Arabic is the New Spanish: This Spring’s Unlikely Trend

BY TRISTAN THOMAS-ALLEN
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Arabic is spoken by nearly 400 million people worldwide, made up of 27 different dialects and is the official language of large swaths of North Africa and Asia. It is also one of six official languages of the United Nations and is the language of the Qur’an, the holy book of Islam, practiced by over 1 billion people. This language has become important in public life in the United States post-September 11th, and a movement has swept the nation to become more educated in this language and to become familiar with the cultures that go along with it. Scarcely enough, for all of our nation’s involvement in the Arab world and its affairs, with little exception, most Americans know very little about Arabic culture. Arabic has been taught at a small number of American universities since the 1950s, but the number of students enrolled in Arabic programs at the university level has increased over 100% nation-wide.

STEP AFRIKA Entertaining for All

PAUL GORDON
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Fan, dancing, energy and music overtook Pepsi Forum on the evening of February 5, as the step team Step Afrika mimicked the stage and the crowd with their powerful and extremely coordinated moves and talent. The sounds, dance moves, skills, and rhythms had the crowd moving, cheering and singing along with the video and the variety of beats that Step Afrika made with the instruments of their hands and feet.

Stepping is a unique dance tradition created by African American college students. In stepping, the body is used as an instrument to create intricate rhythms and sounds through a combination of footsteps, claps and spoken word. The tradition grew out of the song and dance rituals practiced by historically African American fraternities and sororities in the early 1900s. Stepping comes from a long and rich tradition in African-based communities that use movement, words and sounds to communicate.

WHITE HOUSE Accused of Suppressing Science

BY PATRICK DYL
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

A group of scientists are now accusing the Bush administration of hiding evidence of climate changes from the public. A survey released recently by an assembly of scientists claimed that at least 150 federal climate scientists have personally experienced political interference with their research.

The accusation has angered environmental campaigners who claim that efforts to cut greenhouse gas emissions are being sabotaged because of President George W. Bush’s links to the oil industry.

E-mails and internal government documents obtained by The Observer (United Kingdom) which have appeared in newspapers and television news, show that officials have sought to edit or remove research that the problem is serious. They have enlisted the support of conservative lobby groups funded by the oil industry to attack United States government scientists if they produce work seen as accepting too readily that pollution is a cause of global warming (or climate change, the term approved for use by the White House).

Environmentalists say the allegations fit a pattern of collusion between the Bush administration and conservative groups funded by the oil industry, who lobby against efforts to control carbon dioxide emissions, the main cause of global warming.

“It would be serious if it were shown that...”

IN THE NEWS THIS ISSUE:

Armenian and Iraqi troops are beginning to intensify security after Bush’s escalation of the war.

A Chinese AIDS activist who accused the government is placed under house arrest.

A judge declared a mistrial Wednesday in the court-martial of an Army lieutenant who refused to deploy to Iraq.

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The Campus Herald/Dustin Generoux 10 basket. If he had made the shot he would have won $7500. His consolation prize was a $50 gift card to Target.

During both the men’s and women’s basketball games there was a spirit competition between a number of fraternities, sororities, and student groups. These groups had to decorate a section of the bleachers which included signs and banners to support Johnson & Wales athletics. The competition was judged on how well these groups participated in decorating the bleachers and their school and team spirit. The winner of the Spirit Competition was Alpha Chi Rho fraternity who went home with $250 in prize money.

"I was obviously pleased with the turnout for the ‘Sea of Red’ event. Since the building opened in 1998, I don’t remember it ever being as loud as when Greg Daniels went through the dunk that just about clipped the men’s game for us. Hopefully we showed a lot of people who haven’t been to a game just how much fun it can be. And, even more so, we hope that we can use the momentum from ‘Sea of Red’ to keep our fans coming back--and make new fans, too!" (John Parente, Director of Athletics)
Step
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The Campus Herald holds "Target-ed"

By Joshua Provulx

Guest Writer

When Laura Katz and Tessa Nash were preparing for their first year at Johnson & Wales this past August, the last thing they ever expected to hear was that their room in McNulty Hall would be personally designed for them. Just days before Opening Weekend in September, the nation-wide department store Target donated hundreds of dollars worth of household items and came to campus to decorate Katz and Nash’s room—a double room with a private bathroom used for prospective student tours.

The incoming students were contacted first by the Office of Residential Life to make sure they were interested in receiving the room make-over. With the approval of Katz and Nash, Target’s Frances Olean, Store Team Manager for the Warwick, RI store, went to work coordinating the design of the room, supplying them with essential items such as comforters, sheets, pillows, lamps, rugs, towels, a shower curtain, school supplies, magnets, and, as a memento, a stuffed version of Target’s mascot dog. According to Olean, "The donation was made to support the school when showcasing [residence halls] to potential students who are considering attending the university. It shows the continued support and partnership that Target has with the University."

When Katz received the phone call from Residential Life in August she recalls: "I thought they were joking. My dad didn't believe me when I told him; he wanted to talk to Residential Life to hear it for himself." Nash went on to state: "I thought it was cool. It was great to be randomly selected to have the room done by Target, even without having to enter into a drawing."

When asked if Target’s gesture had altered their view of the company, they both remarked that they were not aware that Target did such things for the community—particularly for college students. Both students said that this improved their impression of Target and that they likely would shop more frequently as a result of this experience.

Joshua Provulx is the Resident Director at McNulty Hall

SAFETY & SECURITY BLOTTER

CRIME ALERTS:

Wednesday, January 24, 2007 @ 1:00AM
Theft - One Richmond Street

One student assaulted and another student chased, assaulted by several suspects, and robbed after leaving Club Hell.

Thursday, January 25, 2007
Arrest - Snowden Hall

A student was arrested for assault and battery in front of a 7-11 store.

Saturday, January 27, 2007 @ 1:45 AM
Theft - Washington Avenue

A student was robbed while walking towards campus.

CRIME PREVENTION TIPS:

• Travel in groups, don’t walk alone.
• Avoid contact with confrontational individuals.
• If followed, seek assistance from nearby individuals or call 911 for police or 919-1103 for Campus Safety & Security. Go to the nearest well-lit public area.
• Park in well-lit, well-traveled lots.

