Admissions Raises the Bar; Wants Students to Succeed

By Patrick Dwyer
Editor-in-Chief

Gertrude Johnson and Mary Wales founded Johnson & Wales Business School with one student and one typewriter in an apartment on Hope Street ninety years ago. Since then the university has flourished to include four campuses from Providence, RI, down the east coast to Miami, Florida and as far west as Denver, Colorado. JWU went from that one original student of Ms. Johnson & Ms. Wales to over 16,000 graduate and undergraduate students from all fifty states and eighty-nine countries.

According to Kenneth DiSiaia '87, '92 MBA, Vice President of Enrollment Management, all four JWU campuses combined receive approximately 33,000 applications for admissions annually.

Until this year, admissions counselors would look at each single one of the applications individually to determine if a potential student met JWU’s admissions requirements. High school transcripts were the most telling of a prospective student’s chances for success. However, if students submitted non-required application components like SAT scores, letters of reference and prior work experience, these items were also considered in the decision process.

When the university announced its strategic plan known as FOCUS 2011, admissions policies and procedures were revised.

“We want our graduates to thrive. By enhancing our admissions selectivity we will be giving all students the best possibility to succeed academically and professionally,” said DiSiaia.

The new admissions policy not only takes into account high school academic performance, but other factors such as level of math attainment in high school, class rank, and how well a student did on the math portion of the SAT when answering the question, “Does this student have the best chance of succeeding?”

This fall, Johnson & Wales enrolled 4,700 new students system-wide compared to last year’s freshman enrollment of 5,200. The 500 students who did not enroll this year but might have enrolled just a year ago are the same students who historically might not have graduated from JWU.

While the university would like to see more students enroll, and have more students graduate, all agree that students need to have the right skill sets to succeed in industry. Increasing enrollment standards “enhances our image within the educational community, and increases the value of a JWU degree which benefits current students and alumni” according to DiSiaia.

Affordability is one of the largest concerns regarding higher education globally, and students are graduating, and not graduating in some cases, with ever-increasing amounts of debt. At Johnson & Wales, the university is attempting to lessen student debt by increasing the amount of financial aid and scholarships that are distributed on an annual basis. Financial aid that was previously offered to students with low academic ability is now being given to students who demonstrate a stronger ability to succeed. In fact, the University has also committed an additional $12 million in scholarship aid to help students reduce their debt burden.

The university plans to continue reviewing its admissions practices over the next several years, and reassess policies and standards as the need arises. All of this is in order to better prepare its students for an excellent career, and with a degree that has value and prestige in a business world that grows more competitive with every day.

07 Family Weekend
Brings a Parade of Smiles

By Thomas Conte
Campus News Editor

One Saturday morning, students and parents gathered onto the Hartford campus eagerly waiting to step into the time warp. Sams gusting wind, violent lightning strikes and a whirling cloud of smoke, a large crowd of students and parents were treated to hit music of the decades, entertaining novelties, and fresh food. Courtesy of New Student Orientation, Parent Association, and Office of Student Activities, JWU strolled down memory lane for the 2007 JWU Family Weekend.

Annually, Johnson & Wales University plans and produces an eventful weekend for families to come visit their students and enjoy the entertainment. Each year, Family Weekend is organized around a theme. Last year was “Viva Las Vegas” and in 2005, “Wildcat Safari” had guests monkeying around. This time, all the guests shifted through time to help celebrate the decades. The entertainment kicked off at 11:00 a.m. with a “parade of decades” created by student organizations and clubs. Each group was required to represent a decade with both style and presentation. Some chose to build floats such as Sigma Pi Fraternity and Alpha Sigma Tau Society’s rendition of the Roaring Twenties. Each team was judged by a panel and the top three were awarded cash prizes for the most creative and true to the time. As the parade ended, the DJ turned up the volume and ushered guests under the tent to enjoy some old school jams, like Jimi Hendrix and Journey.

Dining Services provided food fit for a giant BBQ and Fun Enterprises set up stations to create custom licensed plates, application t-shirts and photo framing. The decorations were very colorful. I’m happy the DJ played some classical rock songs, too” stated Freshman Marc Pacula. Psychadelic colors decorated the inside of the tent with tall flower structures, brightly colored balloons and a 1960’s VW Bug cut-out.

Throughout the earlier part of the day, students and parents were also treated to small events located around the Hartside Camp. In front of the Hartside Recreation Center, ice carving skills were shown off by culinary students and professors. With small chainsaws and the right precision, a swan was slowly carved out of a large block of ice. Other culinary artists favored in demonstrating bread baking methods alongside Former "Cheestnuts" Space to Reopen Soon

The Campus Herald/David Cenere

For the past few months, you may have noticed a bit of re-modeling on JWU property. Xavier Courtyard has undergone a bit of landscaping with construction of a brand new, multi-million dollar auditorium in Xavier Hall. Down the block, John Hazen White Center, "Market Place" opened as a new dining center. Right across the street is Cheesemonger, the Unofficial Student Union. Since the end of last year though, it has been boarded up and undergone some interior construction. But soon, light shines in those once boarded up windows and introduces City Burger and Starbucks.

Tentatively, Starbucks open up shop on December 19th with City Burger just four days later on December 14th. The space Cheestnuts once took up will be occupied by both shops. To acquire Starbucks, Johnson & Wales University negotiated and signed a licensing agreement; however, it remains like any other Starbucks down the road. Johnson & Wales students will have some sort of meal option. Also, the entrance to both shops will have separate entrances. Starbucks will be open to students and the public, but City Burger is just for students, faculty, and staff. So it will have a keypad lock, just like every building on the JWU campus.

