INN VIOLATION

University responds to recent Board of Health complaints at Johnson & Wales Inn

BY JOHN ORTENZIO
Editor-in-Chief

In response to recent media coverage regarding the Johnson & Wales Inn, most notably a Providence Journal article "J&W facility in Seekonk fails health board," published on December 23, 2004, University President John Bowen issued a memo, dated January 5, 2005, to all faculty and staff detailing that the Inn is in full compliance with all health standards.

"We take this situation very seriously. I have asked senior managers at the University and Seekonk health officials to thoroughly investigate the circumstances described in the media reports," Bowen said in the memo.

During this past week, an assessment of our property by the Seekonk Board of Health reported that the J&W Inn is in full compliance with the Seekonk Board of Health standards."

Attached to the memo from Bowen was a letter from the Chairman of the Board of Health in Seekonk, Albert Smith. Smith said in the letter dated December 27, that Johnson & Wales has always cooperated with the Seekonk Board of Health relative to food safety and sanitation issues.

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WHERE IN THE WORLD IS DR. SCHNEIDER?

Dr. Schneider is pictured with Somali refugees at a Providence area CSL site that provides assistance to immigrants and refugees coming to Rhode Island. In May, 2004, the first Somali Bantu refugees arrived in Providence, as part of a nationwide humanitarian resettlement of 12,000 Bantu. All of the Bantu adults attend English classes at this nonprofit site for two to five hours a day. Besides job skills, they are also learning about social customs and norms in America. If you are a student and can guess where this picture is taken, please email your response to feinsteincenter@jwu.edu. One correct response will be drawn and the winner will receive free MAXIM tickets.

SAFETY & SECURITY

CRIME BLOTTER

- **Monday, 11/29, 8:00 am**
  Vehicle stolen from campus lot. Facilities vehicle missing from parking space in Cranston lot. Vehicle recovered by police in North Providence on 12/04.

- **Saturday, 12/3, 2:30 am**
  Student assaulted on Westminster Street near Clemente Street.
  Suspects described as black males, 17 to 21 years of age. Student was walking on Westminster Street with a friend when he was approached by 10 to 15 subjects. Student was hit in the face with a fire extinguisher and fell to the ground. He was punched and kicked while on the ground.

- **Sunday, 12/5, 2:35 am**
  Former student arrested at entrance to Gage Commons. Charged with a narcotics violation.

- **Sunday, 12/5, 4:10 am**
  Student arrested at a residence hall. Charged with a narcotics violation.

- **Saturday, 12/4, 1:00 am**
  Armed suspects on Dean Street. Suspect vehicle is a Black Cadillac. The occupants were described as Hispanic males. Two female students reported an incident which occurred near their apartment. A vehicle pulled up near them as they went to enter their dwelling and the occupants shouted at them. One of the suspects pointed a black handgun at the students then the car sped off.

- **Monday, 12/6, 9:00 am**
  Home invasion with armed suspects on Pembroke Avenue. Suspect described as black males in their early to mid twenties. One suspect was wearing NBA pants and an Air Jordan sweatshirt. Two female students reported their apartment was broken into. Five male suspects kicked in the back door of the apartment striking one of the students in the head and they entered the house carrying guns. The suspects held the students at gunpoint and demanded the location of an item in the apartment. The suspects fled the area in an older white car, possibly a Toyota. The student reported jewelry and cash were taken.

- **Wednesday, 12/8, 2:00 pm**
  Burglary at ACE Hall. A male student reported when he returned from class he found the screen cut and the window open and the room ransacked. Several items were taken from the room.

- **Wednesday, 12/8, 8:30 pm**
  Non student arrested in parking lot Providence Police observed a subject breaking into a car in the lot next to Plantations Hall. The subject was taken into custody.

- **Thursday, 12/9, 01:30 am**
  Burglary at Arcade. Police and Security responded to an alarm at the Arcade. Upon arrival, a broken window was discovered.

- **Friday, 12/10, 1:30 am**
  Burglary at ACE Hall. A male student reported he returned to his room and found the screen cut and the window open. The student reported one item missing from the room.

- **Sunday, 12/11, 11:00 pm**
  Student arrested at a residence hall. Charged with a narcotics violation.

- **Monday, 12/13, 8:50 pm**
  Student arrested in Warwick. Charged with a narcotics violation.
In a December 22 article, the Providence Journal reported that the Board of Health had become more aggressive in its enforcement in recent months. According to the December 23 story, which was based on reports done by food inspector Victoria Wills, it was stated that the reports on file for the Inn noted that there was a cockroach and rodent infestation in the kitchen, along with other violations and the corners of the kitchen's walk-in had mold and corrosion, and the walk-in's thermostat was broken.

Wills is responsible for visiting the Inn and providing reports to the Board of Health in Seekonk, Massachusetts where the hotel is located. The article further stated that all phone books need to be thrown away. It finished with a quote from Wills, the town's food inspector who had investigated the Inn stating, "They have extremely poor sanitation practices. Really poor. And their pest problem is partly because of the poor sanitation practices. I just hope Johnson & Wales gets their act together."

