Coda Elected SGA President

Robinson, Archila, Long and Coda to Comprise Executive Cabinet

Marc Coda, Marie Robinson, Adam Archila and Geoffrey Long were elected as President, Speaker of the Senate, Speaker of the House and Chief Justice, respectively, of the Student Government Association in a week-long election that drew a record turnout of 823 students, according to SGA President Elect Marie Robinson.

Rachel Weinstein, Jillian Perry, Jonathan Justiniano, Nicole Cacciola and Corey Butow were elected as assistant secretaries. Cassandria Avery, Nathan Baird, Cashway Brown, Mario Pabaroouc and Rufus Bailey were elected to the House of Representatives.

In addition to receiving a plurality of the vote, candidates for Senate and House of Representatives are required by the SGA Bylaws to receive at least 15% of the total vote. Four candidates for Senate received less than 289 votes, preventing them from being elected.

Akins said he was happy with the election process, though he wished some candidates had aimed their campaigns had not centered their campaigns around narrow issues that affect relatively few students.

In an interview with The Campus Herald, Coda commented on his plans for the 2009-2010 year. "I agreed, and added that Coda Archila would be "a good fit" for his position. Coda and Long said their goal was for the SGA to better serve University students. Coda was "always looking for value-added"

Ludacris is an American rapper who has been working steadily since his first album in 2000 and has now sold over 20 million albums worldwide. His first album "Back for the First Time" reached three times platinum, each record Ludacris has released since has gone either two or three times platinum and produced hit songs such as "What's Your Fantasy", "Southern Hospitality", "Ridin'" and "Blueberry Yum Yum".

Ludacris is co-founder and CEO of Disturbing Tha Peace Records (DTP), a recording music company that exclusively distributes with Def Jam. In addition to music and business Ludacris found success when he acted in 2 Fast 2 Furious, which also brought him "Act A Fool" to the limelight.

Southern Hip-Hop style, and personality heavily affect Ludacris' music, in his album Red Light District "Pimpin' All Over The World" lyrics are as follows: "In the room at home. I see a girl like I walk straight up to her and I'm like, Hey girl how ya doin', you are the woman. I'm really serious, I would like to get to know you, can you gimme ya name, if you jot down ya number you'll get mine in exchange. See I'm the man of this town, and I hope you wouldn't mind if I showed you around, so when you go to certain places you'll be thinkin' of me, we get people to meet and many places to see".

Theatre of the Mind's concept is reflected in the album cover, which features various "moods" of Ludacris as a theatre audience. Bringing many minds together was the purpose of this album. Theatre Of The Mind was released in November 2008 and features Floyd 'Money' Mayweather, TI, T-Pain, The Game, Willey Northpole, Rick Ross, Playaz Circle, Yung Rhames, Chris Rock, Chris Brown, Sean Garrett, P. Diddy, Jamie Foxx, Lil Wayne, Common, Spike Lee, Nas and Jay-z.

"Do It For Hip Hop", "Southern Gangsta", "Wish You Would", "Nasty Girl" and "Lost Of A Loving Breed" are just a few of the latest Ludacris hits.

"What Them Girls Like" featuring Chris Brown ranked Number One on Billboard Top 100 and #17 on Billboard Hip Hop. In an interview with MTV Ludacris talked about touring with TI and Young Jeezy, "I haven't confirmed anything yet, it's little talk here and there. But I'll put it out there: I would love to do a tour where it's me, T.I. and [Young] Jeezy. Me, Tip and Jeezy would be outrageous. But nothing is confirmed at the moment".

Joining Ludacris as JWU guest for the Wildcat Wahoo is MC Lars. "Post-gang laptop rap" is how MC Lars describes his style. While in college at Oxford in 2004 Lars put out his first at-home computer-made "The Laptop EP".

Best known for his radio success "Hot Topic Je Ne Parle", Lars has sold 20,000 copies of "The Graduate" worldwide. His style is hip-hop with a punk rock band backing him. Lars' childhood hero and icon Weird Al Yankovic collaborated with him for "Eye Player For Real" and is reminiscent of the ska generation. Lars has shared the stage with popular music artists including Simple Plan, Bowling for Soup, Gym Class Heroes, Say Anything, Jack's Mannequin, and went on a college tour with last year's Wildcat artist Young Jeezy.

For further information on the Wildcat Wahoo, contact the Office of Student Activities at (401) 598-4688 or at the Harborbise Recreation Center on the second floor.
The American Cancer Society's Relay For Life at Johnson & Wales University raised $32,000 this weekend with the help of 493 participants.

The event kicked off Friday evening at 6 p.m. on April 3 and concluded Saturday. There were a total of 11 cancer survivors and 60 teams participated.

"A big thank-you goes out to the Johnson & Wales University community for their efforts this past weekend with the Relay For Life," said Jim Beardsworth, Society spokesman. "Your hard work, care and concern, demonstrate the dedication this community has in the fight against cancer."

Relay For Life is the American Cancer Society's largest signature event. Funds raised will support the American Cancer Society's cancer control programs, including a research initiative that has supported 42 Nobel Prize winners during its history. The Society is also a source for comprehensive cancer information through its website www.cancer.org and its toll-free number, 1-800-ACS-2345, which is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Local services include transportation for cancer patients to treatments through Road to Recovery, one-on-one support for women with breast cancer through Reach to Recovery, and clinical and counseling consultation for women being treated for cancer through the Look Good...Feel Better program. The American Cancer Society helps patients and their families with free information, support, and local resources. Cancer information specialists are available by phone 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to help with diagnosis and treatment options, find rides to treatment, or answer insurance questions. If you or someone you know needs help, call 1-800-227-2345 or visit www.cancer.org.

