John Hazen White Jr. Offers Helpful Advice For College Students

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Pepsi Forum was nearly filled by 9:15 a.m., in preparation for a presentation put on by the Student Alumni Association from John Hazen White Jr., a Johnson & Wales alum and Trustee. The presentation began promptly at 9:30 a.m., as advertised. John O’Connell, the Master of Ceremonies for the morning, began by welcoming everyone, including many professors with their classes, as well as some other distinguished guests to the presentation, and then called up on Dr. White to begin.

Dr. White’s presence on the floor was so cool, calm, and collective, that one could have mistaken him for a well-dressed student. He spoke eloquently, but firmly about working with Johnson & Wales community service, and its importance and significance in a college student’s life. He also shared a few effective tips on what it takes to become a good leader and manager. White mentioned that “one of the places that I spend time with students, this is my favorite. Johnson & Wales has been out focus because it provides a niche to the world.” Having been known as America’s Career University, this does not come as a surprise. How-ever, Johnson & Wales also does a lot of work in terms of community service, showing appreciation and giving back. Community service is vital in so many aspects. It helps students to learn time management skills, as well as giving them an inside look into something they could possibly make their careers in. Dr. White also encouraged students to give back to the university when they become alumni. They can give their time and talents to the classroom, they can mentor students and they can contribute to JWU through the annual giving program. Time management is a highly important skill to possess. According to Dr. White, “As you become a leader, you have to learn how to juggle your time and become a stable force. If you do too much, you’ll burn out.”

Passion for what you do is also important. A high success rate means nothing if one doesn’t love what he/she does. “Do activities in your area of passion... I’ve committed a large chunk of my life to Johnson & Wales, and I do it because I love it,” said White. This is not to say that everything in life will come easy, you have to take risks. In his inspirational conclusion, White stated “You don’t have to be a superman, you just have to believe.”

Dr. White interacts with students after finishing his lecture.

Edmund Hall Closing. Students Relocate To New Housing Assignments

Megan Szilagyi
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The decision has recently been made to shut down one of the Johnson & Wales residence halls, Edmund Hall. Edmund Hall is located in East Providence, and it is the furthest hall from the Dewey and Harborside campuses. The distance proved to be a great inconvenience for students, primarily culinary students, who have classes on the Harborside campus. This distance also separates the students living at Edmund from the students living closer to the main campuses.

According to Emmanuel Slocum, Director of the Office of Residential Life, there were only about 100 students residing in Edmund Hall at the start of the year, although Edmund has about 200 person capacity. Out of these 100 students, about half of them were on a wait list to relocate to other residence halls, primarily because they were unhappy with the inconvenient location of Edmund Hall. In addition, many of the remaining students have upcoming co-ops. This would leave under 25 students in the residence hall during second term. Since it would be unreasonable to keep the hall open for less than 25 students, Edmund Hall will be closing for the start of the next term.

After the decision was made, meetings were held to explain the closing and relocation process to students at Edmund. Students were able to submit their top three choices for new housing, and they have been given their new housing assignments according to their requests. Since most rooms in Edmund are standard rooms, students who chose to move into premium housing will be charged the difference beginning second trimester. Students have been given from mid October until December first to move into their new rooms so that they will be able to move out when it is most convenient for them.

Although Edmund is being shut down for the rest of the 2009-2010 year, Johnson & Wales holds the lease on the building until May 2012. The Office of Residential Life is trying to involve students and formulating ideas on how to better promote the building in hopes of reopening it for the 2010-2011 school year. Residential Life, along with these residents, will be thinking of ways to make Edmund Hall a more attractive option for students, in spite of the distance from the main campuses.