According to Michael Downing, Executive Director of Pracitcum Properties for J&W, the phone books referred to in the Journal article were on a pallet right next to the dumpster. Downing told the Herald that all issues were addressed at the time they were brought to attention by the health director, except those that required an outside contractor to come in.

"We have a pest service company that comes on a weekly basis," said Downing. "There are no pest issues; the service comes every Monday evening."

Another statement in the December 23 article by Wills stating "Nothing shocks me anymore...eat at home. It's the only safe way," generated enough of a stir among readers including restaurant owners, town employees and other food inspectors that the Journal ran a follow-up on December 24 that included an apology from Wills.

Subsequent reports from the Seekonk Board of Health have noted that "all violations that were documented in previous inspections have been corrected. Johnson & Wales is now in full compliance with state and local codes."

“The Johnson & Wales Inn offers a clean and safe food service establishment.”

-Chairman of the Board of Health in Seekonk, Albert Smith in a letter sent to the community

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** NSO competitive events institute hosts career role-play demonstration **

** MELISSA O'DONNELL Guest-Writer **

The National Student Organizations’ (NSO) Competitive Events Institute and the Career Development Office (CDO) hosted “role-play” demonstrations on October 7, 2004 during the Johnson & Wales University Career Conference held at the Rhode Island Convention Center in Providence, Rhode Island.

Some 900 Johnson & Wales students and faculty observed four role-play situations in different fields. Students competed for certificates, medals, and prizes. Each participant received $100 worth of scholarships and gifts.

The first event was a sports and entertainment role-play. The competitors in this demonstration were Maria Monti, a senior and hospitality management major, who won first place; and Dana Jevajian, a junior majoring in marketing management, who took second.

The second role-play demonstration was in the field of hospitality and involved Jillian Fenna, a senior hospitality management major, who won first place, and Serena Yanez, a sophomore in international hotel and tourism, who won second place.

The third event included judges Ron Tesoriero, team relations executive for Target Stores, Natalie Leonard, human resources manager for Edwards & Angell, LLP, and Heather Jenness, college relations for Fidelity Investments. They judged competitors Stephen Sperandio, sophomore in business management, who won first place, and Laifong Ng, senior in business management, who took second place in the category of human resources management.

The final event focused on marketing management. Senior marketing management major Claudia Bellony, took first place. Amanda Longo, sophomore marketing management major, placed second.

"On behalf of all the NSO Advisors, I’d like to congratulate all of our competitors," Dr. Erin Wilkinson, academic advisor, Competitive Events Institute said. "The NSO-Competitive Events Institute offers students training to enhance these type of management skills. The role-play scenarios on Career Day were real examples of current industry problems that managers face everyday," he said.

If you are interested in the National Student Organizations' Competitive Events Institute, please stop by Xavier 229 or contact Dr. Wilkinson at ewilkinson@jwu.edu.
Leaders urge community to assist in tsunami relief efforts

BY APRIL PAVIS
Staff Writer

On December 26, 2004 a tsunami struck south Asia and Africa after an underwater earthquake shook the Indian Ocean. Donations from all over the world have gone beyond $1 billion already. World leaders are questioning if that figure is enough. Over 150,000 people have died since the disaster over two weeks ago, and that number continues to climb. What can we, as a community of a global university, due to help those in need?

Dr. Irving Schneider, President of the Providence Campus, sent an email to all students and faculty to bring light to the disaster as well as to offer his condolences on behalf of the campus. Dr. Schneider also directed students looking for assistance as a result of the incident to their International Student Advisor at the International Office on the 3rd floor of the Kinsley Building. Those on the Harborides Campus should go to the Student Academic Services office at the Paramount Building.

If you are like the millions of Americans who are asking what they can do to help, keep reading. Unless you are Sandra Bullock or Steven Spielberg it is difficult to write a $1 million check to the American Red Cross. What you can do, though, is encourage all of your friends to search their dorm room, apartment or car for spare change. With that change go down to the Shaw’s Supermarket Coinstar machine and instead of getting cash for your coins, push the “Donate to American Red Cross” button instead.

Remember the phrase “every little bit helps” Well today it means much more than you ever thought it would. If each of the 9,982 students on this campus donated $2, we would be able to write a check to the American Red Cross for close to $20,000. Instead of going out this weekend, donate what you would have spent to UNICEF or the American Red Cross. Log onto www.redcross.org or www.unicefusa.org to use a credit card to donate directly to the tsunami relief efforts. (Amount donated is tax deductible.)

If, like any normal college student, funds are rather tight, begin a drive at residence hall. Contact your favorite people and ask them to assist you in collecting money or canned food items.

At the emergency UN world summit held on January 6, UN Secretary General Kofi Annan asked the 26 attending countries for immediate donations totaling $2.5 billion. The total cost of damages造成的 damage to the infrastructure and effects the tsunami will be seen for close to a century.

Dr. Schneider urges each of us to help those involved in the crisis in our thoughts and prayers.