## Campus News

**SGA President-Elect Marc Coda and Chief Justice-Elect Geoffrey Long**

### Coda, Long Frustrated by Slow Pace, GPA Requirements

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"It is time for us to take what's ours," Long said, referring to the responsibility of students to actively participate in SGA and use it as a tool to communicate their needs to administrators.

Coda and Long agreed that for too long, the SGA has spent its time deliberating and debating rather than taking action. Coda complained that Senate business proceeds at a snail's pace, often with one or two agenda items taking hours to transact.

Coda and Long expressed strong support for altering the provision of the SGA Bylaws relating to the minimum GPA of SGA members.

Currently, the bylaws state that if a member's GPA drops below 2.50 at any time during their term, they will be removed from office. Coda and Long suggest placing SGA members on probation for a term if their GPA drops below 2.50, rather than removing them from office immediately.

There is "no fair judicial process" when individuals are not given a hearing, Coda said. He gave examples of students who fall ill or have a death in the family, and argued that GPAs below 2.5 should be dealt with on a "case-by-case" basis so that hard-working students were not cut off from the organization.

This space could have been filled with a news story about your club or organization and how awesome you are. But we can’t cover student activities unless we know about them!

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Student Cooks Up Benefit Dinner

SAMANTHA KREIVICIUS
CULINARY ARTS EDITOR

It was a cold and dreary day in Providence, Rhode Island on April 3rd, but the mood on the Johnson & Wales campus was exactly the opposite. Bus loads of JWU students were arriving one right after the other to the Harbouride Recreation Center gymnasium with blankets, pillows, and anything else they might need to stay awake for "The Ultimate One Night Stand". It was on this day that Relay For Life took place, a well-known fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. At JWU, this meant 12 straight hours, from 6:00 pm-6:00 am, of all kinds of activities, snacks, and inspirational speeches by various students, faculty, and guests.

However, the gym wasn't the only place where something was stirring. John O'Connell, Culinary Arts '09, and his loyal crew, or his "band of minions" as he likes to refer to them as, were cooking up a special benefit dinner for both Cancer survivors, as well as those remembering their loved ones who lost their battle with the vicious disease. The doors to the Cintas Dining Room opened at 7:30, and a group of 20 people sat down for an intimate dinner, as well as an evening of celebration and remembrance.

Working very closely with his two Executive Sous-Chefs Nicole Gerancher and Joshua Ogrodowski, Culinary Arts, O'Connell conceptualized a delicious and nutritious, three-course tasting menu. The first course was a mixed fruit salad: watermelon, cantaloupe, grilled pineapple, roasted grapes, blueberries, rosewater, and mint simple syrup served in a martini glass. The following second course consisted of grilled pomegranate glazed salmon, roasted sweet potato, cheddar goat cheese polenta, sautéed spinach, pineapple coconut, and pineapple/terragon relish. And to top it all off, dessert was a deconstructed version of a flan, marshmallow flavored mouse with bits of marshmallow, topped with a fresh made chocolate sorbet. "The dinner was a huge success. We've already started planning for next year and we're gonna try and out-do ourselves every time. It's like being at El Bulli, nothing is ever the same.

You never know what to expect.

The meal was not the only entertaining part of the evening. Michael Paris, Culinary Arts/FSM '09 played charming host and Front of the House Manager for the dinner.

O'Connell graduates this year with his Bachelor in Culinary Arts, and plans on obtaining an Associate degree in Baking & Pastry Arts, as well as a MBA in Culinary Education with a concentration in Secondary Certification Education. In the future, he also hopes to open his own catering company, as well as open an American Restaurant called Stacey's, dedicated to his brother who died of pancreatic cancer.

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Bravo: A Job Well Done

Samantha Khayat
Culinary Arts Editor

It was roughly 4:00 on a typical, Friday JWU afternoon as I pushed open the door to Bravo Brasserie, located at 123 Empire Street. It was a slow time, and my partner and I were the only customers there, except for a man enjoying a perfectly after work drink at the bar. At first glance, the décor suggests that this is a place for the older crowd, not the usual raucous college kids mainly reside in the downtown area.

The tables were made from an elegantly dark, cherry wood, but their appeal was slightly thrown off by the lack of linen napkins, instead being replaced with white paper place mats. Place mats are in no way frowned upon (in my opinion), but I would have expected that a place with such a lavish reputation like Bravo would have used napkins. The colors were dark and classic, and the chandeliers and other decorative objects followed the older, yet classic suit.

My partner and I were seated almost immediately, and we began to look at the menu. The ambiance was pleasant, minus the fact that someone had forgotten to close the doors to the kitchen, and the sounds of banging pots and pans and random bits of Spanish could be heard in the dining room.

A server approached shortly after, and she started us off with a glass of water, and a coke for my partner. She was pleasant, but was trying to hide boredom, or the fact that she did not want to be there, maybe both. She returned a few moments later with our drinks, and complimentary French baguettes. It had a very crispy and crusty outside, and a delicious, soft inside. For an appetizer, my partner and I decided to split Yellow Fin Tuna Tartare ($11), which was molded cleverly in a circular shape, accompanied by English cucumbers, ginger dressing, and house made potato chips. The fish was fresh, and had a smooth, clean texture which was matched well the ginger dressing.

For my main entrée, I chose the Bravo Chicken Sandwich ($10), which consisted of grilled chicken strips, avocado, arugula, Applewood bacon, tomato and house made mayonnaise, served on a French baguette. The sandwich had great flavor, and was very generously sized. The chicken strips were moist, and one could taste the smoky flavor they had. The accompanying fries were nicely salted as well, and had a crispy texture. My partner chose the Bravo Salad ($8), mixed greens with tomatoes, roasted red peppers and red onions topped with pan-seared goat cheese and sherry-dijon vinaigrette. The dressing combined all the ingredients pleasantly, and the goat cheese was a nice accent/garnish. Our plates were removed quickly after.

