclusive until it may well turn into one of those forms of bigotry against which gallant little committees are constantly planning campaigns in the cause of justice and decency." - Cornelia Otis Skinner
Heat of the Battle was High at Harborside
Three Johnson & Wales students compete in the San Pellegrino Almost Famous Chef Contest

By John O'Connell
Herald Staff Writer

On September 29, three members of the Johnson & Wales Culinary Bachelor program competed against three students from the New England Culinary Institute (NECI) in the 5th Annual San Pellegrino "Almost Famous Chef" Contest New England Regional Finals.

The three students from J&W were Justin Howell '08, Bethany Tolbert '08 and Harold Rohrmoser '07. The rules for the competition were simple: create a signature dish in a two hour time frame. The judging criterion was a little trickier. Besides the normal taste and plate presentation, there was another area in which the judges looked to determine the winner: personality and how the contestants interacted with the judges.

At 10:00am, the competition started with a scatter start. Contestant 1 created her signature dish of lobster and corn with drawn butter. Fifteen minutes later, an anxiously awaiting Justin Howell hurried into the kitchen and lightened the mood as he pulled three Guinness beers out of the fridge and jokingly said "These are for later..."

After the quick joke, Howell got down to business.

In the Cintas Dining room, Bethany Tolbert, a junior from Johnson & Wales, sat waiting nervously. A first timer to the competitive cooking arena, Bethany said she likes to take her time and was just a little nervous, but thinks she will do fine.

After her fifteen minutes were up, she hurried into HAL 1 and wasted no time preparing her dish of pan seared tenders with stuffed red cabbage rolls, sweet apple bourbon sauce and parsley oil.

Harald Rohrmoser, the lone senior, was separated from the rest of his J&W counterparts as he drew the fifth of six spots and competed in HAL 3. When asked if he was nervous, this veteran of Culinary Competition said, "No, not at all. I have experience in the competitive arena."

Rohrmoser has previously competed in competitions in Germany.

After thirty minutes, Rohrmoser was off and running as he started his signature dish. The competition ran thoroughly according to the coordinators for the event. "The only glitch was the water never came," said one of the event coordinators. As the competitors hustled through the kitchen, the judges drilled them with questions about their dish.

As the two hours came to a close, the competitors hurried to plate their dishes within the time limit. First to present was Rebecca from NECI. As the judges drilled her with more questions, Howell was in the kitchen putting the finishing touches on his plates. With Howell out entertaining the judges, Bethany hurried to finish her plate, but unfortunately the judge passed on her window and went at the end, costing her five points. With two competitors out of the way, Gabe, from NECI, presented his plate.

Awaiting his turn, Harald had to pass on his window. The final member of NECI, Takeshi Nishikawa, ran into a big hurdle as he tried to complete his dish in time. With only two of the four rabbits he needed available, he had to settle for only presenting four plates. Like Bethany and Harald, he also passed on his window.

With a little delay, the judges conversed with each other and exchanged stories of their cooking competition days. The tall tales and glory days nostalgia came to an end when Bethany brought her dish to the table.

Harald and Takeshi followed her and presented to the judges. All three of them had lost five points. They would need a perfect presentation and a perfect dish to win the judges over. "Everything was great," said James Rignone, a writer for the Restaurant Review who served as one of the judges.

"All of the students did a fantastic job and deserve to be in this competition. They are truly some of the best...I was a little disappointed that three students did not get their dishes out in the two hour time, but other than that, everything was outstanding. All of them deserve to win."

After nearly thirty minutes and a lot of thanks to everyone, the winner was finally announced. Once a former Olympic skier, hopeful turned culinary student, Rebecca Agost of NECI came out victorious and will represent the New England Region at the National Competition. All competitors received a knife bag and certificate from San Pellegrino. Despite the outcome, all competitors said they enjoyed the competition and really learned a great deal from it.

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