Society for Advancement of Management, Sigma Pi Host Holiday Concert to Benefit Toys for Tots

On Thursday, December 4, 2008, the Sigma Pi and Society for the Advancement of Management hosted a holiday benefit concert in Pepsi Forum. The price of admission was $7 at the door. Proceeds went directly to Toys for Tots, a foundation by the Marines. This foundation gives new, unwrapped toys to children in the community during the Christmas season.

Musical guests of the event included Ross Livermore, Continental Breakfast and Dancing Nancy. Ross Livermore is a solo artist, he plays guitar and sang at the age of 13. He went on to join a garage band playing graduation parties in Massachusetts while in high school. While at Salem State College, Livermore brought his passion for music overseas while studying abroad and became a solo performer. Recently Livermore's song "Spaces In Between" was featured in a short Jetty Surf film.

The second performer of the evening was Johnson & Wales Universities home Continental Breakfast. Chris Barca, '09 on guitar, Stephen Ruggiero, '10, performing vocals, Brian Eadie, '10, on bass and Logan Pachelle, '09, on drums they performed as the second act of the event. With parents and friends there for support, Continental Breakfast was the home team act of the night.

The main group to see was Dancing Nancy, a group of five. Self-brochured, "the best Dave Matthews Tribute Band ever," Dancing Nancy is a Dave Matthews Band cover band who plays mostly all Dave with some original work. The group regularly performs at Gilley's in Bristol, Rhode Island on Tuesday nights. With Billy Leech on vocals and guitar, Danny Rapoza on drums, Bill Reed on bass, Craig Woodacre on winds and Tom Pritchard on violin they perform the melodies of the popular music group. Chris Bascom, '99, reconceived the band Dancing Nancy as the performers from Bristol, and attended the event even though the band is a regular hit out by the ocean.

Bassist Bill Reed tried to explain the group dynamic but ended up saying, "We just love to have a good time" and promoted their MySpace page as a place to hear their music.

"The performance was good, the singer sang well and they sounded like they knew what they were doing," said Matthew Guetti, '10, "Student Government Association Speaker of the House, Sara Christovich, '09 said that she was "surprised at the turnout," Even with free water, soda and pizza as an incentive for the event, that was not what the people came out for. With a band of JWU students and a Dave Matthews cover band it was the music that made the night for most students.

Towards the end of the event Sigma Pi member and Student Government Association Representative Adam Archilla took the stage to announce winners of their prizes. Anyone with a yellow wristband was the winner, and as sounds of "I have green" or "I got blue" could be heard, nine people were able to claim various prizes with the biggest being a one night stay at the Biltmore hotel and a gift certificate to McCormick's Restaurant.

Sigma Pi and the Society for the Advancement of Management raised a grand total of $62,420 for Toys for Tots at this event, and many musical artists got to showcase their talent.

Stephen Gunde
Staff Writer

On Thursday, November 6, 2008, Johnson & Wales University hosted a fundraiser for the local Special Education Program to a special speaker, Katie Lindemann of the Starbucks Corporation. Lindemann spoke at the Xavier Auditorium to business and hospitality students, not only about her personal experiences but also about the growth of the company.

Katie Lindemann went to college at Saint Acrens in Northern California with the intention of earning a degree in Political Science. Dreams changed very quickly as she began to work at a local candy/ice cream store. She fell in love with not only the atmosphere but also the customers who came in. Lindemann loved the store so much that when she left college, she purchased the store from the owner.

After five years of ownership, Lindemann sold the store and began working for one of her suppliers. While on the job, she met her soon to be husband. They were married and on their way to Chicago to start a new life together. While in Chicago, she began to work as a store manager at a Starbucks. "It's only a job for now" she said to her husband when she first got the job.

With blurring, Lindemann worked her way through the corporate hierarchy until she landed a major position with Starbucks International. She, along with other corporate advisors and financial backers, began to expand Starbucks globally.

When asked what was the most challenging part of the international experience, she laughed and said that it was the traveling. "But no, seriously, the most challenging part was figuring out that we had the right business partners that would care for the brand, the concept, and the people the same way that we do here in the States. The reason for success with the Starbucks International is that the company modeled itself to the culture as best it could."

In the 1990's, Asian markets grew at an unprecedented rate. Therefore, Asia would be the most rational place to begin a massive corporate undertaking. Starbucks knew that the Asian market had to be first due to the fact that most of the world already had strong coffee traditions. A great Starbucks success story was in the Philippines. "For many years, and still to this day, there are traditionally two groups in the Philippines: the 'Haves' and the 'Have-Nos.' This has trend began to change with a growing middle class." Lindemann went on to explain an incident that happened once at a store that she had just helped open. Business was going so well that day that the store ran out of their clear cups that night. Lindemann ran out to a distributor and purchased several boxes of plain cups with no labels on them. The results of this action were not very good. "People who refusing to leave the store until a sticker was put on the cup with the logo on it. To them, it is a status symbol."

With international markets doing well, people are beginning to worry about domestic businesses. To the shock of many people, Starbucks earlier this year announced the closing of 600 US stores. Lindemann referred to this as re-balancing. "We, along with many other companies, got caught up in this growth and speculation. It has nothing to do with the performance of managers as much as the positioning of stores." Of the 600, approximately 360 of these stores were less than two years old. Another reason for the store closures is that some areas are too saturated. "Even though we are closing the 600 stores, we are opening hundreds more. There are still huge portions that are under served." As for the Starbucks-across-from-a-Starbucks dilemma, "These are very busy areas that one store simply cannot keep up with. For those that go to one store, they never go to the one across the street and vice versa. We are not just opening stores to be checky or showy...they must perform."

Even in the light of economic downturns, Starbucks is still committed to its community and its employees. Employees who work over 20 hours a week receive the same benefits as those who would normally have to work forty or more to receive the benefits. Employees also receive tuition reimbursement as well as stock options. Starbucks participated in a program called Make Your Mark which will donate $10 for every hour of charitable work that an employee performs. Starbucks will also match any donations made by an employee. Both options are good for the amount of $1,000 a year.