Annual holiday party brings smiles to all

BY ALEXIS JUNQUERAH
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Festive holiday music, glitter, construction paper, the smell of gingerbread, and 50 cheerful children took over Johnson & Wales Harborides Recreation Center for UIB’s annual holiday party. The party, held each year for the children of the University’s faculty and staff, was held on Friday, December 10, 2004.

Denise Thompson, president of UIB was happy with the party’s success. “The event was hugely successful this year. We gathered over 50 items which were donated to a local elementary school.”

Children ranging in age from one year old to age kept busy with fun holiday crafts with the help of members of UIB, dressed in Santa hats for the occasion. Candy, candy canes, paper bag puppets, paper snowflakes, Christmas tree ornaments, stockings, musical chairs, and festive foods were among the highlights of the day. The biggest hit was an appearance by Santa Claus. Children were able to share their holidays wishes with Santa and have their picture taken.

“Smiles on kids faces. Over 50 kids in all,” Dean of Student Ronald Martel explained, happy with the day’s turn out. He smiled, recapping the night as, “Really merry and happy!”

Currently UIB is preparing for the upcoming Winter Week, which will include a Super Bowl party and the annual SnowBall. Students can find out more about upcoming events by dialing 401-598-2971.

Pride Alliance and Women’s Center hold world aids day event

BY JOHN ORTENZIO
Editor-in-Chief

The Women’s Center and the Pride Alliance marked World AIDS Day last month with a showing of “And the Band Played On,” followed by a brief conversation amongst the students in attendance. The film discusses the time when the virus first began to spread to American in the 1980s. Approximately thirty students were present, all interested in learning more about the virus, and ways to help with the AIDS crisis around the world.

The event was great. It was a feel good type of event.”

- Tanya Rogers, Director, Women’s Center

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Date January 31st
Time 6-7pm
Location: Cinara Dining Room - Harborides Academic Center

If you would like to attend or have any questions please contact Thomas Rossi at 401.598.2469 or via email at trossi@jwu.edu.

"The event was great. It was a feel good type of event. The combination of the tiles, the film and the pizza made by J&W made it amazing," said Tanya Rogers, director of the Women’s Center.

Members of the Pride Alliance were unhappy with the turnout, and felt more faculty and staff members should have been in attendance at the event.

Half of all new HIV infections in the U.S. occur in people under 25, and up to 1 in 3 people infected with HIV are unaware that they carry the virus.
Paul Merluzzo: Jack of All Trades

BY GINA MORRIS
Staff Writer

Professor Profile

Paul Merluzzo is the newest full-time addition to the Freshman Studies department at the John Hazen White School of Arts and Sciences. His positive attitude and quick-witted humor are qualities that draw in the attention of students, faculty members, and everyone that comes in contact with him. With a larger than life personality, he has dug out his own niche in the Freshman Studies department.

Merluzzo was born November 28, 1949 in Cranston, RI. He attended local schools including one year at Providence College. At 17, he studied in Southampton, England. Then he went to Emerson College in Boston and received a bachelor of art degree in Creative Writing and Fine Arts Photography. In 1978, he moved to Los Angeles to work in the film industry.

While in LA, he met and worked with many celebrities and political figures. He photographed celebrities such as Mohammed Ali, Henry Fonda, and Richard Gere. As assistant to the house manager at the Music Center of LA he worked with James Galway, Victoria De Los Angeles, Baryshnikov, and Vitella. He collaborated with Yoko Ono on Skybox, escorted Barbara Streisand to the opening of a Neil Simon play, and was even invited to Thanksgiving dinner at the Connecticut home of Katharine Hepburn. He acquired a piece of the original Hollywood sign before it was replaced. It sits in a frame on his desk, as a reminder of his time in California and all of his experiences there.

In 1989, Merluzzo had had enough of Hollywood. Unsure of what to do next, he says a special, but anonymous, person suggested he would be a great teacher. The following week, he interviewed with the head of ESL (English as a Second Language) at Glendale College and told him, "If I were you, I wouldn't hire me." He was hired and soon found himself teaching his first ESL class, which he called "trial by fire and a great experience." He went back to graduate school while teaching at three different colleges part-time.

Merluzzo calls his first teaching job "a life altering experience that has brought great change and joy to my life." A former professor at the Miami campus, he has also taught English Composition, Communication Skills, Photography, Creative Arts Writing, and every level of English as a Second Language.

Merluzzo's former jobs include: window washer, cashier, factory worker, bookkeeper, retailer, photo tech, photographer, baker, printer, writer, art gallery assistant, tour guide, spiritual guide, counselor to the terminally ill, design consultant, and construction foreman.

Also an entrepreneur, Merluzzo ran a greeting card company for which he produced a series of original photo cards. He sold his greeting cards in Beverly Hills and Santa Monica, CA.

"In '86, there were very few, if any, photo cards. Now they are everywhere," he said. Some photo collectors even purchased the set of photos for their collections.

His other accomplishments include saving the ESL programs in LA colleges by leading a protest involving nine college presidents in 1990. However, his most important accomplishments, he says, "are invisible mostly because I have positively changed the lives of many people by helping them to acquire a new language, thus giving them a new life in a new land, and by helping people transition from this world to the next...counseling the terminally ill is an undervalued skill."

