Obama Re-Elected to Lead U.S. for Another Term

President Barack Obama. Photo courtesy of Adventured.com

Four years ago the American people rejoiced with the election of President Obama whose inspirational words of hope and change propelled him into the Oval Office. Now, after a grueling race where the incumbent President Barack Obama squared off against businessman and former governor Mitt Romney, a decision will be made.

The past three debates focused on several important issues that America faces in today's troubling economy. On October 16th President Barack Obama and Republican Presidential Nominee Mitt Romney took the stage again for the second presidential debate at Hofstra University. The debate was moderated by CNN political correspondent Candy Crowley. The two candidates addressed questions from undecided voters, covering a range of topics including social and economic issues, as well as issues pertaining to national security.

The candidates argued over the truth of each other’s statements regarding their opponent’s actions and policies. One of the most hard-hitting questions came from the moderator and an audience member who questioned Obama and Romney about how Obama handled the attack on the American consulate in Benghazi, Libya on Sept. 11, which resulted in the death of the American Ambassador in Libya and three American diplomats.

President Obama said he labeled the incident as “an act of terror” the day after it occurred. Romney said he disagreed with Obama’s assertions, claiming the President made that statement 14 days after the event transpired. In the end, the room was divided among college students with some believing Mitt Romney was a more eloquent speaker when representing himself and discussing his policies. Others felt that President Obama delivered a commanding victory over his opponent.

The area that wasn’t divided was the President’s strong support of women’s rights and social equality. Overall the debate did nothing to sway undecided voters, and it even garnered less of an audience compared to the first debate, making it a moot point for political leaders.

The third debate became the Presidential candidate’s final opportunity to seal the deal and sway the undecided voters. The topics were on foreign policies and the economy, and in the end offered up more answers than previously. However, this still offered no sense of assurance. Governor Romney spent most of the night agreeing with President Obama on his plans on Syria, Pakistan, and Libya. He rarely attacked the President on his handling of Libya in comparison to the second debate. While Governor Romney did seem to agree with President Obama on substantive issues, he did attack him for his apology tour and his handling of China in the wake of global discontent.

On November 6th, America will have to decide who will lead us for four more years towards prosperity or ruin. Both candidates have their strong and weak points; however, in the end it’s not about them, it’s about us. The women in the workforce who expect to be paid equally to their male counterparts for doing the same job; the college student who’s putting themselves into debt just for an opportunity to better their lives; the LGBT community who continues to fight for social equality; the poor and oppressed who seek salvation.

We as Americans come from many walks of life. We have more in common than we think. Our love of America and its freedoms and ideals: the hope of a better tomorrow for you and your loved one, and our sense of duty.

On November 6th, 2012 a new wave of political and socially conscience voters rose up to let their voice be heard. In the end it doesn’t matter if you’re democratic or republican or even undecided these facts are irrelevant. Four years ago most college students had no say in who won as the state of the world didn't fully affect them however, yesterday they had a chance to pick the candidate who they felt best represented their hopes and ideals. In today’s world we can no longer stand idly by and watch. We must engage in it and embrace it for all its worth for change is delivered through action not just words and hope. The Road offered two paths and we choose the one of action and stability.

The race is now over, the personal attacks have come to an end and we as Americans must continue to rally behind our President and wish him well in all his endeavors. 2013 will be a year of more change and anticipation and we along with the world are ready to embrace it. The question is, are you?
Rumble in the Jungle

The gym was packed on November 2nd with teams representing almost all of the halls with members ready and willing to throw down in the game. It was hard to hear over the noise at the Wildcat Center Gym. It might have been the loud music coming out of the speakers or maybe it was the games on the courts for the Res Life Rumble. They were playing dodgeball on this day, a tournament with hall against hall for one shiny trophy and the chance to say that their hall won this year's rumble for 2012.

It was on this cold, blustery day that all the courts were littered with metaphorical blood, sweat and tears. The music was blaring and the tickets for the prize filled the trophy cup. All in all, a good day for team spirit and the rumble. The matches were setup on three courts, each with their own game and referees – even Mario and Luigi showed up. The spirited semi-finals between Snowden and Harborside Village lead to some great moments in the matches with Snowden winning a place in the championship matchup. Harborside Village won the award for the Most Spirit during the day. At 2:00 PM, The final championship game took place between Snowden and Imperial, with a little help from both Renaissance and Harborside Village. Snowden dominated the first two games then a sudden surge from Imperial tied it up. The last match between the halls to decide who was going to win the cup was hard fought with Snowden finally capturing the cup and bringing rights for a year until the next rumble for dodge ball. The day was fun filled and packed with dancing, mingling, and all around enjoyable for those who came out and cheered for their respective halls.

