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Wahoo Draws Over 2500

By Otto Neubauer
Assistant Editor-in-Chief

Over 2500 students attended the Wildcat Wahoo carnival, held in the parking lot behind the Harborside Recreational Center on Saturday, May 3.

The event, which began at 2:00 P.M., featured seven carnival rides, including bumper cars and a multiple story slide.

Upon entering, students were given tickets good for food and various novelties.

One popular novelty station featured artists painting towles with people's names.

At another station, other artists drew cartoons on trucker hats for students.

Yet another station printed custom bumper stickers.

Eight food stands were spread throughout the Wahoo, offering pizza, french fries, cotton candy, fried dough and other carnival foods in exchange for food tickets.

Students could get all the soda and water they could drink from several locations.

A band played popular music in one corner of the lot, while students mounted the stage to sing along.

At one station, students could play a racing video game.

The boy and girl with the fastest time recieved prize packages.

The weather at the Wahoo was less than stellar.

The sun was nowhere in sight, and there were puddles of standing water around the lot.

As 6:00 neared, students migrated to the main entrance to the Harborside Recreational Center in anticipation of the concert.

Students who had been waiting for an hour were pushed against the doors as a crowd gathered.

Finally, as the doors opened, students rushed into the gym to the sound of popular hip-hop tunes.

Top: Students make the best of overcast skies and puddles of water at the Wahoo carnival.
Middle: Students gather prior to the start of the concert.
Bottom: Yung Joc entertains the crowd.

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Concert Fills Gym to Capacity

By Otto Neubauer
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The Wildcat Wahoo concert attracted over 2,500 students, leaving many stranded outside after the room was filled to capacity.

Before the concert began, several student groups performed dance routines.

However, as the routines were performed at the side of the room, few could actually see them.

After the routines concluded, Yung Joc took the stage.

Several students were escorted out of the concert within the first few songs for being out-of-control.

On balance, however, behavior at the 2008 Wahoo was much better than at the previous year's, at which a student who refused to cooperate with Safety & Security was maced.

Several students expressed disappointment that Yung Joc's performance included few songs he had written himself.

His performance lasted less than thirty minutes, apparently due to technical difficulties.

After Yung Joc exited the stage, Dashboard Confessional began their portion of the concert.

Wahoo Facts:

8 Hours
2,500+ Students
7 Rides
8 Food Stands
5 Novelties

Wildcat Wahoo Photos

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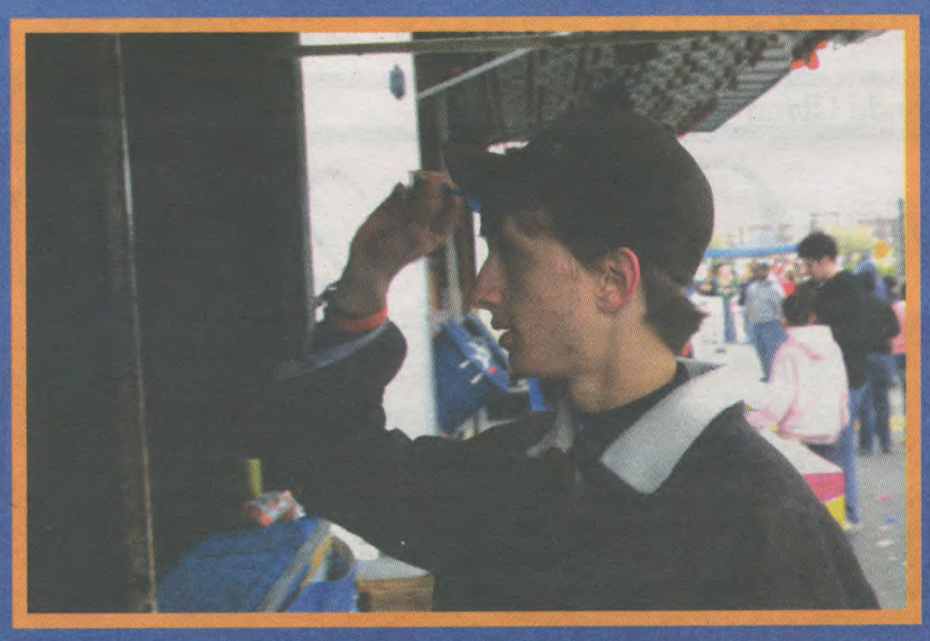

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Campus News

Safety & Security Update

Assault / Off Campus Apr. 20, 2:23 AM

One male subject was observed striking another male subject and continued assaulting him while he was down on the ground at the Johnson's Lot entrance across from the entrance to Xavier Academic.

Providence Police and Campus Safety & Security were dispatched and learned that the assailant fled the area.

The non-student victim suffered a head injury.

People in the area did not provide any further details to the police.

Suspect was described as a black male, wearing a white t-shirt, dark pants, and white sneakers.

Arrest / Off Campus Apr. 23, 10:34 AM

Inactive student arrested and charged with a narcotics violation.

Arrest / Off Campus Apr. 25, 12:08 AM

Three resident students issued summonses for alcohol violations.

Arrest / Renaissance Apr. 27, 7:20 PM

Resident student arrested and charged with a narcotics violation.

If you have any further information regarding these incidents, please contact the Crime Prevention Unit. (401) 598-2947

Crime Prevention Tips

Be aware of your surroundings at all times, particularly late at night.

Remember to secure your vehicle properly; close all windows and lock the doors.

Do not leave small valuable items in plain view in your vehicle, including charger cords and mounting hardware.

'Green' Legislation Grows in State Senate After Report

By Alexander Roehrkasse
The Brown Daily Herald (Brown U)

In January, the Rhode Island Senate Policy Office issued a report outlining the state's progress in environmental stewardship and the challenges it still faces on that front. Now the state senate is seeing a flurry of bills designed to tackle those challenges.

The report identified several critical areas for improvement such as recycling, transportation, the health of Narragansett Bay and investment in existing infrastructure and green building design.

But the report also noted that Rhode Island already has a bit to brag about: The state has the lowest per capita energy consumption in the nation and ranks 48th in per capita carbon emissions.

"There's plenty that's good to report," said senate spokesman Greg Pare. "There's also some concerns, and some of our major initiatives this year are interconnected with the findings in that report," he said.

Currently before the senate are several bills that would address the state's poor recycling record. One bill would place a redeemable tax of five cents on bottles. Another intends to expand a system of staggered trash, cardboard and glass collection that has had success in Woonsocket, Pare said.

The report found that recycling efforts in Rhode Island capture only 15 to 20 percent of the total municipal waste the state generates - less than 10 percent in Providence. 61 percent of that waste is considered recyclable, according to the report.