Cancer opportunities are endless at the Starbucks Corporation. They need foodservice professionals, but also engineers, architects, accountants, scientists, managers, packagers, business people, transporters, and more. Even during times of economic hardships, the Starbucks Corporation will always be brewing up new jobs, new opportunities, and plenty of coffee.
Amos House Leads Design Contest

Amos House is a local soup kitchen which helps Rhode Island's homeless community who are in need not only of food but support as well. They provide social services, permanent and temporary housing as well as job training programs.

Amos House and the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce are looking for local designers to show off their skills for a good cause. Interested designers are encouraged to participate in a Logo Design Contest for the creation of a logo for the newly formed Friendship Café, a project of Amos House.

Amos House is extending to House Works, its network of food-related social ventures, to include a for-profit breakfast and lunch café at the new Southside Gateways complex at 500 Broad Street in south Providence. The café will open in spring 2009.

The winning designer will receive membership in the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce, a feature profile in the winning logo in the "Member Highlights" section of the Chamber's web site, a $500 honorarium and broad exposure. For contest guidelines go to www.amoshouse.com. The contest ends on December 31, 2008. Interested students should contact Jill Moniz at 401-272-0220 x 220.

Safety & Security Update

Stolen Vehicle: D/Lot, 8:28 PM
Student reported his vehicle, a black Jeep Cherokee, missing from the lot. Police were notified.

Thursday, November 13

Assault & Robbery Pine St behind Mealy Hall, 1:50 AM
Suffrage Description: One suspect was described as a black male, medium build wearing a dark colored jacket, dark hooded sweat shirt, and a black hat with red stripes. The second suspect was described as a black male, medium build wearing dark pants, and a dark hooded sweat shirt.

Pineapple police and campus safety & security, received a report of an assault and robbery. The victim stated that two male subjects ran up to him and began striking him with their fists. During the assault, the suspect reportedly taken from one of the victims before the suspects fled in the direction of Richardson Street.

Tuesday, November 13

Arrest Off Campus, 1:31 AM
Student arrested and charged with assault

Saturday, November 15

Arrest Narcotics Violation South Hall
One male student arrested by Providence Police on a Narcotics Violation Charge.

Sunday, November 16

Assault on Dorrance St in front of Yeri Center
Police and campus safety & security, responded to a report of an assault which occurred on Dorrance Street in front of The Yeri Center. A witness to the assault stated that two black males and one black female were pulling into a parking space on Dorrance Street and were yelling profanities at the victim. A fight ensued and the victim attempted to avoid the suspects. During the incident, two of the males assaulted the victim with broken beer bottles. The suspects fled in an unknown direction.

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We ask that all submissions include the author's name and contact information. If we have any questions regarding your letter we will contact you prior to publishing.

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Campus News

JWU Gives Back to Community Many In Need Find Holiday Help On Campus

ASHLEY TUCKER 
STAFF WRITER

1000 pounds of turkey, 1500 pounds of fresh produce, half a ton of dried goods, 1200 dinner rolls, 800 cakes (made by University Baking & Pastry students) and 60 gallons of gravy! These massive components played a key role in preparing the plentiful menu for the University’s annual Thanksgiving Dinner for Those in Need. The Dining Services Chefs and the University community are planning to prepare a healthy helping of Thanksgiving favorites such as roasted turkey, fresh glazed carrots, butternut squash, mashed potatoes, and home style stuffing.

In 2006, 1,100 guests were served. In 2007, 1,350 guests arrived. This year, the University is expecting 1,500 people due to the worsening economy and increased need throughout the community.

Susan Connors, Director of the University Feinsteins Community Service Center, has been observing the increased utilization of local nonprofit social service agencies that provide hospitality and direct services to the homeless and poor of Rhode Island.

“I am sure with the poor economic climate, including unemployment, foreclosures, and the impact of state budget cuts to programs serving low-income disabled and elderly Rhode Islanders we will see the number of guests we serve this year increase.”

It’s the 17th year that the University has hosted the Thanksgiving Dinner for Those in Need on the Tuesday before the actual holiday. The Community Service team collaborates with University Dining Services and the University community to provide a warm and welcoming setting for the hungry and homeless citizens of Southern New England.

Guests enjoyed a home style traditional festive meal served by University employees in Snowden Dining Hall. Last year, University employees worked 120 volunteer hours serving dinner to the guests. Each year, employees look forward to volunteering as this team oriented community service project.

This is the first year that the Rhode Island Project Homeless Connect will be working with the University to provide an array of services for those who require assistance. It is beginning to a new collaboration, two organizations came together on Tuesday, November 25th to provide a “healthy helping” of human services and a nutritious and heart warming meal for Thanksgiving.

Rebecca Reifel
The Rhode Island Project Homeless Connect provided urgent medical care, benefits assistance, SSI benefits and advocacy, Veterans services, hygiene products, housing information, employment assistance, legal aid & advocates, as well as information on emergency shelter. They set up their “one stop” service center at the Beneficent Round Top Center, Downtown Providence.

“It’s a wonderful way to provide hospitality to our community and to usher in the holiday for those who may be feeling Thanksgiving alone or not have a Thanksgiving meal,” says David Rocheleau, Feinsteins Community Service Chief Educator.

State House Protest Against Prop. 8 Officials Show Pressure Along with Students

BENJAMIN GOLDBERG 
STAFF WRITER

On about as cold and dreary a November day as Rhode Island can offer, a crowd gathered on the steps of the state capital building. With flags raised proudly, they came together as part of a national protest against California’s Proposition Eight (an initiative amending California’s state constitution to define marriage as between a man and a woman).

The reaction to Proposition Eight was swift call for a national protest and our tiny state of Rhode Island, a state which does not recognize gay marriage, answered that call. Amidst readings of “No state can deny my son rights for equal protection” and “Let love determine who I marry,” the crowd listened to numerous speakers including Mayor David Cicilline, who encouraged the crowd to “continue the fight beyond today.”

State Representative Frank Ferri was more demanding. “I am a state representative and I can’t get married here... It’s time for equality. It’s time for fairness.”

One protester was Johnson & Wales Student Government Association Chief Justice Kyle M. Britto ’09. “The statehouse is not far from the downtown campus” Britto said “We could be pressuring legislators to pass an equality bill.”