LOST & FOUND

No items have been reported lost or found.
politicians were ordering government sci-
entists to suppress results for political
 gain," says Dr. Matthew Macdonald, who teaches Environmental Science at
Johnson & Wales. "The only way the whole
government can make good deci-
sions about their responsibilities is if the
science people are able to say exactly
what they think. If the global warming
 science and other science is suppressed or
distorted, then the whole mechanism of
government is operating on thin ice.”
When Bush began his first term as Pre-
president, he withdrew the United States,
the world’s biggest source of greenhouse
gases, from the Kyoto protocol, which
requires nations to limit their emissions.
Both Bush and Vice President Dick
Cheney are former oil executives; Na-
national Security Adviser Condoleezza
Rice was a director of the oil firm
Chevron and now has a super tanker
named after her, and Commerce Secretary
Donald Evans once headed an oil and gas
exploration company.
Other confidential documents revealed in
The Observer detail White House efforts
to suppress research that shows the
world’s climate is warming. A four page
internal memo from the Environmental
Protection Agency (EPA) reveals that
Bush’s staff insisted on major amend-
ments to the climate change section of
an environmental survey of the United
States, published last June. One alteration
indicated that “no further changes may be
made.”
The memo discusses ways of dealing
with the White House editing, and warns
that the section “no longer accurately rep-
resents scientific consensus on climate
change.”
Some of the changes include deleting
a summary that stated: “Climate change has
global consequences for human health and
the environment.” Sections on the
ecological effects of global warming and
its impact on human health were removed. So were several sentences call-
ing for further research on climate
change.
“Temperature record covering 1,000
years was also deleted, prompting the
EPA memo to note: “Emphasis is given to
a recent, limited analysis which sup-
ports the administration’s favored mes-
sage.” White House officials added
 numerous qualifying words such as
“potentially” and “may”, leading the EPA
to complain: “Uncertainty is inserted
where there is essentially none.”
More than a half-dozen bills have been
introduced, mostly by Democrats, calling
for some form of mandatory carbon con-
trols in the United States, which releases
a quarter of the earth’s carbon dioxide emis-
sions into the atmosphere. The White
House issued a statement defending
Bush’s six-year record on global climate
change, beginning with his acknowledg-
ment in 2001 that the increase in green-
house gases is due largely to human activ-
ity. “Although President Bush just
noted that the earth is heating up, the
American public, every reputable scientist and other
world leaders have long recognized that
global warming is real and it’s serious.
The time to act is now,” said Sen. John
Kerry (D-Massachusetts), who with GOP
Sen. Olympia Snowe of Maine crafted
one of a half-dozen competing bills
to address global warming.
The Congressional committee heard tes-
timony from several scientists, includ-
ing Dr. Drew Shindell, a researcher at
NASA’s Goddard Institute for Space Studies.
Mr Shindell said that, in 2004, a title
for a paper he had prepared about climate
change in Antarctica was “sof tened” by
political appointees at the White House.
“I objected, but was anonymously over-
ruled, and the lack of transparency in
the process made it very difficult to appeal,”
he said.
According to the findings of a survey
by the Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS),
Mr Shindell’s experience is not unique.
Questionnaires sent to scientists at seven
federal agencies found that more than 40
per cent had experienced changes to
their work which altered the meaning of their
findings.

The New Guys on Campus

By JULIE GOODISON
STAFF WRITER

Johnson & Wales University welcomes
its newest addition to Greek Life Alpha Chi
Rho Fraternity. Alpha Chi Rho’s eight
founding fathers are colonizing and build-
ing a strong fraternity, waiting for Spring
Trimester to become an active fraternity
at Johnson & Wales.

Interfraternity Council President Robert
Horsfield explained the process of taking
on a new fraternity. “Getting a new fra-
naternity is very long and in depth process.
Bob Horsfield explains “When selecting a new
fraternity to be on campus, they have to have a
good fit with Greek Life. That is why we
selected Alpha Chi Rho. I am very excited to
see what they have to offer Greek Life. I
find this a great opportunity for Greek Life
to expand. IFC is looking forward to the
positive contributions they will bring to the
Johnson & Wales Community.”
I had the opportunity to sit down with
four out of the eight founding fathers;
Stephen Jones, David Cannel, Rory
Doberty, and Henry Demarco to discuss
their future in Greek Life. Alpha Chi Rho
has been looking for a year in search of
a fraternity to expand into. Johnson &
Wales was the perfect fit because of its
small and close knit community. The fra-
naternity was found to be dominated by
freshmen and are proud of their diversity.
There was very much enthusiasm about
the community served properly, partici-
 pating in; March of Dimes, Breast Cancer,
Relay for Life. “We are looking forward
to helping build and reunite Greek Life and
by exceeding all expectations.”

ARABIC

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wide, according the Modern Language
Association. More and more young adults
are taking notice of the relevance of this
language in the global arena.
Luckily, the movement toward Middle
Eastern studies has hit Johnson & Wales as
well. For the first time next trimester,
Johnson & Wales’s Downey campus will be
offering an Independent Study Arabic
class for students who want to be convers-
sant in Arabic. The Arabic class (CRN
33790) will be held Wednesdays during
spring trimester from 3:30 p.m. to 5:45
p.m. It is a 2.25 credit course, or it can be
taken as a non-credit course. The first
class will be taught by both an Arabic pro-
fessor and a native speaker conversation
partner, and classes thereafter will be con-
ducted by the conversation partner.
The class’s main objectives are to tackle
the Arabic alphabet, familiarize students
with pronunciation and key phrases in the
language, and to begin to hold basic Arabic
conversations. The class will culminate
in an oral final conducted by the professor.
The program is supervised by Professor
Owen Lavoie, who teaches Spanish and
French here at the university. While she is
not teaching the Arabic class, she has
arranged for it to take place and is very
excited for the class to begin. Entrants to
the program must apply and she has
admitted that she was very impressed with
the applicants.
The best candidates for this program are
those who have demonstrated a fair
amount of prowess at foreign languages at
the high school or college level, and being
bilingual is a definite plus. Students who
wish to take this course must also be self-
funded and have excellent time-manage-
ment skills because taking this class
comes with the added commitment of 5-8
hours of homework and at-home oral prac-
tice per week. The oral final is a way to
motivate students to practice speaking the
language instead of just reading and writ-
ing it. Some of the candidates who were
approved for the course have their own
reasons for taking the class. “I’m part-
Italian and part-Turkish,” says sophomore
Nelidac Rododini. “I never had any prob-
lems with Italian in high school, and I’m
glad that I know the language. But I never
really got to connect with my North
African roots in that way. I’m glad that I
can take this class.” Senior Tim Colletto
does not have a personal connection to
Arab culture but “I heard that Arabic in
its native Arabic is one of the most
beautifully written works of literature in
the world. One day I hope to be able to
read it.” Even someone whose language
skills are not quite as strong as many of
the other candidates who is dedicated to learn-
ing the language for their own reasons
might be able to find a home in this class.
Hopefully, the success of this year’s pilot
class will lead to an Arabic II class next
fall and larger enrollment in not only
Arabic classes, but language classes here
at Johnson & Wales overall. After gradua-
tion, being proficient in Arabic forever
will prove to be incredibly valuable as the
waves of globalization become stronger
and international lines of commerce
become more and more blurry. Students
should take advantage of the resources
that J&W has to offer and take up a foreign
language.
NATIONAL

Heard and attorneys met in a closed meeting for much of the morn-
ing. Attorney Eric Seitz said he didn’t think his client could be tried again because it would be the equivalent of double jeopardy — two trials for the same crime. Should the Army proceed with a second trial, Seitz said he would seek dismissal of the charges with prejudice so they could not be refiled.

Lt. Col. Robert Rensnick of the Judge Advocate General’s office at Fort Lewis said double jeopardy does not apply.

Wataada is the first commissioned officer to be court-martialed for refusing to go to Iraq, said Eugene Fidell, president of the National Institute of Military Justice in Washington, D.C.