Matthew Tetzer, the soon to be manager of City Burger, said "City Burger will be a great environment, with a cozy feel and serve high quality food." That cozy feel comes with a brick fireplace to keep the students warm during the coldest months and three 50 inch LCD TV’s with full HD (high definition) satellite. Just in case you missed...
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serving of homemade pizza through a wood fired oven. In the Tyson Amphitheater, Bar- ry Drake visited JWU to present his most popular lecture series encompassing the his- tory of rock ‘n’ roll.

As night fell, the shuffling of cards, the clicking of chips and the occasional scream of joy filled the Harborside Gym. The gym was transformed into a speakeasy, straight out of 1920’s New York, with a cigarette girl on hand and plenty of tables to sit down and try your luck. Casino games like blackjack, poker, and craps were offered for the high stakes individuals while Bingo was set up for those looking for a relaxing time. Guests were also treated to some fine, homemade deserts such as mini pumpkin cheesecake, cream puffs, white chocolate blondies, cookies and other delectables prepared by JWU Baking and Pastry students. Parent, Bernie Lepore, with poker chips in hand said “It was an entertaining night and a great way to visit my daughter at school.”

Family Weekend was the first time New Student Orientation, Parent Association, and Office of Student Activities worked together to plan and organize the weekend activities. “Today’s activities brought great energy, thanks to everyone’s hard work”, Director of New Student Orientation, Jeanine Went said. Thanks to Nancy Hardendorf, Director of Parent Programs, Tanya McGinn, Director of Student Activities, Jeannette Williams, Tyler McClain and all the volunteers who helped see Family Weekend through. Just as Family Weekend was planned to remember the decades, the 2007 JWU Family Weekend will also be remembered.

The Campus Herald/Cynthia Genovese

(Right) A massive tent covered the SAC Parking Lot for family weekend. It was home to food, fun and games.

(Left) Several decades were on display during the parade, here we have our very own Michel Jackson.

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"Professional Development Series: Test Taking Skills"
Tuesday, January 15th - Time and Location TBA

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Safety & Security Blotter

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Monday Oct. 1, 2007 @ 12:00 am: Shooting – Off Campus, near 200 Ohio Avenue, Providence – One male subject was shot and killed while in a vehicle. The Police are investigating.

Tuesday Oct. 2, 2007 @ 11:10am: Sexual Assault – Off Campus, E m p i r e Street – A female student was walking on Empire St. when a male subject held her against a wall and tried to kiss her. The female student was able to free herself and flee from the suspect. Suspect described as a black male, about 6’ tall, thin build, short black hair with a noticeable accent and mohawk on his right cheek.

Thursday Oct. 11, 2007 @ 12:00 am: Robbery – Water Place Par – A male student was walking in Water Place Park when he was assaulted by two male subjects. During the altercation, his iPod and cash were taken. Both suspects were described as black males, about 5’ tall, early 20’s. One suspect was wearing a red hooded sweat shirt with jeans. The second suspect was wearing a black jacket and jeans.

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2182 09/24/07 Brown Wallet Matthew Silva
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Dead for a Day Breathes New Life to Alcohol Awareness Week

BY TRISTAN THOMAS-ALLEN
ASSISTANT EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

I am... Dead for a Day. On October 18th, many students donned black t-shirts with the aforementioned phrase in white writing to represent young people from the Johnson & Wales and surrounding communities who have lost their lives to alcohol. People who wore the t-shirts were supposed to remain silent to represent the voices that were smothered out far too soon as a result of alcohol and reckless behavior. In lieu of speaking, participants in the activity handed out slips of paper with the story of Dead for a Day as well as the story of the deceased person they were memorializing.

That was not the only activity for this year’s Alcohol Awareness Week. In the Xavier Auditorium, JWU students were presented with the story of Meg and John DeCubellis, two Narragansett natives who lost their daughter, Katie, along with Katie’s best friend’s mother, Marsh Bowman, in a car accident caused by a drunk driver.

Very few dry eyes remained in the audience as the DeCubellis’ recalled details from Katie’s life, from the accident, and how the lives of the people left behind have been drastically changed. Katie was a vivacious 13-year-old who went to the Pier School in Narragansett. On October 29, 1999, just a week after her 13th birthday, she and Marsh Bowman were killed in a horrible accident. In the face of such tragedy, her parents have given themselves to the cause of education through the Katie DeCubellis Memorial Foundation, lecturing at countless schools, creating scholarships in Katie’s honor, and distributing their award-winning documentary, “The Deadly Consequences of Drunk Driving” to institutions of higher learning all across the country.

The night wound down when the 200 tearful audience members moved to Gaebe Commons for a candlelight vigil to honor all those who have been lost or who have lost someone as a result of alcohol or substance abuse. White candles were distributed and lit in front of a few speakers, including members of fraternities and sororities who have been impacted by alcohol-related deaths. SPEA Speaker of the Senate Andrew Childers, and Director of Student Activities Tanya McGinn-Paolo. “[The vigil] was very powerful,” said Nekoro Giromise, ‘08, who was one of the silent spectators who wore a “Dead for a Day” shirt. “I’ve never gone through anything like that before”, he said, referring the accident that took the lives of Katie and Marsh. “I am honored that I was able to experience that grieving process with all of my peers.”

“At first I didn’t want to want to be ‘Dead for a Day’ because I didn’t think that I could handle not being able to speak,” said Carlos Morales. “But then I realized how important the demonstration was. Drunk driving affects us all in some way or another, and it was a great feeling to be able to show my support for the cause [of alcohol awareness].”