Most of the Edmund students were pleased with the decision to shut down the hall. Slocum said: “Some students were concerned with how to keep in touch with the people they had bonded with. But by and large, everyone is supportive of the decision. Students are eager to live closer to classes and other students”. Residential life is helping to ease the relocation process by working with the students to provide transportation, assistance, and even packing supplies. Slocum also added that he would like to encourage other students to reach out and meet the Edmund students as they move into their new housing.
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Johnson & Wales University Ballroom Team Competes in 17th Annual Beginners’ Competition

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The Johnson & Wales University Ballroom Dance Team competed at Harvard University’s Malkin Athletics Center for the 17th Annual Beginners’ Competition on Sunday October 25th. The dance teams consist of Johnson & Wales students from the Student Body. There were over 480 competitors from 23 different colleges, dance studios, and high schools in newsmen, banking and school levels in five different styles; Cha Cha, Rumba, Waltz, Fox Trot, and Swing.

The students were nervous at first, but as the time went by their confidence began to overcome their nervousness. The women of the dance team were gorgeous with their hair done, makeup beautifully put on, and wore very elegant, flashy, sexy outfits. The men were’n’t so flashy but still very prepared and well groomed to take the lead on the dance floor. The team was hyped and nervous the whole time, waiting for the results to see if their couple numbers were going to be called back for the next round. It really hyped them up even more was the support from their team mates. On the side of the dance floor, every dancer from Johnson & Wales was cheering on who ever was up for the round. “I’m so proud to see my fellow team mates compete, compared to last year when there wasn’t many people competing. Everyone did such a great job and I’m happy I was able to be a part of this” said Camilla Cagazaney, ‘12.

Camilla’s in the silver division with her partner Josh Macalayan, ‘12. The couple is used to改成on to the dance floor, as they stated that just that. The judges couldn’t help but notice their dance moves. The Johnson & Wales Ballroom Dance Team works with Cory Viny. “Cory is such a great instructor,” stated Michael Hammaker, ‘11, who dances with him. Having hectic feet, and perhaps, the Ballroom Team did an awesome job representing Johnson & Wales University, showing class, support, and enthusiasm. However, this isn’t their first competition. Their next competition will be at Brown University on Sunday November, 8th.

University Crime Log

Friday, 9/20/09 at midnight
Off Campus - Campus
Police: Reported that 19 students were arrested or cited for alcohol violations.

Monday, 9/20/09 at 8:40 am
Arrest / Snowden Hall
Student arrested and charged with a narcotics violation.

Monday, 9/20/09 at 5:54 am
Arrest / Off Campus Columbia Park
The student described his attacker as high school in college age Hispanic looking males and females, some wearing backpacks. A female student reported that she was assaulted by a group of youths in Columbia Park located across the street from the Downy Fitness Center. The student was walking through the Park when about 20 males and females started calling him names. He attempted to walk away, was tackled from behind and was punched and kicked several times by multiple attackers. The student was able to run away and observed his attacker flee in the direction of Vermont Avenue. The student discovered that his sandals had been stolen.

Police were notified.

Tuesday, 9/20/09 at 12:30 am
Arrest / Off Campus
Student arrested and charged with a narcotics violation.

Friday, 10/10/09 at 1:30 pm
Arrest / Off Campus
Police: Reported that two students were arrested on 9/25/09 and charged with alcohol violations.

Saturday, 10/3/09 at 12:00 am
Arrest / Off Campus
Police: Reported that two students were arrested on 9/25/09 and charged with alcohol violations.

Saturday, 10/3/09 at 6:48 am
PC: Crime Alert posted regarding two abduction attempts. Contact CS&K for a copy of the PC Alert

Saturday, 10/3/09 at 10:55 pm
Fire / IV - G
CS&K and Campus Fire Department responded to a fire alarm which sounded as a result of a trashcan fire in a bathroom.

Tuesday, 10/13/09 at 5:13 pm
Arrest / Off Campus
CS&K learned that a student had been arrested and charged with motor vehicle violation.

Thursday, 10/15/09 at 9:57 pm
Arrest / Off Campus
Police: Informed CS&K that a student was arrested and charged with clerical offense.