A big round of applause for those who participated in this year's rumble, and a big thank you to the Resident Life Special Events Committee for organizing such an event with plenty of action and a rousing good time. Keep on the lookout for future events from Resident Life for more chances to compete and win prizes either through JWU or on your residence hall Facebook pages/twitter feeds.

CRIME LOG

1) Saturday October 20, 2012 at 1:10 am Arrest / Off campus – Douglas Ave, near Eaton St. Student arrested and charged with an alcohol violation.
2) Saturday October 20, 2012 at 1:15 am Arrest / Snowden Hall Student arrested and charged with a narcotics violation.
3) Sunday October 21, 2012 at 10:07 pm Arrest / Xavier Mercy Hall Student arrested and charged with a narcotics violation.
4) Monday October 22, 2012 at 7:00 am Robbery / Off campus – Westminster St, Providence. Suspect described as a black male approximately 40-50 years old, with a medium build, about 5’9” tall, stubby facial hair and black and grey hair. The suspect was wearing a black wool cap, grey jacket and “dirty” khakis. Student reported being robbed while walking on Westminster St. The suspect allegedly brandished a knife and demanded the students wallet and cell phone. Police were advised.
5) Wednesday October 24, 2012 6:46 pm Shooting Incident / Off campus – Narragansett Blvd, Cranston. Campus Safety & Security was advised that a shot had been fired into the window of Boulevard Pizza located at 1037 Narragansett Boulevard which is nearby the main entrance to the Harborside Campus. A mini-van that fled north on Narragansett Boulevard may have been involved in this event. There were no injuries reported. Several shell casings were recovered from the area.
6) The Cranston Police Department is actively investigating this incident.

Crime Prevention Tips:
No one is exempt from crime. For a crime to occur there must be ability, desire, and opportunity. Taking away the opportunity will help keep you safe from crime.

Report suspicious activity immediately to Campus Safety & Security or to the local police.

Campus Safety & Security is committed to providing a safe environment for the campus community and to keeping you informed of important safety issues that impact your safety on and around campus.

Use Silent Witness at (www.jwu.edu/providence/safety) to provide anonymous tips or call 401-598-2947 to leave anonymous information.
Welcome the Movember Reign!

Aarthi Sampath
Staff Writer

I realize how facial hair on men may not be a hit with the ladies (as I prefer a well-trimmed moustache, but fret not those few beard-loving aficionados). The month of Movember gives you a more than perfect reason to grow that cute goatee, French beard, or the royal Indian moustache. Movember began in Australia (and we thought that only Americans were creative fundraisers), and Movember Fest raises funds to better Men’s health, educate men about possible The extra stress actually drives me to improve the quality of life. It’s also the best excuse to grow some of that non-acceptable facial hair; hopefully your boss won’t even stop you since it’s for a good cause.

“The Mo Bros”, that’s what they call themselves, start off clean shaven on November 1 and then let their facial hair grow during the rest of the month. So all you JWU men/boys out there, I encourage you to please us women with some surface tuft and at the same time support a great cause.

To donate or to join the organization, visit us.movember.com

50,000 Words in 30 Days

Elizabeth King
Staff Writer

Have you ever wanted to write a novel? Most people start but never quite get around to finishing. Putting your imagination and creativity onto paper is much more difficult than it initially seems which is why many of us become impressed when we find a great author. The majority of people would also imagine that it takes a decent length of time to write a novel, especially since even most established authors don’t publish more than one work a year. However, have you ever considered writing a novel from start to finish in one month?

Welcome to November for over a quarter of a million people around the world. This month is National Novel Writing Month (or NaNoWriMo for short) where professional and amateur authors alike challenge their literary skills and attempt to write 50,000 words in only 30 days. This endeavor was founded by freelance writer Chris Baty in 1999, along with 20 of his friends. Less than half of the group actually succeeded the first year, but they still chose to expand the movement. Their website, www.nanowrimo.org, explains even more, as well as Baty’s book, No Plot? No Problem! (which is about 50,000 words itself, not unlike F. Scott Fitzgerald’s famous work, The Great Gatsby), in which he details all the essentials of writing a novel in one month’s time.