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Night At The NYLO

OLIVIA CUBR
GUEST WRITER

Part of the fun of going away to college is exploring all that your new surroundings have to offer. As Johnson & Wales students in Rhode Island's diverse metropolis, we are exposed to so many great attractions and restaurants, ranging from strolling historic Federal Hill, to discovering the RISD Museum, and of course, the ever popular Thayer Street. One can see that there is much to explore. When a friend informed me of a chic new hotel and restaurant built in Warwick, I was quite intrigued and had to check it out for myself.

The NYLO hotel, located on 400 Knight Street, first opened its doors in September 2008. It is the second installment of a hotel which originated in Plano, Texas. The entire hotel operates on 100% renewable energy and prides itself on being Rhode Island's "Greenest" hotels. From its water purification system to its biodegradable takeaway containers, NYLO is dedicated in its pursuit to improve the planet. The high tech accommodations are well suited for even the most tech savvy guest. Guest rooms and meeting rooms are equipped with high speed Wi-Fi and iPod docks, so no matter what schedule you choose, the comfortable and free of charge night's stay, the hotel offers luxurious sheets and accommodations, while still providing night-time entertainment for party seekers with NYLO's on-premise night club. This is truly a hotel that fulfills its guests' needs.

When first walking through the threshold of the NYLO, one cannot help but feel like they've been transported to one of New York City's stylish 'boutique' hotels. The modern urban inspired décor is felt ubiquitously as you move through the swanky lobby, with its mellow lighting and avant-garde library just past the foyer. The clean, modern aesthetic is carried through into The Loft Restaurant's dining room and is accented by a noticeable seascape motif with icy blue hues. Even the cleverly shaped bar top keeps up with the theme, as it seems to undulate as if it were an ocean wave. The bottles lining the fully-stocked bar wall are illuminated from behind with a soft, inconspicuous blue light.

White coral chandeliers and whitewashed seashell-shaped fixtures adorn the ceilings and walls, while attractive Plexiglas tables, filled with an assortment of sea shells, wait to be seated with hungry diners. The characteristically soft, low, floor-to-ceiling windows look out towards the Pawtuxet River. During the summer, your terrace accompanies guests who seek outside dinning. Looking around, you can easily imagine it being a fitting spot for Poseidon and his cronies. Now to the menu, which should not be overlooked! The Loft offers what they call, "regional comfort cuisine."

Along with their 'green' concept, the restaurant relies on offering foods produced by local farms and purveyors. The dinner menu consists of an intriguing assortment of appetizers, salads and entrees, with seafood and tantalizing flatbread pizzas. On the other side of the menu is an impressive wine list, sure to appease even the most discerning wine aficionados.

When I went to NYLO for dinner with a friend, we decided to order a little of everything. We started with two different flatbread pizzas, which were around $10 each. The first flatbread had a white bean puree, white kale, and shaved cheddar cheese. The second was a fig and prosciutto flatbread with gorgonzola. Both were very tasty, but my friend and I both agreed that the same white bean flatbread on his first visit pointed out that it didn't seem the same. He acknowledged the more garlicky taste from the puree and the disproportionate size of the kale and cheddar. The other flatbread I found to be very delectable; however, the gorgonzola seemed overpowering at times. The soft, yet crisp flatbread itself (without the toppings) was appetizing as well on its own. I liked the fact that the bread was not an afterthought; it too was made to taste just as good as the other ingredients.

We then moved on to a shared tuna appetizer with a papaya salsa atop for $8. The tuna appetizer was overall pleasing as well. I especially liked the openness of the papaya salsa. The thinly sliced, famed out tuna was scared nicely and left raw in the middle, although it could have used a little more salt to awaken the tuna's natural taste.

That might's special consisted of seared sea scallops served over novel with crispy prosciutto and olive oil. I was most impressed with this dish. The sea scallops were seared on both sides, showing a light brown caramelized appearance. The scallops tasted deliciously sweet and fresh. The creamy risotto complimented the scallop while the crispy prosciutto placed decoratively in between the plump scallops added the necessary texture and slight saltiness to the dish. The vibrant green chive oil drizzled around the plate cut the creaminess from the risotto, resulting in a fresh, clean tasting dish. This well-structured dish was around $18 and was well worth the money.

Overall, the experience I had at the NYLO was quite enjoyable. The quality of the service we received was quite exceptional. The prices were also relatively affordable. The menu offers a variety of tempting and affordable sandwiches and burgers as well for those who desire lighter fare. One complaint I would have was that the music became quite obtrusive at times, forcing me to lean in to hear my friend's sarcastic quip: "It must be eighties music tonight!"

Although I did not try dessert that evening, I am sure I will come back, especially when local bands and DJs perform on their Terrace starting on Thursday nights to Saturdays. As Johnson & Wales students, I think that it is important for us to explore what our city and the surrounding areas have to offer. I think that Rhode Island has an interesting new restaurant with NYLO's Lounge Restaurant. Thankfully its charm does not end with its appearance.

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SAMANTHA KHROYOT
CULINARY ARTS EDITOR

Being a New York City native, I've always been partial to dance music. Freestyle, House, Techno... you name it. I've probably rocked my glow sticks to it. As 2008 was coming to a close, I was sure 2009 would bring something new to my ears. Needless to say, I was correct.

It was probably later in January or early February of this year that I first heard this "glamorous, fun, hip-hop" beat coming through the speakers of my friend's iPod. The beat was the product of something that Tito and Christian Aguileras would create if they collaborated on a project. It caught on instantly, left me wanting to "spin that record, baby" time and time again. So when I heard it on the Nylon magazine CD, The Fame.