Friday, 10/16/09 at 12:35 am
Arrest / Snowden Hall
Student arrested and charged with a narcotics violation.

Tuesday, 10/20/09 at 3:00 am
Arrest / IV - C
Larceny from a person: Xavier Courtyard The victim described the suspects as an African-American males, between 5’8” and 6’0” in height, approximately 16-22 years of age, both with facial hair. One suspect had a light colored hooded sweatshirt while the other had a dark colored hooded sweatshirt. Two female suspects had illuminated from their hands and purse while walking through the Xavier Courtyard. Two followed them to the courtyard where the suspects attempted to steal one of the victim’s purses. Several items from both students were taken before the suspects fled in the towards Pine Street. Police were notified.

Sunday, 10/18/09 at 10:30 pm
Arrest / Off Campus
Student arrested and charged with assault.

Monday, 10/19/09 at 12:00 pm
Arrest / Off Campus
Student arrested and charged with disorderly conduct and vandalism.

Crime Prevention Tips: Students should avoid Columbia Park when local neighborhood activity of suspicious nature is observed. Students should be avoided after dark as well. When walking in this area students and keep your personal safety in mind at all times. Students are advised to remove GPS devices, laptops, CD players, cell phones, and other items of value from the passenger compartment of their vehicles. If you have any further information regarding these incidents, please contact the Crime Prevention Unit. All calls are confidential. (401) 598-2947

Having A Freakish-ly Good Time

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Freak Week 2009 officially began the countdown to Halloween at Johnson & Wales. The week was filled with multiple fun Halloween themed activities to get the student body in the mood. Testing for Echo kicked off the festivities with a live performance at 7:00 p.m. at Pepsi Forum. Ghostly Bingo made what would normally be a mundane Monday ghoulishly fun. The event took place at the Harborside Recreational Center. Students played many styles of Bingo for cool prizes such as gift cards, movie collections, and for the grand prize, a pair of tickets for a showing of Wicked at the Providence Performing Arts Center.

Fears- The Ultimate Game show was held on Wednesday at Pepsi Forum at 9, where students competed in scary movie Jeopardy. A pumpkin carving contest took place on Thursday at the 29th at Cafe Commons at 3:00 p.m. The Orphan was also shown for Movie Night.

On Friday, October 29th, students toured Salem, Massachusetts. Frankenstein’s Funkytoy Boo-ga-loo Par-tay finessed off Freak Week at Pepsi Forum from 9:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m. Cute Halloween costumes were given out for the best costumes.

Johnson & Wales University says Goodbye to Franki Triano

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Franki Triano, originally from Leawood, Kansas, was a recently transfer student from the Johnson & Wales Charlotte Campus to Providence as a student in the College of Performing Arts. He stood in front of the first floor of the Cove, where sadly, she passed away two weeks ago.

The university is currently unaware of the cause of death, and attempts to obtain any sort of police report were unsuccessfully.

One behalf of the Campus Herald and the entire Johnson & Wales community, our thoughts, condolences and prayers go out to the Triano family.

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More Than Just Good Cheesecake at The Cheesecake Factory

SAMANTHA KEwOROT
ASSISTANT EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

When my friend and I were finished with our dessert, we noticed that the atmosphere was quiet and the lighting was warm and inviting. We decided to return for dinner another evening. On the way there, we noticed that the restaurant was almost empty. We were the only people in the room. The service was prompt and friendly, which was a welcome change from the typical bustling atmosphere of most restaurants.

The food was delicious, but the atmosphere was even more enjoyable. The staff was attentive, and the atmosphere was relaxed and inviting. The restaurant was clean, and the decor was modern and stylish. We were impressed with the overall experience.