The mood of the crowd ranged from somber to bitter, from hopeful to demanding. While the intent of Proposition Eight was to constitutionally put an end to the marriage equality movement, it seems to have had the opposite effect, awakening a new passion and unity both in Rhode Island and across this nation.

Optimism was best represented by Susan Herron, chairwoman of the MERI Education Fund Board of Directors, with her prediction that within three years

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Celebrating Native American Culture

ASHLEY TUCKER
STAFF WRITER

JWU students have been learning about the Native American Culture during Professor J. Jennings's Food & Culture lectures. Jennings, an American Indian, captured the opportunity to get the students involved in celebrating her culture by implementing hands on assignments that were "lots of fun" according to Amber Dea,'10.

The classes moved in groups and completed seven baskets which are currently on display at the HarborSide Library. The class teamed up with the Librarian to create a showcase of many books and literature concentrating on American Indian food and culture in honor of the National American Indian Heritage Month (November).

In 1996, President Bill Clinton declared November as National American Indian Heritage Month in hope that all Americans will observe this month and recognize the rich history and injustices that American Indians and Alaskan Natives were faced with.

During Jennings's lectures, she traveled with the students in a 'tina capusle' back into the early 1600's where they explored the Pequot War and observed different relationships that developed between African Americans and American Indians that occupied Southern New England.

Professor Jennings is working towards her Ph.D. in Native American Studies at the University of Massachusetts and has an intense enthusiasm and knowledge of the Native people. Her people "have given so much to this great country and should be recognized for their contributions; foods, the names to rivers, lakes, valleys, street names, democracy, military tactics, conservation, canoes, tobogans, hammocks," are only a few of the wonderful gifts that American Indians have contributed to society.

The teachings of the true historian Native American culture were implemented just in time for the students' departure for Thanksgiving break. Learn more about American Indians by visiting the HarborSide Library Showcase in the Friedman Center (Paramount Building).

JWU Receives Gold and Silver at New York City Competition

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On Sunday, November 9, 2008 Johnson & Wales students gathered at the HarborSide Campus by 5:00 am to attend the International Hotel/Motel & Restaurant Show held in New York City. It was at this event that JWU Culinary students and faculty received an impressive thirteen medals, eleven gold as well as two silver.

It was a cold, bitter morning but as over 120 students piled into two coach busses, their spirits could not be any higher. Once students settled down for the trip, chief cooks acted like wall curtains and blocked out the sun's rays, a painful reminder of the fact that some of those students had been running on little to no sleep for the past several days. By the time the first coach bus arrived in New York City, everyone was bouncing off the walls with joy and excitement. Students were not disappointed with what greeted them.

Upon entering the large convention center, students had to first sign in. Following, the groups broke up into small packs to wonder about the area. When first walking into the foodservice section, there were many displays. Industry leaders such as Vulcan, Robot Coupe, and Ecolab were present in full force, giving away free promotional items and brochures. Also in attendance were smaller companies such as Big Geyser Inc., a New York distributer of beverages. As students passed by, the vendors saw the white chief jackets and offered free samples to those who walked by. Within minutes students had an array of beverages to their disposal.

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Blue Elephant Thai Cuisine

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On a brisk fall morning, nothing feels better than tucking into a big pile of warm pancakes. Pumpkin pancakes make the whole scene even better. You can find this and much more at Blue Elephant on Wickenden Street, where they serve up breakfast all day, plus lunch and homemade jewelry and other art.

Blue Elephant is a funky, family-friendly eatery that features a diverse breakfast menu, with six different breakfast sandwiches, five types of Benedict, more than a dozen omelets, and other specialties. Also featured are daily specials. Many breakfast meals come with fresh fruit salad, which is a pleasant change to fare that is traditionally pretty heavy.

After wresting with my choice between pumpkin pancakes and chalal French toast, I went with the pancakes. My lovely companion got “The Basics”: 3 eggs over easy, an English muffin and corned beef hash. The pancakes were very well-spiced and “pumpkinly”, and although a bit heavy and doughy, I had no problem scarfing down two of the three. “The Basics” were just that, well cooked but not overly exciting. Our total with two coffees and tax was $18.36. Both of our meals were pretty good, but if I go back I will be getting one of the plates I saw other people ordering, like the chalal French toast (served with nutella) or the Sweet Senorita, grilled corn bread, chilli, eggs and cheese.

If you go to Blue Elephant, be prepared for a wait. The restaurant is located in an old Colonial house, and the layout of the building has not really been changed. This means that the dining rooms are small. Once you get in, though, you will find yourself in a warm, cozy environment with paintings and jewelry for sale on the paste yellow walls. The only real drawback to the homey atmosphere is the fact that the tables (which have cool comics on them), seem to have been shellacked by non-professionals. My water glass stuck to the table, even though I saw wait staff cleaning them. The service was friendly and pretty fast, though more refills on the coffee and water would have been appreciated. If you are looking for a change of breakfast pace (and pretty big portions), give Blue Elephant a try.

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Arts & Entertainment

Shwayne: Malibu's Most Hip

Jack B'tch
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Everyone remembers the atrocity that was the movie “Malibu’s Most Wanted”, portraying the b chee Los Angeles suburb as so upper class and chalk white that the only rappers it can produce are rich teenagers fronting gangsta poses and shouting out things that may hint at being thrown in the mental hospital. Real life Malibu residents and current hip-hop act Shwayne, consisting of Shwayne himself (born Aaron Smith), his counterpart Cisco Alder and the notorious DJ Skeet Skeet, beg to differ. They have not only hit the ground running with their recent release in their self-titled album and accomplished hit “Corona and Lime” which hit #23 on the US Top 100, but also with a flurry of touring that has drawn hundreds if not thousands whether it be on the highly touted summer Warped Tour or their own headlining tour which they are currently on, where I was able to chill with Shwayne and converse about everything from music to life.

Having grown up in Malibu, you might think that Shwayne came from a plush lifestyle on the California coast. Needless to say, this is far from the reality of it all. Instead, he came out of a tougher trailer-park neighborhood of unaccomplished dreams and sought to make something of himself. The self-proclaimed “only black kid in Malibu,” Shwayne grew up with his grandparents, and despite an endless array of local jobs, found that his most regular income came via his handyman grandfather. “Everyone else pretty-much got sick of me, and the only choice I really had was working for my grandfather, a handyman, as his assistant installing doors and windows, and fixing light bulbs for old ladies...”