Pare noted that recycling in the private sector is even more "abysmal" - about 3 percent.

As for transportation efforts, Rhode Island college students can help to improve the state's commuting habits by making use of the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority's new UPASS Program, which allows students from 16 campuses, including Brown, to ride the bus for free. Universities pay for those rides, Pare said, but slated legislation aims at eliminating those payments. Other bills hope to encourage more carpooling, he added.

The report also found that much of the state's infrastructure - particularly its water systems - is in need of repair, noting that mismanagement of water is compounding its scarcity.

"If we don't take some action with the aging pipes, etc., we could be looking at problems, particularly in the summer," Pare said.

A crucial factor in much of the planned legislation will be obliging cooperation and investment from private firms in Rhode Island. For example, while Massachusetts is home to more than 140 buildings that have undergone LEED certification for sustainable design, Rhode Island has just 13. A large part of the legislation mobilizing environmental action throughout the state will focus on incentivizing "green" capital investments and business practices, Pare said.

The private sector will also play a large role in the state's efforts to produce renewable energy, said Chris Powell, Brown's director of sustainable energy and environmental initiatives, recently appointed by the governor to the state's Energy Efficiency and Environmental Resource Management Council. In 2004, the Rhode Island Renewable Energy Standard, which mandates incremental increases in the proportion of renewable energy that is sold in the state, went into effect. Now the state must figure out ways to make that commitment a reality, Powell said.

The greatest example of the state's underutilized potential for renewable energy production is wind power, Powell said.

He noted that a wind assessment has already been conducted across the state, and that the state legislature must create incentives for businesses to invest in those ventures.

The state is also working on a project to harness wave power off the coast of Block Island with an Australian company that has pioneered that technology, Powell said.

Powell said part of his goal on the management council will be to evaluate the balance between energy costs and environmental efficiency, adding that the pros and cons of this balance are often poorly thought out.

Much of the proposed legislation was designed to avoid heavy price tags in the face of record budget deficits and proposed cuts.

"We would like it to be self-supporting, and who knows? Maybe there could even be a profit," Ganim said.

People Be Jammin

By Elizabeth Hernandez
Editor-in-Cheif
The Johnsonian Yearbook

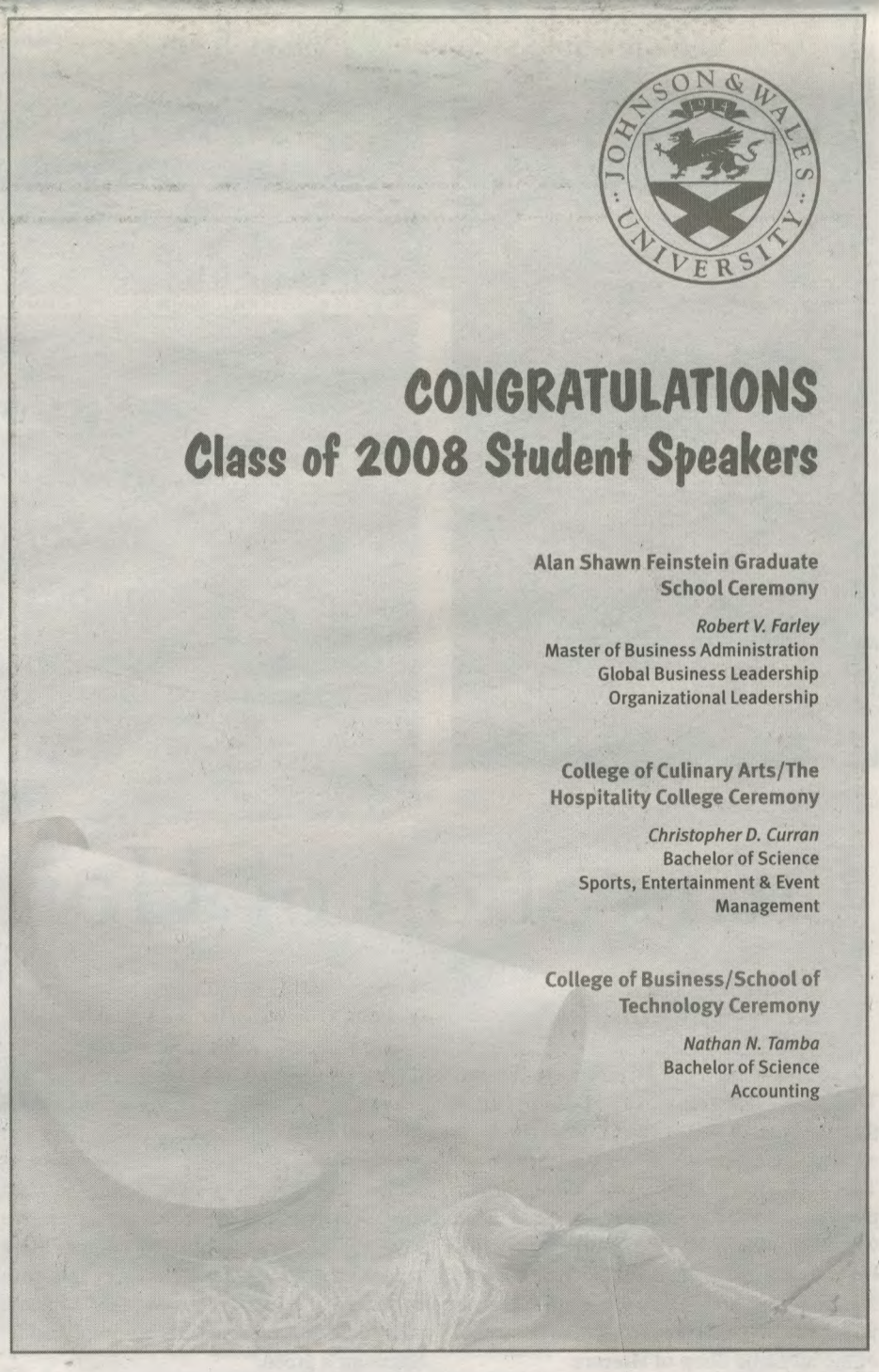
On Thursday, April 24th, the Sports/Entertainment/Event Management Program ran a concert to raise money to go towards School One to help fund art and music supplies that they are in need of.

Professor Elizabeth Covino's Concert and Production Management class began coordinating this event since the beginning of this spring term. Such a hands-on course like this one is how Johnson & Wales is able to upkeep its career-focused curriculum. Covina's course enables students to get real life planning experience like ticketing, talent finding, advertising, decorating, sponsorship finding, and stage crew. The class also created the name of the event, "People be Jammin", and its logo which is a peanut butter sandwich "jammin" with headphones to music.