In the 12-page stipulation of fact he signed last month, Watadada acknowledged that he refused to deploy last June with his unit, the 2nd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, and that he made public state-
ments criticizing the Iraq war.

Watadada has said he refused to go to Iraq because he believes the war is illegal.

Astronaut’s arrest tests NASA’s mettle
NASA has experienced tragedies before, most recently with the loss of seven astron-
uts aboard shuttle Columbia in 2003.

But the U.S. space agency finds itself in uncharted terrain as it deals with the fall-
out from the arrest of one of its elite astron-
utists. Police say Navy Capt. Lisa Nowak tried to kidnap and kill a woman she thought was a rival for a fellow astronaut’s attentions.

"Unfortunately, I think this will affect NASA’s image," said Joan Johnson-
Ferrigno, a space policy expert with the Naval War College in Rhode Island.

"NASA is the public face of the space program and any one failure can be a visible part of that. NASA certainly has had negative publicity before, but it was always against NASA as an institution. I don’t think there has been anything this personal in nature before," she said.

For its part, NASA wants to be sure its workforce stays focused on safely flying people in the hostile environment of space.

"We have humans in space right now. We have a real challenge here with the mis-
sions in front of us," said Bob Cabana, deputy director of the Johnson Space Center in Houston.

LOCAL

STOP & SHOP WORKERS OK POS-
SIBLE STRIKE
Eighteen percent of the state’s Stop & Shop Co. workers have voted unanimously to strike if they must start paying for their health insurance.

The rank and file then voted 900-0 to strike if the company did not withdraw the proposal before the contract expires Feb.
18. The earliest day they could strike would be midnight that day.

In a hearing of the vote, Stop & Shop spokeswomans Faith Weiner said, "Obviously, we’re disappointed that Local 371 chose to take a strike vote at this time, because both parties have had an opportunity to negotiate."

The company’s plan would require full-
time workers to pay $11 a week for them-
selves, $15.40 a week with a child, $17.50 a week for a spouse and $22.70 a week for a family plan; part-time workers would pay $9.50 a week. Those payments would increase over the three years of the pro-
posed contract.

Employees already have annual deductibles of $300 per person for health costs, and $2,500 for hospital costs.

Stop & Shop has 43,000 union workers total in nine states.

Negotiations resume today, Weiner said.

BUSH SAYS COMING TO TOWN FOR SUMMER
Bush said the new commander of U.S. troops on the ground in Iraq, Gen. David Petraeus, was heading to the region.

Most of the 2nd Brigade troops will partic-
icipate in a rotation exercise in Fort Lewis, in the state of Washington, where the division is based. The division will displace to Iraq, president’s chief of staff, Gen. James McNamara, said.

The Baghdad security plan — led by Iraqi forces — will address two key aspects that failed under the previous attempt to secure the Iraqi capital: adding more U.S. and Iraqi forces and setting up a unified com-
mand and control structure.

U.S. military officials have acknowled-
ged a problem in getting the Baghdad plan, which was launched in June, was largely a failure.

Part of the problem was U.S. security forces and police taking part in unilateral operations, and not communicating with their U.S. counterparts.

Craig Nehring, a spokesman, said joint security sta-
tions have been set up across Baghdad where all security forces will work togeth-
er.
WRIGLEY now More than Just Gum

BY JESSLYN WOLCZIK
CULINARY ARTS EDITOR

WRIGLEY is the world’s largest producer of chewing gum with sales in over 180 countries. It’s not going to be just about gum and candy anymore. In January 2007, WRIGLEY invested $300 million in the Russian chocolate company A. Korkunov. This investment gave WRIGLEY an 80% stake in the company and will allow it to grow in the chocolate business in addition to gum. The remaining 20% of the company will be acquired over time.

WRIGLEY is already involved in the Russian confectionery market by being the top chewing gum company operating there. With this purchase, WRIGLEY hopes to diversify its company and take advantage of the growing economy in Russia. Economic structural reforms and the price of oil have boosted the economy as well as consumers willingness to buy luxury items. Even though A. Korkunov is a relatively small company, WRIGLEY has a lot to gain by buying it. A high position in the Russian confectionary market and has huge potential.

WRIGLEY executive chairman Bill WRIGLEY Jr. said: “Entering into the premium chocolate category is not only a great strategic fit and an expected driver of new growth opportunities in one of our top priority global geographies, it also represents an important addition to our competencies and has the long-term potential to create value in marketplaces around the world.”

A. Korkunov is currently the seventh largest chocolate company in Russia in terms of production. It is second in boxed chocolates. It has also been named a top ten brand by Young & Rubicam and the Rais Brand Index, a leading market research organization. Founded in 1999 by two entrepreneurs, Andrey Korkunov and Sergey Lypunov, the company produces boxed chocolates as well as loose chocolates and candy bars. The A. Korkunov company is located near Moscow and is able to produce 25,000 metric tons of chocolate, exporting only about 5% of that. It is the first Russian Chocolate to enter the United States and is the only premium Russian chocolate available here. They specialize in hazelnut and almond pralines as well as fruit and nut bars. The chocolates combine both modern technologies and traditional Russian chocolate making. They come in elegant packaging and also come in boxes reminiscent of traditional Russian craftsmanship.

In 2002, WRIGLEY tried to get into the chocolate business with a $12.5 billion dollar bid on Hershey but was rebuffed in the deal. However, this new opportunity has been positive for the company. “We have always said we would enter the chocolate segment of the total confectionery business and the right timing is right here,” said Bill WRIGLEY Jr., the company’s executive chairman.

To learn more about WRIGLEY, visit their website at www.wriley.com. To learn more about A. Korkunov, visit their website at www.korkunov.ru and make sure you click on “English.”

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Television star is among the faculty at the College of Culinary Arts

JOHN O'CONNELL
Staff writer

Among the esteemed faculty at the College of Culinary Arts walks a TV star. For those who live in the area surrounding or are currently enrolled or are alumni of the Culinary Arts program, you might know who I am talking about. But for those unfamiliar with this "star" I speak of I will give you a hint: It's not one of the Following people: Emeril Lagasse, Tyler Florence or Martin Yan. Also his show is not aired on the Food Network or PBS. Give up yet? It is very own Chef Frank Terranova. The show is called "Cooking With Class." Chef Terranova came to Johnson & Wales University in 1990 and is an associate instructor with the University. So how did Chef Terranova become the host of the "Cooking With Class series?" The University came to me and said Frank NBC 10 wants to do a cooking show for only one year. 11 years later Terranova is still showing the Providence and New Bedford television markets how to cook with some class. With the 12 year anniversary coming up in June the Cooking with Class crew shows no signs of slowing down. "Let's do some math 52x11 add 121 how many is that" asked Terranova to the Campus Herald. 2,981 that is how many episodes were shot in 11 years. "I do about one live show a month" he added also during the Christmas holiday he does four shows.