“I started out going to college in San Diego, and it was going pretty smooth, I thought my time in music was pretty much over but Cisco approached me one day saying, “Let’s make a track man”, and we ran with it,” remarked Shwayne as he also point out that, “For me it was one last stab at making music, otherwise I’d still be in school or done by now.”

This last stab at music resulted in the laid-back hip-hop melodies and rhythms you can hear on their newest album as well as a free mix tape online. With the inclusion of acoustic guitars and summer-time vibes, Shwayne pays homage to all-day-and-into-the-night party lifestyle colored by the rolling tides of his hometown beaches, and the rolling papers that flavor the proceedings.

Being both from musical backgrounds, Shwayne, Cisco brought on DJ Skeet Skeet and compiled 30 (40 tracks) then went through and cut it down to 15 to 20 that were worthy of being put on an album.” I have a studio in my house, and that made it easy for us,” explained Adler. “I’d usually have a beat made, or we’d just make one right on the spot, or even a whole track, and we’d just go to work. There was no place for down time. It was party the night before to get something to talk about, then wake up in the morning and make a song about it... We weren’t signed to Suretone/Griffin yet, and we weren’t paying attention to that. We were just creating a sound and an artist, just for the sheer fun of it.”

The result of this all brought out Shwayne to the forefront of indie hip-hop, gaining strength in recent years thanks to the melting pot of music genres and artists evolving over the past decade. As their fan base grew exponentially, they were asked to play at such events as the 2007 Warped Tour, the longest running annual tour in North America. From California to Calgary, to big cities and all points in between, Shwayne was catapulted into the spotlight.

As Shwayne reflected, “Warped tour was our first big tour and it was a dream come true. It wasn’t just a tour, it was a boot camp for bands and gave us an idea of what it look to tour and really express ourselves and learn about our fans.” Their fans, as he put it, are anyone really from the 15-year-old girl screaming and singing along, to her mom or just the average guy in his mid 30’s looking to chill out. He also shared about one of the craziest moments of their existence so far involved “prime-time on the main stage at Warped Tour in Chicago in front of 10,000 people, almost surreal.”

After a summer “break”, Shwayne realized the touring didn’t stop there. “I’m a Gemini man, I do everything sometimes. And I want to go everywhere. Whether it is with Metro Station or our friends who we’re with right now, Krista, or a DJ whatever. It’s always a good time.” But the new step into music and the touring lifestyle hasn’t changed Shwayne himself, pointing out, “Sure all of this has impacted me somewhat, I can afford things more easily and I’m not as stressed out with the help of some things. But I don’t go out and buy diamond encrusted things. The biggest thing I’ve bought was a big-screen TV for my parents.”

Their laid-back summer-time feel also seems to transcend every tour stop, as their stage presence, fans and even the after-show get together resonant through their sociable and open personalities. “I plan to do this stuff down the till I’m 40 or however long I can live and make music,” affirmed Shwayne as he hung out taking pictures with fans after Shwayne acknowledges on their track “Don’t Be Shy,” that persistence has paid off so far: “I’m just a kid livin’ the dream.”

Jack B'tch

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December 14
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December 16
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December 18
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December 27
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Loss For Words, Energy, Lions Lions
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@Palladium | $15 | 6pm

December 28
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December 29
Bayside, Valencia & Penrose
@Harpers Ferry (Allston, MA) | $14
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Bareilles Woos Fans at Lupus Heartbreak Hotel

Of course, after completing the opening acts, the much anticipated Sara Bareilles gallantly galloped up to the stage. She was wearing a gold colored, aerially-soft, A-line dress that was paired with calf-length felt lined rodeo boots. Bareilles took a seat in front of her piano and started the show by singing “Vegas,” a song which talks about putting everything on the line to pursue a life long dream of being a musician. Of course she sang her hit single “Love Song,” as well as other great songs off her album. By the end of the show, she collaborated with her posse and sang a song together.

Once the show was over, the audience gave her a standing ovation and started cheering for more. Sara Bareilles walked off stage and talked to some of the fans who were waiting for her to sign autographs. She spent about 20 minutes signing autographs and taking pictures with fans.

Wrath of the Lich King an Immersive Fantasy Experience

Smashing PC game sales records by selling 2.8 million copies worldwide within 24 hours of its release, Blizzard Entertainment’s latest expansion to World of Warcraft (WoW) is more immersive and well-designed than any before it.

Just Enough” from Stevie Wonder. It was a great ending to the long awaited concert. But after leaving the stage, driven by the crazed and encore-screaming crowd, Sara stepped back on stage and finished the show. She sang her classic song “Gravity,” diminished her self, and the wondrous night was over.

Chelsea Ronsen, ‘11, attended the show and thought “I thought Sara put on an amazing performance! She was personal with the audience by telling her story behind each song and interacting with the audience. Sara was a great live performer and I would definitely pay to see her again.”

Sara Bareilles is one of the newest and most beautiful voices in the music industry today. She has a wide variety of fans that will continuously love and cherish her music. Her career is like a hurricane that has just started gaining strength and size by the warm waters of the Caribbean Sea. As it makes its way to the unmerging Floridians, the hurricane relinquishes her energy. She is a force to be reckoned with, and when she climaxes and flourishes, the world will be astounded with what hit them.

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It's a fact that global temperatures have increased over the last century—indeed, over the last one hundred years, the increase has been about 0.8 degrees Celsius. This is in line with the observed increase in global temperatures, and is consistent with the predictions of climate models. The increase in temperature is due to the increase in atmospheric concentrations of greenhouse gases, primarily carbon dioxide (CO₂), methane (CH₄), and nitrous oxide (N₂O), which absorb and emit infrared radiation, leading to an increase in global temperatures.

Supporters of the anthropogenic global warming (AGW) theory argue that the increase is due to human activities, particularly the burning of fossil fuels. They point to the observed correlation between CO₂ concentrations and temperature increases. However, critics argue that the increase in temperature is natural and has been occurring for millions of years. They also argue that the increase in temperature is within the range of natural variability and is not statistically significant compared to the warming trend.

