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## How dangerous is our campus?

### Juniata scores a C on recent national security survey

**Christina Gongaware**

A recent report by Reader's Digest lists Juniata College as one of the most dangerous campuses in the country.

The report surveyed 135 top colleges and universities to see how well prepared they were to handle various safety and security issues. The study, entitled, "Is Your College Student Safe at School?" ranked Juniata 118 out of 135 colleges, taking its place

as one of the least safe colleges in the country. Juniata was given the lowest possible grade of a "C" for measures being taken to protect students.

Security problems at Juniata cited by the report include: dorm rooms without peepholes or chains, police do not carry firearms, parking lots are not monitored by cameras, only 50 percent of campus is protected with a blue light phone and students are not required to show identification to enter the

library.

Pennsylvania State University (University Park,) ranked just ahead of Juniata at 113. John Hopkins University was listed as the safest campus because of the massive changes recently instated. The lowest ranking schools were Iowa State University and Principia College in Illinois, which rounded out the list at 134 and 135.

Freshman Ariele Maury is surprised that Juniata ranked so low on the list. She said, "I feel really

safe here and I don't really understand how we are supposed to be so unsafe. Maybe it's because we have such a small campus, but I feel a lot safer here than I would at a lot of the other schools that ranked higher than us on the list."

Dean of Students Kris Clark-

son has several reasons why the College could have been rated so low. He points to Juniata's lack of a locking system at the time of the survey. Also, he said, "We probably look stupid on paper, but

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## Longer winter break, later graduation

### 2008-2009 academic year brings calendar changes

**Sarah Ruggeiro**

The academic calendar will change in 2008-2009. Next year an additional week will be added to the winter intercession before the spring semester. Numerous factors prompted the decision.

Compared to the current calendar, next year will include a

six day increase in winter break, growing from 25 days to 31. Next year's graduation is seven days later than 2008's.

"I think it's a good change because we will be on other schools' academic schedules and get a week longer for Christmas break," said sophomore Amanda Broadwell.

The adaptations alter campus events differently for the two semesters. Dean of Students Kris Clarkson said the change doesn't affect the fall. Several changes to the spring semester deal with sustainability and scheduling.

The administration sees this as

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## Students open up about living off campus

**Ashley Hileman**

Juniata College is a residential campus requiring the majority of students to live on campus for four years. However, in 2008-2009, XXX upperclassmen will be permitted to live off campus in non-College-owned housing.

While enjoying the opportunity

to live off-campus, students who currently do so also recognize the difficulties involved.

One difficulty mentioned by multiple students is parking. On campus there are large parking lots where students with registered vehicles can park any time of the day or night without facing any penalties. This is generally not the

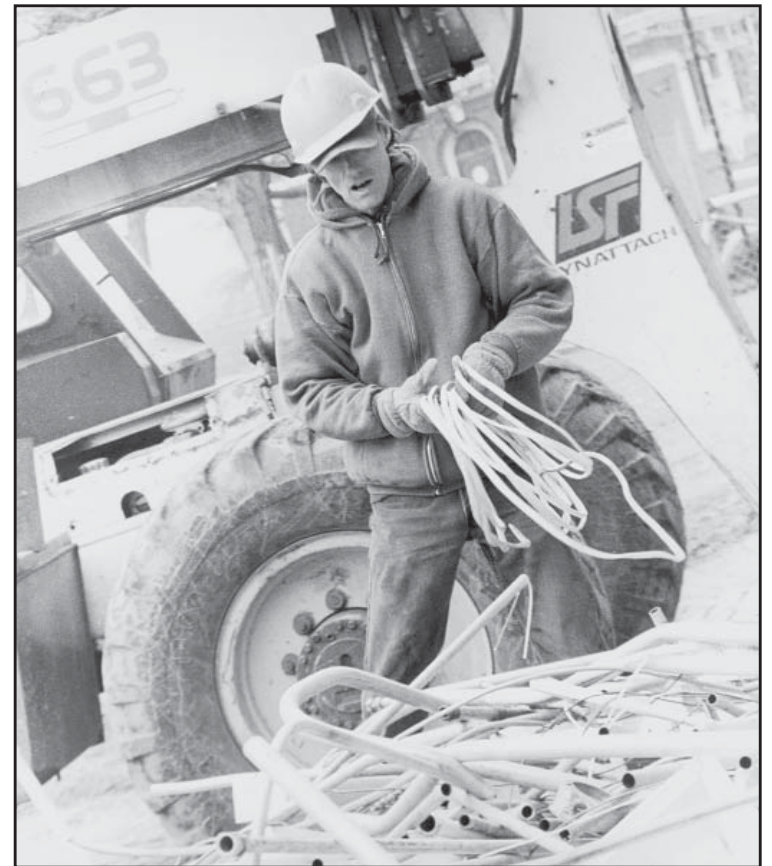
case when living off campus.

Senior Jennifer Bair said, "Living on Eighth Street, we constantly have to worry about moving our cars. If not, we're guaranteed a parking ticket and it's just a pain."