During today's visit to the Tyson Amphitheater the set of "Cooking With Class" Terranova was getting ready to shoot three upcoming episodes with two guest stars the first episode was titled "Meals on Wheels." Chef Terranova served on the board for Meals on Wheels. Guest starring will be former Lt. Governor Charlie Fogarty. Terranova alerted the Herald to a walk athon to be held in March at Roger Williams park. "It is going to be a media circus. I am hoping also to get the students at Johnson & Wales involved with it." All proceeds will benefit Meals on Wheels. The second episode will be Irish Cuisine and it is only apropiate to have our very own Chef Kevin Duffy. Dean of the College of Culinary Arts and native of Ireland star opposite of him. And the third episode that was being shot was "European Holidays." Terranova added that Europe has many holidays and with those holidays come interesting food. Chef Terranova has a mix of students helping him prepare for the tapings. "I have a few pantry kids Nutrition kids and Culinary Kids, I would like to have a few hospitality kids but some of them don't have the full chef uniform." How about a catch phrase we all know Emeril has BAM and Let's kick it up a notch but what does Chef Terranova have? It goes a little something like this "Now that's cooking with class!" If you want to catch cooking with class turn to NBC 10 news at noon and 5:30 you can also log in to the NBC 10 Providence website www.turn to 10.com for recipes and web casting of the show. For opportunities to help with Cooking with Class look in University publications and boards for more information. NOW THAT'S COOKING WITH CLASS!

Jubilee Cherry Cheese Pie

An ultra-easy pie with the ultra-impressive flavors of Cherries Jubilee.

Baking:

1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Place pie crust in dry dish 9-inch pie plate and flute edges. Stir 1/2 teaspoon almond extract into cherry pie filling. Evenly spoon filling mixture into prepared pie crust. Bake for 15 minutes. Remove pie from oven and lower heat to 350°F.

In a large bowl, stir cream cheese with a sturdy spoon until soft. Stir in eggs and remaining 1/2 teaspoon almond extract. Add and mix well to combine. Carefully spoon cream cheese mixture evenly over cherry pie filling. Continue baking 30 minutes. Place pie plate on a wire rack and allow to cool at least 1 hour. Evenly spread sour cream over top of cooked pie. Lightly sprinkle almonds and mint leaves over top. Refrigerate for at least 30 minutes. Cut into 8 servings.

- Each serving: equals 241 calories, 9g fat, 11g protein, 29g carbohydrates, 34mg sodium, 200mg calcium, 1g fiber, Diabetic Exchanges: 1 1/2 Fat, 1 Starch/Carb, 1 Meat, 1/2 Fruit, 1 Carbohydrate Choice: 2.

Visit Healthy Exchanges at www.healthylifestyles.com or call toll-free at 1-800-766-8961 for more information about its "common folk" healthy recipes.

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Dear Sextip: Is there a known aphrodisiac that really works?

Answer: Although aphrodisiacs are based more on cultural myths than fact, their allure continues to this day, as people still experiment with them to pep up their sex lives. Throughout history, people all over the world have tried certain foods, beverages, drugs, and chemicals in the hopes of being bestowed some magical aphrodisiac powers. The fact that some look similar to meat and women's genitals, or are even derived from animal sex organs, was no accident. Named after Aphrodite, the Greek goddess of love, beauty, and fertility, aphrodisiacs are substances that supposedly elicit sexual desire and arousal.

By Healthy Heather Resident Sextip

KEEPING YOURSELF SAFE ONLINE
SOME VERY SIMPLE ADVICE

By Hugh Minor Guest Writer

The Trauma Resource Center has come up with a list of ways to keep yourself safe in today's wired world. His common sense advice is more than you need to keep yourself and your friends safe.

Simply Surfing Safely
Going online can be a great way to meet people. In the safety and privacy of your room, you can connect with someone who shares your interests and tastes, likes and dislikes, either for friendship or dating.

Chatting online is relatively safe, although some media outlets certainly portray the Internet as a great big scary monster. Of course, there are always dangers in situations involving dating and sex, but, if you are aware of the risks, you can protect yourself.

The key is to use your common sense and trust your instincts. Put your safety first and don't take any chances. Here are a few tips:

Too Much Information
When creating your profile online, do not put too much information about yourself out there. Whether on myspace, match.com or any other site, all of your details are available to the public. Posting an address, phone number, or even your full name can lead to problems down the road.

Avoid putting any information that would lead a stranger to find you.

You Look Better on MySpace
Some people are not who they say they are online. They create fake profiles or modify their pictures and information to seem more attractive. Their deceptions can lead to disappointment if you ever decide to meet in person.

Embezzlement of Riches
Don't post anything online that you wouldn't want everyone to see—for a long, long time. When you post a story, a blog, or a video online, it can be seen by anyone, anywhere forever. Think twice before posting something that may cause embarrassment down the road when found by a potential partner or employer.

Meeting Out
If you decide to meet an online friend in person, plan for your safety. Bring a friend. Meet in a public place (coffee shop, restaurant). Do not go off alone with anyone. If you feel uncomfortable, excuse yourself and leave. Don't give a person any personal information, let him see your driver's license, or leave your purse unattended. If you feel unsafe, seek help from police, security, or other staff.

Hugh Minor is the Communications Specialist for Day One, the Sexual Assault & Trauma Resource Center. For more information on Internet safety, visit www.dayonenet.org.

HEALTH SERVICES UPDATE!

If you're traveling for spring break, call Health Services for a referral to the Miriam Hospital's Travel Clinic. You may be advised to get additional vaccinations.

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This Week in Greek

Greek of the Week
This week’s Greek of the Week is a member of Sigma Lambda Gamma. He has been a member since February, 2006. He currently holds leadership roles within the chapter as Associate Recruitment Chair and Delta Relations Chair, but he doesn’t stop there. He is extremely dedicated to the organization and always willing to step up in the place where he can. His active participation in office, campus activities, committees, and meetings, she was chosen as one of the Campus Manchu Officers for the upcoming Make-A-Weekend Charity event. He is well respected and loved by his peers, especially his sorority sisters.

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JWU Wrestling Sets School Record
With Wins Over Ric & Coast Guard

By Dan Booth
DIRECTOR OF ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS

The Johnson & Wales University wrestling team set a school record for wins last night, defeating Coast Guard 37-7 and Rhode Island College 25-16 for their 19th and 20th wins of the year. The Wildcats also clinched at least a share of the 2007 Pilgrim Wrestling League title with the two victories.

Johnson & Wales, currently ranked 12th nationally and No. 1 in New England, improves to 22-0, over Ric, winning the first five bouts, and 13-0 in the final bout, winning five matches via pin.

JWU Men's Basketball Drops 99-94 OT Thriller Against Suffolk
By Dan Booth
DIRECTOR OF ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS

The Johnson & Wales University men's basketball squad dropped a 99-94 overtime decision against Suffolk in a Great Northeast Athletic Conference contest at the Regan Gymnasium on Tuesday evening.

Leading the way for JWU in the setback was senior Jahpet Kerr (Mt. Kisco, N.Y.) with 39 points and 10 rebounds. Kerr hit his first 11 shots of the contest and 7-9 from the line. Tiron McRae (Rochester, N.Y.) added 31 points and nine rebounds for JWU on 12-20 shooting and 7-7 shooting from the line. Senior John Murphy (North Reading, MA) paced Suffolk with 31 points, nine rebounds, and five assists. He was 7-16 from the field and 1-5 from the free throw line.