Lady GaGa (Stefani Joanne Angelina Germanotta) was born in Yonkers, NY on March 28th, 1986 and grew up in NYC. As a little girl, she attended the private Catholic school of the Sacred Heart. At seventeen, Gaga was one of only twenty people in the world to have gained early admission to the Juilliard School at New York University's prestigious Tisch School of the Arts, where she studied music. She percolated her creative writing skills by writing essays and analytical papers with focuses such as art, sociology and music. It allowed her to audition and eventually withdraw from NYU, and began to hang out on the Lower East Side, appearing in hip hop shows, as well as experimenting with drugs in the club scene.

In 2008, she was signed to Interscope Records and began working on The Fame and its accompanying EP. After the release of the album, New Kids On The Block as a songwriter. She later partnered with Akon, who recognized her vocal talents and helped produce her song "Just Dance," featuring Colby O'Donis. She began recording her debut album The Fame, which was released in September 2008.

The album has very catchy melodies and beats, exactly something you'd find on the NYC club scene. It has the perfect mix of music, fashion, culture, and celebrity, all covered in CD covers. However, some of the lyrics in lots of songs can be very suggestive. For instance in the song "Love Game" she beckons a male to let her "take a ride on his disco stick.

All in all, I would rate it 8/10. While the album isn't exactly as amazing as some, like Tiesto or Paul Oakenfeld, it's still incredibly amusing and addicting. It definitely makes me want to "Just Dance."

Dinosaur Jr. Rocks a Sold-Out Club Hell

CHRISSIE GUTOWSKY
CONCERT/WRITER

Dinosaur Jr. goes back to the late '80s in the town of Amherst, MA. The original line-up of J. Mascis, Lou Barlow, and Murphy released 3 albums in the late 80s. After the band split up, they formed several sub-groups and in 1991, the original lineup re-formed to once again play their highly influential Alternative Rock for their fans who missed them.

You may ask why anyone cares if an original member is back with a band after being replaced. With most bands it's true, but in one word, "attention", but time away from Dinosaur Jr., Lou Barlow made quite a name for himself with his other band, Sebadoh. Losing Lou was not the loss of a replicable bassist, but a huge loss of the band itself. Some people don't consider the later Dinosaur Jr. albums, but rather J. Mascis solo albums due to the loss of Lou.

Anyway, enough of the back story. I am writing about the concert held at Club Hell on April 2nd. The night started great as I lined up outside of Club Hell. I could still hear a band members doing sound checks. I figured it was the opening band, but a few minutes later Dinosaur Jr. walked outside to their bus parked out front. It was kind of exciting being able to see the band members in their dressing room. This is the show, even if I didn't actually talk to them.

The opening band Awesome Color, a three-piece band from Michigan that put on an enjoyable opening act, played about a 45 minute show. Dinosaur Jr. took the stage about a half hour after Awesome Color and played for about an hour and half. I found an amazing place to stand right in the front of J. Mascis, but I am not sure if that helped or hurt my experience.

My big complaint about the show was where it was held. Club Hell is a con- cерт hall. The acoustics are not the best in the world for any type of show, but add a loud guitar, thumping bass, and drums, and the vocals were totally washed out. After the 2nd song a few people yelled for the vocals to be turned up. That helped a bit, but the majority of the songs were drowned in sound, but that didn't really matter as we all knew the songs anyway.

The band played one encore consisting of the songs "Singsedges" and my personal favorite, a cover of The Cure's "Just Like Heaven". All in all, even with few problems the show had the band totally rocked everybody's socks. Hopefully they will come back and play at a smaller venue, perhaps one where their new album "Farm" comes out later this year.

Like the show as the ended, and the music stopped, and the lights began to shine, and I thought I had come across something that I should not have been felt by all who attended the show. Many new and exciting things had happened and everyone was glad that they had gone out and done something that night. There may not have seemed to have been anything new or anything exciting, or something life changing about the show and everyone there knew it. It sum up the show in a few words it definitely was punk rock.
Google to Launch Music Video Site

Erica Chu
THE DAILY PRINCETONIAN

A new Web site, Vevo.com, may soon be the online destination for students seeking music videos of their favorite artists. Last Thursday, YouTube, which is owned by Google, and music company Universal Music Group announced a joint plan to introduce Vevo—a Web site which will provide music videos of Universal's artists and other related content—this year.

The two companies have begun discussions with other major labels about joining the site, which will be owned by Universal and implemented using YouTube's technology, Google CEO Eric Schmidt '76 said in a news conference last week. Vevo will also have its own channel on YouTube.

Though the idea of the site appeals to some students, others said they were unsure it would be widely used, especially if its content was already available online or the site posted too many advertisements.

Jonathan Girou '12, who explained that he uses YouTube almost exclusively to watch music videos, said he thought he would definitely use the site, but Liyan Zhao '12 said she doesn’t think the new site will have a clearly defined purpose for users.

"It’s on YouTube anyway," she said. "I don’t think there’s a point."

Jon Fisher '09 also called into question Vevo’s ability to compete with other sites while focusing on turning a profit.

"The site appeals in theory, but if it has any significant amount of advertising, which it will, my patience will run dry very quickly," he said in an e-mail. "The market is so saturated with video sites, they would have to offer a lot of exclusive content for me to stay interested, and even then, it would probably not be from artists I’m interested in."

Ellen Kim '10 said that while she might visit the site, she does not expect it to appeal to her since she does not currently use YouTube to watch many music videos.

"I usually watch home videos," Ariana Vera '12 said, explaining that she usually uses YouTube to view comedic clips and unprofessionally produced videos.