Recent studies have shown that the Earth's climate is naturally variable, and that the current temperature increase is within the range of natural variability. For example, the Medieval Warm Period and the Little Ice Age, which occurred during the medieval period and the Little Ice Age, respectively, were characterized by temperatures similar to those of the current warming period. However, these periods were much shorter than the current warming period, and the climate conditions were different.

AGW theory states that heat is being absorbed by CO₂ in the troposphere (the lowest 50 kilometers of the atmosphere). As some but not all of this heat can be expected to transfer to the surface, we should expect temperature increases from global warming to be larger in the troposphere than in the stratosphere, and that any increase in surface temperature would be much smaller than the increase in CO₂ concentrations.

In conclusion, the current warming period is within the range of natural variability, and the increase in temperature is not statistically significant compared to the warming trend. The increase in temperature is natural and has been occurring for millions of years. The increase in CO₂ concentrations is due to human activities, particularly the burning of fossil fuels. However, the increase in temperature is not statistically significant compared to the warming trend.

Composition of the Earth's Atmosphere

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These temperatures have been measured for decades using weather balloons suspended at various heights in the atmosphere as well as using satellites capable of mapping temperatures in the troposphere. Both methods have shown that tropospheric warming over the past 25 years is significantly less than the warming trend observed in the stratosphere.
Holiday Moment
From the Editors Desk

CATHY BENNET
EDITOR IN CHIEF

“Feast today, for tomorrow we shop,” said J.J. Atkins, ’09, Student Body President via text message on Thanksgiving Day. Our generation is something else, and the next one is joining at a rapid rate. The traditional text to all your friends on holidays expressing your greeting is something unique to us, parents just don’t understand. Our constant communication with each other is shocking to grandparents and the technology we understand and use is a foreign language to most. The next generation is keeping up with us, as seen by the Nikon CoolPic camera I found at my parents house a couple weeks ago. Like anyone else would, I looked through the pictures and found my five-year-old nephew took “MySpace” style pictures of himself and all the different faces he could make. I have full confidence that one day he will grow up and not be taller than me but also technologically advanced.

Like coining a style of photos (“MySpace” pictures), our generation is starting trends today that will continue well into the future. Some crazy people make it a habit of getting up at 4:00 in the morning the day after Thanksgiving, affectionately known as Black Friday, to go shopping. Bundling up (it’s cold in the North East during November at 4:00 AM or earlier) to stand outside Walmart, Kohls or Target is the thing to do.

Putting catastrophe aside, (that poor Walmart employee who was trampled to death) Black Friday is known as the best day for sales. This trend is developing further with today’s fascination of living life online, some of the better deals can be found on the store’s website. Dealing with the crowds is no longer necessary. Sales are often extended online; Old Navy, Sports Authority, Sears, Best Buy and Pac Sun are just a few who are accepting the new holiday – Cyber Monday. Cyber Monday extends the shopping part Friday all the way through the weekend, with this holiday who really needs to wake up at the crack of dawn after a turkey coma?

Even with all the shopping, will this Christmas be as good as its preceding years? With the economy in such a sad state there could be many Scrooges. The holidays are about family and friends, the people who are most important to you. At some point in your life, if you haven’t already, you will have your “ah ha” moment where you realize that it’s not about the things you get but about who you’re with – not just at the holidays but everyday. What were you thankful for on Thanksgiving? Keep that in mind as you get ready for Christmas and New Years.

Best Event of ’08, Relay For Life, To Kickoff January 14

From the President’s Desk

J.J. ATKINS
SGA PRESIDENT

Step 1: Mark your calendars!

The 3rd annual Relay For Life at Johnson Hall is starting on Saturday, January 18th at 6:15pm. This Kick Off event is the beginning to our main event on April 3rd. The Kick Off’ Off will feature a “Survivor” themed information session about what Relay For Life is, what to expect, how to fundraise, and how to have the ultimate Relay For Life night stand!

Please come for this 2 hour session to receive team captain packs, important dates and information, and FREE pizza! There will also be a chance to purchase one of our promotional t-shirts for $10 (all proceeds will go to the cause of cancer at the American Cancer Society).

This raises global CO2 concentrations.

Fact: The ‘hockey stick’ model which shows temperatures spiking is flawed; random data yielded the same result.

 Gore’s other really big chart—the one he gets on a multi-line to reach the top of— shows the Mann hockey stick analysis, which supposedly demonstrates a spike in global temperatures. I could argue that if a graph suddenly changes trends, it precisely is the data set which is changing. Gore’s cleverly uses proxies to directly measure temperature, one should be highly skeptical of the results.

But I don’t need to make that argument, because when two Canadian scientists ran random data (generated by Monte Carlo analysis) into the model, it popped out the exact same hockey stick graph.

That this model was adopted both by a former Vice-President of the United States and by a United Nations commission with over 1000 scientists tasked for validity, says a lot about the gullibility of modern scientists.

Conclusion: AGW is a myth.

Challenging a scientific theory is labeled as “completely impudent” by a UN official.

Groups of scientists appeal to government to censor documentaries challenging their pet theory.

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It’s time to end this scientific inquisition.

I’m not asking you to stand with me and declare that AGW is a myth. Rather, I’m asking you to accept that climate science is an undeveloped science, and that there is a case to be made—right or wrong—the anthropogenic global warming is a myth.

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Benjamin Goldberg
Staff Writer

Getting past the obvious citizenship, basically nothing and everything. We as Americans represent so many different ethics, standards, moralities, and opinions. And yet somehow those who would attempt to apply a single moral standard. Besides those rules of law in this country this is foolish. With a population so diverse, who is so self-evident to think that they are the appointed enlightened evangeline sent to preach their standards? Anyone so bold, and slightly ignorant, to make this claim is hubris at best.