A world traveler, Merluzzo has been to Italy, Mexico, Iceland, Hawaii, England, France and India.

He has had two small volumes of medi-tational verse published, Artificial Illumination and Spirit & Letter, and recorded "Memorial Service Station," the first interactive memorial service therapy tool for survivors. Currently, Merluzzo is working on The Bible-icious Cookbook. He says he is making up the recipes as he goes along, but promises they will taste good and the book will be filled with his trademark humor.

"My favorite recipe is Scrod of Turin...filet wrapped in filo, topped with white asparagus."

After 26 years away, Merluzzo has returned to Rhode Island to care for his aging parents. He says, "They have blessed me with a wonderful start in life and cannot be abandoned now." He then quotes TS Elliot, "In our end is our beginning."

When asked if he would change any-thing about his life or his past experiences, he says, "All of my experiences have contributed to making me the unique person I am today. My life is beginning anew once again. And as every new beginning has its difficulties, so does this one. Not only am I at a new campus with new teaching concerns but I am becoming caregiver for those who cared for me. It is a new land, an undiscovered territory...so it is exciting."
Starting all over in Denver

Students discuss their choice of J&W campuses

BY GINGER VIEIRA  
Staff Writer

As a student who has been accepted to the Johnson & Wales University you are faced with a choice: Which campus should I attend? I've heard a few rumors about the campus in Miami, Florida as well as the new campus in Charlotte, North Carolina, however, I have actually attended both the Providence and Denver Campuses. The differences between the two are extreme, and depending on who you are, one campus might be more suitable for you over the other.

The most obvious differences between the two campuses include the number of students and the setup of the campus. Over 8,000 students attend the Providence campus whereas less than 2,000 can be found in Denver. The Providence campus is setup along the lines of downtown in a sort of scattered manner that requires you to take buses to various locations whereas the Denver campus bears the environment of a typical college campus. The residence halls surround one half of the the enormous green center while the academic buildings surround the other half of the campus.

The classrooms are also mostly setup in the typical auditorium style whereas the classrooms in Providence look exactly like the classrooms you sat in during high school.

Krista Leone, a junior in Denver who spent her first two years in Providence says, "Denver is a well rounded campus that offers great teachers who teach with enthusiasm. During the two hour long classes they get the kids involved and actually make you learn, whereas Providence you go for 50 minutes, listen to something and leave. There is no interaction whatsoever, unless you are in culinary classes."

The Denver campus dining hall has been said to have better quality food, including a large assortment of deli meats to create sandwiches, a stir-fry station that is cooked right before your eyes, an assorted array of vegetables and lettuce at the salad bar, a grill station providing hamburgers, veggie burgers etc., as well as another station that always provides some type of meat, vegetable and pasta meal. The most popular area of the of the dining hall would absolutely have to be the dessert counter. The cookies and cakes provided are also delicious.

Unlike Providence, the Denver campus has a "Student Union" located in the large College of Business building. The Student Union is filled with couches, three televisions and a few computers to check your e-mail, as well as the mail center and "Outtakes," a small convenience store with snacks, frozen dinners and plenty of coffee.

Leone and others also feel that the overall atmosphere of the Denver campus is much better, "Even with the sports teams you are always aware of what is going on and where the games are. In Providence, you don't get that."

Another enormous difference between the two campuses is that Providence is a very small city and the main campus is within walking distance of practically everything. Denver, however, is very spread out, making it hard to get anywhere without access to a car.

Students at the Denver Campus claim the dining hall food has better quality compared to Providence and the Student Union makes it convenient for students to eat and socialize.

After a six mile walk one day, I finally arrived at the Cherry Creek Mall located closest to the Denver campus. Fortunately being in Colorado the average temperature doesn't seem to go far below 40 degrees this time of year. However, if I was still attending the Providence campus my walk to the Providence Place Mall would have been a brief ten minutes despite the chilling weather that would leave icicles dripping from my fingers.

Both campuses definitely have their qualities, however, the general consensus of the students who have experienced both agree that the Denver campus is simply more enjoyable place to be. Leone says with certainty, "Denver is a campus setting, so you automatically get that 'real college feeling. Being in Denver real made me realize I was missing out on an campus life while being in Providence. I wish I could start all over in Denver."

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The chopping block: Superbowl recipes

BY PHILOMENA CORRADINO
King Features

EASY-TO-PREPARE SUPER BOWL FARE

It's almost here -- Feb. 6, Super Bowl Sunday, when fans gather to shout and jump from chairs and sofas. The game and entertainment are important, but so is the food.

If you're hosting a Super Bowl party, you'll want something that's easy to prepare, delicious and easy to eat, because real fans won't let their eyes wander. Provide plates (sturdy plastic-coated paper, of course) so there's no constant reaching and spilling.