Alcohol-related deaths are a far-too-common reality for college students. The hope of this Alcohol Awareness Week is to bring to light the dire consequences of what can happen when drinking is combined with a disregard for how it affects not only the drunken person, but the innocent people around them. Katie DeCubellis and Marsh Bowman are just two sad examples of this unfortunate act.

Critical Signs of Alcohol Poisoning

- Mental confusion, stupor, stumbling and slurred speech
- If the person has fallen asleep, that person cannot be woken up
- Vomiting
- Seizures or tremors
- Slow or irregular breathing
- Hypothermia (person has clammy, bluish skin that is cool to the touch)

DO NOT WAIT for any signs to be present. Any one of these signs may be indicative of potentially lethal alcohol poisoning.

Should you suspect that a friend has alcohol poisoning, do not hesitate to call 911 and get help. Remember, even if they are angry with you, it is better to be safe than sorry. Alcohol poisoning can cause irreversible brain damage or even death if it is not treated in a timely manner. No one wants to lose a friend, especially in a way that is so preventable.
Red Bull Soapbox Race

By Jack Butch
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

On a day that the sun shone through the trees and cast shadows through the winding streets of Providence, unusual heroes of soap box racing legend were born at the annual Red Bull Soapbox Derby. Synonymously with "giving you wings" and being the first-of-its-kind energy drink, there was definitely a positive charge in the atmosphere giving the race a flavor of delight. Through perilous turns and dire Straights of speed, these warriors of the handicapped, man- powered race cars guided their mighty contraptions down Waterman Street down Providence's College Hill. Whether it be for the ultimate glory of winning, or just being able to show off their homemade soapbox skills, or even one-of-a-kind skits to bring out a chuckle, there was not a time when the crowd of an estimated 50,000 wasn't entertained. The mayor of Providence even declared the day, October 13th, as soapbox racing day, and before the event came to town, the city was abuzz with excitement and enthusiasm.

The day itself, kicked off around 11 a.m. and featured an entire area, the pits as they call it in stock car racing, filled with the soapbox racers, their soapbox creations and announcer that elevated as the day wore on. Already at that time, Waterman Street and the surrounding blocks were awash with color, from the competing teams to the curious by-stander strolling by. Music resonated from the speakers Red Bull had placed throughout the course while onlookers positioned themselves for the best spots to watch along the hay-bail lined track. Inside the pits, teams passed out flyers, stickers and other commodities to garner cell-phone text votes for a "fan favorite" or just to connect with the fans and share the thrill of participating in such an event. As the time for the first soapbox run to start neared, Red Bull unveiled its opening ceremony with a death-defying stunt from professional skydivers who peripherally parachute down onto a narrow stage of brown grass before the finish line.

As countless soapbox cars lined up at the starting line and progressed on their journey down the treacherous course, they showed their support waving checkered flags, clanking, their boisterous cow-bells and holding up their eye-catching signs which ramped up the passionate cries of others. Ranging from a beaver, to a jousting knight on his mighty steed, to a crustaceous lobster and a Viking ship (nicknamed the "Valhalla Express"), fans were never let down on the sometimes outrageous designs that the teams came up with. At the top of the course, judges for the event sat upon a scaffolding platform, observing each contender's creation. While speed was definitely a deciding factor on the judges' minds, creativity and showmanship ship also played a role. Nonetheless, the spectacular show of auto maneuvering wasn't enough to win over judges, whose coveted perfect tens were hard to come by. Judges on deck included Miss Rhode Island America 2007 Ashley Tickford, rapper and producer Pras from the hip hop trio The Fugees seven-time World Championship medalist gymnast Alicia Sacramone.

In the end, champions were crowned and some soapbox teams never made it too the finish line. The crowd itself was treated to a plethora of entertainment from Red Bull's embroiling of the city through promotion and free merchandise, to the beam- ing personalities of the soapbox racers, to the misfortune crashes and bloopers that doted the course. South Dakota team The Good, The Bad and The Nerdy took first place with their mother- gother theme and oversized calculator, which sped down the Waterman Street course in under 37 seconds navigating the daunting chicane and steep grade at speeds up to 39 mph! Second place went to Deuces Wild, a combination bathtub and toilet car from Swapp's, Mass. Sliding into third place was crowd favorite Team Road Killers, who pumped up the judges and an overwhelming num- ber of die-hard fans with their Red Skin themed car. Valhalla Express, the team of high school teachers from Massachusetts, took home the People's Choice Award with the most text votes of the day. The team's boxes of student fans in homemade helmets helped win the hearts of Providence.

Rowling Outs Dumbledore

By Patrick Dwyer
Editor-at-Large

Last Friday night while appearing before a full house at Carnegie Hall, Harry Potter creator and author J.K. Rowling, in response to a question, confirmed rumors about the beloved Albus Dumbledore, minister wizard and Headmaster of Hogwarts and teasing him out of the closet faster than you can say "Cher".

She was asked by one young fan whether Dumbledore finds "true love." "Dumbledore is gay," the author responded, "just to get a laugh and applause." She then explained that Dumbledore was smitten with rival Grindelwald, whom he defeated long ago in a battle between good and bad wizards. "Falling in love can blind us to an extent," Rowling said of Dumbledore's feelings, adding that Dumbledore was "heavily, terribly laid down.

Dumbledore's love, she observed, was "great tragedy." "Oh, my god," Rowling concluded with a laugh, "the fan fiction." Potter readers on fan sites and elsewhere on the Internet have speculated on the sexuality of Dumbledore, noting that he has no close relationship with women and a mysterious, troubled past. Explicit scenes with Dumbledore already have appeared in fan fiction.

Rowling told the audience that while working on the planned sixth Potter film, "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince," she spotted a reference in the script to a girl who once was of interest to Dumbledore. A note was duly passed to director David Yates, revealing the truth about her character.