From the Kitchen of Samantha Keworot

Ultimate Pumpkin Pie

Ingredients:

- 1 pre-made pie crust
- 1 1/2 cups canned pumpkin puree
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- Pinch of salt
- 3 large eggs, plus 1 egg yolk
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg
- 1/2 cup pecans
- 1 cup fresh cranberries, or frozen, thawed and drained
- 1-2 oz. package amaretti cookies

Method of Preparation:

1. Preheat oven to 375°F.
2. Mix all ingredients together in a large bowl.
3. Pour mixture into pie shell. Bake for 30 minutes.
4. Let cool completely.

Recipe appears courtesy of Tyler Florence for Food Network Magazine

Gregg's Serving Good Time and Good Food Since 1972

SAMANTHA KEWOROT
ASSISTANT EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

After a double digit hour day in the kitchen, after all the glory of Foie Gras and Filet Mignon has been swept away with the trash, culinarians are known to be hungry for simple, yet delicious meals. So, where does one go to achieve such simple satisfaction? Gregg's is the choice for me and my close circle of friends. For those of you New York and New Jersey dwellers' Gregg's gives the same comfort and feeling of a diner back home. The servers are friendly, the prices are fair, portion size is more than generous (not to mention delicious), and the desserts are excelente! Our favorite to frequent is the original location on 1339 Post Road in Warwick, but Gregg's also boasts three other locations, including 1305 North Main Street in Providence, 1940 Pawtucket Avenue in East Providence, and 4120 Quaker Lane - Route 2 in North Kingstown.

The menu includes a wide selection of appetizers, including the Combination Platter, onion rings, mozzarella sticks, chicken fingers, and potato skins, a favorite among our group. Gregg's also offers delicious sandwiches, steaks, burgers, soups and salads, and some other favorite lunch and dinner items, along with a wonderful selection of desserts. The gigantic pieces of cake are only matched by their scrumptious flavor profile. Types of cake include, but are not limited to Chocolate Layer Cake, Lemon Burst Cake, Carrot Cake, and Raspberry Coconut Cake. A large selection of pies and pastries is also available. My personal favorite is the Gregg's cupcakes.

If you find yourself near anyone of the

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The Answer to Question One Is...

JOHN FOLEY
STAFF WRITER

Another voting season has come and
gone, and with it, a drastic reversal of gay
rights in the state of Maine. Question One
was put to vote on November 3. "Do you
want to reject the new law that lets same-
sex couples marry and allows individuals
and religious groups to refuse to perform
these marriages?" In light of recent legis-
lation, proponents of question one sought
to overturn residents' right to marry a per-
son of the same sex, calling it a "people's
veto." It narrowly passed. As the news
came in, the victors cheered and clapped,
hugged each other and prayed together,
giving thanks for their victory.

Of course, their cheers came at the ex-
 pense of other human beings, and their
prayers drowned out the cognitive dis-
sonance of living as a Christian while at-
tempting to harm another, but they were
victorious. Much the same way religion
itself allows for "I'm right, you're wrong"
on a cosmic level, politics provides an out-
let for people to at least create the illusion
of superiority. No longer a referendum
on the issues, the political process in this
country has become and us versus them af-
fair, and last Tuesday, they won as the rest
of the human race lost.

Even in my contempt of them, I don't
blame them, or at the very least I under-
stand their position. I support gay marriage
and equal rights for all human beings, but
these are citizens who worked hard to fight
for an issue, and won. Non politicians do the
same thing with sports teams, and our af-
filiations with them are often more loosely
based and engender far greater emotional
response. That being said, I wouldn't trivi-
alyze civil rights in comparing them to
basketball, but I would point out that often
times winning gets in the way of the issue.

Gay marriage is not an issue that is
unique to one demographic. Like the civil
rights and women's suffrage movements
of the twentieth century, it is an issue that
affects every single human being on this
planet. It's been over 230 years since the
words "Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of
Happiness" were penned, and we still have
not fulfilled this promise. The "right" has
figurously worked to strike down any move-
ment that would increase civil rights within
the U.S. under the guise of conservatism,
morality, and thinly veiled bigotry. They
have lost the ability to create original ideas,
leaving only negation of progressive think-
ing as their platform. But still people fight
with all their heart to catch the dreams of
others.