Dips are one answer, and I'm not talking about a gloppy sour cream and onion concoction. Here are two unique dips highlighting avocados:

1. Guacamole Picado

2 fully ripe avocados
1 cup diced plum tomatoes
1 medium onion, chopped (about 1/2 cup)
1/2 cup chopped cilantro
1 teaspoon finely chopped serrano or jalapeño chile
1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
1 tablespoon lime juice

Halve avocados; remove pit and peel avocados; dice. In large bowl, combine tomatoes, onion, cilantro, chile, olive oil and lime juice. Stir in avocados. Season with salt to taste. Serve with tortilla chips. Makes about 3 cups.

AVOCADO, MANGO AND SHRIMP APPETIZER

2 fully ripe avocados
1 (8-ounce) bag frozen fully cooked small shrimp (about 1 1/2 cups), thawed and finely chopped
1/2 cup diced ripe mango
1/4 cup finely diced red onion
2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh cilantro
2 tablespoons lime juice
1/4 teaspoon hot pepper sauce
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper

Halve, pit and peel avocados; finely dice.

In a bowl, gently combine avocado, shrimp, mango, red onion, cilantro, lime juice, pepper sauce, salt and ground pepper. Serve with tortilla chips or on lettuce leaves. Makes about 2 1/2 cups.

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"This Week In Greek"

Greek of the Week

He is an Information Science major from Alexandria, Virginia. He was a Resident Assistant for 2 years at Snowden and McElroy. Currently, he works at CBCSI as a web designer and in the Resource Room Manager. He also maintains an internship at Action Networking in Warwick, RI.

This 20-year-old senior has been an accomplished member of Eappa Alpha Psi since 2002. He is in charge of community service in his organization. Through his Fraternity he has participated in many walks, such as the March of Dimes and Breast Cancer Walks. He attended events, such as Freshman Move-In, pep-rallies, and Eappa Week.

The Greek of the Week is Marcus A. Gray

Upcoming Events

Every Tuesday at 8:00pm in the PepsiForum.
Tysha McGinn will hold a New Member Institute.
January 26th 7:00 p.m. Order of Omega Kitchener at 5th Ave and Grille.
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Greek of the Week is brought to you by Order of Omega

Did You Know?

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Wednesday, January 12, 2005
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CBCSI Building
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Saturday, January 29th
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December 7, 2003
Etienne Juggler
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6pm, Hospitality Garden Room

December 8, 2003
Robert Channing
Montblair
Pick a thought-any thought. Robert will tell you what it is. Social security numbers, special dates or even the exact amount of money in your pocket. Pick an event-the Edgar Awards, the Bambi Awards, with curiosity and wonder. Special appreciation to the people, and special events-if it is on your mind, he can reveal these intimate thoughts.
9pm, Harborside Recreation Center

December 5, 2003
Tiny Glover
Comedian
Always a crowd pleaser, Tiny's show is not about tired routines or rehearsed spontaneity. It's about audience-driven, interactive, high-energy entertainment. The result is a trip for all to Tiny's world, a place where lightning will, improv theatre, and genuine desire to connect with people combine for the total comic experience.
9pm, Harborside Rec. Center

January 12, 2003
FYNUS
Rock Band
A pioneer in the new sound being dubbed pirate rock, FYNUS has been serving up girls skirts since 1983. They're back at JWU to premiere new members, as well as new tunes. With melodic vocals, streaming guitars, and phat beats, the FYNUS revelry will rock your face off.
9pm, Harborside Recreation Center

January 19, 2003
Robbie Printz
Comedian
Comedian Robbie Printz has performed a hundreds of colleges nationwide. He is a two-time winner of the Annual Boston Comedy Award and many other Boston awards. He has been seen on MTV's Half Hour Comedy and Comedy Central. This show will have you clutching your sides in laughter.
9pm, Harborside Rec. Center

February 16, 2003
Sex Signals
"Whole Luv Is An Anyway?" with a sexual theme. Sex Signals is an innovation and juicy approach to serious sketch comedy. It provides a provocative, in your face look at the good, the bad, and the ugly of dating. Through humor and audience participation, the show explores how mixed messages, gender role stereotypes, and unrealistic fantasies contribute to misunderstandings between the sexes.
6pm, Harborside Rec. Center

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Over priced knowledge
Cost of books outrageous

BY KARLA PIERSE
Ideas & Opinions Editor

Additional costs that college students encounter throughout their college career are overwhelming in the sense of not knowing how to handle it. As tuition rises and room and board increases, you still have to buy your books. There are loans that can be obtained by college students to help with tuition and room and board, but there is no loan for books.

As a new trimester begins, the amount that is spent by college students on books is outrageous. As I write a $250 check for one trimester alone on books I question where this money is actually going. How much does the author make compared to the seller/bookstore owner? Is the price of the book raised so that both, the author and seller make a comparable profit? I guess I just do not understand what happened to the method of book use in high school. They pass out the book at the beginning of the year and you have to return it at the end of the school year. If you lose or damage the book, then you pay, otherwise you were seen as a responsible student.

A new and used book is an interesting concept. Buying a book brand new is on average $50 more than the used book.