Students from School One tie-dyed the shirts that Covino's class wore the day of the function in Pepsi Forum. Money for the shirts was donated by student activities. Local performers donated their talent and performance fee to help raise money for School One. One of the performers consisted of a JWU faculty band, "Almond Joy", and student groups like "Ataxia", "Sonya Grant", and "The Dreams." The other performers were "Kamikaze", "City Slickers", "J-Heavy and Akinola", and "March of the Saints." The event had sponsors which include Rita's Water Ice, Starbucks, WBRU, Panera Bread, Papa Johns, Curves, and Cox Communications.

300 excited people attended the event and $1,200 was raised for School One towards art and music supplies. The purpose for this event was also to raise awareness to bring music and music education to an inner-city school, School One, that does not have the money for music programs. Some students from School One were at the event and enjoyed this event that was helping them raise money for their education. Such an event brought self satisfaction to Covina's students. Junior, Carlos Morales, commented on his experience, "I like how JWU offers a course where you learn about a certain topic, in this case how to manage a concert, and have the chance to actually execute it. Not only was this beneficial for us, but it was an event that also impacted others lives in the community where we call our second home."

School One was founded 1973 as an independent, alternative high school and is accredited by the New England Association of School and Colleges. The mission of School One is to serve students whose needs and interests were not being met in traditional educational settings. School one serves students with diverse backgrounds, educational goals and learning styles from over 30 communities in Rhode Island and Southern Massachusetts. School One offers students a highly innovative and academically challenging curriculum which emphasizes critical thinking and communication skills.



Arts & Entertainment

Jack B's Shows to Check Out!

May 7
Bane, Meltdown, I Rise, Wake Up Call
@Club Hell/$12 – 6 pm

May 9
FIRE & ICE TOUR
Paul Wall, Tech N9ne, Mastamindz
@Lupos/$25 – 8pm

May 9
Death Cab for Cutie w/Amanda Palmer
@Providence Piers/$20 – 6 pm

May 10
HONDA CIVIC TOUR IN BOSTON
Panic at the Disco, Motion City Soundtrack, Phantom Planet, The Hush Sound
@B of A Pavilion/$27.50 – 7 pm

May 10
Thrice, Circa Survive, Pelican
@The Palladium/$17 – 7 pm

May 11
KRS-One & The Temple of Hip-Hop, Sage Francis, Prolyphic
@Lupos/$20 – 8 pm

May 13
David Copperfield
@PPAC/$32-52 – 5:30 pm

May 14
Hit The Lights, Sing it Loud, Farewell, Early Avenue
@The Living Room/$10 – 7 pm

May 16
Hatebreed, 3 Inches of Blood, Type-O Negative
@Lupos/$22.50 – 7 pm

May 16
BOB DYLAN
@The Palladium/$56 – 7 pm

Give Summer A Little Ratatat

By Jack Burtch
Arts & Entertainment Editor

I know a lot of people who like Ratatat. I've heard Ratatat played in coffee shops around the country. Heck, I've seen people walking around with Ratatat t-shirts. Why is this odd? Well, when was the last time that an entirely instrumental, quirky electro-indie band became big? Yeah, thought so. Yet, Ratatat's self-titled debut has become a poor man's Give Up (without the Ben Gibbard lyrics). And much like the aforementioned Postal Service, Ratatat is a side project (of Evan Mast of E*Vax and Mike Stroud of Dashboard Confessional) that has taken on a life of its own, the result being Classics, a new collection of instrumental hits (and some misses) that should keep the collaboration of one beatmaster and one guitarist rolling strong.

There is an infectious quality to the first Ratatat album, with the deep synthesizer sounds blending with the guitars and throbbing beats. Classics continues that trend, but with some gentler melodies. The album opens with "Montanita," a twisting song that evokes the sounds of Tipsy and other loungetronic bands of the late 90's. It is much softer and sweeter than anything on their debut and it may surprise many fans as the gentler side of Ratatat. Fear not, though, as they jump right back into the more aggressive dance on "Lex" and "Gettyburg," where the twirling synthesizer lines grind up against the guitars in front of a hot and dirty beat.

However, these might be the only songs on Classics that are as bombastic as the tracks from its predecessor. Ratatat seem to be taking a more relaxed and experimental approach, and this is plainly heard on "Wildcat", a song that practically screams Daft Punk. It has a writhing bassline that drives the song along with, well, a roaring mountain lion on vocals. It might lack the heavy beat of earlier Ratatat, but it clearly shows an evolution towards more dance-type music. "Kennedy" with its quirky, Tubular-Bells-meets-Kraftwerk-like synths combine with the almost 80's metal style guitar in a way you just don't expect to work, but it does with surprising success. The low and rumbling sexiness of "Nostrand" seems to take its cue from Air (French Band — I still get a kick out of that) with its underlying rhythms but is then slyly combined with lilting guitars that crash into an android breakdown.

Some of their more subdued songs just don't work. "Tropicana"sounds like a lost child from Blur's The Great Escape, but in a tired and clichéd way, borrowing a lazy guitar line where one shouldn't be. Alternately, "Loud Pipes" takes a more funk-sounding approach and ends up sounding just a little too goofy for its own good. Tracks like "Swisha" and "Tacobel Canon" just lack the energy you expect from Ratatat and end up feeling just sort of stale when compared to their other works. Although "Tacobel Canon" does have its moments, like the odd, Bach-inspired breakout in the middle that makes you want to play air piano right then and there.

Classics might be an overstated title for Ratatat's second album, but it's far from a disappointment. They obviously have proven that the collaboration is not a one trick pony, but instead take it in some newer directions without alienating their original fans too much. Classics isn't groundbreaking by any means, but still has that odd infectiousness that has made the band an unexpected hit in a land where instrumentals are usually just filler and oddities.

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Little Shop of Horrors a Crowd Pleaser

By Rafael Balcacer
Staff Writer

The end of the year; What an excitement! That phrase brings joy to all of campus from the teachers to the students; everybody is excited for this time of the year. However, Thanks to the Johnson and Wales drama players, everybody can reflect on a what wonderful year it was here at the University. On Friday April, 25th in the newly renovated Xavier Auditorium, there was horror. Horror you speak of? Well the Horror was the sound of the hit Little Shop of Horrors.

Little Shop of Horrors is a play that was originated in 1960 but recently was remade in 1986. It is basically the tell all tale of a young boy named Seymour who was an orphan that grew up with no money. He was adopted as a young child by a man named Mr. Mushnik who had treated Seymour poorly. One day Seymour goes out and gets a plant to put in the flower store. The plant turns very big from blood. From this massive savagery of drinking blood, The man has a bigger appetite of wanting to eat people. According to J.J Atkins'10, When asked about what the plant represented, he simply said " Seymour's greed."

