New dining options offer more choice, improved facilities for students

BY PATRICK DYL
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Dining Services at Johnson & Wales' Downcity campus spent the summer preparing two old dining locations for their new reopenhings. The first is the former New Club and U Club dining facilities, which have undergone complete renovation.

The Market Place, as it is now called, is similar to the Snowden Dining Center with made to order menu items that will be prepared as students order them.

The Market Place will now occupy the entire space that the two former dining centers utilized, and will provide a second major option to students who would like to eat somewhere other than Snowden.

The atmosphere of The Market Place is quite an improvement over the former U and New Clubs. With tables spread out throughout the entire facility, students are no longer crowded together at long rows of tables. Although far from private, the new layout of The Market Place is less high school cafeteria, and more relaxed and friendly.

Some students may be mourning the loss of Chestnuts, however; all goes according to plan, two new concepts will open in June in place by late October early November according to Kathy Decotis, Assistant Director of Dining Services.

One concept, which will occupy what students think of as the front of the building will be Starbucks. Run by the university under a license from Starbucks, the location will feature all of the staples of the high end cafe and students with meal plans will be able to "swipe" for breakfast. All students will be able to purchase coffee, muffins and the rest with cash.

"I think that’s a great idea" says Andrew Galluccio ‘08, "the coffee they had at Chest-

nuats sucked".

That is the opinion of many people at JWU, but not all. Many students will miss the amount of space that one location offered, and many more wish the space was completed on time, especially commuters who need a place to hang out in between classes.

The rest of the former Chestnuts space will be occupied by City Burger, which will also be run by Dining Services. Despite what come to mind with the name, City Burger will have the ambiance of a student union, a comfortable place where students can hang out between classes and grab a delicious bite to eat.

"I think it is an interesting concept" says Jonathan Humphreys ’09 "but I hope that they’ll offer options for Vegans as well".

The food at City Burger will be all natural, and preservative free. The vegetables will be bought from local growers as much as possible, and the bread baked by local bakers.

The construction of City Burger and Star-
bucks was delayed over the summer due to issues regarding building permits accord-
ing to Decotis.

These changes will hopefully improve services for both resident and commuter students, keep them satisfied, and help them to enjoy their non class time here at JWU.

Going Greek? It’s Not All Grass Skirts

BY TRISTAN THOMAS-ALLEN
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On a campus the size of Johnson & Wales’, it is difficult to find a place to belong and feel at home. For some people on this campus, the way to build lasting friendships and find comfort and kinship is through Greek Life. "Greek life provides and amazing opportunity to make a home for yourself in a campus of over 10,000 people," says Student Body President Shavonna White, ’09, member of Sigma Sigma Sigma. "I heard it’s a sisterhood for life," said Samantha Riddick, ’11, a student considering pledging to a sorority. "I know I’ll always have a friend in the sisterhood."

If the kick-off event, The Big Luau, was any indication, Greeks can expect a wonderful year. "The Big Luau kicks off what I expect to be a phenomenal year of membership. We have so many active, interested and enthusiastic freshmen," said Greek Assistant Charlie Bryant, ’09, a Sigma Pi brother.

Greek Life has existed at Johnson & Wales since the 1960’s, and many of the organizations we know today gained recognition in the 1990’s. Fraternity and sorority life has developed over the years and become a real presence on campus. Here at JWU, there are four governing councils that oversee the organizations in conjunction with the Greek Life Office: The National Pan-Hellenic Council – NPHEC (the historically African-American fraternities and sororities), Interfraternal Council - IFC, Panhellenic Council - PC, and United Cultural Council - UCC (predominantly Latino fraternities and sororities on campus).

The benefits that Greek brothers and sisters reap include a strong and lifelong social network, a greater sense of obligation to Providence and the surrounding communities, leadership opportunities, and of course, the social aspect.
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cial aspects. Greeks across the nation are known for their very full social calendars, and JWU Greeks are no exception to the rule.
Greek Life isn't all fun and games though, although you wouldn't know that from the misrepresentations held by the majority of the student body. "Greek Life doesn't have to be the best reputation," said Joan Rogers, "11, who is on the fence about joining because of her own perception of Greeks.

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Perhaps unbeknownst to Rogers and other students like her, Greeks adopt and dedi-
cate themselves to a slew of serious causes that affect all of us.

One of this year's causes, which is par-
ticularly close to the epicenter of Greek Life, is hazing prevention. JWU has a zero tolerance policy for hazing for purposes of initiation and orientation into fraternities and sororities, particularly in light of the death of a fraternity pledge at Rider Un-
iversity last year and calls for an in
itiation exercise involving a lethal amount of alcohol consumption.