Not everyone likes her work, Rowling said, likely referring to Christian groups that have alleged the books promote witchcraft. Her news about Dumbledore, she said, will give them one more reason.

There has so far been no response from extreme conservative Christians on the topic. In the documentary film "Jesus Camp," Camp/Ministry director Becky Fischer loudly proclaims that, "We do not make he- roes of Warlocks," and goes on to speculate in front of a group of young children, that if they were alive "in the bible days" it would be their job to kill Harry Potter. One can only imagine what her response to this new Potter twist will be.

Rowling, finishing a brief "Open Book Tour" of the United States, her first tour here since 2000, also said that she regarded her Potter books as a "prolonged argument" and solicited and urged fans to "ques- tion authority."
INTO THE WILD

BY JACK BURCH
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Based on the non fiction book by Jon Krakauer, Sean Penn's "Into The Wild" traces the life of Christopher McCandless, a college graduate who gave it all up (edu-
cation, career and family) to pack up and go "Into The Wild". The film plays like a
fairy tale in which the protagonist, Christo-
pher (Emile Hirsch) takes a journey where
he meets an assortment of people in order
to learn how to love and hence be comfort-
able with himself and life once again.

Penn's film is remarkably thorough in
establishing the basis for the man's ac-
tions. His abandonment of civilization is
at first traced to be due to his feuding
parents (disturbingly portrayed by William
Hurt and Marcia Gay Hardin). But other
factors include his loss of identity as a bat-
tard child (his mother never married but
remained the mistress) and especially his
shier love for being out in the open. His
excursions on a kayak, riding free of trains
and love for nature are indicative of the
fact. His destruction of his identification
is questioned when he suddenly adopts the
name of Alexander Supertramp. But Penn
shows that this young man is not easily or
meant to be understood. What is amazing
is the way Alex learns himself and teaches
those he meets during his odyssey leading
to Alaska.

Though his tale is sometimes a meaner-
ing one with highs of laughter and lows of
tears and hardship, Penn often allows his
actors a free hand to do their thing. Vince
Vaughn in particular hams up in his scenes.
But it is in the controlled ones that the film
is most effective. The discussion on life
with his adoptive grandfather (the excel-
lent Hal Holbrook not seen in films for
almost a decade) and Alex's brush with a
grizzly are examples. One flaw of "Into
The Wild" is that the assembly of the flash-
backs (the time reference being the time
Alex sets up home in the magic bus) is at
times clumsy -- though the sequence of the
journey is summarized near the end. Still,
"Into The Wild" is one of the best road
films made in a long time. That gets better
on second viewing. The music and songs
by Eddie Vedder (lead singer of Pearl Jam)
is amazingly appropriate and glides the
film along.

Penn's hero often takes the guise of a
rroadside Jesus; bringing love to troubled
couples, warmth to lonely old men and
abstaining from sex with a young vixen (Kristen Stewart) in lieu of enlightenment.
McCandless might have been this prophet-
ically good man in the woods, but he was also
a blue-ribbon loon with parental issues.
Immersed in hippie drivel and online cults,
McCandless' complexity is never fully di-
vulged in Penn's narrative, which is both an
advantage and a hindrance. On the plus,
it keeps the film jumpy and kinetic. On the
negative, we'll probably never understand
McCandless; maybe we weren't supposed
to.

Top 10 Pop Singles

This Week Last Week
1. Soulja Boy ....................................No. 1
   "Crack That (Soulja Boy)"
   (Cillic/Park)
2. Kanye West "Stronger" (Roc-A-Fella/Def Jam)
   (No. 2
3. Britney Spears ..................................No. 68
   "Gimme More" (Roc-A-Fella/Def Jam)
   (Mosley/Blackground)
   (No. 3
5. Fergie "Big Girls Don't Cry"
   (will.Liam/A&M)
6. Timbaland feat. OneRepublic "Apologize"
   (Mosley/Blackground)
   (No. 22
7. J. Holiday "Bed" (Music Line)
   (No. 3
8. Feist "1, 2, 3, 4" (Cherrytree/Polydor)
   (No. 28
   "Let It Go" (Imani)
   (No. 7
10. Collie Buddz "Bubbly" (Universal Republic)
    (No. 10

Top 10 Albums
1. Rascal Flatts new entry
   "Still Feels Good" (Lyric Street)
2. Keyshia Cole new entry
   "Just Like You"
   (Confidential/Iman/Geffen)
3. Foo Fighters new entry
   "Echoes, Silence, Patience & Grace"
   (Roswell/RCA)
4. JILL Scott new entry
   "The Real Thing: Words and Sounds Vol. 1"
   (Hidden Beach)
5. Kanye West "Graduation" (Roc-A-Fella/Def Jam)
6. Reba McEntire new entry
   "Reba Duets" (MCA Nashville)
7. Soundtrack "High School Musical 2"
   (Walt Disney)
8. Jagged Edge new entry
   "Baby Makin' Project (So So Def/Islnd Urban)
9. 9, 50 Cent (Shady/Aftermath/Interscope)
   "Curtis"
10. Kenny Chesney new entry
    "Just Who I Am: Poets & Pirates"
    (BNA)

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**Thursday October 25**

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**Harry Potter: Order of the Phoenix**

**FRIDAY OCTOBER 26**

Come hear Valerie Tutson as she tells spooky stories around the camp fire and enjoy sweet snacks - all for free!

8pm Harborside Rec. Center
2nd Floor

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**Wednesday Oct. 24**

From world class sleight of hand with regular playing cards, to levitating tables and voodoo dolls, to pulling a ten foot pole out of a tiny lunch sack, this is a presentation you will never forget.