In an interview with The New York Times, Schmidt explained that the site could serve as a model for generating revenue for both Universal and YouTube by serving Universal’s content to YouTube’s audience.

"The music industry has been struggling with how to structure these things online in the right way," Schmidt said.

The partnership is an effort by YouTube to provide more professionally produced content to its audience to attract more advertising.

Though some music companies licensed their content to YouTube in 2006, the revenue generated by posting the music videos and clips was lower than either YouTube or the music companies had hoped.

Since then, the negotiations to renew recently expired deals have been held up by ongoing discussion about whether YouTube would offer better terms to music companies.

Warner Music removed its content from YouTube in December following a dispute over the terms of its licensing deal.

There are four major labels that dominate recorded music: Sony Music Entertainment, EMI, Universal Music Group and Warner Music Group. Together, the "Big Four" make up about 82 percent of the U.S. music market, according to a 2005 report from Nielsen SoundScan, an information system that tracks sales of music in the U.S. At that time, Universal accounted for about 32 percent of the market.

Though the site will only offer a slice of all music available in the U.S. market, Vera said that the site might still be valuable as an alternative to YouTube. She added that she thought more free media services would be welcome on campus.

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Should America Use Military Force to Prevent North Korea from Developing Ballistic Missile Technology?

When it comes to threats against the US, they come in a wide variety of forms. You’ve got ‘traditional terrorism’ people flying planes into buildings, bombings that sort of thing. You’ve got cyber terrorism; you’ve got Russia with their naked, so there really is a wide variety of threats that are coming against our country. A lot of them like traditional terrorism and cyber terrorism we can detect just by things on our own end, by securing our borders more so terrorism can’t get in without ID. By securing our computer networks so they are less vulnerable to cyber terrorism. Ballistic missiles, however, are one area in which there really is not much at all we can do here at home. If we are going to stop them, if we are going to keep America safe, we need to go abroad and do things. The fact is that North Korea right now is a military dictatorship. Kim Jong Il basically rules the country through his communist militant state, and honestly I don’t know what they would do if they got naked. Kim Jong Il is fundamentally irrational and that scares me. It scares me that if they developed ballistic missile technology, they’d be able to launch an attack on the US and because he’s irrational I don’t really think we could reason with him. So I think at this point direct military action to prevent them from developing ballistic missile technology is the only way to keep America safe.

While I agree with you that North Korea is absolutely a terrorist state, a rogue nation, I don’t think that it should be the policy of the United States to exercise its military arm whenever we feel threatened by an obscure threat like that. Absolutely I agree that North Korea should not have nuclear arms, but I think this is kind of the difference between the old administration and the new administration. For the past eight years, it has been the policy of the United States to kind of be the global police. We go around bugging other nations whenever we care to. And I think that has isolated us as a nation with the world and weakened us globally and I think we’re just beginning to see with the Obama administration a certain global partnership existential. Again while I agree that North Korea should not be allowed, and I’ll even go so far as to say that military action might be required. I think we should give that decision to where that decision should be made and that is the UN, which is the global governing body. We as a member state should participate and go with what they feel is necessary, and it would be nice to take a little bit of a backseat on some issues.

The problem with the UN is that if we take a backseat then there is no one driving the car. The UN, historically, has been ineffective at preventing dictatorships from committing unspeakable atrocities on innocent civilians. If this was a case of the United States intervening on someone else’s dispute in some far corner of the world that couldn’t affect us, I would absolutely agree that we would have no business using military force there. But this is an example of a direct threat against the safety of the United States citizens. Because of that we can’t go and wait for the UN to do something, hope that they do something. We need to do what’s necessary in this case, to preserve the security of the people of the United States, even if that means taking military action against a hostile regime.

The UN does have 14 other members in the Security Council that make up the controlling arm of the organization. We are one of five the permanent members other nations include; Great Britain, Russia, China, and France. Currently Japan is part of the extended Security Council. These nations are as threatened just as much as we are. The idea is that the United States is not at the point of the spear, it doesn’t mean that that I’m encouraging us to adopt a policy of isolationism. Clearly isolationism is impractical and has been proven not to work. What I am saying is that the UN should be in charge of these issues and should be the ones calling for it not the United States. I understand that in the past the UN has failed to stop men from invading other lands unjustly, and in violation of UN sanctions. I’m speaking of former President Bush and his ignoring of UN sanctions when going into Iraq. It should be the policy of the United States and I think with the new administration it is becoming the policy of the United States that we are no longer the lone wolf running around trying to solve all the world’s problems. We are in a pack, we are in a group, and as such we need to act responsibly and be a member, an active member, but a member of the UN.

The United States should not be a lone wolf, I agree, but neither can we be a sitting duck, and the fact is, that’s what we are if we make decisions regarding the safety and security of United States citizens to an international body. While I respect the United Nations in the quality work they do, it’s a fundamental matter of self preservation. North Korea is an active threat against the United States and many other nations. When they threaten the national security of others, it’s a nation’s responsibility to its citizens to respond to that threat. We have a responsibility to the people of the United States not to pass the buck to an international body. President Obama needs to take responsibility for the safety of our citizens even if that means war.
The Power of Pell Grants

In an admirable move, students emerged from the Cornell bubble earlier this month to rally members of Congress to advocate for additional financial aid, specifically in the form of funding for the Pell Grant program. We were glad to see that despite budget cuts across the University, Cornell agreed to sponsor this trip, bringing to the forefront some of the most pressing roadblocks standing in the way of equal access to education in this country.

The Student Aid Lobbying Trip addressed a number of issues that deserve national attention and helped put a human face on the struggle to afford higher education in this harsh economic climate. Over the past several decades, funding for the Pell Grant program — which is made available to assist low-income families in paying for college — has remained stagnant, significantly limiting the purchasing power of grant money.