The growth of NaNoWriMo has even shocked the founder himself. In such a short time membership has skyrocketed, and the site recorded a total of 3,074,006,446 words logged by registered participants during the 2011 event alone, with 36,843 writers succeeding in completing their novel—a figure which I am proud to have counted in!

The goal of 50,000 words (an approximate benchmark distinguishing a novella from a novel) pans out to at least 1,667 words per day. Can you imagine packing that into your schedule? I can’t, and I intend to take it on! Still, there is no shame in coming up short, and after my success last year, I know that it is one of the most rewarding experiences one can go through. It is possible to reach that daily count if you have plenty of ideas to write about.

So, is this ambition or insanity? In my mind, going mildly psychotic for a month is well worth the rewards of accomplishing this astronomical feat. I actually like to work even harder in everything that I do, so I don’t think that it is as crazy as it seems. Besides, all you have to do for this month is write words. The novel doesn’t have to be grammatically flawless or anything, that’s what March, or National Novel Editing Month (NaNoEDMo), is for! What? A social life? Who needs that?

The STREET FEED

Is this your first Thanksgiving here in America? If so are you celebrating and how?

No it’s not. I’m having Lasagna with my mom and eight brothers in Connecticut. Then later that night I will be participating in Black Friday sales by shopping with all of my friends from school.

Chiara Maggiore, Sports Entertainment Event Management, Senior

Do you feel that celebrating American Holidays makes you feel more a part of American culture?

Yes, of course. I like American holidays, because I can meet more people and make more friends. I also enjoy the native festival and native culture, I really do enjoy it!

Joseph Xue, Hospitality Management, Senior

Do you think it is important to learn about and celebrate a holiday from another country?

Yes, I believe it is important to learn from another country’s holidays and cultures in order to respect their traditions and beliefs. Learning and respecting the American culture is the key to getting along with the people in this country, and combining that with my culture to make it better.

Edwin Oliva, Culinary Nutrition, Senior

Are you looking forward to celebrating Thanksgiving? Are you mixing some of your native cuisine into the American style?

Last year, I celebrated Thanksgiving with an American family. This year, I am looking forward to celebrating it with some international students. No, I do not mix the Moroccan cuisine with the American. However, I learned a lot about the American cuisine.

Myriam Daoud, MBA: Business, Senior

The Original Thanksgiving Feast

Katherine Taylor
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To most, Thanksgiving is a time to give thanks, eat enormous meals, and relax with friends and family. To most, Thanksgiving is a time to watch football, roast turkeys, and take long fall naps. To most, Thanksgiving means no school, leaf piles, and pumpkin pies. To the few who actually understand, Thanksgiving is a religious holiday, a fast, and a time to reflect on the past. The Thanksgiving that most Americans know and love today is nothing like it used to be.

“Traditional” Thanksgiving dishes among Americans today consist of turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, sweet potato casserole, cranberry sauce, bread, casseroles, green beans, and corn. Then comes dessert; pecan pies, apple pies, pumpkin pies, cream pies, cookies, fruitcakes, scones, and plenty of others. Unfortunately, these decadents were not around for the time of the Pilgrims and the Native Americans.

Historians have found that the Pilgrims provided wild fowl, and the Native Americans brought five deer. It has even been said that lobster and seafood were staples at the original feast. Corn was definitely a part of the meal, seeing as it was the bonding methods between tribes and Europeans. These staples were just about it for the meal. Because of the lagging sugar supply and the lack of ovens, there were no pies, sweets, or other baked desserts.

A few other differences are that the festival used to last for three days, instead of the single-afternoon meal that we’re used to today. Also, Thanksgiving became an official religious holiday in 1623, when the Governor called for a fast to celebrate the end of a long drought. Days of fasting and thanksgiving became an annual tradition, and in 1863 Thanksgiving became a national holiday.

Throughout the years, Americans have added and changed the original menu and concepts of Thanksgiving but the tradition is here nonetheless, and today it is still celebrated all across the country.
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Katherine Taylor
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The movie was very similar to the book; the plot and character profiles were a close match. The characters were off the wall and different, and the music was the same. In fact, the music and sound effect were unique and matched the tone of the movie perfectly.