9pm Harborside Recreation Center

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STUDENT ACTIVITIES

JACK-O-LANTERN SPECTACULAR

SATURDAY OCTOBER 27
Witness a remarkable display of professionally carved pumpkins along with special lighting, musical themes, and over 150,000 lbs. of jack-o-lanterns!
Bus leaves from Harborside at 5:45pm and Gaebe at 6pm - $10 per student
Tickets available at Student Activities Box Office

WITCHES WOODS
SATURDAY OCTOBER 27
Deep in the woods of Nashoba Valley there lies a dark secret. Visit a real life haunted house!
Bus depart from Harborside at 5:45pm and Gaebe at 6pm
$10 per student
Tickets available at Student Activities Box Office

SPOOKY BINGO

Monday October 29
Come win spooktacular prizes and enjoy a fun-filled evening!
8pm Harborside Rec. Center 2nd floor

PROVIDENCE GHOST TOURS

Tuesday October 30
A walking haunted history tour of the East Side of Providence - 55 per student
Tickets available at Student Activities Box Office
Ideas and Opinions

The Editor's Desk

Taxes - hope for all

By Patrick Dyl
Editor-in-Chief

"In this world nothing is certain but death and taxes." - Benjamin Franklin

Society cannot exist without government, and government cannot exist without taxes. American tax dollars pay for every expense our government incurs, from multi-billion dollar weapons systems to the insignificant cost of post it notes.

It's also no secret that the gap between the rich and the poor continues to widen and that the cost of living is on the rise. More and more American families are finding it difficult to pay for education, food, fuel, and the other essentials of life.

In the United States we have a long tradition of progressive taxes; simply put, people with higher incomes pay a higher percentage of taxes than those with low incomes. It's quite simple, really.

The rich have benefited most from the Bush tax cuts. As a result, the distribution of wealth in the U.S. is polarizing. Ten to fifteen percent of our population has just been written off. These are the poor, largely minority people with the worst schools, the worst health care, substandard nutrition, dangerous neighborhoods, shorter life spans, destructive under and unemployment and no real hope to achieve their own piece of "The American Dream". Even members of the so-called middle class are watching their savings and earnings shrink while those of the rich continue to grow.

The right wing and neoconservatives speak of a trickle down effect in which savings and wealth slowly work their way down to help the working class and the poor. This myth is perpetuated more than that of the Tooth Fairy or of the Easter Bunny.

The right wants us to stand docilely by while the very rich get richer. Who do the large CEOs and manipulators of money benefit other than themselves? In our global economy, do they care about the average American worker or the unemployed? If you think they do, perhaps you need to reassess your belief.

Those who think the rich will help the poor need only to look at any Latin American country, where the few rich who control the governments live in huge guarded mansions behind large walls tucked with razor wire, while the majority of the people live in shanty towns, many without running water and other amenities; all without hope for a better future.

Yes, America does need to reassess how the rich are taxed; not by decreasing their tax rates, but by bumping them up a few percentage points. With U.S. occupations in the Middle East projected to cost us tens if not hundreds of trillions of dollars, we need more money than ever before. Not for the war. Not for immense no-bid contracts for well-connected companies doing work in the Middle East. For our own social programs—to feed the hungry, heal the sick and protect our citizens from crime.

Reassessing the welfare system and infusing it with even more resources is an urgent task. I get pissed off when I see low life scumbags abusing the welfare system; then I see a single mother of two, working hard to make ends meet, needing a little extra help; then I remember how badly we need such a system.

The rich will not be in danger of living in ghettos or falling to the ills of society if we increase their tax rates. It is, in fact, their duty to help those less fortunate so that everyone has a chance to achieve their own American Dream.

Quote of the issue...

"America is living a nightmare with no end in sight."

Retired Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, former commander in Iraq, in a speech on the Bush administration's "desperate" surge strategy, which he says will not achieve long-term stability in the country.

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Madness in the Middle East

By Otto Neubauer
Ideas & Opinions Editor

Article I, Section 8 of the US constitution outlines the powers of Congress. Nowhere in the Constitution is Congress granted the power to pass judgment on acts committed by other countries halfway around the world decades ago. Yet that's just what Congress wants to do. On October 10, the House Foreign Affairs Committee approved a resolution criticizing Ottoman Turks for killing an estimated 1.5 million Armenians around 1915.

On the surface, this resolution seems like a good thing to do—calling genocide what it is. But a dose of realpolitik reveals the folly of this resolution. Nearly every country in the Middle East hates the US and the Western culture we represent. There are a few notable exceptions. One is Jordan, a comparatively liberal country nearly land-locked in the heart of the action. Neighbor- ing Israel, Syria, Saudi Arabia and Iraq, Jordan is a critical barrier protecting our only ally in the region from the radical Muslim nations.

Then there's Turkey. Located between Europe and the Middle East, Turkey is a mix of Western democracy and Muslim fundamentalism—a Muslim democracy. As we're trying to create a similar governmental structure in Iraq, it won't do to upset the Turks—which brings us to the pending resolution.

Passing this resolution will greatly detract from US efforts in Iraq. Even sending it out of House committee—only the first of the many steps necessary for passage—has provoked Turkey to approve the use of military force against Kurds along its border with Iraq. Turkey has threatened to cut off our access to a crucial air base, through which ninety-five percent of our mine-resistant, ambush protected vehicles pass. Defense Secretary Robert Gates put it bluntly: the resolution "has potential to do real harm to our troops in Iraq and would strain—perhaps beyond repair—our relationship with a key ally in a vital region and in the wider war on terror."