However, all four of the Greek coun-
cils here on campus as well as the individual fraternities and sororities acknowledge that haz ing may still exist even here despite the strict policy. To combat those who undermine this code of con-
duct, JWU Greek organizations are banding together in a cooperative ef-
fort and commissioning the formation of the Greek Prevention Team. A volunteer from each of the fraternities and sororities on campus will serve on the team as liaisons to the fraternity and sorority members to push for a change to this practice on our campus as well as organizing campus activities for Hazing Prevention Week (September 24-28).

This is another important cause for the Greek organizations as well as the entire student body.

Johnson & Wales Welcomes
International Students
By TRISTAN THOMAS-ALLEN
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Most students at Johnson & Wales have some res-
ervations about studying abroad for an eleven-week

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are abroad for an eleven-week semester. But for some members of our student popula-
tion, spending some of their formative years in a for-
cign country is a daily reality. Johnson & Wales cur-
cently enrolls more than 1000 international students hailing from over 90 different countries, comprising almost 10 percent of the total student population.

American students may only notice their classmates in class, slightly trendier clothing, and cooler cell phones, but the international community here is alive and thriv-

ing and will be more visible now than ever with the influx of the University’s new-
est additions, the I-Club.

The I-Club, branch office of JWU’s new International Community Co-
ordinator Lindsay Travert, aims to bridge the gaps in communica-
tion and interaction between in-
ternational and American students here at JWU. “I want to give in-

ternational students a chance to find a place for themselves at the University,” said Travert. “But I don’t want to give open can students involved in the process. I want to create a place where we can ask questions, ‘where does that come from?’ or ‘what does that mean?’ I think that it’s important to have a club on campus where everyone can come together and get to know each other.”

"It is our hope that by focusing on connecting the international stu-
dents,” said Erin FitzGerald, Dean on International Programs and De-
velopment, “we will be benefiting all students here, regardless of ori-
gen.” Benefits aside, a few events definitely couldn’t hurt.

Throughout the year, a number of social and cultural events will be offered, giving students of all cultural backgrounds a means of meeting and making new friends from across the globe.

The I-Club will start out its in-

String a year with a barbecue in Colt State Park on Saturday, Sep-
bember 29. A group of students from all across the world shared a day by the water and conversed over hot dogs, hamburgers, and pasta salad. Students could be heard talking

about everything from what cemeteries looked like in their home nations to fashion like theGregorian rena-
issance and the separation along national lines that many see as typical of Johnson & Wales, all of the student groups naturally mixed themselves to include people from other nations than their own.

What was most surprising was not only the turnout, which exceeded 100 students, but the domestic student turnout. “I want to meet students from other nations,” said Joan Swenden, ’10. “I was on my way to go on a job hunt, but when I saw all of the people congregated at the Gregorian renaissance stop, I got off and found out what was going on, I definitely had to go.”

The I-Club hopes that Swenden’s sentiment will be echoed throughout the rest of the student body and that more and more American students are just as interested in getting to know students from other nations.

One event that will take place monthly and aims to help achieve this objective is the Food and Culture Series. Every month the I-Club will host a night of na-
tional food, music, dance, costumes, and more. Each month will focus on a different country, giving students a taste of what the world has to offer without even leaving the greater Providence area.

Another recurring event is the weekly "Tertia-
"Aetas" is an old Latin term coined to describe an in-
formal gathering of students or, on the

evening topic to share ideas and opinions. Every Thursday at 1:00 p.m., the I-Club in conjunction with the ESL department will host a modern-day version where all participants can enjoy coffee, food, and great conversa-
tions while gaining invaluable global scope on discus-
sion topics.

There will also be a boxed lunch series hosted by the I-Club in conjunction with the Multicultural Center and the ESL Department. International students will pres-
te their own culture with parts of the presentation dedicated to customs, traditions, politics, games, dress, music, and everything in-between to anyone who is in-
terested to learn. (JFYI, it couldn’t hurt to inform one of your Arts and Sciences professors that you are going to one of the boxed lunches, as it could be a fine opportu-
nity for an extra grade.)

For all of the Honors College students, the I-Club is also a great place to find a friend and a conversation partner to help you through your studies.

CAMPUS \LIFE continued
In 1952, President Harry S. Truman signed a bill that moved "I Am an American Day" from the third Sunday in May to September 17 so that this holiday would coincide with the signing of the U.S. Constitution in 1787. Congress renamed the holiday "Citizenship Day." A joint resolution passed in 1956 requested the President to proclaim the week beginning September 17 and ending September 23 each year as "Constitution Week."