Johnson & Wales held Suffolk to 59-39 lead with 14:46 1/2 in the game. The Wildcats cut the lead to 56-46 with 9:30 1/2 in the game. After a long drought, the Wildcats scored seven straight points to cut the lead to 56-53 with 3:47 1/2 in the game. Suffolk then held on for the 56-53 victory.

JWU Hockey Defeats Fitchburg
By Dan Booth
DIRECTOR OF ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS

Junior Matt McGilvary (Rochester, N.H.) scored the game-winning goal 7:10 into the overtime period to give the Johnson & Wales University hockey team a 2-1 overtime victory against Fitchburg State in an ECAC Northeast Conference contest on the road on Thursday evening.

Johnson & Wales took the early lead when a power play goal by junior Shawn Roach (Grapevine, Texas) just 2:28 into the game gave the squad a 1-0 advantage. Fitchburg responded in the second period when goals by Jason Ledo and Greg Mattison put the Falcons up 2-0. JWU's Zach Cobb (Dover, N.H.) tallied his ninth goal of the season at the 13:50 mark of the second period, sending the game into a 2-2 tie at the 13:50 mark. McGilvary's 15th goal of the season ended the game with a 3-2 victory for the Wildcats.

Sophomore Brian Nolte (Burlington, Mass.) made 37 stops in the victory for Johnson & Wales while Devan McConnell had 29 in the setback for Fitchburg State.

JWU Women's Basketball Defeats Suffolk 60-53 Decision Against Suffolk
By Dan Booth
DIRECTOR OF ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS

The Johnson & Wales University women's basketball team dropped a 60-53 decision against Suffolk in a Great Northeast Athletic Conference contest on the road on Thursday evening.

Johnson & Wales freshman Alexis Ramirez (San Marcos, Calif.) scored a game-high 18 points with two rebounds while senior Alex Ventura (Boston, Mass.) added 16 points and 11 boards for the Wildcats.

Suffolk was paced by Stephanie Zito with 17 points and three rebounds while Karly Korte (Lancaster, Pa.) added 12 points and seven steals in the victory for the Rams.

MEN'S BASKETBALL (7-6 overall)

JWU has won four of its last six contests and sits in sixth place in the conference standings. Senior captain Jahpet Kerr (Mt. Kisco, N.Y.) leads the team in scoring, averaging 22.3 points per game, currently the third-best scoring average in the GNAC. He is also averaging 5.0 rebounds per game while his 3.6 steals per game rank him second in the league. Junior Tiron McRae (Brockton, Mass.) is adding 14 points per game while senior Greg Samuels (Philadelphia, Pa.) is grabbing a team-best 5.6 rebounds and scoring 7.8 points per contest.

As a team, the Wildcats have a 2-0 turnover margin while shooting 42% from the field, including 34% from behind the three-point line. The squad is also averaging 10.0 steals per game, the third-best average in the GNAC.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL (8-2 overall)
The Wildcats are currently in sixth place in the GNAC standings. Senior Samantha Cowens (Northad, Mass.) has averaged a double-double all season and leads the Wildcats in scoring and rebounding, averaging 19.0 points and 10.5 rebounds, ranking her 10th and second respectively in the conference. Sophomore Brian Nolte (Burlington, Mass.) has posted a .519 points against average with a .486 save percentage while junior Charlie Bacon (Hudson, Mass.) has a .422 goals against and a .804 save percentage.

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Sports

Johnston & Wales Men's Volleyball Falls To No. 10 MIT

By Dan Booth
DIRECTOR OF ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS

The Johnson & Wales University men's volleyball squad dropped a 3-1 decision against No. 10 MIT in a North East Collegiate Volleyball Conference contest at the合Starbor Heritage Rac on Thursday evening. MIT took the first game by a score of 30-22, took the second game 30-21 and finished the sweep with a 30-21 victory in the third game.

Sophomore Albert Treviso (San Antonio, Texas) led the way for Johnston & Wales with 24 assists, five kills and seven digs while sophomore Sean Laure (West Roxbury, Mass.) added 11 kills, 11 digs and one block for the Wildcats.

Leading the way for MIT was junior Praveen Pandianmukkala (Edison, N.J.) with 15 kills and nine digs while freshman Philip Rogge (Lincolnwood, Ill.) tallied 35 assists, nine digs and two kills for the Engineers.

WILDCAT WATCH

The Athletic Week in Review from Johnson & Wales University, Providence, RI

By Dan Booth
DIRECTOR OF ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS

MEN'S ICE HOCKEY (16-8-1 overall)
The team has won three of their last four games and is currently in fifth place in the conference standings. Junior Matt McGilvary (Rochester, N.H.), the ECAC Northeast Player of the Week on Jan. 30th, leads the team in scoring with 14 goals and 10 assists for 24 points. Sophomore Zach Cobb (Dover, N.H.) has added eight goals and 13 assists for 21 points while junior Ryan Jacobs (Derby, Vt.) has 20 points on 12 goals and eight assists. The Wildcats have nine players in double figures in points for the year with 20 players scoring at least one point this season. Sophomore Brian Nolte (Burlington, Mass.) has posted a .519 goals against average with a .486 save percentage while junior Charlie Bacon (Hudson, Mass.) has a .422 goals against and a .804 save percentage.

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With Wins Over Ric & Coast Guard

Moines, Iowa) and Diego Crespo (Garfield, N.J.), who are each ranked No. 1 in New England in their respective weight classes, picked up wins.

The Wildcats then defeated Coast Guard 37-7, winning the first six matches. Crespo bumped up to 285 lbs. and downed freshman Troy Robison (Yuba City, Calif.), 6-3. McDougall also won, 16-0, over freshman Andrew Armstrong (Bethel Park, Pa.).

Ric defeated Coast Guard 48-6, in the final bout, winning five matches via pin.
**Tsotsi** Puts South African Films on the Map

**By Dustin Generex**

**Photography and Artwork Editor**

Tsotsi is a riveting, emotional, and thrilling movie. Not only does it have outstanding storytelling but it also takes the viewer into the world of South African poverty and crime. It has never been seen before. Tsotsi is a tale of tragic redemption in a subculture of the most horrible immorality. Writer-director Gavin Hood has updated Athol Fugard's novel to the new South Africa of one of an integrated police force, upscale black neighborhood who demands their attention, the abandoned AIDS orphans, and the settings in Johannesburg and Soweto with their horrific contrasts are going to open the eyes of American audience's as if they were looking upon a futuristic post apocalyptic vision.

This film centers on the life of a young Johannesburg small time gang leader named Tsotsi- a term roughly meaning “thug” in Tsotsi. He run away from his home due to an abusive father, Tsotsi spends his entire childhood living in a large drainage pipe. As a result, all he cares about is survival, and he is willing to do whatever it takes to get money. This film is a road trip through Tsotsi’s soul, from flash backs to his childhood to existential acts from his depths to finding his own humanity. I won’t spoil the film but finding is simply shining and will rock you to the core.