What have you done with all of your
fear? What have you accomplished by
stealing the rights of your neighbor? I am
not gay, but I am a person, and an Ameri-
can, and I know that nobody deserves to be
treated differently; nobody.

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Internationally Speaking

Sara Tavarez & Amy Lin
Guest Writers

Imagine living in a country where you
are not familiar with the language or culture,
and have to quickly adapt in order to make new
friends and at the same time progress with
every aspect of their life being home-sick.
This is the life of an international student
who is brave enough to come to this coun-
ty to pursue a higher education.

We are lucky to have grown up and got
familiar with American culture and have
friends that live around us so we don't
have to worry about making new ones. At
the same time for international students,
coming to this country is a great oppor-
tunity for them to be immersed in a broad
new culture and network with domestic
and other international students as well.

There are many activities that the I-Club
hosts that are entertaining as it is a fun
learning experience that teaches students
to appreciate and embrace other cultures
from around the world and also allows in-
ternational students to come into American
culture. One of these activities is Coffee
Hour, hosted by the I-club at the Interna-
tional Center every Thursday at 2:30pm.

What is Coffee Hour? Coffee Hour is not
just about free cookies and free drinks. It
is about having great discussions with stu-
dents that you wouldn't expect to socialize
with on a regular basis. During these dis-
cussions you will meet new people, travel
around the world, and learn about many
different cultures.

My first time attending coffee hour was
last week and it such an incredible expe-
rience. I got to interact with students who
came from Thailand, China, Taiwan, and
Puerto Rico.

We spoke about the differences and simi-
larities between the United States and our
native countries. We came to the conclu-
sion that there are more differences than
similarities. Students from around the
world are just like American students in a
way that they love to hang out with their
friends, meet new people, go the movies,
go karaoke, eat in cool new restaurants,
play sports and go dancing. But at the
same time you also learn about the differ-
ce that the countries' cultures such
as languages, the delicious food that each
country offers, cultures, family values
and traditions.

By attending coffee hours it made me real-
ize how little I knew about other cultures
and how much fun it would be to study
abroad. When you study abroad you are
introduced to new people and new languages
which might intimidate you, but by having
great activities like coffee hours it would
expose you to the culture in a fun way in-
stead of just learning about it in class.
The Unforeseeable Future

It felt like freshman year all over again; my nerves were all over the place, but this time I was more confident. I was determined to market myself and see what my options were with Facebook and more. Too many times I have seen people lose their jobs because they didn’t show up for interviews or management training programs. I don’t know. When I asked one company if she knew of any jobs that are open, she simply stated, “I wasn’t told to bring jobs, just internships.”

I was shocked. I couldn’t believe she said that. Scratch that, I was infuriated. No wonder I couldn’t find any jobs at career fair, because there aren’t any! I understand that experience and training help get the job you want, but when you have a couple weeks left of your college career, it’s not enough.

It was just brought to my attention that I will never be qualified for the job I want. I want to be a travel manager for a sports team. Are an AS in Travel-Tourism Management, a BS in International Hotel and Tourism Management, work experience in an airport, travel agency and state house, a study abroad in Sweden and another in Switzerland, and a familiarization trip to Costa Rica going to be enough? Absolutely not.

I’m not qualified for any job that I want, even at the entry-level position. I don’t have the experience. That’s partially my fault for not working in fields that are more sports-related, but I never thought I’d turn my back on hotels and focus more on sports and tourism.

Some say should I have been a Sports/Event/Entertainment Management major, but that’s not what I want to do. I want to exclusively work for one sports team and pretty much baby-sit them on road trips. I.e. booking flights/airplanes, checking into hotels, arranging meals, scheduling practice times, etc. I don’t want to run the show, I just want to help it get there.