Certainly we have a code of conduct to which we hold each other accountable. For example; we agree that murder is wrong. It is for these reasons that we’ve enacted laws against such actions. But as far as should we vote, become involved in religion, aspire to political office; give to charity, who’s to say? On a personal level, I feel that we should always strive to do our best in self and country. This view however, is solely mine and I would never permit it to be imposed on you. I have volunteered hours and thousands of hours of my life to various nonprofit organizations, but that does not make me any more of an American than someone who has donated not even a penny? Of course not! For someone to suggest that a scale exists that measures how American one is, to which a moral standard even remotely would evolve into, is irrational. Imposing that someone is more or less of an American based on their actions is like saying an apple is more of an apple because it is organic. The beauty of this country is that we can have social conservatives with leftist attitudes, who condemn others national serenity, while completing none of their own. There are liberals who at every opportunity condemn the policies of the current administration but offer no solutions.

We can be an contradictory or straight forward people. We have freedom, and with freedom comes choice. We choose to live within the laws of this nation, I embrace you as a fellow American, regardless if you are a neo-Nazi, a socialist, or even a right wing conservative. As Voltaire famously stated “I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it.” We are as synonymous as we are infinitely different, and as such we are all Americans.

The Left

“Look to...gay marriage. While the two sides may disagree vehemently...[they] are passionate about the issue, not because it affects them personally, but because the opposing view clashes with their vision of the perfect society.”

It is this drive for perfection that motivates one half of our nation to go to war with the other. Contrary to what many might think, continuing the slave trade was in the economic interest of Northern voters. Yet they chose to fight a war against their brethren, risking their own lives to protect the rights of strangers from the other side of the country.

The Right

Gay marriage as fundamentally immoral, and so seek to prevent its spread even where it does not affect them in any material way. Gay marriage activists view it as a fundamental human right—even going so far as to call it a civil rights issue—and so seek to protect that right even if they themselves are not affected by it. Both sides are passionate about the issue, not because it affects them personally, but because the opposing view clashes with their vision of the perfect society.

The story of America is long and varied. But from Winthrop's model of the ideal society and the 'more perfect union' drafted at the constitutional convention to our present situation, we've defined ourselves by our ideals. All who share these high standards—even if we differ on what exactly they are—are welcome to stand beside us as my fellow Americans. As for the aesthetic masses who do not rise to the American occasion—history shall dispense with them.

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Ask Harold

Editor’s note: Long time readers may recall an advice column entitled Ask the Mayor. We’ve decided to bring this wildly popular, and funny column back.

Question: Will you confirm my friend request on Facebook? What is this Facebook? Who is the hell officially requests to be a friend? Why do I need to confirm this? So many questions! I’m over 50 years old. I’m not as techno-savy as you college kids. I’m just kidding. But seriously why are kids playing unattended in my front yard? I don’t have a Facebook account, yet. As soon as it is up and running I’ll be sure to let you all know. As for now if you want to talk to me your going to have to come down to the CBC-SI building and leave me a comment or question at the front desk. Another option is to e-mail me your questions. I know it wasn’t your original question but for what it’s worth, get off the computer and go outside. Find someone you don’t know, meet them, hang out together, that’s called making friends. You can’t do that digitally.

Go ahead audit your so called “Friends” How many of them have you talked to in the last three months? If you found yourself a nightmare scenario who would show up to help? Do you still think all of those people from high school are still your friends? Do yourself a favor. Join one of the many clubs here at JWU. There are clubs from JWU Players to JBREE. I’m sure you could find one that fits. Make some real friends. The kind of friends who don’t officially ask you to confirm that you are their friend.

Ask Harold what’s on your mind! Drop your questions at the front desk of CBCSI, or e-mail them to campusherald@jwu.edu.

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JWU Earns Gold and Silver Medals in NYC

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faculty walked around the works of art, many “cool”s and “ahhh”s could be heard. April Geyer, ’11 said that “It’s absolutely amazing. The detail they put into it is amazing. Some other displays look as if they just through stuff together.” Christina Manious, ’11 added “It’s amazing, the result of all the hard work from all the students. You can see the effort they put into it.”

For the students that attended, it wasn’t all serious business; they had their fun time as well. After the convention, students were permitted to walk around New York City with a friend. Some groups went up the Empire State Building while others went on a trip through the subway and everyone got their photos taken in Times Square.

John O’Connell, a Teachers Assistant in the Culinary Events Department and also President of the Special Functions Club, was one of the main organizers for this trip. O’Connell had this to say about the logistical issues that arose during the trip “Making sure everyone met at the same time at the same place. Trying to get over 100 kids in the same spot is a challenge by itself.” Later on, O’Connell continued by stating that “The maturity level was astonishing. To think that these kids, who just got out of high school and being in New York without going ‘bug-wild,’ was something. I never did get a call to bail them out of jail.”

Every trip, CSAs the students sit down for dinner at The Hard Rock Café on Times Square, the organizers of the trip were alerted to an issue, three students from the Hospitality College had been left behind by their group. Luckily for them, the Special Functions Club had not left. When asked about the incident, O’Connell just shook his head with a weak smile and said, “At least we didn’t lose anyone.”

In the end, JWU walked away with eleven gold medals and two silver. The judging though was slightly different then a normal competition. Rather than being judged against your opponents, you were given a score. If that score fell within a certain bracket, then you received that medal. Not everyone who participated left with a medal, but let the record state Johnson & Wales left with thirteen.

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JWU Entrepreneurs Making It In Fashion

Kristina Punturiero Staff Writer

A diverse group of students attend JWU, and each has a dream that they want to pursue. Some students choose JWU over other universities because of the hands on experience that they get and the knowledge they know they will receive from professors, who have been in their respective fields. Three entrepreneurial students who have already begun to establish their careers, Dionate Noble, Dante Poole, and Adam Wolfrom are juniors at our University who came here from high school with big dreams and have already been living them.

Dionate Noble is from Long Island, New York and attended technical high school for Graphic Design, which is where he came up with his idea for his clothing line “Crack Artist.” Dionate always had the desire to start his own business and came up with the name during his time at technical high school. “Crack” was a popular word when he was in high school that is used in slang as something extravagant or something outside of the ordinary. He wanted to name his future line that name because to him it stands for the addiction of art.