Senator Robert C. Byrd (D-WV) entered an amendment to the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2005 that changed the name of the September 17 holiday to "Constitution Day and Citizenship Day." The purpose of "Constitution Day and Citizenship Day" is to honor and celebrate the privileges and responsibilities of U.S. citizenship for both native-born and naturalized citizens, while commemorating the creation and signing of the supreme law of our land.

The addition of the amendment, known as Public Law 108-477, requires all schools that receive federal funds hold an educational program for their students on September 17 of each year. This lesson, which is adapted from curricular materials on the Constitution produced by the Center for Civic Education, is designed to assist schools and federal agencies to meet the requirements of this law.

Source: Center for Civic Education

**What the Founding Fathers Said**

"Any people that would give up liberty for a little temporary safety deserves neither liberty nor safety."
- Benjamin Franklin

"A free people [claim] their rights as derived from the laws of nature, and not as the gift of their chief magistrate."
- Thomas Jefferson

"Guard against the impostures of pretended patriotism."
- George Washington

"We must all hang together, or, assuredly, we shall all hang separately."
- Benjamin Franklin at the signing of the Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776

"Freedom had been hunted round the globe; reason was considered as rebellion; and the slavery of fear had made men afraid to think. But such is the irresistible nature of truth, that all it asks, and all it wants, is the liberty of appearing."
- Thomas Paine

"I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country."
- Nathan Hale before being hung by the British (not exactly a Founding father, but important none the less)

"All men having power ought to be distrusted to a certain degree."
- James Madison, speech at the Constitutional Convention, July 11, 1787

**The Bill of Rights**

**Amendment I**
Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

**Amendment II**
A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed.

**Amendment III**
No soldier shall, in time of peace be quartered in any house, without the consent of the owner, nor in time of war, but in a manner to be prescribed by law.

**Amendment IV**
The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

**Amendment V**
No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a grand jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the militia, when in actual service in time of war or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offense to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation.

**Amendment VI**
In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the state and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor; and to have the assistance of counsel for his defense.

**Amendment VII**
In suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved, and no fact tried by a jury shall be otherwise reexamined in any court of the United States, than according to the rules of the common law.

**Amendment VIII**
Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.

**Amendment IX**
The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.

**Amendment X**
The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the states, are reserved to the states respectively, or to the people.
Behind the Scenes with Mike Epps

By JACK BUCHER
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Just recently, Johnson & Wales University was fortunate enough to host the renowned actor/comedian Mike Epps who stars in movies like “Next Friday”. “All about the?). And the recent “Resident Evil” series. Opening with him included the co-median Will Sylvince from Brooklyn, New York who up the student crowd just in time for Epps to hit the stage at the Providence Performing Arts Center in front of a very enthusiastic audience that literally filled the entire first floor and more of the lavish auditorium. From jokes ranging to bushing Paris Hilton to his own life to interacting with the stage security; Epps left everyone thing on the floor. After the show, we were lucky enough to catch up with Mike and find out what’s the latest buzz in his life as well as learn about his past experiences as an actor/comedian and to see if he had any insight to share with you.

Mike Epps, as some of you might not know, was born in Indianapolis, Indiana during the 1970’s and grew up there until he was old enough to make a living. During that time Epps explained, “Man, that place was a hell-hole…nah I’m kidding. It was different, definitely a place you don’t see a lot of people like me come out of. I just had to survive, and make it out on my own. My family and grandma have always been there and helped me get to the next step.”

While Epps practiced his blossoming comedic nature, he also reminisced about his worst job during those turbulent years.

“The worst job I had growing up, I mentioned during the show. I was working at Jiffy Lube man, and I had to just put myself under those cars and a couple of times I spilled oil all over me: face and chest. I’d look at myself, and it damn there has to be better than this. And I know there is now. I left Indiana, and I ain’t been back since. ‘I’ve been doing comedy and paying my bills.’

After years of doing local stand-up comedy as a teenager, Epps left his childhood home and made his way to Atlanta, Georgia where he worked at the Comedy Act Theater where he became popular and eventually made the step up to the New York City Comedy scene and to star in the feature television series Def Comedy Jam and more.

“It was something I definitely didn’t pass up, it was my first big break of more to come and I took advantage of every single one that came my way. Man, I think in life, the sense of humor and comedy always exist,” he said.

Epps, since getting his first break with the Def Comedy Jam show, Epps went on to make connections with up-and-coming actor Ice Cube, Cuba Gooding Jr and others. Soon after, he was being cast for more and more films including his break out role in “Friday” as the character Day-Day.