We watch a person we absolutely loath at the beginning of the film turn into ever so slightly into a decent man and it’s disturbing to emphasis with someone who initially is devoid of heart and soul. Tsotsi’s storyline is a fact and so many American films fall. American movies want you to see black and white. Tsotsi brings us into the invisible burst of nostalgia will not relate to. Tsotsi does this without having us what’s right and what’s wrong on a silver platter. People around the world are conditioned to see the world in only black and white. Good guy vs. bad guy. Whenever people are around Sea Legs, the complex starts to look for the bad guy in the plot. One thing people need to realize is that there are no good or bad people, just people. Unfortunately some people, for many different reasons, spend more time doing bad things than good things. You look at this from this perspective, then the accuracy of the story will leave you astonished, and that is putting it mildly.

Many American movie goers look at foreign language films with a bit of contempt. Now I’m not saying all Americans dislike foreign language films but usually the only foreign language films you see gain large popu-

**INDIE ROCK ARTISTS**

**SHINING Harmoniously in Bloom**

**By Jack Burcht**

**ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR**

The Shins, including James Mercer (vocals), Dave Hernandez (guitar), Marty Crandall (bass) and Jesse Sandoval (drums) surely appreciate the role that the movie Garden State played in helping them rocket right past the indie shadows and into the mainstream sunshine, but it can’t be too far from being inextricably tagged as the band that was guaranteed to change your life. While fans waited for the follow-up to broad crowd pleaser Oh! Inverted World and Chutes Too Narrow, the expectations just kept rising. If things went according to plan, Wincing the Night Away would be the sort of album that established an iconic indie label (Sub Pop) during tumultuous times in the industry, which would allow them to take bigger chances on new bands down the road. Everybody was waiting.

In Wincing the Night Away, Mercer and the rest of the band have stepped up to the plate once again. And just as The Shins have seemed to rediscover their effervescent sound, the melodic pop-rock has once again been guilefully unrestraining. Right from the synth scale that beams into the opening track Sleeping Known, the ardent layers of Oh! Inverted World starts flooding back.

Past the opening basketball-dribble-gymnasium-echo (they now hold a whistle, ‘wooh’ and drizzle to their list of album instigators); Sleeping Lessons starts out with a casual strut before racing to collect instruments and momentum. As Mercer relates his own humanity, I won’t spoil the film but finding is simply shining and will rock you to the core.

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**Wincing the Night Away**

Born to fonna with lyrics akin to Salvador Dalí's art, the drowsy, but along to a capricious guitar that fore-shadow the album's perpetually fresh trajectories.

Passing effortlessly through these placid lakes of free-flowing melody, one comes upon a track standing out from the Phantom Lamb, The Shins hit simple, abruptly takes control with a short synch interlude followed with Mercer’s solidly straying, popping, and then, the lyrical upstart. By the last half of the song the seismic yet serene Earth song has been launched. The band has blown off to visit a mystical, far-away land to get a cup of coffee. It’s a story very continuously. By Red Rabbits, the band seems to be on the sea floor with Mark Mothersbaugh discussing The Life Aquatic, and the rock version of the guitar, it seems fit for the next adaptation in the lullaby Radiohead-Cure-Tool series, though I'd really hate to "I still owe you for the hole in the floor / and the ghost in the hall." The driftly underwater grace inherent in its elusive borders bloom once again on Girl Sailor, laced with endless, gentle ripples and murky disclosures.

Australia is the obvious lesser sin-

**Jack B.’s Shows to Check Out!**

**February 14**

Verse

Soul Control

Playgirl

@ AS220 / $8 – Doors: 8 pm

**February 16**

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Cute Is What We Aim For

All Time Low

@ The Living Room / $12 – Doors: 6:30 pm

**February 16**

Slayer

Unearth

@ Lupo's / $35 – Doors: 7 pm

**February 17**

Sonic Youth

Wooden Wand

@ Lupo's / $22.50 – Doors: 8 pm

**February 21**

Jack's Mannequin

The Audition

Head Automatica

We Are The Fury

@ The Palladium (Worcester) / $22 – Doors: 6 pm

**February 23**

G. Love & Special Sauce

@ Lupo's / $22.50 – Doors: 8 pm

**February 25**

Bayside

All Time Low

Meg & Dia

Janezetta

@ The Axis (Boston) / $14 – Doors: 7 pm

**March 1**

The Ataris

@ The Living Room / $15 – Doors: 7 pm

**March 2**

Guster

Mason Jennings

@ Lupo's / $25 to $35 – Doors: 8 pm

**March 2**

Bone

Have Heart

Down To Nothing

Ambitions

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CATS: Now Showing in Providence Lives up to Expectations

BY JESSYLN WOJCIC
CULINARY ARTS EDITOR

This past weekend, CATS showed at the Providence Performing Arts Center from February 9-11. It opened Friday night at 8pm and was spectacular. The casting and costumes were spot on, the singing was incredible and the dancing and acrobatics were unbelievable. It was a night of pure theatrical joy.

The production of CATS is one of the most recognizable accomplishments of Andrew Lloyd Webber. Originally performed at The New London Theatre in London on May 11, 1981, the musical is based on “Old Possum’s Book Of Practical Cats” by T.S. Eliot. It was presented here in Providence by the Roger’s and Hammersmith Theatre Library as part of a 25th anniversary tour directed and choreographed by Richard Stafford.

From “The Naming of Cats” to “The Ad-dressing of Cats”, every moment was amazing. One character that stood out was “Grizabella” played by Angie Smith. She was amazing in her role and when she sang “Memory”, it was so powerful and convincing. Another favorite was “The Tugger” played by Dave Schouman. He played his character so well and was so much fun. I love the song “Mr. Mistoffelees” and I was not let down when he sang it.

There was never a moment of the show that I didn’t enjoy and I would whole heartedly recommend that everyone go see it if given the chance.

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Chartbusters

Top 10 Pop Singles

This Week

1. 20th Century Fox
2. The Carpenters
3. Captain & Tennille
4. The Eagles
5. Eagles
7. Gentle Giant
8. Engelbert Humperdinck
9. The Rascals
10. The Turtles

Last Week

1. Captain & Tennille
2. The Carpenters
3. 20th Century Fox
4. Eagles
5. Eagles
7. Gentle Giant
8. Engelbert Humperdinck
9. The Rascals
10. The Turtles

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Daughtry

“The Evolution of Robin Thicke” (Star Track)
“Jungle Love” (Wayne Newton)
“Nawton” (MC L.A.)
Top 10 Hot Country Singles

1. Rodney Atkins
2. Tracy Atkins
3. Tracy Atkins
4. Tracy Atkins
5. Tracy Atkins
6. Tracy Atkins
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The Journalist - Freedom's Defender

By Patrick Dyl
Editor-in-Chief

"Our liberty depends on the freedom of the press, and that cannot be limited without being lost." - Thomas Jefferson, 1786

Our founding fathers understood the power of the press so well, and so thoroughly that they dedicated the first Amendment to the Constitution of their new nation to prohibit the government from abridging the people's right to free speech and right to a free and independent press.