For anyone to support this resolution, knowing the harm it would do to our cause, is nothing short of treason.
The Libertarian Idea

By OTTO NEUBAuer
Ideas & Opinion Editor

Many political issues are clearly moral in nature. One readily apparent example is abortion—those who oppose it do so because they believe a fetus is a human being with human rights, while pro-choice advocates believe the fetus is not a conscious being; accordingly, they see efforts to ban abortion as infringements upon a woman’s right to privacy within her own body.

Other issues are seemingly unrelated to morality—for instance, economic issues such as minimum wages and tax rates. Many of us default to utilitarian criteria on these issues; this results in "progressive" economic policies. Tax rates upwards of thirty-five percent for those in the highest brackets, while poorer citizens get more in welfare benefits than they ever pay; Sure—from a utilitarian perspective, such policies benefit more citizens than they harm, so they are automatically justified. Minimum wages? Absolutely—after all, we’re helping out the little guy, and small businesses can afford to pay more.

This commonly accepted idea—that individual rights consist of civil liberties but not economic ones—is fundamentally flawed. Ultimately, economic liberties are civil liberties—there is no way to distinguish the two.

Take free speech as one of many examples. As a right protected under the First Amendment, courts go out of their way to allow almost all speech, even when such speech can legimately be prohibited. For example, in the recent Morse v. Frederick decision, the Supreme Court ruled in favor of common sense in sanctioning a principal’s decision to confiscate a banner reading "BONG HITS 4 JESUS" that students held up at the Olympic torch was passing by. We can be thankful President Bush appointed Justices Roberts and Alito; otherwise, the Supreme Court may have affirmed the decision of the circuit court, which ruled that as long as they didn’t promote illegal activity (and according to "BONG HITS 4 JESUS" was not promoting drug use), the students could have waved whatever banner they wanted.

But put your money where your mouth is, and watch out—the Federal Election Commission will have a lawsuit your way faster than an ACLU attorney running to a Nazi rally. Politically active citizens who try to exercise their free speech rights by publishing advertisements criticizing politicians are subject to restrictive federal campaign finance limits. Thanks to McCain-Feingold, it is now illegal to run advertisements during election season asking candidates to support or oppose specific legislation. For example, if a group of JWU students were to put together and advertise a petition asking Senators Reid and Whitehouse to privatize Social Security (so we don’t get stuck with the bill for a retirement system we’ll never get), we could be sued. It would be illegal.

Nazis and pedophiles can speak freely without any consequences, but political speech is prohibited if amplified via paid media? I’m sure that’s not what the Founding Fathers meant when they drafted the First Amendment. More to come next week.

Pre-Election Possibilities

By OTTO NEUBAuer
Ideas & Opinion Editor

Presidential possibility Mitt Romney (R-MA) is in town in Detroit, Michigan. After attending Stanford University for four quarters, he performed missionary work in France for two and one-half years. Upon his return, Romney studied at Brigham Young University, Harvard Law School and Harvard Business School.

After losing the 1994 campaign for United States Senate to incumbent Senator Ted Kennedy, Romney operated an investment firm until 1998, when he was hired as CEO of the 2002 Olympic Winter Games held in Salt Lake City. Despite facing a $379 million operating deficit, Romney turned around the Olympics to net a $100 million profit.

In 2002, Romney was elected Governor of Massachusetts, defeating Democrat Shannon O’Brien. As Governor, Romney turned a $1.2 billion budget deficit to a $780 million surplus. However, Romney has been criticized for supporting tax increases of over $781 million per year. Romney has also been criticized for signing a healthcare reform law mandating all Massachusetts residents to purchase healthcare insurance.

As a candidate, Romney leads polls in key primary states such as Iowa and New Hampshire, and takes third nationally. Romney raised $10 million in the third quarter, falling just behind Rudy Guiliani’s $15 million; however, Romney contributed $8.5 million of his own cash, bringing his personal contributions to his campaign to $17.5 million.

Our Question This Week:

"What Residence Hall do you live in? What do you like and/or dislike about living on campus?"

By NERKO GICOMBE
Staff Writer

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Dining Services addresses ID Frustrations

By JOHN O’CONNELL
LIFE EDITOR

Just imagine going five days without eating a proper full meal. Unfortunately, that is what Ayla Burpee ‘11 and many other students experienced during their second week of school. But why such a hunger strike? Was it to lose weight? Were they doing this to bring awareness to world hunger? What would drive someone to put their body through that? The answer is quite simple: they couldn’t swipe their student ID cards.

"It really sucked not being able to eat," said Burpee. "I was told to go to Paramount but after they supposedly fixed it the card still didn’t work and was told I wasn’t allowed to eat." This scenario also happened to other students like Matt Georgiana ‘10 whom it took four tries at Paramount and Dining Services before his ID card finally worked.

"It was ridiculous that my ID didn’t work after they fixed it four times. You’d think it would be once and done," said Georgiana.

So what caused this serious problem? Dennis Sterlacuci, Director of Dining Services at the Providence Campus said "Because of the change over from students switching to commuter or students switching halls plus the addition of new students the ID printing was overworked and some cards weren’t encoded correctly." He also added that the printers are automatically encoding instead of the old manual encoding printers that we used to have. So what is Dining Services doing to solve this problem?

"Three weeks ago we placed ID encoders at all the Residence Halls and Dining Halls so we can fix the problem right away. We have also opened our offices on Friday and Saturday to make it easier for students to get the cards fixed," said Sterlacuci.

There are also two current locations that you can get your ID fixed which many students didn’t know.