During his freshman year, Dionate lived in South Hall where he met his business partner Michael Ghattos, also from Long Island and a Graphic Design major. When Dionate met Michael he had told him about his idea and Michael agreed to help him create it and they did in 2006, their sophomore year. They started establishing their clothing line by first creating the name and logo which is “Crack Artist” and a pencil. “The pencil is a symbol of life. First the pencil is sharpened and when you sharpen it, it’s like you are born and can start your life. When the pencil wears away it resembles the struggles of life. When you sharpen the pencil again you overcome those struggles,” Dionate explains about the meaning of the logo. Dionate and Michael have begun to establish their line by creating a website, CrackArtist.com, by showing off their clothing at fashion shows at URI and the Bobby Valentino fashion show at Misquamic Night Club, appearing on a radio show for Brown University, and are in the process of working with Bambu Tattoo. Dante Poole is from Mattapan, Massachusetts and an Entrepreneur/Fashion Merchandising major who always had a passion for clothing. “Clothing is like a sixth sense and to be a fashion designer is a dream that I have to make true,” Dante explains. He started his idea by making and wearing his own clothing. He began to establish his clothing line in 2006, his sophomore year, naming it Danny Attamy because he wanted a name that would be something fun and catchy. Dante didn’t come up with that name right away, he had others in mind but as he sat in his father’s kitchen with a pen and paper he began to play around with his name by taking his first name and splitting it into two names. The logo for Danny Attamy is a crown, which symbolizes leadership. The name of his line evolved into a lifestyle and also stands for leadership so that when people wear his shirts they will feel proud and represent leadership. Dante has begun to establish his line by creating a website which is Dannyattamy.com, showcasing his clothing in the Bobby Valentino Addiction fashion show, and by advertising his clothing on networking sites and by wearing them out.

Adam Wolfrom is from Norwalk, Connecticut and has always loved drawing. Adam got the idea of creating his own line from Dionate Noble while he helped him with “Crack Artist.” “As he had that idea in his head, ironically enough he found someone who had just as much passion for art as he did,” Sean McDonnell, a junior and from Framingham, Massachusetts, is Adam’s partner and has helped him create this future company. Adam and Sean met at John Hazen White and they both discussed their passion for art and tried to figure out a way to express it somehow so they came up with their line “NU Company.” The last addition of the team for NU Company ends with Derek Soto who is a senior from Manhattan, New York and his job is being the audio/video engineer for “NU Company.” Adam and Sean came up with the name from thinking about how different the three of them are, yet they came together to add their two cents towards a common interest in their lives. Their logo stands for standing up for what you believe in, no matter what is going on. Adam and Sean have established “NU Company” by creating their web site nucompany.com, showcasing their clothing in the URI fashion show, the Bobby Valentino fashion show, and also by selling their clothing in the store Castle on Wickenden Street, “NU Company” is merely me mixing my two passions together: art and fashion. They say you can do anything you put your mind to. I am that kind of dude, when I put my mind to it, that’s it nothing more to do,” Adam explains.

These three students are just a few of the ambitious and determined students that attend Johnson & Wales University. These are not the only students at our university that have an idea and already started to see it through. Along with students that have already done what they put their minds to, just know that no idea is ever too big and it’s never too early to start.

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Winter & Holiday Trend Report

JUSTINE OLIVICK
GUEST WRITER

Argyle: While traditionally known as an autumnal trend, argyle sweaters, scarves, and accessories continue to be seen on knitwear everywhere. Whether you wear it in a metallic sweater form or simply a pair of ankle socks, this collegiate look still has legs. For a new way to wear this look, try mixing it with plaid, as seen on the D&G Fall 2008 show. As long as there is a similar color scheme in the outfit, it will look put-together and fresh.

Floral Details: What once became an accessory phenomenon several years ago with the television show Sex and the City is still appearing on the labels of coats every where. That’s right; it’s time to take out your flower pins and clips again. Popularized in the form of a fake flower on a pin, trendy girls everywhere had them on the collars of tops and jackets as seen on Carrie Bradshaw. Now that they’ve been stored away for a few seasons, now is the time to bring them back out, but this time perhaps on the pocket of a bag or attached to a hair-tie. For a more updated version, Patricia field, the stylist of Sex and the City, features black and white pins with metallic detailing on her web site. However, if the only accessorizing you’re revelling to do to your outerwear is a scarf, fear not; there’s still a way to get in on the trend. Creed’s new Millenni eImperial perfume, a mix of exotic florals and citrus, may set you back $215.

Top 10 Holiday Gifts

This trend, whether found in Juicy Couture’s “Rock the Bag”, (available in metallic blue green or pink), or the highly buzzed Michael Kors Chronograph watch with crystal trim. The newest spin on Converse’s classic Chuck Taylor sneaker is rendered in a pink glitter covered canvas. J.Crew metallic skinny belt has been updated in several new shades, including “metallic bright tide pool”, a teal blue. What’s great about this trend is that while you can definitely wear it now to say, a holiday party, you can also carry some of the pastel metallics into your spring wardrobe.

Faux Fur: Once thought of as tacky and “ passe”, this politically correct material is showing up EVERYWHERE. It is truly a horizontally integrated trend, as faux fur pieces can be found everywhere from Neiman Marcus to Express. While the most popular form faux fur can be found in would obviously be a coat or jacket, why not try it in a new silhouette such as a vest or scarf? The rising popularity of faux fur pieces can perhaps be accredited to the popularity of the TV show The Rachel Zoe Project, on which she was almost always spotted in some sort of fur piece. While some of us might hate the real thing, a $35 price point (for a “snow leopard shrug” at Forever 21) is a bit more approachable for us college students than about $200 for the real thing.

Art Club Re-Opening

The Art Club re-opened on the 23rd of November. Check out the new exhibits for the holiday season. Put on something trendy and get your creative mind flowing at the Art Club.

Bank Of America Ice Skating Rink

Open Monday-Friday, 10a.m.-10p.m.; Saturday & Sunday 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Show off your fashionable winter outerwear at the rink!

Wrath of the Lich King an Immersive Fantasy Experience

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Having joined pick-up groups for Ugarde Keep and the Nexus (the former completed successfully, the latter not), this author can safely say that for the first time, 5-man instances are a challenge. Clearing through trash mobs is, as always, relatively simple though even these mobs are more challenging—the "guarantor" in the Nexus is an example of trash mobs being designed to challenge players without being extraordinarily difficult. The bosses, on the other hand, are quite challenging. With a strong tank and healer, this writer made it through Ugarde Keep.