“Every movie is like the first movie to me; that’s how I feel. I’m excited every day,” commented Epps on the movie acting business, but he also elaborated saying, “There are also those actors who are child with everyone and meeting those who aren’t up to their celebrity status and there are those who aren’t child with lower cast members. I was just lucky to meet guys like Ice Cube, Cuba and others who actually appreciated the people around them, using that for their own acting.”

In terms of Epps immediate future, there seems to be even brighter days ahead. This includes the upcoming comedy rap album he plans to release (we were lucky enough to have a taste of that during his performance here) as well as starting in an upcoming HBO Comedy Special and a new movie entitled “The Better Man” which involves a successful talk show host leaving Los Angeles to reunite with his family in the Deep South.

For now, Epps has been living his life on a constant diet of stand up comedy and occasional movie appearances, and “the business is great right now man. I feel like I’m on top of the world, and just being here, eating these delicious wings and having a great time here in Providence; what more could I ask for? You know, my life’s changed now. I’m starting to experience what people are really supposed to do. You supposed to be married. You’re supposed to have a family, kids, treats the next day.”

As Epps started to head out of the theater, he stopped and said, “You know, I was pretty much winging it out there tonight and probably had one of the best times in awhile, usually can’t say that very often and wish I really didn’t have to leave Providence tonight!”
Martial Arts Ping-Pong Action
Busts Out in BALLS of FURY
By JACOB BURTON
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

From the minds that brought us Night at the Museum and Reno 911, Balls of Fury is a minor entrant in the film genre I like to refer to as “spamage,” movies that are clearly spoofing a genre, but do it from a place of great affection. Think Princess Bride, Shaun of the Dead, or, if you want to move directly to the head of the class, Kung Fu Hustle, where Stephen Chow grafts together all the martial arts clichés he can lay his brilliant hands upon and brings them together in a film of riddled genius. And while Balls of Fury is at times inspired, ultimately, its attempt to play with the conventions of both martial arts and sports films does not conceal into something memorable.

The film gets off to a strong start, with a quick life history of 12-year-old Randy Daytona, ping pong savant. Balls of Fury does a good job of satirizing the mania surrounding the Olympics, Daytonas experience on the world stage proves hard to live down, and his life spirals downward until, 19 years later, he has a pathetic life in dinner theatre as a post-teen novelty act. Playing the adult Daytona is Dan Fogler (School for Scoundrels), looking and acting like a cross between Sam Kinison and character actor Curtis Armstrong’s roundsman, younger brother. His fortunes have fallen faster than Conrad Black’s, and he plays the schtick with a heart quite convincingly. Using as his inspiration the music of Def Leopard, the one hair band from the late ‘80s with a modicum of cachet, Fogler is genuinely funny throughout, even when the material verges on banal. His ability to coax an entertaining reaction shot out of any situation almost—almost—makes the film’s numerous crotch-shots defensible.

The other cast member who shines is James Hong, whose blind ping pong “Mas
ter Wong” is a constant delight. Particularly amusing are Hong’s many wacky line readings around the delights and dangers of his dailiances with the prostitutes. The film’s opening acts, which focus on Wong and Daytonas riffing to great comic effect on such student/teacher relationships as that of Damien Miyagi (Karate Kid) and Caine/ Po (Kung Fu). However, after a fresh and energetic first 45 minutes, the film enters a tailspin of creative bankruptcy.

The journey proves far more interesting and engaging than the destination, as once we arrive in Feng’s Central American lair, the movie stumbles over genre clichés that it had been leaping over with glee up to this point. A case in point would be the introduction of Christopher Walken to the story, which is simultaneously and predictably both creepy and funny as the villainous Feng. You would think that the appearance on the scene of such a talented character actor would launch the film into comic orbit. Alas, Feng turns out to be little more than a bad cliché of a villain, whose actions make little or no sense as the film unwinds in the final reel.

And as goes Feng, so goes the film. While the comic charms of George Lopez, who plays an undercover FBI agent accompanying Daytona on this dangerous mission to bring Feng to justice via a dangerous underground table tennis tournament that gives a whole new meaning to ‘sudden death’ continue to elude me, not so the stunningly at
ttractive actress Maggie Q. However, while she is quite arresting in the role of Maggie, ping pong princess extraordinary, the love story she is scripted to play opposite Fogler is about as convincing as a George Bush or

Common Comes out
Swaying in
FINDING FOREVER
By JACOB BURTON
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

For me this album should be called Finding an Oasis because that’s what it feels like with the current state of rap feeling much like a desert to me. I’ve had to endure lyrical mimes such as “I’m right cause I’m fly” for too long, so when I hear Common proclaim:

“The un-American idol, tower like the Eiffel
Lean wit it, rock wit it, black like the disciples
Know when to use a bible, and when
to use a rifle
You rap like you should be on the
back of a bicycle
Cought a case of robbery, and ‘Beat
Like Michael
Your career is a typo, mine was writ
ten like a haiku”

It’s like a huge glass of water that was too long coming. The fact that this is the first of the hot Chicago rap trio of Common, Kanye and Lupe being released this year and it makes me optimistic for my rap listening for the rest of the year. Albums by rappers tagged with the “conscious” label are often about as much fun as a civics lesson. Chicago rapper Common has fallen into that trap before, and there’s reason to believe his seventh album would be a snooze. With a range like “Finding Forever” and some cosmic gobbledygoo on the cover, it has all the curb appeal of a collection of Dilated Peoples’ B-sides.

It’s a great surprise, then, to dis
cover “Finding Forever” is not only one of Common’s better efforts, but also one of the year’s sharpest hip-hop releases. Produced in large part by Kanye West, who helmed nine of the 12 tracks, “Finding Forever” forsoaks social soup-boxing for an inviting vibe that will unify both hip-hop heads and casual listeners. There’s plenty here to go around.

Lyrically, Common is in title-fight mode, rolling out both laugh-out-loud punch lines (“she said you know I don’t be dating rappers/ I said I got my SAC card, baby, I’m an actor,” he says in “Break My Heart”) and sharp darts at his competitors (you was better as a drug dealer,” he growls at an anonymous gangsta rapper). And several

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Third Place
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3. Entries can be submitted to Professor Dave Thomas, Rm. 314, John Haus White Center no later than 5 P.M. on October 1.
4. Entries will be judged on creativity, composition and grammatical accuracy.
5. All undergraduate Johnson & Wales students currently enrolled are encouraged to participate.

The winner and his/her family are requested to attend the President's Breakfast at the J&W Inn on Sunday, Oct. 14 to read the winning essay.
Email shalesforjws@jwu.edu with questions.

*Winners and essays are subject to the rules of all university policies, and administrative gifts received in a single contest cannot be awarded. Ongoing competitions are not available for the Fall 2007 activities. The scholarship will be applied to the student's account in their equal disbursements by June during the next academic year.

Johnson & Wales University

Juniors
Fall 2007

Film Series

September 6
Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest

September 13
Ocean's 13

September 20
Knocked Up

September 27
Ratatouille

October 4
Transformers

October 10
Hairspray

October 17
Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix

October 24
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Mind Reader
9pm Pepsi Forum

September 14
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Featuring
Comedian Lee Camp
8pm Bingo.
9pm Comedy Harborside Rec Center

September 26
Battle of the Sexes Game Show
9pm Pepsi Forum

October 10
Comedian Ryan Belleville
9pm Pepsi Forum

October 17
Inspirational Comedian Wendi Fox
8pm Pepsi Forum

October 24
Magician Joel Meyers
9pm Harborside Rec Center

November 7
Comedy Juggler
Josh Casey
9pm Pepsi Forum

For more information call 401-594-4668

Fall 2007
Ideas and Opinions

THE EDITOR’S DESK

Of Military Aide, Land, and Justice

BY PATRICK DVL
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

I think that it is pure lunacy for the US to give such obscene amounts of military aid to Israel, a nation which indiscriminately kills innocent women, children and men, "in response" to the actions of terrorists.

According to the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs on August 8, in an attempt to push Palestinians to abandon land in the Jordan Valley, the Israeli military destroyed two agricultural wells in Burdei and Fush Belj Dajanj villages. Meanwhile, on the same day, four Palestinians, including one child, became homeless after a structure was demolished in Jiftlik village.

This is one of the reasons Islamic Radiicals are able to sway people against the US. This is fodder to them, this backs their cause for personal power. This is why the US is hated.

Israel is trying to gain what they call their "biblical land" that has belonged to Persians and Arabs for centuries. Its time for American citizens to let our government know that we will not support this action.

Not again will we sit by and watch as people are forcibly removed from their lands! Hopefully we have learned enough from our own history that this is not right. We will not support the fear tactics, and human rights abusers perpetuated by Israel on a daily basis. I truly believe that the end does not justify the means.

Everyone has the right to live. Everyone should be able to know they are safe in their homes, if not anywhere else. The world should not let religion and bigotry and fear dictate how we make our decisions. And the world must stand up for what is right, and speak out against injustice.

CONSTITUTION DAY:
Great Idea Wrong Approach

STAFF EDITORIAL

Constitution Day is September 17 and Federal law requires schools to acknowledge its existence every year.