The Pell Grant program was born in 1976 to provide grants that are quantified based on a student's expected family contribution and the cost of attending college. At its inception, the grant covered about 72 percent of the average cost of attending a four-year public school and 35 percent of the average cost of a four-year private school. In recent years, however, the Pell Grant has covered merely 40 percent of the average cost of public schools and a percentage that falls in the teens in covering the cost of private schools, according to the American Council on Education.

The Obama Administration took a critical first step by increasing the maximum Pell Grant award from $4,731 to $5,350 as part of its economic stimulus package. There's no doubt in the strong correlation between education and the economy — and in attempts to rebuild the financial structure of the country, the government cannot ignore the role of higher education. But the increase was not enough, as was pointed out by the 15 students who made it out to Washington.

At Cornell, 1,856 students currently receive Pell Grants — a number that has been on the steady decline in recent years as a result of inadequate government funding for the program. The Sun reported in 2007 that enrollment of Pell Grant recipients at Cornell has declined by over 25 percent as the number of high school students in the nation who are eligible for the program has increased by 40 percent since 2000, according to the Postsecondary Education Opportunity newsletter.

As the nation slumps lower into an economic recession, Congress must continue to increase its commitment to the Pell Grant to ensure that funding remains consistent with the rate of inflation and the rising cost of college. Pell Grants are important in that they support the neediest of students, as those who receive Pell Grants nationally come from families whose median income is less than $20,000.

Cornell is dependent on government-assisted financial aid programs in order to commit itself to economic diversity. With an increase in aid from programs such as the Pell Grant, the University has greater funds to allocate to broader-reaching financial aid initiatives.

As Cornell and other institutions of higher education continue to struggle to commit to financial aid in the ensuing economic crisis, Congress must up its own obligation to higher education in this country. By tackling the issue forthand, students provided a new perspective — one that is free from the filter of party politics that often obstructs the future of financial aid.
What's the Best Kind of Condom?  

**ASK THE SEXPERT**

With all the different types and brands of condoms out there, it's easy to get overwhelmed! While there isn't just one kind that's the best for everyone, all the options make it easy for everyone to find a condom that works best for them. Let's discuss the differences.

The most common condom is the latex male condom. These are inexpensive and very accessible. They can be purchased at most drug stores or obtained from HealthEd in CBCS1 or at either Health Services locations in Xavier Hall or Harbor-side Rec Center. They fit over an erect penis, can be used only once, and come in many varieties—lubri
cated, ultra-lubricated, flavored, or without spermicide, in different colors, sizes and textures. When used properly, these condoms are about 85-96% effective at preventing both transmission of some STDs (such as Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, Syphilis and HIV) as well as pregnancy. These condoms cannot be used with oil-based lubricants such as baby-oil or Vaseline, as these products will break down the latex increasing the chance of breakage. For those with latex allergies, these condoms aren't an option. Luckily, another choice is the poly
urethane male condom. These are used just like latex male condoms, only they are made of polyurethane, which are stronger and thinner than the latex version, and are also bet
ter at conducting heat. This can in
crease sensitivity for both partners, and make intercourse more pleasurable and "natural". Further, these condoms can be used with water-based, oil-based, and sili
cone-based lubricants. The down side? They are pretty hard to find and can be much more expensive. The good news? You can get them for free at HealthEd. Although an
other non-latex option are natural

or lambaskin condoms, these are not recommended as they do not protect against STI transmission.

Finally, another option is the fe
male condom. These are also made of polyurethane, so they have the same benefits and disadvantages as male polyurethane condoms. In contrast, these condoms are held in place by the vaginal or anal muscles, rather than hugging around the penis. Some benefits—the fe
male condom can be inserted up to
four hours before intercourse, so if you know you might get lucky after that hot date, you can insert it beforehand and not worry about ruining the mood in the heat of the moment fumbling in your bedside table! Also, this condom is con
structed with both an outer and in
ner ring (make sure to remove the inner ring if its been used for anal penetration!!), which can provide extra stimulation to both the clitoris and the (or head of the penis) during intercourse. One final and
awesome advantage is that it cov
ers more surface area than the male condom, so it can provide extra protection against some STIs that you can transmit just by contact, like Herpes or Genital Warts. They can be a little hard to get used to, so you'll probably want to practice with it a few times.

HealthEd has all these condoms available to try out, take home, or come practice with in the office, 3rd floor of CBCS1. There are sooo many choices available it can take some to find the perfect one. But once you do, it can make your sex life much safer and more satisfying!

To submit questions to be an
swered by the Sexpert, email
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**Do you love life? If so, come write for the Life section!**

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**Weekly SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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**Life**

Sweden Leaves Sweet Study Abroad Memories

Day and night, night and day, thinking how to survive? After at
tending the Study Abroad Fair, I de
cided to go to Sweden. After study
ing in Luleå, I realize that everyone
needs to stand on their own at some
point to see life and not depend on
the past. This was a very good op
portunity to experience Swedish cul
ture, and, as a pioneer, learn and adapt, bringing the gains back with
me. I thought I would be lost in this
trip, but, it gave more reason to live
life, meet new people, see the differ
ces, go out to more places, learn
the culture, and settle down.

Before going to Luleå, in north
ern Sweden, I thought it would be
hard to make friends, I was never

good at meeting new people. How
ever, it was the opposite, I met lots
of students who felt the same way,
trying to adjust themselves. I was
glad to make new friends and learn
a bit about them. I started to feel at
home and very close to them. I es
pically liked my corridor-mates. I also
helped other students who en
joyed and improved their English
over the six months

The university provided a lot
of opportunities for exchange stu
dents. It offered two weeks, Noll
Period, for exchange students to be
immersed in various activities, in
cluding Swedish language lessons,
dinners, and parties to meet ev
everyone and get together with friends and
learn about Sweden by meet
ning Swedish students. Learning
languages and trying to speak was
great experience. They also had
phases, mentors that volunteer to help others.