"Most of the Dining Halls reported kids coming in and saying that they already went down to get it fixed," said Sterlacuci. "But the truth is probably some of those kids didn’t take the time to go to Paramount (Harborside campus) or the Richmond Building (Downcity)." As you can see, Dining Services is doing everything it can to help out the customers. "We don’t want to put the students (the customer) at an inconvenience with their ID cards not working." Students also must keep in mind that this is a fairly new machine and there will be "hiccups" in the system. "We are trying to get away from using the keyboard system by typing in the J number. Not only does it back up the system, but it also backs up the line at the Dining Halls," said Sterlacuci.

In response to not using the J number to swipe kids in to get their meals, Dining Services also provides reminders regarding ways that ID cards can be demagnetized or inoperable. Students should keep these things in mind as they assist everyone in the long run.

"Try not to bend the ID. If it is bent too much, the magnetic strip inside the card will be broken. 2. Try to keep your ID away from your cell phone or computer. Too much contact could demagnetize the card as well.

Thankfully, Sterlacuci reported that no serious problems occurred since the initial problems during the first two weeks of school.

If students do have issues with their ID card they should visit one of the two Dining Services locations - Paramount on the Harborside Campus or Richmond on the Downcity campus or call Dining Services at 598-1433 or e-mail Chef Sterlacuci at dsterlacuci@jwu.edu.

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Get Your Senior Portrait!

We will be taking photos on the following dates:

Thursday, November 1
Friday, November 2
Monday, November 5
Tuesday, November 6
Wednesday, November 7
Thursday, November 8
Friday, November 9

The Yearbook is currently taking pictures for the 2008 yearbook.

If you are graduating this year with a bachelors degree or are a non-returning associates candidate please schedule your appointment now!

You can schedule your appointment by logging onto WWW.OURYEAR.COM, entering school code 249.

You can also call 1-800-OUR-YEAR (687-9327), during normal business hours, to schedule an appointment.

When you schedule your appointment, you will receive complete information on how to prepare for your portrait sitting and other pertinent information.

We will be taking pictures at the Career Conference!

Kill two birds with one stone!
Phytochemicals: Nature's Remedy for Human Diseases

By Nicholas Oehlberg
Staff Writer

Have we been wondering about the buzz over why tomatoes can prevent prostate cancer? How about the benefit of garlic lowering cholesterol? If you would like to understand the plethora of benefits that plants such as fruits, vegetables, grains, and legumes have other than vitamins and minerals then an explanation of phytochemicals will clear up the confusion.

Phytochemicals are plant-derived chemicals that are not essential nutrients in the human diet but are believed to have beneficial health effects. The activities of these chemicals are measured by ORAC (Oxygen Radical Absorbance Capacity). This means that when these foods are exposed to free radicals and have a higher ability to destroy them, the more phytochemicals are present that food. Free radicals are chemicals that are brought into the body from stress, poor immune system, and radiation. These chemicals damage cells in the human body and force the DNA to create cancer.

Antioxidants destroy free radicals to prevent cancer and abnormal cell growth. Chocolate has the highest activity of these phytochemicals followed by blueberries, coffee, green tea, and pomegranates. If you're wondering why you should eat these foods, then consider the following.

The next group is phytoestrogens, which mimic the female hormone, estrogen. The three sub-categories of phytoestrogens are isoflavones, lignans, and coumestrol. There are four main isoflavones: genistein, daidzein, formononetin, and biochanin. These are broken down by bacteria in the colon and help women especially who are experiencing menopause.

The last group is carotenoids which are comprised of lycopene, alpha-carotene, and beta-carotene. These phytochemicals have anti-inflammatory properties. As mentioned, lycopene can reduce the risk of prostate cancer. Since everyone knows that many students at Johnson & Wales loves to smoke, eating large doses of alpha-carotene can greatly reduce the risk of lung cancer (although you might as well quit smoking because it is known to increase the risk of 12 different types of organ cancers). Carrots are the best source for alpha and beta-carotene.

All of these phytochemical-laden foods have been studied over long periods of time through case studies and have been proven to reduce risk to many diseases. However, there are other factors such as smoking, exercise, and genetics which can increase or decrease the risk of disease. The upper limits and the minimal amounts of phytochemicals necessary for the benefit of human health are still being discussed but by eating foods with the right balance, moderation, and variety people can live long, happy and healthy lives.

FREE MENINGITIS VACCINE

Downlow Health Services
Xavier Residence Hall Basement
598-1190

Harborside Health Services
1st Floor Student Services Complex
598-1111

"Recent studies show that certain college students, particularly freshmen living in dormitories, have a sixfold increased risk for meningitis. Cases of meningitis among teens and young adults — 15-25 years of age, the college student — have the bacteria that cause meningitis in the United States."

-American College Health Association

JWU Health Services strongly recommends that students receive the vaccine. Students can receive free vaccine just by dropping in to see Health Services. Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thrift

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Wildcat Watch
The Athletic Week in Review from Johnson & Wales University

By Dan Booth
DIRECTOR OF ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS

VOLLEYBALL
Oct. 14 - won vs. Roger Williams, 3-0
Oct. 14 - won vs. Salve Regina, 3-1
Oct. 14 - won vs. Rhode Island College, 3-0 (won Rhody Four Tournament)

The Wildcats have won 12 of their last 14, including a first place finish when they hosted the Rhody Four tournament this past Sunday. The team is undefeated in conference play and sits tied for first place in the league standings. Senior Kelle Pflaumer (Cincinnati, Ohio) leads the team with 3.21 kills per game and is adding one dig and 0.6 blocks per game. Sophomore Ashley Constantino (Marion, N.J.) is adding 2.70 kills and 2.5 digs per game for the Wildcats. Junior Audra Vaccari (Winsted, Conn.), the GNAC Player of the Week on Oct. 8th has tallied 10.15 set assists and is adding 2.5 digs and 0.9 service aces per game on the year while fellow senior Ramona DiFilippo (Gulloway, N.J.) has a team-best 4.3 digs per game.