The law establishing the holiday was created in 2004 with the passage of an amendment by Senator Robert Byrd to the Omnibus spending bill of 2004. Before this law was enacted, the holiday was known as “Citizenship Day”.

In addition to renaming the holiday “Constitution Day and Citizenship Day,” the act mandates that all publicly funded educational institutions provide educational programming on the history of the American Constitution on that day. In May 2005, the United States Department of Education announced the enactment of this law and that it would apply to any school receiving federal funds of any kind.

The Byrd Amendment, while perhaps an honest attempt to educate Americans about the Constitution of The United States of America, the foundation of our nation, the holiday reeks of pseudo-patriotism. The law is ineffective at its goal, and a bothersome requirement to school administrators who struggle to engage an apathetic student body.

A cursory glance at the activities calendar at Johnson & Wales University shows no specific Constitution Day activity.

Ask the typical JWU student to name the freedoms granted in the First Amendment and you may get two or three answers, but not all of them.

The holiday needs to be taken seriously, or not at all. Americans need to know their Constitution, and their Constitutionally protected rights. Mandating a holiday is not the way to accomplish this. Overhauling the education system? That could be a good start.

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Quote of the issue...

"The First Amendment, as originally understood, does not protect student speech in public schools."

- Supreme Court Associate Justice Clarence Thomas in his concurring opinion in Morse v. Frederick in which he supports the repeal of Tinker v. Des Moines Indepet. Community School District which protects a student’s right to free speech.
Republican debate while Fred Thompson opts for scripted entry on TV

By LIBBY QUAD
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Eight Republicans argued over the Iraq war and immigration before a crowd of 3,600 New Hampshire voters. Missing in action: actor-politician Fred Thompson, who skipped the debate in favor of announcing his candidacy in the more comfortable setting of late-night TV.

With delight, they zinged him for ducking the debate, their fifth. "Maybe Senator Thompson will be known as the no-show for the presidential debates," former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee said.

"Maybe we're up past his bedtime," joked Arizona Sen. John McCain. (At 65, Thompson is actually six years younger.)

Thompson's accepted announcement appearance on NBC's "The Tonight Show," a commercial and a Web video allowed him to avoid the unscheduled debate, which raised troublesome issues important to conservative primary voters.

How to handle illegal immigrants. Wheth-

er to pass a constitutional amendment say- ing life begins at conception. Whether to sign a no-new-taxes pledge.

These questions, addressed Wednesday by his rivals, await Thompson on the campaign trail.

He begins a tour of early primary states Thursday in Iowa with just two events, a visit to a 10th anniversary gathering and a meet Fred session in the early evening.

Staff upheaval continued at the Thomp-

son campaign with the departure of Mark Corallo, the fourth aide to leave the com-

munication team in the last month. The moves reflect efforts by Bill Lucy, who ran Thompson's 1994 Senate bid, to put his stamp on the presidential campaign.

Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Rom-

ney dumped former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani for the "sanctuary" policy that stopped New York City workers from reporting illegal immigrants. Giuliani ac-

cusedeRomneyof fighting the same poli-

cy in Massachusetts cities while he was governor.

Huckabee called for a "human life" amendment to cut Illegal immigration. McCain and Giuliani refused to make a no-new-taxes pledge, instead citing their records of supporting tax cuts.

Thompson already has raised eyebrows on taxes, traveling last month in Iowa, he refused to rule out raising taxes.

"You can't win a Republican primary for the presidency without clearly stating you're not going to raise taxes," said Pat Toomey, a former Republican congressman from Pennsylvania who heads the anti-tax group Club for Growth. "He's been able to avoid taking a lot of shots."

Thompson's campaign also has stum-

bled, raising less money than expected and weathering a storm of staff depar-

tures amid grumbling about the active role Thompson's wife, Jeri, has played in the formerly unoffical campaign.

"Let's say we chalk it up to working the kinks out," GOP pollster Tony Fabrizio said. "But they have to run a near-perfect campaign from here on out, because they've got a lot of catching up to do."

Now the bar is set high for Thompson, who will be judged on how much money he raises, how his announcement goes and the kind of campaign team he assembles, Fabrizio said.

Initially, Thompson's entry may have the worst impact on Romney and McCain, two leading candidates who have positioned themselves as conservatives seeking a more limited government.

Thompson also is promising to be the same kind of conservative: "A government that is big enough to do everything for us is powerful enough to do anything to us," he said in his campaign announcement.

But there's more to Thompson than his conservative voting record as a senator from Tennessee. As an actor... he plays gruff district attorney Arthur Branch on television's "Law & Order." Thompson has a certain magnetism.