This show had its symbolic moments from the plants to even having the chorus girls singing in the background about life. The show itself was a musical for the people who did not attend. It had its good soundtrack which most people can find on you tube to even having the actors have a big song at the end. There was a very large turnout but according to J.J, When asked about what days were good turnouts " This depends on what show you went to. Afternoons don't get a good turn out. Our evening shows were popular though." The show itself did have some problems. Throughout the show, there were times when you can see the crew moving the set to the set taking a long time to set up. That was a problem because at Xavier Auditorium the stage is very small and sometimes can be a little difficult to move props. Well, for this author either way the play was a very fun play. It had its entertaining moments from the background singers soothing us with their smooth voices to even having the plant dance for us. It was worth the free admission that the play production company let the students enjoy their fellow peers. A lot of family members were there as well for their students. All in All, it provided this writer good moments to laugh and even moments that made me think about life.

Year in Review: Fall

By Rafael Balcacer
Staff Writer

This Fall began with a bang with the Office of Student Activities or simply OSA holding a campus event known as the Best Week Ever. It ran from September 1st to the 8th. It was the highlight or the hook that the university was hoping would attract many students. One of the highlights of the actual week was the show performed by none other than Mike Epps. He did perform on the 2nd at Providence Performing Arts Center with his usual stand up routine.

The opening week did have highlights from the freshmen move- in to even having a Luau right in front of Gaebe Commons. One cannot forget of what had happened outside of the campus for a minute. Fall had one of the most controversial rulers of any country come to America. His name was Mahmoud Ahmadinejad who is the president of Iran. Iran is still one of our pieces of opposition to the United States. He spoke to the nation on September 24th at Columbia University.

Gabriel Lopez of Delta Sigma Phi competes in the Big Kahuma contest at the Big Luau. The Campus Herald Dustin Genereux

There was not much fan fare or even good things to say about the guy. Iran is one of the nations that does not like the United States since it does disagree on how the United States handles government. Besides Iran's outspoken President speaking to the United States, there was the idea of realizing that there will be a new President of the United States.

Back to what happened on campus that mostly our students care about on our university. There was the Greek Fair that had happened in the second week of school. A lot of the freshmen this year had a very strong interest for the Greek life. This event included different tables from all the fraternities such as Sigma Lambda Beta, Phi Beta Sigma and Tau Elision Phi or the women from Tri-Sig, Alpha Sigma Tau and others. Imagine if one went to this Greek fair? What happened is that students came in to talk to their follow students who were part of Greek Fair in which the students found fascinating. It was a simple round of getting to know everybody in the sense of what they to offer from each other and basically tell the future students what they did not know about Greek life. It was a fair that helped students ease the fear of joining because of what they had seen in movies and felt unsafe joining. They had very creative ways to get future prospective members from having an informational to even having games that they could play.

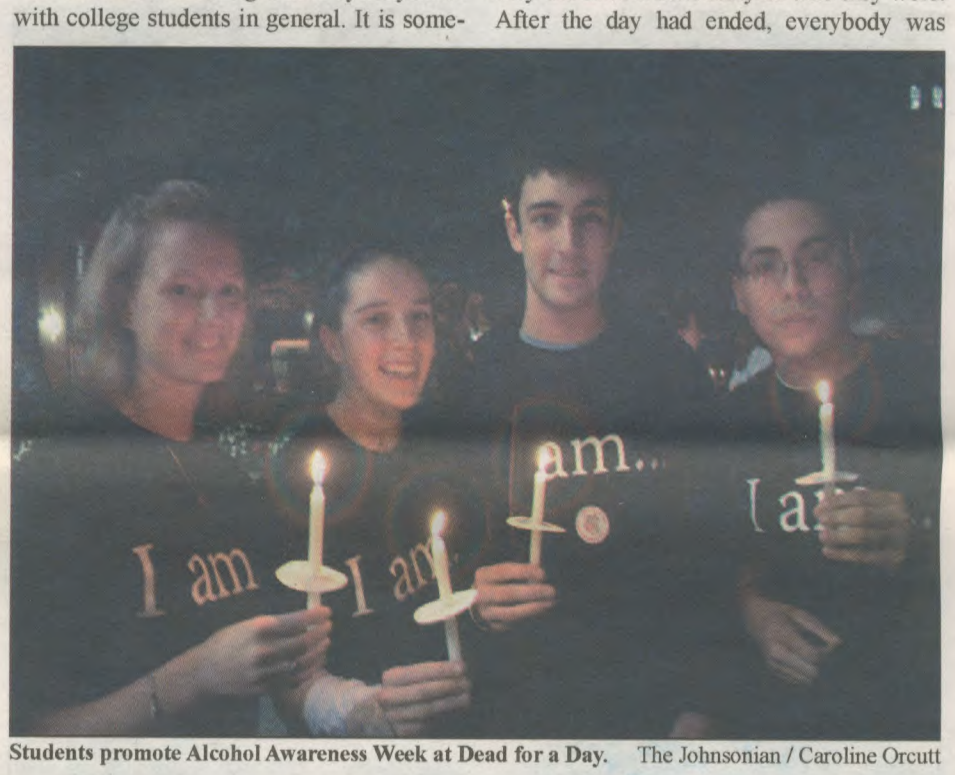
Once the craziness of the Greek fair had ended, the world had been shifted back to the reality of the real world. Yes, There were sports being played back in the real world. A lot had happened in this trimester. This was a very high octane portion of the trimester that had affected a lot of Johnson and Wales Students. There was the opening day game between the Cowboys and Giants on the opening week that got a lot of the JWU population riled up. Also, there was the very intense aspect of the Major League Baseball Playoffs. These playoffs were very competitive but eventually there was a champion. That champion was once again the Boston Red Sox who had won the title just three years earlier. Gaebe Commons did have a celebration with most of this school being Red Sox fans but nobody was arrested during these celebrations.

To go along with the theme of sports uniting the Johnson and Wales University student body, there was the event that brought a very good image for the University but made more people aware. This was the event simply known was Midnight Madness. Midnight Madness was what a lot of Universities do across the country to bring in the new basketball season. March Madness happened in Mid October. It was an event of games from our mascot dancing around to having students participate in front of the arena. The music was very well done which did make it a more exciting experience but to add onto it there was the free preview of both the women's and men's basketball teams of what they were being able to do.

Halloween is one of most unique holidays that can unite a lot of people and provide crazy costumes to wear. Thanks to University Involvement Board, There was the aspect of Freak Week which had different aspects of students getting involved from offering a trip to Witches Woods to having a Jack- O- Lantern spectacular. Both of these events were something that many students wanted to go on just to simply experience the aspect of getting scared and to have a good new friend bonding experience. While on Halloween, this year did provide a Masquerade Ball that did let students dress up in their costumes and dance the night away.