Like most book-turned-screenplay movies, I liked the book better since it provided more detail and allowed readers to get their own understanding and thoughts. I also felt that the book did a better job of explaining flashbacks. It is easier to reread than to watch once in the theater. Emotions were also displayed more in the book; however, the cast of The Perks of Being a Wallflower did a phenomenal job of displaying character qualities. Overall, I would give the book four out of five stars and I would give the movie three out of five stars.

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Cultural Arts

Pumpkin Fun

Krista Christiansen  Staff Writer

It's safe to say that Halloween is over. No more scary movies on TV, haunted houses to walk through, or jack-o-lanterns lighting up your house. However, fall isn't over yet and pumpkins are still growing. So what can you do with all the pumpkins besides carving them or making a pumpkin pie? Here are some fun ways to get creative with your pumpkins.

1. Get Athletic

Looking for a way to stay active this fall? What better way to get outside than to grab some friends and have a game of pumpkin bowling? Simply find the roundest pumpkins and cut off the stems. Then use them in place of the ball in a kiddle or outside bowling set. The pumpkin will never roll completely straight, but that's the whole fun of it! See who can roll the pumpkin the straightest and who knocks down the most pins! This game is also great for parties during the fall.

2. Roast the Seeds

Wondering what to do with the inside of your jack-o-lanterns? They are a great, healthy snack and super simple to make. First, wash the seeds in a colander. Then sprinkle with a bit of oil and seasonings like salt, pepper, and chilli powder. Next roast the seeds at 325 degrees for about 25 minutes or until golden brown, stirring every five minutes or so to make sure nothing burns.

3. Make a Pumpkin Pot of Stew

Small pumpkins make cute and seasonal appropriate bowls for serving any type of stew. Just cut off the tops, take out the seeds, rub the insides with oil and then sprinkle with salt and pepper. Bake the pumpkins and their lids, right side up, for 35 minutes at 350 degrees on baking sheets lined with parchment paper. Remove lids, turn pumpkins upside down and bake another 25 minutes. Let cool and then fill with your favorite stew. The pumpkin provides an edible bowl and sweet-savory taste addition to your choice of stew, and looks fantastic on any dinner table!

4. Smash It

This can be very messy, but it's super fun! Use a pumpkin as a seasonal pipita at your next fall party or gathering! Just carve out the pumpkin through a small hole in the top, fill it with candy. Hang it from a tree at your party or gathering, blindfold the players one at a time and try to smash it with a bat. The luckiest person of any age will enjoy this twist on a classic party activity.

5. Pumpkin Tree

Get an assortment of bright orange, round pumpkins and hang them from a tree in your front yard to make a pumpkin tree! Leave it up all season long for a great decoration.

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Bubble Tea and Kimchi

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As the first few weeks of school passed I found myself craving the bubble tea of my favorite teashop back home. I scoured the Internet in hopes of finding a shop nearby to satisfy my craving. Luckily, there was one just one block away. The name "Teriyaki and Korean House" implied that there was a lot more to this restaurant than their bubble tea. As soon as I walked in I was greeted by the wonderful smell of Korean barbeque and kimchi. The decor was inviting, modern and drew you into the restaurant even though the space available was not used very efficiently. I found myself bumping elbows with people just walking to my table. The hostesses, as well as the entire wait staff, were very kind. They made the entire evening a great success – even though the food took longer than I expected – and have earned an A in customer satisfaction.

Even if you had never eaten Korean food before, their menu was laid out in a very diner friendly way. It helped guide you through the complex culinary world of Korean food culture. I surveyed the menu for many minutes and finally came to a decision on a couple of Korean classics; Pork Bulgogi and a side of Kimchi. I also didn't forget about my original craving, the bubble tea. My Yolai tea latte with tapioca pearls came out first and I couldn't have been happier with it. The strong taste of the tea, the sweetness of the milk, and the chewy pearls of tapioca satisfied my craving and more. As my glass went from full to empty, the food came out along with its delicious aromas. The pork came out, still sizzling, on a cast iron skillet. This, in my opinion, was the best way to plate it because not only did the sizzling bring your sense of hearing along for the ride, it produced a wonderful smelling vapor throughout the entire meal. It was cooked to perfection and had the perfect balance of sweet and spicy in addition to the mouth watering salty notes that it hit at the beginning of every bite. This dish was by far the best part of my meal and left me stuffed beyond belief. Kimchi, the nation dish of Korea, is made through the process of fermenting vegetables in a combination of vinegar and spices. Though kimchi is known for having a very assertive flavor, I found it to be very bland. Also, the cabbage was cut into such thick pieces that the brine had not reached the center of the vegetable, leaving it bland and overly crunchy. This was a bit of a disappointment because knowing that it was a Korean restaurant, I naturally expected their national dish to be delicious. Though the kimchi turned out to be a bit underwhelming, the pork and bubble tea hit the spot perfectly making this experience a great one.