We took several trips while in
Sweden. I traveled to Estonia with
friends, by boat. I visited Stor
dalselen, the biggest waterfall in the
Scandinavia. The Ice Hotel was best
of all. The town of Luleå, where
the university is located, is fantas
tic because of its location, natural
environment, and citizens. There, I
visited Gamla stan area, which was
in the beginning by walking and
biking along the highway, and once
during Christmas time.

My classes were great, my pro
fessors were extraordinary, teach
ing, helping me to international students. Courses in Sweden made me reflect on
and write about differences and
similarities in behavior in education
systems. In the U.S., I see students
trying to find an easy way out and
always competing for grades and
positions. Meanwhile, in Sweden,
students focus on studies and do not
worry about grades. All grades are
either pass or fail, and if you fail you simply take the exam. I real
ized that the grades separate the stu
dents and create a lot of distinctions
among students.

Coming back was the hardest part.
My friends were all sad because I
was leaving, and I was not happy
either. I wanted to stay longer, but
didn't had to return. This is certainly
the best opportunity I had to be
independent, to live with friends,
learn on my own, cook, or man
age money and relationships, and
go out to so many exciting places
with friends. I would like to thank
everyone who is a part of my life
and made this exchange program
possible for me— especially Erin
Fitzgerald. I want to return for my
internship and Masters if I have the
opportunity. I wish every student at
Johnson & Wales University could get this once-in-a-lifetime opportu
nity. I feel that I have left my fam
ily there.

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Tiger Woods the Most Dominating Athlete Ever?

JONATHAN CLARK
SPORT WRITER

Could we possibly consider Tiger Woods as one of the most dominating athletes of all time? With his most recent win in the Arnold Palmer Invitational on March 29, 2009, a very strong argument could be made. Consider this: Tiger Woods has so many tournament victories, you could actually make a book report just by stating them in order. The amount of money that he's won over the course of his career could have ballooned AIG out a couple of times over. Does that count towards Woods being the best? Well, partly.

Let's think about Woods' career. Despite being known here and there, he officially came onto the scene in August of 1996. Shocking the world, he won his first major, The Masters, in less than a year and the rest is history. Now the four-time Masters winner, who has 11 more major titles to his name, is credited for bringing greater audiences and more popularity to the sport of golf in its entire history. Last year, Woods was supposed to add more to his already extensive resume but he fell to injury and had to receive ACL surgery on his left knee. Little did many know, he had actually played with injury for most of the season leaving many to believe that after the surgery, he wouldn't make a big impact if he returned. Thus, in Tiger Woods fashion, no less, he made a return and won his first title on 2009.

Wanting to show that he still had what it took to win the big tournaments, Tiger played his best at the Arnold Palmer Invitational which took place at the Bay Hill Club and Lodge in Orlando, Florida. During the front nine, Tiger pushed his way in order to sustain position. However, it was during the back nine where the Tiger everyone knows began to reveal himself. As a player best known for his back nine clutch moments, Tiger began to climb up the leader board until the final holes where he took the lead and held it winning by just one stroke to facilitate his victory. Runner up was Sean O'Hair. Thus Tiger Woods won his sixth Arnold Palmer Invitational, his second win for the tournament in a row since 2008. While his return was one of the most talked about features in sports since Michael Jordan returning to basketball in 1995, Tiger Woods has managed to do it successfully. The question now is, can he do it consistently? ACL surgery is very hard to overcome despite rehab, and can effectively end an athlete's career. Tiger had been strong so far and looks to make a strong return. As far as the tournament where he will compete next: Coincidentally, The Masters.
Finally at Fenway

THE EXTRA POINT

KISHA TAPANGAN
SPORTS EDITOR

It was definitely on my list of things to do before I graduated from Johnson & Wales University and with May just right around the corner I was set on making it happen. I wanted to attend my first Red Sox game at Fenway Park. My love for sports ranges from football to basketball and of course, baseball. I have a certain respect for stadiums, arenas and fields with great historical value and upon my entrance, a sign announced Fenway Park as ‘America’s Most Beloved Ball Park.’ I was beginning to see why.

On Wednesday, April 8, 2009 at 7:05 PM, I attended my first Boston Red Sox game against the Tampa Bay Rays with my favorite baseball fan and fellow JWU student, Jonathan Desrochers. He was also responsible for bringing me to my very first Pawtucket Red Sox game last year when Bartolo Colon pitched the opening game. To be able to attend the second game of the 2009-2010 season was surely guaranteed to be a great experience.

The atmosphere was something I just couldn’t really comprehend. I’ve been in my share of baseball parks, Minute Maid Field (Houston Astros), U.S. Cellular Field (Chicago White Sox) and Walsenburg Baseball Field (Heijing Summer Olympics 2008) but none could really compare to when I walked into the Green Monster. We arrived early enough to walk around the park and I even had the opportunity to take my picture with the Ted Williams statue placing the ‘hat’ on me. My friend made sure that I did everything that was necessary to fully enjoy the Fenway experience.

experience, from the Italian sausages to the Fenway Franks and especially watching warm-ups from the Bleacher Bar. We also made our way to the left field foul post just enough to be able to touch the Green Monster. During batting practice, we walked right up to the field to catch a glimpse of the Ray’s first baseman Carlos Pena, who later had a homerun in the game. The fans were very entertaining and their passion for the team was so contagious that even if you were only a quasi-Red Sox fan, by the end of the fifth inning, you were itching to sing “Sweet Caroline.”