Another magnetic personality, former President Clinton, acknowledged as much Wednesday on CNN's "Larry King Live."

"Because of his movie roles and his tele-

vision roles, he has got a certain owagner," Clinton said. "He is smart. And he knows what to say, and how to say it, to appeal to a certain big swath of the American elec-

trate."

If his campaign gains traction, Thompson could Challenge Giuliani's lead in national polls.

His performance in future debates is equally important. The next opportunity is Sept. 27 in Baltimore, although not all Re-

dublicans have agreed to participate.

"First impressions for Thompson are go-

ing to be absolutely crucial," conservative Republican consultant Greg Mueller said.

"How he does in debates, his first com-

mercial, appearances on major talk shows, how he handles issue questions in the me-

dia," Mueller said. "The first three weeks are going to make or break the Thompson campaign."

By NIKOLO GHOBORIE
STAFF WRITER

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STEVEN HAZEL '99
COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

"I would expand Snowden Dining Hall to make room for the incoming students each year. More and more students are coming to Johnson & Wales, and Snowden is the center of the Donwncity campus."

MAYORIE BAILEY '99
BAKING & PASTRY ARTS

"I would like to see another fitness center."

BRITTANY WALZ '11
FASHION MERCHANDISING

"A new upgraded gym with a pool!"

JASON MARIAHIS '11
CRIMINAL JUSTICE

"A huge student lounge, with a snack bar, a lot of couches, and TVs!"

Our Question This Week:

"If JWU could expand right now downtown, what would you most like to see constructed?"

LADE'ADENI-JOHN '08
ENTREPRENEURSHIP

"A lounge-type chill place!"

Our Question This Week:
Your First Tattoo: Are You Ready?

BY JACOB BORCH
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When I was in my mid-teens, I got my first tattoo. I've never regretted it, but I've never been a big fan of tattoos. I have two tattoos, both of which I regret. They were both small, but they still make me uncomfortable when I see them. I've never been a big fan of tattoos, but I've never regretted getting them. I just wish I had thought more about it before getting them.

Tattoos are not for everyone. They are a permanent part of your body, and they do not go away easily. They are also expensive, and they can be painful to get. I would not recommend getting a tattoo unless you are absolutely sure that you want it. If you are not sure, then you should consider getting a consultation with a tattoo artist to make sure that you are making the right decision.

Getting a tattoo is a big decision, and it is not something that should be taken lightly. It is important to think about the tattoo you want and to make sure that it is something that you will be happy with for a long time. If you are not sure about the tattoo you want, then you should consider getting a consultation with a tattoo artist to make sure that you are making the right decision.

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Faculty and Staff welcome the class of 2011 to the College of Culinary Arts

By John O'Connell
Law Editor

With the last days of summer finally coming to a close, a new year is about to begin at Johnson & Wales bringing with it over 1,000 new freshmen to the College of Culinary Arts. On Monday Sept. 3rd the Class of 2011 officially started their collegiate career here at JWU with their first taste of the next four years with the university's Culinary Arts Program. The day started bright and early for the freshmen as they quickly got acclimated to the strict uniform guidelines that they must adhere to during their tenure with the school. Inspection s were first done by the Culinary Events Teaching Assistants outside of their residence halls then by faculty members before they entered the doors of the Harborplace Reception Center where they were introduced to the staff who will guide them through the next nine months and days.

Chef Kevin Duffy, Dean of Culinary Education at the Providence Campus, urged the incoming freshmen to make the right choices throughout his presentation “Make the right choices during your time here at Johnson & Wales.” Said Duffy; he continued by saying “Leave your attitude at home, come to class humble and hungry.” He also challenged the incoming class to pick the best from their mentors, take as much away as possible, learn from their mistakes and successes.

With that said he passed the microphone onto Paul McVey, Dean of Culinary Aca-
demics, where he introduced the students to their academic careers at JWU. During the slide show, McVey gave the students five rules to live by Rule 1: Don’t cheat yourself, your parents or anyone; Rule 2: Manage your time; Rule 3: Clean your room; Rule 4: Forget about the last rule; and finally Rule 5: Enthusiasm. Respect. With that said, the students were finally given a chance to meet their teachers. The students where given a campus tour and some tips for success by the instructors along with some notes to help ease their transition into their next day of college, the first day of ac-
tual classes. With faces showing both fear and excitement the students departed with their teachers back to the class rooms.