I should have gotten a degree in business, and I’m probably never going to get to one. I do not want to go to graduate school. I’m trying to avoid that at all costs, mainly because I don’t want to seek out more loans. I’m graduating two semesters early for a reason, I want out of school and into the workforce without adding more onto my debt.

I can see shaming your head, saying that I can look for companies that participate in tuition reimbursement. Except merely “looking” at companies doesn’t help. I need to actually work for them too. Getting that job without the proper experience and educational background is practically impossible, and that’s why I feel so defeated.

By the time this article comes out, I will have one week left at Johnson & Wales. I don’t feel prepared to work in any field. Instead of building up my resume, bringing up my confidence, and opening my eyes to all the possibilities, I feel limited. My job interviews are lined up because of a lack of availability in areas that I want to work in. And that’s not to say that potential places I’ll be working aren’t great companies, it’s just that I’ve never had much of an interest in them. Maybe that will change if I ever get those jobs, but right now it’s hard to tell.

My time spent at Johnson & Wales has been great, don’t get me wrong. I’ve had the time of my life. The experiences that this school has given me is something that I can never forget, and I’ve met people who will forever impact my life. But how am I supposed to feel accomplished when I don’t have a clue about how to survive after school? When the only thing Johnson & Wales prepared me for was my resume and told me I had to network? Like I said before, I feel like a freshman again.

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Jay-Z Runs This Town, At Least for a Night

JAMIE TANG
STAFF WRITER

Jay-Z is finally touring again! In fact, he came to the Dunkin Donuts Center on October 24th, 2009. If you ever thought he really retired, the joke's on you. He's back and just as good, if not better.

Entering the Dunkin Donuts Center, adrenaline was clearly seen pumping through peoples' veins. The energy was high and the excitement was building up to a point where you could just feel it.

And just like the sold-out show, there wasn't much going on. Some seats were occupied sparsely throughout the venue, and the lights were on. The tech crew was setting up the stage and testing the lights and sound.

Jay-Z's stage setup was created by J-Cole, Walu, and N.E.R.D., who did all great jobs in relation to the size of the audience. As each performer passed, the amount of people in the building continued to increase. Once N.E.R.D. left the stage, it seemed like the place was at capacity. On the contrary, even more people began filtering into the remaining seats. It was incredible.

Fans got excited by the mere 10-minute countdown clock that they started in anticipation of Jay-Z's presence. Once it got down to the last 10 seconds of the timer, the noise level was enough to make anyone go deaf, but not before listening to Jay-Z of course.

I was skeptical going to a Jay-Z concert, even though it was my idea. I had to go. It may have been largely due to the fact that I grew up knowing who Jay-Z was and is. Even though I don't turn to him for my background music, he's still an icon that puts on one heck of a show.

He performed some new songs, and a lot of old songs that I had forgotten I knew. It was pretty amazing. It was a flashy and energetic show. When I was sitting (which was all the way in the back, near the top) you could tell that this was going to be the experience of a lifetime.

Appropriately enough the night with "Run This Town", the crowd was ready for the night. His signature songs such as "99 Problems", "Izzo (H.O.V.A.)", "Show Me What You Got" coincided phenomenally with his new hits like "D.O.A. (Death of Autotune)", "Empire State of Mind", and "Young Forever". The biggest song of the night would have to be "Empire State of Mind". It was a great song but abruptly stopped because the audience was doing it right. He then proceeded to tell us to swing shirts, hats, or anything we had above our heads, and we did. He was like our puppet master.

With all the grace Jay-Z has, he ended the night with elegance. That's probably not the word to use for someone of his stature, but that's what he did. He acknowledged the people in the audience, saying that he appreciated us for being there and supporting him, pointing out that he could see the people in the front and in the back of the Dunkin Donuts Center. The fans were so receptive. People were hollering and jumping up and down when he singled them out.

If you missed the concert, shame on you. I haven't been to many major concerts, only small venues, but this was definitely the right way to bridge the gap between low-budget and baller status. He is a living legend, whether you like his music or not, I will never forget my first rap/hip-hop concert thanks to Hova.