A student creates ice carvings during Family Weekend. The Campus Herald / Dustin Genereux

Alcohol is something that is synonymous with college students in general. It is something that is present at parties but is something that can sometimes ruin good times. Alcohol awareness week was a week that did provide a lot of students awareness of what was going with drinking. It was a serious week that had one of the most creative aspects to attack this topic. Dead for the Day was a symbolic representation of people who had died from Alcohol related car accidents. What Johnson and Wales students got ,if they decided to do this cause, was wear a t-shirt that said I am dead for a day. It was worn by a lot of students throughout campus and if one saw one of these students, those students could not talk. The symbolism of not being able to talk was something that most people on campus did not understand. It was to represent the people who had died from accidents and if one saw one of these students they did have a little story of who they were. After the day had ended, everybody was treated to a presentation of a girl who had died from an accident. There was a massive walk to let her memory sit with the students from Xavier Auditorium to Gaebe Commons but as soon as that was over people sat in Gaebe Commons to read their stories. Everybody felt refreshed but understood what had happened.



Students promote Alcohol Awareness Week at Dead for a Day. The Johnsonian / Caroline Orcutt

The JWU Players perform their first production in the newly renovated Xavier Auditorium. Professor Star Ciccio

Douglas Cheli '08, Marketing (left), speaks with Noah Knodle of E. & J. Gallo Winery outside the Harborside Recreation Center during the Fall Career Conference. The Campus Herald Otto Neubauer

Year in Review: Winter

By Jack Burtch
Arts & Entertainment Editor

After a hearty thanksgiving break, a reward for finishing the first test of the year, fall trimester finals, students returned to the Johnson & Wales as the color of the leaf guard changed and disappeared from the trees. Winter trimester and all that it entailed issued into it a new and fresh time frame, a new year and also one of the most chaotic times of the year whether it be the multitudes of holiday shopping, the erratic snow storms or the extra homework one gets over holiday break. No matter the case, Johnson & Wales students trudged through the sleet, made way through the remnants of a tropical storm and enjoyed the fresh snowfall. When they weren't outside, the opening of a brand new Starbucks and City Burger downtown on Chestnut Street offered them a haven indoors away from the cold. Whether it was attending a club or organization sponsored event on campus, huddled around watching their favorite sports teams, or just pilfering each other with snowballs, students relished everything they could out of the winter months.

Students enjoy the One Ton Sundae.

Starting in December, Johnson & Wales welcomed many new changes and events on campus including a panel discussion called "Green and the Bottom Line" on environmentalism and business involving three experts in the field from institutions such as Brown University and the Institute of Ecomunicipality Education & Assistance. With a nearly filled Xavier Auditorium, students and faculty listened and questioned the subject being presented. Around the same time Starbucks and City Burger, which had been long awaited, open with a flood of eager students lining up to take advantage of what they had to offer. From burgers and bistro, Johnson & Wales also experienced legal and infrastructural changes as well. During a lawful bout in court, Johnson & Wales retained the right to publish students' names in crime alerts that are posted around campus after an incident stemming from an assault on a student from another student, which reached all the way to the U.S. District Court. On lighter terms, Johnson & Wales also celebrated a pioneer in the food service and culinary industry by renaming the Paramount Building at Harborside to the Friedman Center, after David Friedman. As winter break loomed ahead, students found themselves battling the elements and making sure they had all their gifts for the holiday season. Providence Place Mall filled to the brim (not to mention the ice skating rink downtown), while many students from Johnson & Wales also toiled away at jobs within the mall. It was not uncommon for many to find the place to be their second home during this time of year, seeing only their peers who also worked in the mall and sharing that common bond. But when break hit, students trekked back home and the holiday season was in full swing.

While December revved up the winter trimester motor, January kicked it into full gear. Packed with everything ranging from club-endorsed events to radical entertainment to a highly praised guest speaker, this month brought everyone to full speed. This also included the Providence Fire Department, which responded on January 9th to McNulty Hall when the sprinkler system was activated. This caused the dorm to be evacuated, destroyed student property and eventually was under investigation for tampering. Under a rain cloud to start off the New Year, Johnson & Wales helped pick this up, providing events such as bringing in Ed Valenti. This master of the infomercial and the wisdom of his Ginsu knives entertained and enthralled the audience while sororities and fraternities held their winter formals, giving the University an upbeat flavor. Adding to the scene came a nor'easter mid-January, which took the state at somewhat of a surprise. Dumping up to a foot of snow in some places, students and the like found themselves having to coup up and wait out the storm. As it cleared (and even during the storm), the university community called it a day and students bustled out to enjoy the free time and the white powdery mess to which even brought the delay of our own Campus Herald delivery. During the month, entertainment such as the Spice Girls and Wu-Tang Clan graced the northeast with stellar performances, while the indie smash hit Juno hit the box offices. Capping off the month of January, Johnson & Wales was fortunate to host guest speaker Jerry Springer. His straightforward philosophy and democratic ideals brought forth a whole new perspective to students filling to capacity the Xavier Auditorium. Some students, caught of guard having known Jerry for his antics on television from his afternoon talk show, welcomed this new wave of fervent rhetoric and stayed glued to their seats. Eventually, Jerry gave way to some of his fans and even entertained the crowd in an "old school" hip-hop dance (not his best from Dancing with the Stars) to which was immediately to be found on YouTube.

Winding down winter trimester the month of February brought us transformation, rivalries, innovative ideas and memories. To kick it off, literally, the NFL's Super Bowl XLII dominated the airwaves and fans here at J&W on February 3rd found themselves on different sides of the fence rooting for their favorite teams, the New York Giants and the New England Patriots. Students gathered in dorm rooms, pubs, lounges and even the 2nd floor of the Harborside Rec Center where it was projected on the big screen. Even while strolling outside, one could hear the shouts of joy, bellowing screams of discontent and madness that ensued when the game ended in dramatic fashion. In fact, the event was part of a much larger program called "Winter Week". This also composed of the "One Ton Sundae" where students were able to customize free, giant ice cream sundaes as well as Student Activities Night. This night brought out clubs and organizations and gave them a chance to connect with the student body as well as show off what they had been working on over the previous three months while including their plans for the coming future. Concluding this week was the always-superlative winter formal event, "Snoball". Students came together at the magnificent Providence Westin Hotel, where the Arabian theme was complimented with Arabian music and dancers as well as a fine dinner. Other dealings that came about included the much talked about, brand new emergency notification system implemented by the university. This directly addressed a top priority, students' safety, by being able to alert students on their cell phone with a pre-recorded message.