WOMEN’S SOCCER
Oct. 8 - lost vs. Simmons, 2-1
Oct. 10 - lost vs. Eastern Connecticut, 9-0
Oct. 13 - lost vs. Norwich, 4-0
Freshman Melissa Knoe (Covington, R.I.) leads the team in scoring with three goals and two assists for eight points while fellow rookie Angella Cazzato (Rensselaer, N.Y.) has added two goals and two assists for six points on the year. Nine different players have scored goals this season for the Wildcats while 11 players have registered at least one point. Sophomore Kasee Nast (Quakertown, Pa.) has posted a 2.74 goals against average and a .831 save percentage this season for the Wildcats.

WOMEN’S TENNIS
Oct. 6 - won vs. St. Joseph of Conn, 9-0
Oct. 13 - won at Albertus Magnus, 9-0
Junior Jessica Flammia (Clark, N.J.) leads the team in victories with a 5-1 mark in singles play and an 8-3 mark in doubles action. Freshman Melissa Engel (Traverse City, Mich.) is 5-1 in singles play and 6-1 in doubles while fellow rookie Jenna Mastromarino (Peabody, Mass.) has a 7-3 mark in singles play on the season. Overall, the Wildcats have a 42-17 record in singles matches with a 23-6 mark in doubles play on the year.

EVENING THING
Oct. 13 - 1st at 7 of Williams Invitational
The JWU “B” boat with sophomore Andre Martinez and freshman Junior Naomi Serrano (Brooklyn, N.Y.) finished the day with three first place finishes. The Wildcats “A” team of freshman Andrew Garcia (Miami, Fla.) and fellow rookie Holly Murphy (LaFayette, Ore.) finished a pair of first place finishes on the day with the team finishing 3rd place better than third place in any race on the day.

GOLF
Oct. 6 - 7th at ECAC Championship
Freeman Ryan Myers (Foxboro, Mass.) leads the team on the year with a 76.8 strokes per round average to pace the Wildcats after finishing tied for 19th at the ECAC Championship. Fellow rookie Steve Le- Donnel (Rehoboth, Mass.) is averaging 77.5 strokes per round while fellow Richard New- comb (Quincy, Mass.) is averaging 79.5 per round for the Wildcats this year.

MEN’S CROSS COUNTRY
Oct. 13 - 7th at Plimalka Invitational
Leading the way for the JWU men’s cross country team once again was freshman James Vance (Newton, Mass.) who placed 74th with a time of 20:04 while sophomore Nick Oshberg (Princeton, N.J.) was 90th with a time of 21:42.

CAN YOU DIG IT? JWU WOMEN’S VOLLEYBALL IS A

By Nicholas Ricciaridelli
STAFF WRITER

Pass, set, spike, pass, set, spike. Easy game, right? No chance in the world! For those of you who have played volleyball you know it is a lot harder than it seems. But from watching the Johnson and Wales Women’s Volleyball team you wouldn’t think so. This team practices and plays volleyball countless hours a week to be perfect. And perfect they are in conference (7-0) thus far. Even after watching their practice I was tired. They push themselves to the limit with every play, and every drill. There is no question that they didn’t “leave it all on the court”. It seems that the only thing these girls try harder than volleyball is academics. A strong emphasis on hard work on academics, and volleyball is the core of this team.

“We came in August to strive to be the best academically, the best athletically, the best we could be at everything,” said senior setter Audra Vaccari. The dedication to this team is evident. They come from all over, west coast, east coast, and everywhere in between. Though they are far apart geographically they are very close. All three senior captains, Audra Vaccari, Keila Rocon and Ramona DiFilippo, all feel as if this is their second family. This closeness is very important to the team as they sacrifice much to achieve their goals. These girls have a team rule no drinking 48 hours before any match or practice, and they also lose much time making friendships because of practice, and games. While the bond between athletes on the same team is often strong, this one is much stronger than average. For the volleyball teams, communication is very important, yet is the weakness of many good teams. This team however has great communication, they always know where each other are, and makes even broken plays work great. "MINE?" "HERE!" "SETTER OUT!" "FOUR" "LINE!" are just a few of the things yelled on a play. This has helped the team start off on their great 7-0 record, and will need to play a major role if they plan to finish the season undefeated.

Some of their major goals this season are to win the GNAC, and advance to the NCAA Tournament, and to have a team GPA of over 3.0. Right now they are 7-0 in conference, and are second only to Emerson who is a perfect 10th in conference. They play on October 25th, at Emerson in downtown Boston. They all feel that they have a good chance of staying undefeated in conference, and hope to win the GNAC tournament. Some of the reasons they are doing so well this year is that they did well in the past. Everyone on this team has made it deep into the GNAC tournament for all of their years. They have had one final, and two semi-finals appearances over the last three years. Building on top of that, they gained some great height with the freshmen. The captains agreed that they had problems with height last year, and feel that they now have an advantage with height over a lot of games this year.

While most of our athletic teams struggle, this team is thriving. They seem to get better with every game, and are doing very well. A lot of the players respect the coach very much, and respect each other. So I suggest that you check out this team if you want to see the best of Johnson & Wales athletics.

When I asked the captains if they had a team philosophy they said in unison, "Excuses are a waste of time." This no nonsense team motto makes it clear, if you come here to play, you are going to put in strong leader- ship and close as family bonds this team is going places. If you want to watch your great women’s volleyball team, check their schedule at: www.jwu.edu/prov/athletics/volleyball/women/.