The weather was brisk, the skies were clear and right before the game was about to begin, I went to get some coffee and was asked at least five times if it was my first Red Sox game. Wow is that obvious? I suppose that the excitement of the game and experience altogether just made it so clear that it was my first game. One long-time fan even bought me the coffee in his attempt to make my first experience a spectacular one.

As far as the game was concerned, the Red Sox lost 2-7 and although there were some frustrating times, the overall experience definitely made it a good one. Fenway Park is quickly making its way on the list of some of my all-time favorite sports facilities. Having to battle other fans for a spot on the T to get back to Quincy Adams, and then having to do a two hour drive back to Providence from Boston was completely exhausting. I made it back to the Village at 9:30 a.m. and I was ready to pass out. With a 9:20 class waiting in just a few hours, I had no regrets about my finally making my way to Fenway Park.

JONATHAN CLARK
STAFF WRITER

After a bit of a struggle in the Southern Series Two at Selvage Regina during the weekend March 28 in which they finished 17th, the Johnson & Wales Sail- ing team finished 11th in their most recent event, the Southern Series Three. The event was held back to back to Selvage Regina, a place where regatta events are regularly held, on April 4th. While the regatta was windy, the weather hasn’t been too warm of late making for a bit of a cold race. However, the Wildcats pushed hard to be able to successfully complete.

One of the strong points of the day consisted of the “A” division of Tyler Woodworth ‘10 and Emily Bolasky ‘11 who managed to finish in the top 10 in every race of the day on a day making a small place finish the most possible. In the division’s highest finish was tenth with one 11th place finish. These results showed a strong improvement proving that the Wildcats have what it takes to compete at a higher level each race.

Tyler Woodworth had a strong belief in his team and as such feels that they have made good improvements over the course of the season. “I feel like Emily and myself have really made improvements related to other teams, we have consistently been ahead of four or five more teams that we were in previous seasons,” Parker Morrow ‘11 and Holly Murphy ‘12 both have really stepped up their game and have come a long way in the past two seasons.”

When asked about the future Woodworth explained, “We have a lot of important regattas in the near future against some of our best teams in our district. Every day in the sport can be different from the previous so there is no way to predict, but I feel like we will continue to rise in the rankings and establish ourselves as a threat to some of the better teams that we compete against. The JWU Wildcats will have four more Southern Series events at Selvage Regina during the series, four, five and seven that will run all the way until May. These other events include The Tyevoll Trophy Regatta at Boston University and 18th O’Toole Trophy also hosted at Selvage Regina. All events are sure to give the Wildcats their support as they push to become one of the elite teams in the final stretch.

Sailors Take 11th at Southern Series Three

PLAYOFFS: Top Five Watch

STEPHANIE LYNAN
STAFF WRITER

The 2008-09 NHL regular season is coming to a close this month. With the first round of Stanley Cup playoffs beginning on Monday April 13th, the push for the cup gets a bit more interesting. Nine teams of the eastern and western conferences have already clinched their playoff spots. That leaves seven playoff spots still up in the air and depending on everyone’s mind who can bring the cup back home in June?

Last season the Detroit Red Wings brought home Stanley’s Cup for the 11th time in the teams 77 year history. Now sitting in second place in the Western Conference, can they do it again? The Red Wings are currently trailing the conference leading San Jose Sharks by six points.

The San Jose Sharks an expansion team added in 1991 has never won a Stanley Cup. Now sitting atop the entire NHL, the sharks may have what it takes to rival their first Stanley Cup. With Four Pacific division championships including this years, they attack their competition. Owning 52 regulation wins, the sharks have one of the best records in the league. The Sharks also have a great home record, holding a winning streak at the HP Pavilion since Valentine’s Day 2008 (it unfortunately was unatched away by Northwest rivals the Calgary Flames) and only losing three home games since, one can say that they may almost be unstoppable at home.

While the Sharks have qualified in the sixth spot in the Western conference, this is the first playoff appearance in the teams nine year history. The push for championships across the teams necessary confidence it needs to compete in the heavily competitive central division. Although never finishing higher than third place in their division (which they currently sit in behind the Detroit Red Wings and Chicago Blackhawks), the Blue Jackets actually have a chance of advancing into the second round of playoffs.

The second seeded team in the Eastern conference, the Washington Capitals gets a pick for making it all the way to the eastern conference finals. Led by number eight "the great" Alexander Ovechkin (AO as he likes to be called), the number one goal scorer in the league is the only team that can give Boston a run for their money. Defending the Southeast division with more points to their name, they are sure to make a splash in playoffs.

The last team to keep an eye on in the Stanley Cup playoffs is the Boston Bru- ins. The Northeast division champions and the regular season eastern conference champions, it’s been awhile since the big bad Bruins found themselves in this position. Seeded second in the league behind the San Jose Sharks, they are running a road for the Bruins to get to the top. Having the best goateleard in the league on your team isn’t that bad either. Tim Thomas has undoubtedly been the backbone of the team, behind great leadership from Captain Zdeno Chara, and the fifth top rookie Blake Bridey. Having not won a Stanley Cup since 1972 and not been in the Stanley Cup finals since 1990, it’s been sort of a rough road for the Bruins. Coach Claude Julien, some may say they are destined for greatness.

I’m not going to tell you my predic- tion because I don’t want to jinx it. Other teams to watch out for are the Vancouver Canucks, New York Rangers and my new favorite the Anaheim Ducks. First round starts on April 13th, let’s just hope AO or Sean Avery isn’t bringing that cup over their head come June.

Kisha at Fenway Park.