Journalists are the eyes of the people, and responsible only to the people, charged with the duty to inform them of events, and wrongdoing throughout the world and here at home. It was the journalist who uncovered President Richard Nixon's ties to the Watergate office break in. It was the journalist who first told the American people of President Bush's warrantless wiretapping program (which has since been terminated and brought under the control of the court). Journalists repeatedly put themselves in harms way in war zones to bring the message home to the American people so that they may know of what is being done in their name. Journalists bring to light the atrocities committed in third world countries whilst their leaders sit comfortable in their well guarded homes living in the lap of luxury. Napoleon Bonaparte once said: "Three hostile newspapers are more to be feared than a thousand bayonets." He knew that the people could be swayed but what the read in the newspapers. Governments, Kings and Despots have fallen because the people were able to be rallied by what the read in the newspaper. Heroes have been celebrated and evil has been condemned.

A few keystrokes on any computer in the world enables us to access newspapers across the globe, allowing us to see the story from all its sides. We have the potential to be the most informed of any generation in history. Yet the lack of knowledge and understanding by many in this very school not only disappoints me, but it scares me.

Surveys and studies have shown that many college students and young adults know more about television shows than current events. Young people are able to name all the characters of television shows such as The Simpsons, yet not all the rights afforded to them in the first amendment. There are those who think Saddam Hussein was the cause of the September 11th terrorist attacks and that Barack Obama is a terrorist, not a likely presidential candidate.

These are the same people who I am told will be my peers on day. Who will have the great task of guiding the course of our very future. If this doesn't scare you then you're paying no close enough attention.

In these crucial times, schools are cutting down curriculums, and fewer students are taking history and science courses. Today's modern news media focuses on the social faux pas of hotel heiresses and the antics of other celebrities while much more dire events are unfolding that will effect each and every one of us for the entirety of our lives and the lives of our children and their children.

The voices of the noble journalists are being drowned out in the sea of sensationalism and glitz that has taken hold. Those who chose to show their intelligence and compassion for the world are ridiculed as "fools" and "dorks" while lives of crime and materialism are celebrated. Those journalists who stand up against the status quo are considered troublemakers and rabble rousers.

Those who have a true passion for journalism, and seek knowledge, I have the up most respect for you. To those who care about the events unfolding in our world and seek to share it in hopes of educating those around you, you're my heroes. To the true journalists of the world, keep doing what you are and one day the respect and admiration that was wrongly taken from you shall be returned.

The Crime of the Century

By Paul Craig Roberts

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President George W. Bush's invasion of Iraq is the greatest crime of the 21st century.

Armed with a powerful moral case against Saddam, Bush's lies are responsible for a war that has caused thousands of U.S. casualties and killed vast numbers of Iraqi civilians, Democratic leaders are damming Bush's war because it did not succeed.

The Bush regime lied and fabricated evidence that was used to deceive Congress, the American people, and the United Nations. The vice president of the United States and the national security adviser created public images of mushroom clouds that swept over American cities unless Iraq was invaded and Saddam Hussein's terrible weapons of mass destruction were destroyed.

At the time they were lying to the American people were the editors, experts knew that they were false. Today everyone knows that the lies were lies.

The invasion of Iraq under false pretenses comprises solid grounds for impeaching both Bush and Cheney and for turning them over to the War Crimes Tribunal at the Hague. Under the Nuremberg standard, to commit unprovoked aggression is a war crime.

Among the consequences of Bush's monstrous war crime are the deaths of tens or hundreds of thousands of Iraqi civilians. At the beginning of the Iraq civilian infrastructure, the outbreak of civil war between Iraqi Sunnis and Shi'ites, the spreading of this sectarian conflict throughout the Middle East, and the consequent destabilization of the region.

Try to imagine all the lives, careers, and dreams that Bush has destroyed. Try to imagine the fate of the hundreds of thousands of Iraqi refugees, the departure of educated and skilled Iraqis from Iraq, the ultimate horror of civil war that is only beginning.

Official U.S. casualties (dead, wounded, and missing) increased from one to 26,194. Experts have estimated the cost of the invasion and attempted occupation to be in excess of the enormous sum of 1,000 billion dollars.

This expenditure has made profits for Vice President Cheney, for Cheney's firm, Haliburton, for the U.S. military-industrial complex, and for private contractors, but it has done nothing whatsoever for Americans. Sen. Frank Lautenberg reports that "Haliburton has already raked in more than $10 billion" from the Iraq war and that the value of Cheney's Haliburton stock options has jumped from $241,496 to more than $8,000,000.

Moreover, the cost of Bush's aggression in Iraq has been covered by red ink and foreign borrowing, which is financially punishing every American by pushing down the value of the dollar and pushing up the tax burden to service the debt war.

The conclusion is unavoidable that Bush has committed a massive crime against Iraqis, against the Middle East, against American citizens and military families, and against America's reputation.

Finally coming to their senses and realizing the pointlessness of Bush's war, the American people gave the Democratic Party control over the House and Senate in the hopes that the Democrats would put a stop to Bush's war.

Was the electorate's faith in the Democrats justified?

Listen to the Democrats' statements and judge for yourself.

Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Joseph Biden declared on ABC's "This Week"; "President Bush's war policy is a war without a strategy, going to war prematurely, going to war 'without enough troops, going to war without enough equipment.'

Sen. Hillary Clinton, a likely Democratic candidate for president, says, "This was his decision to go to war with an ill-conceived plan and an incompetently executed strategy."

The Democrats are damming Bush not for his monstrous crime but for failing at it!

Instead of holding Bush accountable for his crimes with impeachment proceedings, Hillary Clinton merely wants Bush to get rid of the problem so she will not be troubled with it on her watch: "We expect him to extricate our country from this before he leaves office." Hillary says it would be "the height of irresponsibility" for Bush to pass the war along to the next president.

A moral, humane, decent, honest person would define the "height of irresponsibility" as the act of taking two countries to war on the basis of lies and deception.

Now that Bush and Cheney have lost their war due to their incompetence and faulty execution, the Democrats are going to pass a non-binding resolution condemning the war in Iraq. While Congress investigates a posture on the Iraq war, the Bush regime moves forward with its plans to attack Iran.

Everyone can see the U.S. buildup of massive air and naval attack forces on Iran's borders. Fox "News," the Bush regime's main disinformation agency, is busy preparing its viewers for the U.S. attack by whipping up fear and hysteria over Iran. The Bush regime suddenly changed its line and now blames Iran instead of al-Qaeda for its defeat in Iraq.

The Israel Lobby is working around the clock for a war on Iran. On June 13, 2007, Bush again threatened that he will respond firmly if Tehran escalates its involvement in Iraq.

Bush's threats are part of the propaganda that is creating an excuse that Bush can use to attack Iran.

Bush plans to bomb Iran. U.S. war doctrine has been altered to allow Bush to use nuclear weapons to attack Iran. American neoconservatives and Israel's right wing have argued in behalf of attacking Iran with nuclear weapons, and a number of foreign experts are forecasting such an attack.

While Bush prepares in public view his war on Iran, the Democrats turn a blind eye. For the Democrats the only issue is whether or not Bush should send 21,500 more U.S. troops to Iraq.