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Do You Speak Vampaneze?

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While not the greatest movie of all time, The Vampire's Assistant definitely makes it as one of the top vampire movies of the last decade. Based off the first three books in the Cirque Du Freak series by Darren Shan, The Vampire's Assistant is full of clever ideas and new twists on the classic vampire genre and leaves the audience eager for more.

The movie starts off in a very original way, by immediately grabbing the audiences undivided attention. Darren Shan, who is the main protagonist, is shown playing a handheld video game while lying in a sealed coffin. The movie then jumps back and shows in detail what events happen that lead to Darren lying in a coffin, very much alive.

Darren is a very well off boy in school. He's popular, has two caring parents, and gets good grades. However, it isn't enough for him. He wants some excitement in his life. His best friend Steve is kind of the opposite, which is probably why they get along so well. Steve is the one that convinces Darren to skip class or cause mayhem, like throwing rocks at lights from the roof of the school.

After school one day, they are walking home and come across a mysterious flyer for a "Freak Circus" called The Cirque Du Freak. This show sets the rest of the movie into motion when during the last act Darren becomes obsessed with a huge spider that is part of the act. Through this spider and resulting events, Darren finds himself unwillingly thrust into the world of vampires.

But these are not your everyday, bloodthirsty killers. Or at least, not all of them are. A couple hundred years ago, some vampires decided to only take a little blood from their victims so that they wouldn't need to kill anymore. This quickly caught on and more and more vampires adapted this new method until there became two types of vampires. The other type call themselves The Vampaneze and still believe in murdering their victims.

However, like any movie it has some points that could be improved upon. For example, usually the book is better than the movie and this movie is no different. To gain the full experience without the added Hollywood "fluff" you definitely need to read the books. Also, like any movie turned book many key elements are left out or changed. But overall, as a movie it's quite ingenious.

The new twist on the vampire world is a very ingenious one. Also, one of the great things about this movie that sets it apart from other vampire movies is the fact that vampires don't make up the entire story. There is a character who can manipulate destiny and weave it to fit his needs. There are also all the unique "freaks" like the wolf man or a lady that can re-grow body parts.

Overall, The Vampire's Assistant is an incredible movie that even tops the Twilight Saga. It grabs the audience's attention from the very start and keeps it until the very end, leaving the viewer wanting more. Therefore, this movie is definitely a must see for anyone who enjoys the vampire genre and I recommend getting the full experience by seeing it in theaters while you still can.

Avenue Q Fills PPAC Theater

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The disclaimer on the ticket said “For mature audiences only;” but still I heard the loud, almost obnoxious sound of a baby crying during the minutes leading up to the start of the performance of Avenue Q. I don’t think I saw I saw a single empty seat in the theater on that night, Saturday, October 24th.

My three friends and I sat anxiously in our seats, awaiting what was to be one of the best Broadway performances I’ve seen thus far (I think only the beauty of The Lion King could compare).

Avenue Q (in my opinion) is best described as an adult version of “Sesame Street” and “The Muppets.” I must not be the only one that thinks so, because there were disappointments that said that Avenue Q has no affiliation to either of these popular television shows. Most of the main characters are puppets, but their skilled puppeteers are seen alongside them on stage, rather than being pulled by strings.

Princeton, voiced by Brent Michael DiRoma, is a recent college graduate with a B.A. in English. He is looking for his purpose in life. He meets many new friends along the way, including Kate Monster, voiced by Jacqueline Graubin, who later turns into his love interest. He moves into a neighborhood on Avenue Q, where he meets other friends like Brian (Jim Kemble) and his wife Christmas Eve (Lisa Helmi Johanson), Gary Coleman (Nigel jamail Clark), Nicky, Trekkie Monster (Ja- son Heyman), Rod (DiRoma), and a few others that help him cope with the lemons life has handed him.