Although the food was great, the price could be a little better. The lunch menu seemed to be decently affordable but I found myself spending about $15 just on the Bulgogi alone at dinner time. Even though the entrees are very generously portioned, the food did not meet my expectations sufficiently for me to want to come back and drop $25 every visit. Even though it was pricey, there is one thing that will be bringing me back, the bubble tea. Besides the tea, maybe it's just one of those places that's only good for lunch.

Overall, my experience at Teriyaki and Korean House was good. There was nice ambiance, good food, and amazing service, I did enjoy the food and the experience but unfortunately because of the pricing and underwhelming kimchi, Teriyaki and Korean House has not secured a spot on my favorites list. Though I don't believe the food was fairly priced, this is definitely a restaurant I would recommend to someone who is looking to broaden his or her culinary horizons (but maybe just go during lunch hours).

Stars: 3/5
Price: $8 (dinner), $5 (lunch)

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A Cornucopia of Goodies!

Sarah Abbott  Staff Writer

Want to add something quick and easy to the cornucopia of thanksgiving desserts? Try these "Corny Cookies:" sweet, faky, crunchy, and even a bit of a delicious. They are corn shaped sugar cookies emothered in creamy vanilla icing, covered in M&M's or Reese's Pieces kernels, and wrapped in husks of green fruit roll up strips. Sure everyone wants pie, but there's always enough room for simple, delicious, and unique thanksgiving treats too! These "Corny Cookies" are sure to make your thanksgiving dinner stand out above the rest.

"Corny Cookies"

Ingredients:
• 1/2 cup butter
• 1 cup sugar
• 1 egg, lightly beaten
• 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
• 2 cups flour
• 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
• 1/4 teaspoon salt
• 2 cups corn flour
• 2 cups vanilla frosting
• Green fruit roll up, or any other fruit leather
• M&M's or Reese's Pieces candies

Directions:
1. Sugar cookies: (you may use any recipe for the sugar cookies)
With electric beater, cream the butter and sugar in a large bowl. Add the egg, vanilla, flour, and salt. Mix in the flour, corn flour, and mix well. In another bowl, combine the flour, baking powder, and salt. Mix in the flour small amounts at a time until ingredients are well combined. Chill the dough for several hours or at least 2 hours.
2. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Divide dough into 3 sections. Working on floured surface with one section at a time, roll out dough to a 1/8-inch thickness. Using a knife, cut out corncob shapes about 4 inches long. Place cookies on ungreased baking sheet and bake for 9 minutes, or until edges are browned. Let cookies cool for about two minutes, then transfer to wax paper to cool completely.
3. Time to decorate!
These cookies were great for our favorite vanilla icing. Next, use kitchen shears to cut fruit roll up to fit the sides of the cookies. Press the "husks" in place on icing around cookies, with tips pointed down at a bit. Finally, place the candy kernels of M&M's or Reese's Pieces in the middle where the icing is bare.
Buy the Perfect Winter Coat

Sabashni Sarkar
Staff Writer

Bundle up for the rather severe winter that's just round the corner. Our wardrobes are incomplete without a smart, sophisticated coat (or two), and the best ones are only available at a cutthroat price, right? Wrong. There are plenty of affordable and attractive winter wear that will let us snuggle in its warmth without burning a hole in our pocket.

You can hop over to Providence Place Mall and review the vast varieties at the well-known stores there (a special mention to JC Penny for being the most affordable out them all). You could also check out some interesting sites to simply buy coats online and have them delivered to you, all at the click of a button. Some worth a mention:

Eddie Bauer: jcpenny.com: overstock.com for unbelievable deals under $50.