After all was said and done, the winter trimester slowly eased to a close as Spring break took over. Although the temperatures still remained a bit frigid, and the weather a bit unpredictable, students now could take one last step forward towards the last trimester of the year. And as for me, this closed on my last winter term at Johnson & Wales. And although not of winters past where at times the snow piled four feet high, the bonds and experiences formed during this time were stronger and more resonating than ever before.

Tom Florin '10 orders coffee on the opening day of Starbucks — The Campus Herald Patrick Dyl

Firefighters investigate the McNulty sprinkler incident. — AlHussain Z. Alhamid

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Year in Review: Spring

By Otto Neubauer
Assistant Editor-in-Chief

The Providence Pastry and Culinary teams won gold medals at a culinary competition among the four Johnson & Wales University campuses. Providence took first place int eh Pastry competition, with Charlotte placing second, Denver placing third and North Miami placing fourth. But in what was a three-way tie for the gold medal, Denver edged ahead to take first place in the Culinary competition, with Providence taking second and Charlotte taking third.

Ethan Zohn, winner of Survivor: Africa, visited the University to lecture in Xavier Auditorium. He discussed his experiences on the television show, as well as his charity, Grassroots Soccer, which helps children in Africa who have been affected by HIV/AIDS.

Mideast expert Vali Nasr also spoke to an audience of over 200 students and staff on the politics of the Muslim world. With insights such as that "you don't need a sledgehammer to crack a walnut" (regarding the USA PATRIOT Act), Nasr entertained the crowd.

In entertainment news, the Vagina Monologues played at both Xavier Auditorium and Tyson Ampitheatre.

On April 17, the gentlemen of Sigma Alpha Mu organized a version of Deal or No Deal? to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Many prizes were given away, including movies and gift certificates. Unfortunately, nobody won the $100 prize.

The Surf Club hosted a concert in Pepsi Forum featuring Someday Providence and Pete Kilpatrick. Fifty students attended the concert, which raised funds for the Surfrider Foundation.

Various ethnic groups also organized spring activities. The Caribbean Student Association hosted Islandfest on April 19, an event that featured music, dancing and raffles. The purpose of the event was two-fold, said Gisselle Quiñones, President of the Association: to promote cultural awareness and interaction, and to provide Caribbean students a place to get together.

Students and community members gathered in the OSA Lounge at the Harborside Recreational Center to celebrate the Cambodian New Year. The event featured food, dancing, and a fashion show.

The International Fest in Pepsi Forum on April 15 also provided a way for students to get to know other cultures.

Finally, the University mourned the death of one of it's own. Audrey K. Gaebe, wife of Morris Gaebe, died on March 5 at the age of 86.

JWU Starbucks Relay for Life Team Karen Virginio / Yearbook

Monique Rolle-Johnson exhibits her artwork at the Multicultural Center. The Campus Herald / Otto Neubauer

Audrey K. Gaebe in Gaebe Commons Johnson & Wales University Archives

James and his mother Vickie around Christmas 2006. Vickie Vanderwater

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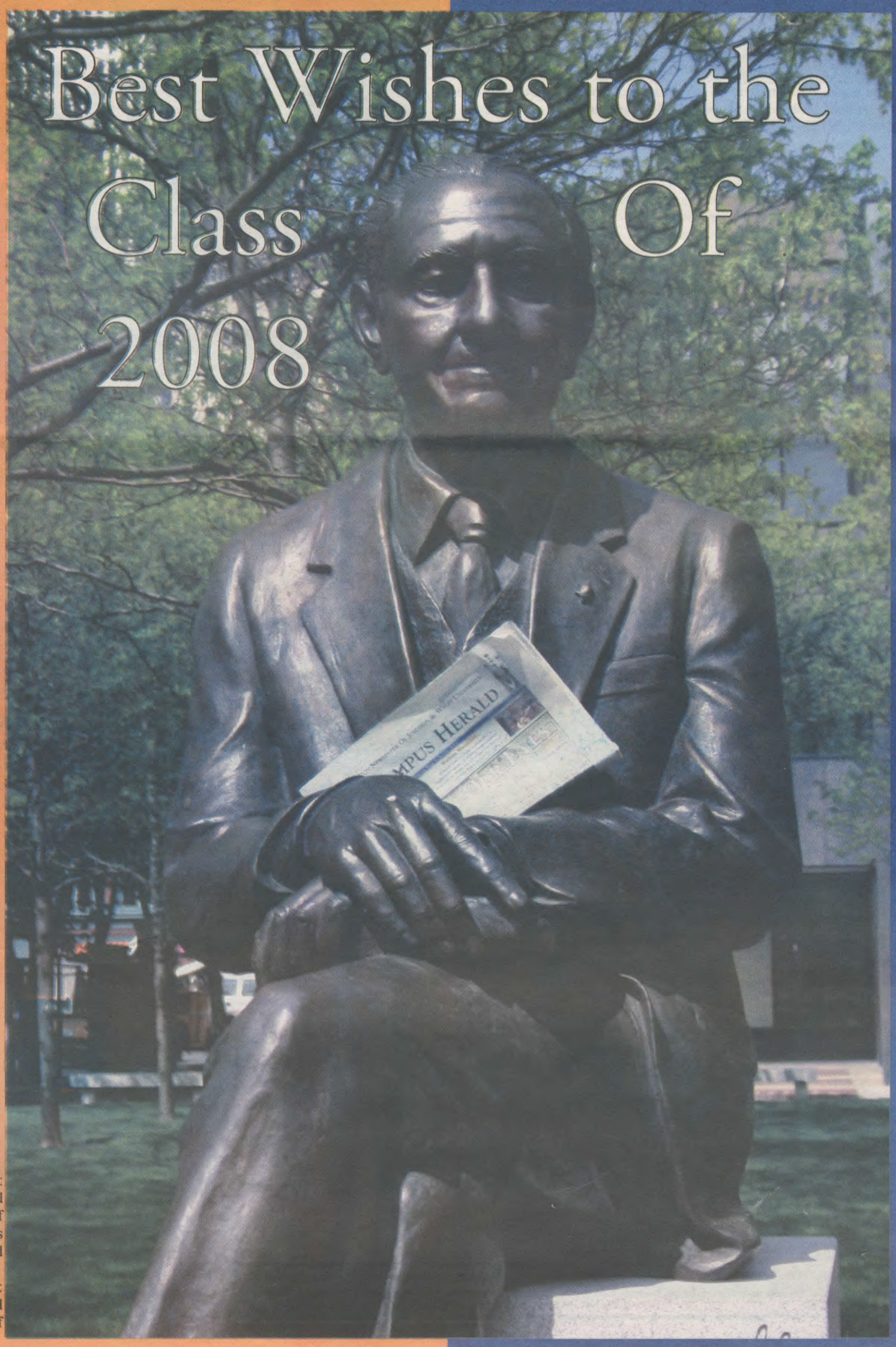

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Ideas and Opinions

An Editor's Farewell

By Patrick Dyl
Editor-in-Chief

This is in all likelihood the last time a piece authored by me will appear in The Campus Herald. Four years I have been with this paper, two as a staff writer & photographer half a year as Assistant Editor-in-Chief and a year an a half as Editor-in-Chief; and it is an experience I shall cherish forever.