Once a student has used a book for a trimester, they have the opportunity to return the book to the bookstore for a full refund, but that is at least 75% of what you paid for it. So how is the bookstore making a profit? In some respects I would much rather buy the book for much cheaper, like around $20 cheaper, then pay $100 at first and wait for the return.

Then there is also the other method that student use when it comes to textbooks. Welcome to the Wide World Web. Several different websites allow you to resell the books you have already paid to other people online. Amazon.com, ebay, and half.com are just a few, yet most popular, websites to resell or buy a book for much cheaper then the University bookstore.

So in the end, students come out on top in the textbook world. They will most likely get a return from the university bookstore, as long as they are taking back the books, or resell it online. I just do not understand why the books have to be so expensive in the first place. We could avoid all of this confusion by simply realizing that college students do not have a lot of money. The few dollars they have left for the end of the day usually goes to their social life. Believe it or not, college goes beyond an education. College is a place to make friends and still act like a child before we have to grow up.

I feel books should be built into our college tuition and passed out in the classroom. Of course if a student fails to be responsible for the book, they should pay full price. This is a very good system because we are not only learning from the book but we are also learning how to be more responsible. Responsibility will go very far in life.


cost of books outrageous

Dear Editor,

There have been many students from John & Johnson University that have been victims of robberies and assaults on campus. Some people ask, Where is the Safety and Security? Providence Police are only on campus when someone has reported a problem. However, if someone does not report the crime, the police are always committed when no one is watching. Since we have the privilege of the police officers and the assistance of the Providence Police force, we should feel safe, yet it doesn’t seem this way. Before Thanksgiving break, there were a tremendous amount of car robberies that took place at the Harbouride parking lot. A vehicle not registered for student parking, was driven into the campus lot, and broke into numerous cars including my own. There was a security guard on duty, but it appeared that no one saw these break-ins. My window was shattered, and I had no choice but to leave my car open all night. In situations like these, victims of such crimes should be given a place to safely park their car for the night, rather than leaving your vehicle susceptible to other break-ins.

Everyone has been a victim of the infamous quiet hour rule, where you can get in trouble for being too loud past normal hours. This is a very unfair rule for students student safety and student property that is located on campus, rather than small aspects such as quiet hours. Safety and Security is a positive aspect of our school; however, something has to be done about the increase in crime that has been occurring. It is great that all crimes that happen on campus are posted in the daily for student awareness, but something has to happen to keep these sheets from reverting.

Sincerely,

Bradley Jackson

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

After I was accepted to Johnson & Johnson University I had many options that lay ahead of me. What college did I want to go to? What major did I want to take, and most importantly what campus did I want to go to. Johnson & Johnson (also known as JWU) is unique from many other colleges or universities because rather than one campus they have five to choose from. This is what made the decision a little easier because I have family members in Rhode Island and area was far enough away from my parents to give me that independence which I so desperately crave. However, what about the other students? Some students might have had a hard time deciding between campuses.

I was a student moved into dormitory from the JWU campus in Miami, Florida. My curiosity led me to wonder about the differences between the two campuses. It came as a shock to me when I found out that there is a park
ing for each dormitory in Miami. One of the main concerns among students in Providence is the lack of parking. There is only one parking lot offered for commuter students, which is the Harbouride parking lot, and to get between there and downtown Providence you need to take a bus. For commuters this is a problem because on top of heavy traffic coming into the city, they also must deal with waiting for a bus to bring them downtown. Johnson & Johnson claims that the buses generally take about ten to fifteen minutes to arrive, but as a student I can personally tell you that the buses take waiting for up to a half an hour for a bus to come.

A simple answer to this problem would be to either employ more buses or to expand the parking garage. Building a parking garage might be more difficult seeing as how property is quite expensive in the city, but Johnson & Johnson could arrange parking in Miami. A partnership with RIPA has already been accepted so why not parking garages too? I am not trying to reprimand JWU in any way for not doing this; however, I am trying to reveal how frustrating the situation is among students and that the administration should have taken a stronger effort to be considerate of its students with vehicles, especially commuters. Hopefully in the future changes will be made so that parking will become more available in the city for all Johnson & Johnson students.

Sincerely,

Samantha Mahoney

Letter to the Editor

Get beyond the ribbon: Support our brothers and sisters in Iraq

BY PATRICK DYL
Staff Writer

Over the last few months I have noticed an increase in the number of vehicles displaying bumper stickers like "Support our troops" or "I stand behind President Bush, and our troops", as well as the symbolic yellow ribbon. I myself am a part of the growing anti-war movement in America and have been told many times that by not agreeing with the war I do not support the troops. I have strong objections to the killing of a human being, for any reason, even in the name of "Justice." I also believe that the sole purpose of our military should be to protect freedom and Constitution, and not act as an occupying force to line the pockets of a few elitist CEOs.

My question to those of you with the afore mentioned bumper stickers and yellow ribbons, besides that, how are you supporting our brothers and sisters who are being used as pawns in the game of chess that is the Bush agenda? The following is a list of non-profit organizations which you can utilize to help support our troops:

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Send Books

If you would like to send books to soldiers, visit BookForSoldiers.com. By donating to the soldiers will post requests for books that they'd like to get their hands on, and all you have to do is pick one (or more).