1) Left to right: Tweed Fern Coat, originally $498, now $129.99. Imported. 

2) Duffle coats – Usually made from thick woolen material which offers the most warmth out of any other style. The majority also has large hoods for those chilly and rainy days, and are instantly recognizable by their toggle fastenings down the front of the coat.

3) Double-breasted coats – Features two rows of buttons that overlap to fasten and comes in a variety of different coat styles, including mass and trench coats. Have a more formal look than other styles which makes them so easy to dress up or down.

When buying a coat for the first time (especially for those of you who are coming from warmer climates) remember that this is an investment. It's not a good idea to be too thrifty since this is literally for your survival. Also, a coat with a hood will be much more practical and wearable than one without. Remember to choose your coat according to the weather conditions you expect.

Keep in mind climate, color, length, material, and not to mention price! Women's pea coats, especially in neutral colors, are durable and always stylish. For the dry winter look for a down coat or parks with a hood to avoid snow in your face as you trek to class.

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James Kwon of Figmints Delicous Design visits AIGA JWU!

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On Tuesday, October 23, James Kwon visited the School of Technology and spoke to a group of students about his successes, his experience, and everything else in-between.

James Kwon is the owner of a creative studio named Figmints in Pawtucket, RI. He graduated from Johnson & Wales University in 2006 with degrees in Culinary Arts, Marketing, and Entrepreneurship and also received his MFA in Graphic Design from Savannah College of Art and Design. James has worked for various companies, including CVS/Pharmacy, BEAM Interactive, ICBS Global and Communications Collaborative, as an Art Director, Creative Director, and a Contract Designer – respectively.

During his speaking time at the AIGA meeting, James mainly discussed his business, Figmints, but also included all of the hard work it took for him to get where he is today. Hard work is everything in today’s society, and he definitely proved that point. James went on to talk about his struggles (and his success) in college and finding a good job afterward – something we all can relate to.

It was most interesting to see the projects that James and the rest of the Figmints team were able to work on. Most of the students who attended the meeting were still unsure of what to expect upon starting a career in the design industry. To be able to speak and listen to a professional and learn about what is expected was probably what was cherished most.

It’s required for our design classes that we show the process to creating our projects. On presentation day, it’s mandatory that we show the steps we took from start to finish on each project completed at Johnson & Wales. I think that most of the students in the audience took a sigh of relief when they saw how James did the same thing for each of his projects. When you see it coming from a professional, it doesn’t seem as pointless as it always has, anymore.

James showed us one of Figmints’ most recent (and extensive) projects that they did for a client called Holliston Sand. They implemented the use of logos, branding, design, website development, and video in this project. Although many students are partial to one concentration in the Graphic Design major (mostly Print), we all realized how important it is to have learned every aspect; which is what Johnson & Wales University has been teaching us over the course of our four-year degree. Overall, the presentation went excellently. Everybody who attended seemed to have really enjoyed hearing James speak about everything he has learned (and is still learning) in the industry today.

Obama Encourages Online Security

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Students nowadays rely on the internet more than ever, though even people comfortable with the web encounter security issues. This is why President Obama designated October as National Cyber Security Awareness Month (NCSAM).

The purpose of NCSAM is to raise general awareness of threats prevalent on the internet as well as inform users that they are responsible for their own online safety.

NCSAM is broken into several main themes, each corresponding to a week in October. The first week was all about general online safety, as well as NCSAM's unofficial slogan, “STOP. THINK. CONNECT.”

The intended purpose is to encourage internet users to consider their security when navigating around the web. Only connect to pages you trust, and you are already doing your part in keeping the internet secure. The second week in October focused on cyber law, and the extent of law enforcement’s jurisdiction online. While there is no designated “internet police” authorities can and will get involved if the situation is serious.

The last two weeks in October was dedicated to online safety for businesses. Unfortunately, businesses often find themselves as targets for malware and other security risks. It is vital that employees accessing the internet are aware of these threats and know how to avoid putting their company at risk.

While many can agree that cyber security is important, it often takes some encouragement for people to get involved. National Cyber Security Awareness Month aimed to solve this issue by promoting awareness of possible threats, as well as urging US citizens to do their part and keep the internet safe. Check out StaySafeOnline.org for more information on how you can do your part.

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