I have worked with some amazing people and seen many changes from the University firsthand. I have seen the good and the bad and have tried my hardest to inform, and engage a mostly apathetic student body.

I have battled with administrators and students alike. I have been summoned to meetings and have made the administration listen.

I have received "hatemail" from liberals and conservatives alike (mostly conservatives). I have even incurred the wrath of the Army Recruiting station a few buildings down from my office in an eight page e-mail for comparing them to used car salesmen.

I will always remember my time at this publication fondly, as well as the people I've worked with. I believe I have made this a stronger publication and I hope it only gets better. I have added my own touch to a long-standing piece of Johnson & Wales history, and I look forwarded to what those who follow me create.

I have many quotes from famous people regarding the "press" on the walls of my office, but I think I shall end with my favorite: *"Three hostile newspapers are more to be feared than a thousand bayonets" – Napolean Bonaparte.*

Final Thoughts on the Right

By Patrick Dyl
Editor-in-Chief

I love how conservatives in this country want to make the government just small enough to fit into our homes. They love to regulate who we can love, when we can protest and at times what we can say. They think the government should be able to listen to our phone conversations and read our mail. But don't we dare try and regulate that deadly weapon they want to conceal on their bodies (I'm talking about guns).

Those of the Christian right cry fowl when they believe their rights have been infringed upon. They throw fits when they feel as though they have been mocked by those in society (but come on, they give us a lot to work with). However they are all for denying rights of others. They believe Islam should be outlawed and they think that homosexuality is a mental illness which needs to be "corrected" and wiped out of society.

Their leaders believe they should be able to hold tax exempt status, while using religious donations to fund political activity, and their lavish lifestyles.

The venomous hate the right has for everybody else can be seen on their websites; the Traditional Values Coalition for example calls though who think we should do more to protect our environment "Chicken Little Marxists". They go on to explain that is because we run around talking about how to protect our home from the pollution, how Marxism comes into play I don't know, but do we ever?

The "Concerned Women for America" on their website has a how to on fighting the Day of Silence (created to teach acceptance for GLBT people in society, and to highlight the abuse, fear and intimidation they feel). CWfA stated "Over the next few years, don't be surprised when, as people hear mention of the so-called "Day of Silence," they immediately think, "Oh, yeah, isn't that the day when tens of thousands of freethinking kids come together in defense of that which is good, and stand firm against the promotion of evil?" Don't be surprised when the "Day of Silence" is no longer considered a day which mocks God's standard of sexual morality, but rather, is deemed a day which wholeheartedly glorifies it."

Those on the fringe right do not believe that the Constitution of the United States of America and our laws grant one the right of privacy. They operate under the "if you have nothing to fear" mentality and nothing is more dangerous to a society.

The Editor's Desk

I'm talking about the Internet. I'm talking about cell phones. I'm talking about health records, and who's gay and who's not. And moreover, in a country born on a will to be free, what could be more fundamental than this?

Education is the silver bullet. Education is everything. Many Republicans feel we should do away with the Department of Education. That way local boards can have the "final say". In other words they want to bypass federal mandates that say students have the right to free speech in the classroom. They want to do away with the prohibition of religious indoctrination in the class room. They are right though, we do need changes in education. We don't need little changes. We need gigantic, monumental changes. Schools should be palaces. The competition for the best teachers should be fierce. They should be making six figure salaries. Schools should be incredibly expensive for government and absolutely free of charge to its citizens, just like national defense.

In a nation where gun crimes are on the rise I am so off the charts tired of the gun lobby tossing around words like personal freedom and nobody calling 'em on it. It's not about personal freedom. And it certainly has nothing to do with public safety. It's just that some people like guns. And guns do not belong on college campuses or in the pocket of anybody walking down the street.

These people hate any and all who disagree with them. They want to see their opposition silenced and gone. These people are the very threat to our way of life. They will be the downfall of this great nation's ideals, the ideals of freedom of choice, freedom from fear, freedom from the religious zealotry of others.

In my four years at JWU I have stood up against the illegal occupation of Iraq. I have joined the cause for the rights of documented and undocumented immigrants. I have fought against military recruiters on campus and for GLBT rights. I've engaged in civil disobedience. Everything I've done I have done to protect ALL of our rights, not just those who agree with me.

Don't buy into their hate, their lies, and their ideology of fear. That is the very thing they want, the very thing they need in order to secure their stranglehold on t his country. The only difference they have with Islamic extremists is the fact that they hide their true intentions.

In the eternal words of Edward R. Murrow "Goodnight and good luck".

Quote of the issue...

"With the first link, the chain is forged. The first speech censured, the first thought forbidden, the first freedom denied, chains us all, irrevocably."

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Ask The Sexpert

Dear Sexpert: My roommates went to a Transgender Awareness training last week and said they loved it. But…what exactly does Transgender mean?

Great question!! Your roommates obviously went to see Samuel Laurie's Trans U: Transgender Issues on Campus. He presented to about 120 students, faculty, and staff about transgender basics and a lot more. Health Ed invited him in for "LGBT Health Week – Inside and OUT!"

Transgender is an umbrella term used to describe anyone whose gender expression or gender identity differs from the gender they were assigned at birth. When babies are born, the doctor takes a look and writes down "boy" or "girl." We are raised to conform to these gender roles and a lot of people do. Though, there are some who do not and they may identify or express themselves as a different gender. The transgender experience is different for everyone; that's why it's an umbrella term.

Being a transman (female to male) or transwoman (male to female) doesn't necessarily mean that they have had surgery (sex reassignment surgery). Some people may choose to use medical intervention so their bodies match their identity/expression, though others are comfortable with their bodies being different. Some people may get partial surgery; for example, transmen may get 'top surgery' or chest surgery and not get 'bottom surgery' or genital surgery because of cost or other factors. Some people may use hormones to control visible features like facial hair or voice, though others wouldn't. It's important to understand gender as a continuum with a lot of variation in between male and female. We call that gender variance. One last thing – your roommates may remember this from the training – don't ask if they've had surgery; it's rude to ask people about their genitals…right?!