Late night back-to-school buying spree helps boost August sales

By Anne I. Innocenzo
AP Business Writer

Americans returned to the malls in Aug-
ust for a late back-to-school buying spree, helping many retailers rebound from July’s disappointing sales pace. Analysts are still worried that the weakening housing market and higher food and gas prices will curtail shopping in the critical months ahead.

As the U.S. retailers reported better-than-
expected sales results Thursday, winners crossed all sections of the industry and in-
cluded Wal-Mart Stores Inc., Target Corp., Pacific Sunwear of California and Saks Inc. “It certainly looks like the final week and a half in August drove strong back-to-
school apparel selling,” said Ken Perkins, president of RetailMatters LLC, a research company in Swampscott, Massachusetts. “But I am still concerned about going forward. We still have all the macro headwinds.”

According to a survey by Thomson Fi-
nancial, 24 retailers beat projections, while 11 missed expectations.

According to the UBS-International Council of Shopping Centers preliminary tally of 45 stores, August results were up 2.9 percent, compared to the 3.8 percent gain in the year-ago period. The tally is based on same-store sales or sales at stores opened at least year, considered a key bar-
ometer of a retailer’s health. The August results were slightly better than the 2.6 percent pace seen in July but the tone of the retail reports demonstri-
ately improved, according to Michael P. Niemira, chief economist at the Interna-
tional Council of Shopping Centers, who expected no more than a 2.5 percent gain. August’s pace was also better than the 2.3 percent average seen so far this fiscal year, which started in February.

The monthly results were helped by a number of special factors. For one, there’s been a growing trend among schools to start classes later, delaying back-to-school purchasing. Teens usually wait to do most of their shopping until they see their friends are wearing. Last month’s business was also boosted by a shift in a tax-
free sales week to August in two critical states, Florida and Texas. Cooler weather in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic regions also aided sales of fall fashions.

Wal-Mart, the world’s largest retailer, posted a 3.1 percent increase in same-store sales, helped by strong sales of back-to-
school items. The results, which excluded sales of fuel, were better than the 1.5 percent estimate of analysts surveyed by Thomson Financial.

Rival discounter Target also posted strong results, turning in a 6.1 percent gain in same-
store sales, better than the 5.0 per-
cent estimate.

Gap Inc. had a 1 percent drop in same-
store sales, less than the 2 percent analysts expected.

Great question from a critical thinker! While the media or music industry may give you the message that everyone is hav-
ing sex, scientific research says otherwise. The 2006 National College Health Assess-
ment reports 76 percent of college students had 0-1 sexual partners last school year. Surprised? The Hiyecus Network con-
ducted a national survey of over 1,000 college students aged 18-24. They write, “Crazy parties, reckless behavior, one-night stands, unexpected sex... we must be talking about college, right? Maybe not. New research suggests that perceptions of what young men and women think about sex and their sexual behaviors may not reflect reality. Results from the Smarter Sex Survey indi-
icate that students ages 18-24 are taking sex and monogamy seriously. What’s more, the survey also revealed that, contrary to pop-
ular belief, more men than women in this age group say they are virgins. So, what’s really going on behind closed doors?” Like the American College Health Association’s results, the survey reports an average of 1 partner in the last school year.

So, the answer to your question is no - not everyone is doing it - even though it may appear that way. We hear loud about the students who don’t have sex. It’s like alcohol use on college campuses. You may think everyone is out partying, but a sur-
vey done at JW & W last year reported that 70 percent of J&W students drink less than 3 drinks per week. This might surprise you too, but we ask you to keep an open mind.

The real deal is that more students are deciding to postpone intercourse, stay in monogamous relationships, and “male and female participants (89 percent) believe that if a couple decides to become monoga-
mous, they should both be tested for STIs and HIV...” Remember, many STIs have no symptoms, so the only way to know for sure is for both partners to get tested. Health Ed can tell where to go.

Sexual responsibility can mean different things to different people. It might mean abstaining, or always using condoms and birth control, or only having one partner. It might mean getting educated about STIs, HIV, pregnancy, and testing. Or it might be taking care of your friends, making sure they get home safe, and practicing safe to prevent sexual assault. Whatever sexual respon-
sibility is to you, make sure you stick to your plan - respect yourself and protect yourself.

At JWU there are a number of support-
ive services that can help you stay sexually responsible.

Office of Student Health Education, Ted Flee
BCSI, can provide you with information about STIs, birth control, testing referrals, and monogamous relationships. Free to dry to drop by for some quick infor-
mation, or call to make an appointment with one of the very caring professionals. Even if you think you’d like a little more time and privacy - you can even bring your partner! Health Education also offers referral services for female condoms, dental dams, and lubricants.

Look for our fun sex education workshops in your halls or around campus. Get edu-
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