The Championing system, in which players may gain reputation in instances at level cap by donating the tabard of whatever faction they wish to gain reputation with, is a vast improvement over the Burning Crusade reputation system. Previously, players were forced to run a specific set of instances—instances they may have hatred to—gain reputation with a necessary faction. This change allows players to run whatever instances they enjoy and will provide them with gear upgrades.

To some extent, this writer is not entirely qualified to rate WoW Classic. Wintergrasp, the world PvP zone that’s home to massive battles between Horde and Alliance on a particular realm, requires a player to be at level cap to have any real chance against the opposing faction. As my mage is only level 75, I haven’t been able to participate. But the real beauty of Wintergrasp is what isn’t required for participation—an even balance of Alliance and Horde. When one faction is outnumbered in the zone, they receive a buff, Tenacity, that increases the power of players of the outnumbered fac tion. The buff scales based on the ratio of Alliance to Horde, such play even when outnumbered as much as 20:1. As I play on a PvP server where my faction is almost always outnumbered by 2:1 or more, I’m glad they’ve designed a system in which there’s actually a chance of victory.

Getting entry-level PvP gear is much easier in WoW than it has been previously. Each of the serious crafting professions (primarily Blacksmithing, Leatherworking and Tailoring) can produce quasi-sets of reliance gear. (Resilience, which reduces a player’s chance to be hit with a critical strike, and reduces the duration of damage over time effects, is considered the premium PVP stat.) Collecting all of these items will give a player over 325 reliance—more than enough to fight toe-to-toe against those with the best gear from previous arena seasons. More importantly, this eliminates the need to walk into battlegrounds wearing PvP gear and be brutally slaughtered for hours by players who vastly outgun you. The need to farm honor for entry-level PvP gear is history—in WoW, players can PvP for fun, rather than for profit. If anything could be said to have disappointed this gamer, it would be WoW professions. With a few limited exceptions, the epic on pickup (BoP) endgame items created by the various crafting professions have been replaced with epic bind on equp (BoE) items. Developers have stated that they made the change so players didn’t feel they had to take a specific profession to gain entry into raids. While an admirable goal, removing crafted BoE items has taken away from the identity of the professions. When everyone and their mother is wearing the same crafted items you are, it detracts from the feeling of ownership people who value their professions get.

Regardless, this is a minor issue. By all accounts, WoW Classic is an incredible addition to an already wonderful game.
Sustainable development in a competitive world.

College (2nd) and Southern Maine (3rd) finished just one point apart with UMass Dartmouth (4th) finishing only eight points behind them. However, the Wildcats kept up their own stellar play finishing 26 points ahead of Rhode Island College to sustain a first place victory. Senior Bobby Newton led the Wildcats and was one of four players who finished within the top ten of the tournament. Newton finished 1st overall while also taking home GNAC Player of the Year honors. "It was quite an honor to receive the award and I think it was good for everyone. But the main goal was to win as a team and that helped us get to the national tournament." Senior Dustin Bride finished in a four-way tie for 2nd. Both players were chosen for the GNAC All-Championship Team. Senior Zach Johnson and Sophomore Steve LeDonne also finished within the top ten with Bernardo finishing 6th in a two-way tie. LeDonne finished 8th also in a two-way tie. LeDonne also was placed on the GNAC Sportsmanship Team.

Adding to the victory, Coach Les Parente was honored with the GNAC Coach of the Year award. "As a coach, you’re hoping the team stays focused and doesn’t take anything for granted. They played a solid tournament and won by twenty-six shots, a great achievement for our golf program at JWU." With the national tournament scheduled to be held in May, the Men’s Golf team will have some time to ready themselves for the national stage. For now the Wildcats can definitely enjoy being champions of their conference until the next national tournament.

The Extra Point: Where’s the Heart in the NFL? KIRSH K. TAPAMAN SPORTS EDITOR

College football is a completely different game. I’m not talking about the rules and regulations but how the players themselves play the game. Maybe it’s because of their personal desire to bring pride to the schools they represent, or perhaps it’s simply for the love of the game. Ask any person who is familiar with college ball, and they’ll agree that college games have something that the NFL is lacking by the minute. Heart. Football has this ability to bring out almost every emotion in a fan within a single set of downs. It has given lifelong fans something to cheer for, something to believe in. One of my all-time favorite moments was in the 2005 AFC Divisional Championship game between the Denver Broncos and New England Patriots when CB Champ Bailey intercepts a pass in the end zone from Tom Brady and runs it up the side to what would’ve been another punishing touchdown against the Pats. As Bailey approaches the end zone for a touchdown, a flash of a Patriots jersey with the number 84 on it appears in the corner of the screen, a tight end by the name of Ben Watson. That exact moment right before Bailey approaches the end zone to complete an incredible turnover. Watson had already been running slightly back to say the least. In fact I was almost forced to love it when I lived in Austin, Texas for a year. I’ve turned to college football for the wins that can change a player’s career and to watch the underdogs come out on top. On the evening of Saturday, November 1, 2008, the number one ranked team in the country lost by 6 points. Texas Tech University had beaten The University of Texas and in a single game, a team’s number one ranking is taken away. It seemed like that at moment, Texas Tech’s systemized offensive program had outplayed the perseverance of the Longhorns. Monitors like these do not happen in the NFL, if a team has a terrible game, the following week proves to be another chance to improve their record. College football is different, the outcomes of each game can change the national ranking of a team instantly. It’s where the quarterback is more concerned with avoiding the punts rather than making overpaid ESPN commercials with their other overpaid, hyped up quarterback brother (Sorry Manning fans!) the peak of the season is approaching and with that comes the formation of several bowl match-ups across the country. So make your choice, whether it be the Cotton Bowl, Orange Bowl or Sugar Bowl, each match-up has its own story. Every team has had its ups and downs in their own seasons regardless, and with some players having this season be the last they spend on the gridiron, look to these games to see what pain pension and athleticism looks like on the field. On January 8, 2009 is the BCS National Championship Game, which is the chance that had top 3 teams in a 3-way tie, it’ll be interesting to see who will play with even more heart.

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