Transgender is the T at the end of LGBT – lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender – though that doesn't mean that transmen or transwomen are gay. In fact, transgender issues aren't often very visible in the LGBT community. Some of that is because of "transphobia" and some of that is because while some issues may overlap (homophobia, transphobia, non-conforming gender roles) they are also quite unique. Samuel Laurie reminds people that when using the term LGBT you need to really include the T. We agree; that's why Health Ed invited him in for LGBT Health Week.

There are a lot of great resources out there to learn more. You can look at Samuel Laurie's website – tgtrain.org for links and books. Transgeneration is a documentary about transgender college students attending different institutions around the country. The Women's Center owns this; ask them about it. Health Education and the Student Counseling Center are also safe places for trans students to be themselves. And, if you want to learn more, do some research, be prepared to learn new things, and practice being a good ally. Gender Identity and Sexual Orientation are included in JWU's non-discrimination policy – let's work together to make our campus community safe and inclusive to LGBT students! Stay tuned for more transgender awareness programming next year and let's continue to celebrate diversity – it's healthy.

SPORTS

Wildcat Watch

By Dan Booth
Director of Athletic Communications

BASEBALL -- JWU notched a third-place finish at the GNAC Championship this past weekend after finishing the regular season in second place in the league standings. The Wildcats have four All-GNAC selections this season. Senior Brad Jackson (Setauket, N.Y.) and junior Matt Newsome (Providence, R.I.) were first team honorees. Seniors Erik Hufnagel (Sykesville, Md.) and Jonathan Melendez (Providence, R.I.) were second team selections. Jackson leads the team with a .376 average, 42 runs and 34 RBI. Newsome is hitting .355 with a team best 43 runs scored and 42 stolen bases. Hufnagel is 7-0 with a 3.44 ERA and a near 3-to-1 strike-out-to-walk ratio. Melendez is 5-3 on the mound with a 3.67 ERA and he has also been solid at the plate, hitting .293 with 34 runs and 37 RBI. Junior Eric Rapuano (Clinton, Conn.) has a .397 average with 15 runs and 19 RBI while senior Mike Ziman (Bridgeport, Conn.) is hitting .359 with 31 runs and a team-best 47 RBI.

SOFTBALL -- Junior Kirsten Griffiths (North Haven, Conn.) led the team with a .382 average, 26 runs and 19 RBI while freshman Christine Casareale (Middletown, N.Y.) had a .267 average with six runs and eight RBI. Junior Sheri Plante (Millbury, Mass.) hit .258 with 11 runs and nine RBI on the year for the Wildcats.

TENNIS -- The Wildcats capped off one of the most successful seasons in school history by capturing the 2008 Great Northeast Athletic Conference championship. In the championship game against Suffolk, the match was tied 4-4 with one match remaining at No. 6 singles. In that match, sophomore Devin Kitterick (Bridgewater, Mass.) picked up the victory. Kitterick dropped the first set 7-5 and rallied for a 7-5 win in the second set, tying the match at 1-1. In the third and final set, Kitterick came back from being down 4-0 and 5-2 to notch the 7-5 win and give the Wildcats the title. Several standouts were honored by the league as all-conference selections. Seniors Stuart Fodiman (Oakville, Conn.) and John Bauernfiend (High Bridge, N.J.) were named first team selections. Senior Tit Hudarin (Valenje, Slovenia) was also a first-team honoree and was tabbed as the Co-Rookie of the Year. Head Coach Adam Spring was named the Coach of the Year. Fodiman played at first singles player for every match this season, posting a perfect 4-0 record in the GNAC. He recorded a 9-3 record in singles action and was 6-6 playing at No. 1 doubles for a combined 15-9 record. He was also named the Most Valuable Player of the GNAC Championship. Hudarin made an immediate impact in his only season in a Wildcats uniform, posting an 11-1 record at No. 2 singles and an 11-1 record at No. 2 doubles for an astounding 22-2 mark on the year. Bauernfiend played at third singles, posting an 8-4 record on the year. He also notched a 6-6 record in doubles action for the Wildcats.

SAILING -- The Wildcats were led by Andrew Gallagher (Norwell, Mass.) and Tyler Woodworth (Chicago, Ill.) who cracked the top ten in three races, including a fifth-place finish in the second race of the day.

GOLF -- The Wildcats capped off the 2007-08 campaign with a first-place finish at the JWU Spring Invitational at Metacomet Country Club this weekend. It was the fourth event the team won this year, including the GNAC Championship during the fall season. Junior Bobby Newcomb (Quincy, Mass.) captured the scoring title, averaging 80.1 strokes per round with three top-five finishes. Freshman Ryan Myers (Foxboro, Mass.) averaged an 80.3 over 18 holes and had four top-five finishes for the Wildcats. Senior Dustin Bride (Manchester, Conn.) had an 80.5 average for JWU this season.

IN OTHER NEWS: -- Senior Audra Vaccari (Winsted, Conn.) is Johnson & Wales' selection as the Rhode Island Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women Female Athlete of the Year. One of the most decorated student athletes in Johnson & Wales history, Audra Vaccari was tabbed as an All-New England selection and also earned All-GNAC honors for the fourth time during her career. In 2007, she notched a team-best 10.4 set assists and added 2.5 digs and 0.2 blocks per game. The outstanding setter leaves as the school's all time assist leader with 5,265 while her 9.66 set assists per game also rank her first in school history. She is also the school's all-time leader with 406 service aces and ranks third with 1,333 career digs. She holds the school record for games and matches played during her career and she is only the second player in GNAC history to earn All-New England honors. A Food Service Management major, she has posted a 3.19 cumulative G.P.A. during her four years while appearing on the Dean's List eight times.

The Offbeat

Turtle power! Costumed students set ninja record

More than 700 students relived a favorite childhood television series last night as they dressed as Michelangelo, Leonardo, Raphael or Donatello in a successful attempt to break the Guinness World Record for the Largest Gathering of People Dressed as Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.

Held in the Livingston Recreation Center, students were successful in their attempt.

One of the first to get in line was Livingston Sophomore Glen Karnas.

"I grew up with Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles as the staple of my morning," he said. "I don't mind that I'm 20-years-old and dressed like a turtle."

The previous record was held by 200 people dressed as Ninja Turtles, but is not featured in the Guinness Book of World Records.

The event, sponsored by Rutgers Residence Life and Rutgers Recreation, was organized to encourage students to come together and complete a goal, said Residence Life counselor Matthew Ferguson.

"Our first idea was the record for 'Largest Gathering of Smurfs' but that record is at 900… so one of my Resident Assistants came up with the idea of Ninja Turtles," Ferguson said.

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