However the best way to lend a hand to our men and women who serve is to aid the end of the occupation in Iraq. I encourage all of you to write letters to your congressmen, and senators (you can find contact information at http://congress.org/congressor/home) as well as the President (http://whitehouse.gov/)

Another way to help end the occupation, read, and educate yourself on what is really happening in the Middle East. Some of the best sources are non-profit media. Unlike the major media outlets, their main concern is not to make money, but to report only the facts. The more you know, the more you can help. According to USA TODAY, as of December 12, 2004, the official count from the Department of Defense of the dead in Iraq is 1,325 US service members (this number does not include relief workers, civilians, government contractors or soldiers of other countries, nor does it include figures outside of Iraq, i.e. Afghanistan, Saudi Arabia etc.) 1,108 of these deaths are due to hostile action.

This information should be in every news broadcast, on the front page of every paper, every day. But instead this information is buried where no one will find it; this is because the government has been able to persuade the media to do so.

They know that if you see these numbers every day, pictures of flag draped coffins every day that you would be disgusted with what is going on in Iraq. I am outraged and disgusted by the actions of the individuals who are responsible for the tragedy on September 11, 2001, but what disgusts me more is that people are still buying into this lie. How many more will die? Until those questions can be answered, we as human beings cannot begin to resume our "normal" lives, because every day, mothers are losing their children, husbands are losing their wives, brothers are losing their sisters, and... They serve so that we don't have to. They offer to give up their lives so that we can be free. It is remarkably, their gift to us. And all they ask for in return is that we never send them into harms way unless it is absolutely necessary. Will they ever trust us again? -Michael Moore
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All students are invited to compete in the J&W Regional Role-Play Competition. The top twenty finalists will be invited to compete at the national level. Participation in the regional event provides students with the necessary competition-ready skills before heading to the DEX International Career Development Conference (ICDC) in Anaheim, California, May 4-7, 2005 or the PBL National Leadership Conference (NLC) June 24-27, 2005, in Orlando, Florida.

OVER FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS will be awarded in scholarships to the top twenty finalists who compete at ICDC or NLC. National conference competitors will receive: first through tenth place $400 scholarships with $400 in travel monies, and eleventh through twentieth place $300 scholarships with $400 in travel monies. Student travel contributions are $25 per person. In addition any competitor that makes the top 10% in their event category at the national conference will receive an additional $500 scholarship and media recognition.

Events Offered (additional categories may be added based on competitor interest):

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- Networking Concepts
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- Service
- Telecommunications
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How do I register for the February 4 competition? How do I receive sample events?

Contact the NSO-Competitive Events Director, Dr. Erin Wilkinson, 598-2482, ewilkinson@jwu.edu, Office Manager, Dana Jevvarian, 598-2483, DEJ554@students.jwu.edu, or Event Manager Courtney Forget, CTF580@jwu.edu or stop by Xavier Academy Hall, Room 229 at the Downcity Campus during office hours from 10:30-2:30 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Registration deadline is February 1, 2005.
Poet's D'Light-ful reggae hits home

Johnson & Wales student releases reggae album

BY TYRONE HALL
Staff-Writer

Poet Samson, originally from Guyana, South America, is one of Johnson & Wales University's hottest names right now. Working in Washington, DC at WPGC 95.5 FM, before coming to Providence, gave him experience in marketing, promotion, and music. Samson's pursuit for a degree also prepared him for one of his biggest projects. The CD B4 D'Light was originally released on March 9, 2004. The album, recorded in one day between the studio and live performances, sold 600 copies the first three weeks it was out in the area. B4 D'Light which is about 85 percent reggae and 15 percent hip hop started out just as a marketing project for Samson's marketing class but grew into something greater. The album was released nationally on Thanksgiving and is now being nationally distributed through Borders bookstores in Virginia, Washington DC, North Carolina, South Carolina, New York, and the New England area.

B4 D'Light is all Samson from beginning to end. He handled everything from producing to marketing and designing the album. He credits Johnson & Wales with making him handle things more carefully on the business side. His persistence and business sense has gained him album backing from Heineken and Red Bull.

Samson, whose motto is, "I will touch 1,000 lives," has plenty of things planned for the near future. Along with release of the Remixed B4 D'Light album there are video shoots and international concerts. He is also working on a spring fashion line. He is looking for designers and models from the Johnson & Wales community to help him. Samson is hard at work achieving his goal of being an explosion of new music and fashion to the New England area.

If you want to check out Samson's CD ask for it by name, B4 D'Light by SamsonTouch, at your local Borders. Any other questions for Samson can be e-mailed to adajungood example@yahoo.com.

Album review:
Fabulous keeps it real

BY JORGE BOLIVAR
Staff-Writer

"Real talk" is the name of the new Fabolous record and so far he has been turning heads with his new single "Breathe!" Since its release on November 9, it has been climbing the charts to number one.

With his street credibility and experiences with everyday violence, its no wonder he is no ordinary rapper. This Brooklyn rapper has all the potential to become the next Biggie Smalls and his record is produced by Just Blaze released on November 9, 2004. There are seventeen other hot tracks that cut through the core of the hood.