The issue is whether the war in Iraq can be quickly ended, or Bush and Cheney impeached, before the two war criminals create a more monstrous crime and a more dangerous situation for America and the world by attacking Iran.

Any War is devoted to the cause of non-interventionsism and is read by libertarians, pacifists, leftists, "greens," and independents alike, as well as many others who agree with our opposition to imperialism.
Lack of Political Awareness and Interest in Younger Generations

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There is a major lack of political awareness and interest in the younger generations of America which will have a profound impact on the country if change is not made. This is a result of political apathy and the lack of information about political candidates and major social issues that is presented (or ignored) in the mainstream media. Many Americans are diluted and paper-thin in content. This misleading hundreds of millions of people, not only in America but around the world. Without any real knowledge of the system and without any opposition to the system, those in power will continue to have the complete support of those who do as they please, at home and abroad.

The youths of today must not remain passive but active in the political and social processes which they are apart of.

The lack of interest can be highlighted in voter turnout. The results from the last two presidential elections display a low political involvement on all levels. In the 2004 presidential elections, out of a 221 million adults eligible to vote, only 174 million registered to vote, and 122 million actually voted. According to the Voter News Service, the estimation of 300 million, George Bush was elected by 66 million votes, only 22% of the entire population. What’s most interesting is the fact that 49% of the demographic of voters did not vote. According to the 2004 numbers, 100 million people who were eligible to vote chose not to. Why?

College-educated constituents are becoming increasingly more likely to vote than their non-college educated counterparts. Based on the statistics available between the college educated and those who have not college education, the population’s economic status may play a roll. If “your family is in the top quarter in annual income, you have an 82% chance of getting a bachelor’s degree. If you’re in the bottom half of the population, your chances are just 12%—and only 10% if you’re in the bottom quarter.” So less money you have, the less likely you are to go to college and become involved in politics.

Another reason that young people do not vote, regardless age and socioeconomic class, is because they think whether they vote or not, the political outcome will remain the same. Surprisingly, they have a very good argument; America is no longer a democracy. A “polycracy” may be a more accurate definition, the term coined by Robert Dahl, Sterling Professor Emeritus of Political Science at Yale University. America is really a one-party system, and the differences between a Republican and a Democrat are relatively minor.

There is good news. In the 2004 elections, young voters added 5 million ballots to the total, their highest addition since the 1968 election (the Vietnam War). But do these figures mean that youth have increase have negative connotations? Is this the time when we are going to vote on politics? What about economic, social, healthcare, and environmental reform? Do none of these issues matter?

A few sources for the lack of political involvement were mentioned above, but there are many more that need to be mentioned. One major factor is the time constraints of everyday life for a youth between the ages of 18-24. Time for school, work, family, relationships, friends, sports, television, food, transportation, and all forms of entertainment fills a youth’s day. The time and energy left over for social and political involvement does not come around very often. Political involvement becomes virtually nonexistent unless it relates to school. Lou Dobbs said it best in his book War on the Middle Class. After college, there is no personal circumstance, there is never enough time, never enough money, never enough sleep, and never enough opportunity to reflect on the America that we have created.

Aside from there being very little time and energy left over, America has become a Disney World for the uninquiring class. Great food, movies, music, alcohol, drugs (legal or illegal), caffeine, and sex will all become major distractions throughout the course of our day. While one may think that the lack of political interest, if we continue to be slaves to desire, our concern for other issues in life will suffer the consequences. Most people between the ages of 18-24 are only concerned about themselves, with high egos and low social self-esteem. Most youths drink large amounts of alcohol, take drugs, smoke cigarettes, eat unhealthy food, and/or make poor economic choices. If we don’t even care for ourselves then we aren’t going to care about other people. If we don’t care about other people than we certainly went spend our free time and hard work to become involved in politics.

The total failure of mainstream media to provide sufficient, correct, and unbiased information has also led to a major drop in political awareness in America. Millions of people watch television, listen to the radio, read newspapers, subscribe to magazines, watch movies, and read the news. The information coming from these forms of media has drastically changed in recent years. The information presented is informative by nature, however, political news and social issues are complex and take years of study to comprehend, and the population is largely uneducated in these areas. Brief articles, vast over-simplifications, and 1-minute television segments are not sufficient to properly inform the population of these matters. TV anchors sound learned and credible without infusing their broadcast with casts and any information. Peoples opinions are formed, changed, and felt they informed when they in fact are not.

Public opinion in America is careful- ly and professionally monitored. The presidential elections may be the best example. In the 2000 elections, most Americans only knew a limited knowledge of Bush and Gore’s political positions. On the typical issue, 25% were able to accurately identify the candidates’ position while 14% guessed wrong and 57% said they didn’t know where the candidate’s stand. That’s equals 71% of those polled and accurately knew where the candidates position. What does this say about our “democracy”? What’s the point of voting in the first place if we don’t even know what we are vot- ing for?

America is a capitalist society.

Corporations are privately owned, and they have the same rights as an American citizen. Corporations are not owned by the American government. So, for example, the whole Microsoft Corporation has the same right to say that corporations have all the power in the United States, especially those that control the media. America has done is to itself upon us to establish the obvious lack of political interest in our great nation, we must completely banish the idea of the American that we are in educating Americans on the issues which affect us ever so discretely. Today, the general media is the primary source of information about politics. The same corporations that run our televisions own even the most noteworthy web-sites from which the majority of Americans receive the news on a daily basis. Why does it become such an issue when we get all of our information from only a few key sources? David Kay, head of the Iraq Survey Group, said “In a democracy, you have an obligation, and that is to speak truthfully to the public.”

A lack of political awareness needs to be raised. At the very least, people need to pay attention to what’s going on. Speak up about the issues. Awareness begins with informing yourself. Learn the concepts. It takes hundreds of hours, years even, but if we all knew about the structure of government, the philosophies of government, the reasons for govern- ment, economics, and the goals of corpora- tions and banks operate, how the economy operates, then we will know them for the rest of our lives. The information coming out of college, and through the media are not enough. This must be undertaken on a personal level.

Seek alternative sources of information. The internet carries hundreds of newspapers from around the world. People need to be driven away from the mainstream media. Independent media sources are out there. But the internet is not the only way to read current events. Books. Subscribe to magazines. Read articles. Write letters. Write essays. Write articles. Send letters to the ed- itor of your local paper, write letters to your congressmen and other political leaders. Because TV is such a huge part of our daily lives by looking at the channels and shows that we watch. MTV, for example, runs a great political awareness campaign. If we bring in concepts that directly affect young people, then we will be more willing to participate.

To be an ethical voter, a country run by a select few who ultimately decide what we should and should not know about what goes on behind closed doors and abroad. Instead of education and a limited knowledge about such topics regarding our economy, international affairs, and the like, the internet can help us shop around for the media decides how much we are allowed to know about, then how are we as a country supposed to know how well informed our representatives are? Is that what our politicians make? How are the men and women who faithfully serve our country supposed to do for the benefit of the security of our leaders who so vaguely represent the people of our land? We must take it upon ourselves to find out.

The band Rise Against said it best, “if you are not angry, then you are not pay- ing attention.”

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