The plot deals with many of today’s recurring themes such as racism, homosexuality, a failing economy, and the typical straight from college kid looking to make his way in the world. The whole musical is filled with many hilarious scenes and lyrics. They made me laugh hysterically, but I managed to hear through the pockets of noise that other people thought that the context wasn’t helping it a little. Some of the scenes in question were a fully nude, puppet sex scene, and some people found a few lyrics to be disturbing. However, this was only one line or two that people were commenting about.

As the curtain dropped at the end of the performance, the crowd cheered and hol- lered loudly and excitedly at the cast of Avenue Q, showing them their gratitude for putting up a spectacular performance. Everyone in my party enjoyed the show, inscribing it in their memories for years to come.
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Hockey Lends a Helping Hand

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During your time at Johnson & Wales, you will experience community service. For the members of the Wildcat hockey team, they are quickly learning what the Johnson & Wales idea of community service is all about. Led by head coach Erik Noack, a former East Coast Hockey League (ECHL) member, the Wildcats are out in the public eye doing good.

When asked why community service, Coach Noack replied with "Our athletes need to understand the importance of giving back to the community. The community service project that the team participates in is working with the Make A Wish foundation on their 5K race to raise money for children with terminal illnesses, and their families. In the past the team has worked with inner-city youth, homeless shelters, and even gave skating lessons at the Bank of America City Center. Coach Noack and the team are most excited to work with youth hockey teams this coming winter. "It will be a great experience for these kids to get to work with our team and learn from them," Coach Noack said.

With the season starting November 10th at Stonehill College, the Wildcats are looking to take their off-ice learning and build on their on-ice leadership skills. Coach Noack and his team have three main goals for the season; gain home ice advantage for the playoffs, reduce penalty minutes, and to win the playoff championships.

With those three goals up for achievement this season, you are sure not to miss any home game the Wildcats may have. Playing off campus at the Rhode Island Sports Center located in North Smithfield, it is a short, 17 minute drive up the highway. Coach Noack has already said that the incoming freshmen on the team this year will not be under as much pressure as the group from last year.

With returning members such as Kevin Marchesi, Stephen Peiffer, and JR Woodford, the newest Wildcats will surely bring plenty of guidance and leadership from the already experienced members. Coach Noack is very proud of his team and the effort they have put in on and off the ice. "So much of what needs to be done in this country can be accomplished if everyone...

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John & Wales Volleyball Advances to Finals

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**DIRECTOR OF ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS**

Providence, RI. — The No. 2 seeded Johnson & Wales University women's volleyball team advanced to the finals of the 2009 Great Northeast Athletic Conference Championship with an impressive 3-0 win over No. 3 seed Emmanuel in the semifinals at the Harbourside Recreation Center on Thursday night. JWU took a 25-23 win in the opening game of the evening and went ahead 2-0 after a commanding 25-10 victory in game two. The Wildcats then completed the sweep with a 25-17 win in the third and final game of the night.

Johnson & Wales was led by junior Catherine Bravo (Toua Bea, Puerto Rico) with a match-high 18 kills and seven digs while sophomore Audrey Warren (Haverhill, Mass.) notched 11 kills, four service aces and three digs in the victory. Junior Nikki Balchunas (Brockton, Mass.) had eight kills, eight digs and two blocks while freshman Kasey Higgins (Wallingford, Conn.) chipped in with six set assists, five digs and three aces for the Wildcats.

Emmanuel was led by junior Megan Murray (Killington, Conn.) with 10 kills and 12 digs while sophomore Kathryn Olsen (Fairhaven, Mass.) registered 25 set assists in the loss for the Saints.

With the win Johnson & Wales is now 23-14 for the season while Emmanuel falls to 18-13 on the year. The Wildcats will return to action on Saturday, November 7th when they play the winner of No. 1 Emerson vs. No. 4 Rivier in the finals of the 2009 GNAC Championship, starting at 1:00 p.m.

**Match Summary**

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