The Neptune's have contributed on the two tracks on Tit 4 Tat and Young & Sexy. Both songs talk about how girls talk too much in the clubs.

Every song is related to the hood and his youth experiences and the struggles of hustling. In one song he explains his relationship with a friend who lost his life with mixing up with the wrong girl.

Every word and rhyme that comes out of Fabolous's mouth combines well the guitar, drums, and even piano. He also takes aim at drug dealing and police brutality. "I wanna talk about real situations, real things going on with people's lives, real things going on at a party..." he explained. "I just wanna be 100 percent real."

On one track Fabolous gets deep inside the darker days of the drug game with "Can you hear me" and how dealing can affect so many lives. While another track on the album is about police brutality which features Paul-

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Thousands more bodies discovered; Annan asks ‘Where are the people?’ on tour of Indonesian coast

BANDA ACEH, Indonesia (AP) — The official death toll from the Asian tsunami climbed dramatically to 147,000 Friday and authorities held out little hope for tens of thousands still missing. Flying over miles of ravaged shoreline, a shaken U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan asked: “You wonder where are the people? What has happened to them?”

Indonesia said searchers found 7,118 more bodies in the shattered coastal town of Meulaboh, where families picked through piles of rubble. Indian officials raised that country’s toll by 310, most of them killed in the Andaman and Nicobar islands, where 5,400 were missing and presumed dead.

U.S. general warns of possible ‘spectacular’ attack; Iraqi religious leaders differ on elections

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A U.S. general warned Friday that insurgents may be planning ‘spectacular’ attacks to scare voters in the three weeks before Iraq’s landmark elections, and Shiite and Sunni religious leaders voiced sharply divergent views on whether the vote should be held at all.

Air Force Brig. Gen. Erv Lessel, who is deputy chief of staff for strategic communications in Iraq, said the United States has no intelligence indicating specific plots, but he said American leaders expected a rise in attacks.

He said the insurgents’ biggest weapon was their ability to instill fear.

“I think a worst-case is where they have a series of horrific attacks that cause mass casualties in some spectacular fashion in the days leading up to the elections,” Lessel said.

“If you look over the last six months, they have steadily escalated the barbaric nature of the attacks they have been committing. A year ago, you didn’t see these kinds of horrific things,” he said.

Education

Department paid prominent commentator to promote law

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration paid a prominent commentator to promote the No Child Left Behind schools law to fellow blacks and to give the education secretary media time, records show.

A company run by Armstrong Williams, the syndicated commentator, was paid $240,000 by the Education Department.

The goal was to deliver positive messages about Bush’s education overhaul, using Williams’ broad reach with minorities.

The deal, which drew a fast rebuke from Democrats on Capitol Hill, is the latest to put the department on the defensive for the way it has promoted Bush’s signature domestic policy.

The contract required Williams’ company, the Graham Williams Group, to produce radio and TV ads that feature one-minute “reads” by Education Secretary Rod Paige. The deal also allowed Paige and other department officials to appear as studio guests with Williams.

Hillary Clinton’s former campaign finance director indicted

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton’s former campaign finance director has been indicted on charges of filing fictitious reports that misstated contributions for a Hollywood fund-raising gala for the senator, the Justice Department said Friday.

The indictment, rare for a political campaign, was unsealed in Los Angeles charging David Rosen with four counts of filing false reports with the Federal Election Commission. The charges focus on an Aug. 12, 2000, dinner and concert supported by more than $1.1 million in “in-kind contributions” — goods and services provided for free or below cost. The event was estimated to cost more than $1.2 million.

The FBI previously said in court papers that it had evidence the former first lady’s campaign deliberately understated its fund-raising costs so it would have more money to spend on her campaign.

Jury seated for alleged Abu Ghraib abuse ringleader

FORT HOOD, Texas (AP) — A jury of 10 soldiers was selected Friday to decide whether the accused ringleader of the Abu Ghraib prisoner abuse scandal was illegally beating inmates or following orders to rough up the detainees for interrogation.

Opening statements begin Monday in the court-martial of Spc. Charles Graner Jr., of Uniontown, Pa., the first soldier to be tried in the scandal.

Graner, pictured in some of the notoriety photographs of Iraqi inmates being sexually humiliated at the Baghdad prison, wasupeat after the jury was picked.

Hiring for 2004 hits five-year high;

WASHINGTON (AP) — Employers hired workers in 2004 at the fastest pace in five years, with overall payrolls rising by 2.2 million. December’s job growth was a bit lower than expected, with the unemployment rate holding at 5.4 percent.

President Bush called the numbers “very positive,” but economists weren’t quite so enthusiastic. One said the year went out “like a cow: beefy but docile.”

The Labor Department reported Friday that employers expanded their payrolls by a net 157,000 in December, bringing the year’s increase to the highest level since 1999. That year, 3.2 million jobs were created, based on a government survey of businesses. In 2003, there was a net reduction of 61,000 payroll jobs, the department said.

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