Sara Berkey, also a senior, said, "We live across from a church and

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## Founders renovations begin



Christopher Shannon / Juniatian

Fences went up over spring break so that construction workers could begin the demolition of Founders Hall's north wing. The brick walkway from von Liebig to Moore St. is currently closed for safety reasons. The renovation project will continue for the foreseeable future.

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### Another brick in the wall



The strict standards that Education POEs must meet would have people singing, "Hey, teacher, leave them kids alone!"

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### Kindle can't light a fire



Columnist Claire Williams argues why the newest e-book device from Amazon can't warm a reader's heart.

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### "10,000 BC" bombs



Movie reviewer Bennett Rea blasts the newest action film on screen. The stone age film leaves viewers stone cold.

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### It's madness, I tell you



The most wonderful time of the year, March Madness, begins today. Study a little "bracketology" with Jess Winemiller.

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# Juniata Computer handles more than network problems

New student business helps when help desk cannot

**Kim Wagner**

Juniata Computer LLC is a new student-run business that helps students with more problems than the College's help desk is allowed to fix. The business is a local computer repair and sales operation currently run out of a common room in East Apartments.

Independent of Juniata College Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership (JCEL), Juniata Computer is co-owned and operated by juniors Matt Naylor and Rich Patterson, who had two things in mind: a laptop purchase program for Juniata College and Huntingdon, and the development of a sustainable program.

"We wanted a real life experience to go out and start [the business] ourselves," said Naylor. "Downtown Huntingdon doesn't cater to Juniata College students and their prices are very high."

Beginning in May 2008, the business will have a store-front and be within walking distance from the campus. Juniata Computer will operate out of 1524 Washington Street, just two blocks away.

The business offers services to Juniata students at faculty and staff, as well as people in the community.



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*Juniors Matt Naylor and Rich Patterson have started Juniata Computer, LLC to help Juniata students with computer issues beyond what the help desk can address and other computer purchasing needs.*

"We offer a pick up service within 25 miles for both desktops and laptops," said Naylor. "No other business offers that."

The help desk, located in the Teaching Learning and Technology Center (TLT) in the Brumbaugh

Academic Center and at the other end of 641-HELP, is there for the campus community's basic computer and network troubleshooting. The help desk has restrictions and staff members are unable to help students with

problems more serious than connecting to the network.

To fix anything past the trouble of registration, account management and wireless connectivity, one must look elsewhere. For this reason, the help desk now offers Juniata Computer business cards and flyers that note the business is a preferred vendor for the institution.

Juniata Computer is part of the Laptop Purchase Program which is designed for Juniata College students and faculty.

"We are offering laptops to current students and incoming freshmen for about \$300-500 less than Dell.com and our competitors, including the cost of labor, antivirus protection and other necessary programs for connecting to the network," said Naylor.

A student who orders a computer from the business will receive her machine completely compatible with Juniata's network. There will be less hassle when a student returns to campus trying to register and gain access to the Internet.

Juniata Computer also offers a laptop loan program to Juniata students for \$159 per month. The

program, according to Naylor is "targeted at the international students who do not bring a laptop to Juniata upon arrival. Another main objective besides helping students is sustainability. Naylor and Rich have promised that for every computer purchased through its initiative, money will be donated to organizations such as The Conservation Fund and Carbonfund.org.

"With a completely paperless billing system, we are doing our part to ensure that we are not using paper unnecessarily. While we will still offer paper-based billing to those who request it, we encourage our customers to support these paperless billing statements, as an environmentally friendly alternative," said Patterson.

For every computer lifecycle, organizations which Juniata Computer helps to fund, will plant two trees to offset the amount of emissions released from the laptop.

"With the average life of an IT system being about three years, the goal of our donations is to eliminate the carbon footprint generated over the computer's lifespan. We hope that with this program, we will be able to do our part to help offset emissions and promote a healthier environment for us all," said Naylor.

As Juniata Computer is a limited liability company, it is unable to solicit to students on Juniata's campus. According to the owners, word of mouth is huge when it comes to promotion of their company.

Naylor and Patterson have designed a Facebook account for those who would like to be in contact with them or who would want to know more about the company. On that account they provide current news, discussion and customer feedback.

Juniata Computer will be open from its new location starting this summer, while the co-owners and their employees will all be working in Huntingdon outside school hours.

For more information on the business and their sustainability program, visit [www.juniatacomputer.com](http://www.juniatacomputer.com) or e-mail [help@juniatacomputer.com](mailto:help@juniatacomputer.com).

## Alumnus to address graduating class at commencement

**M. Piazza**

Michael Klag ('74), an expert on epidemiology and cardiovascular and kidney disease, will speak at this year's graduation ceremony on Sat. May 10.

Klag, the dean of Johns Hopkins' Bloomberg School of Health, will also receive an honorary doctor of humane letters degree during commencement.

Kepple hopes that Klag's address will give graduating seniors encouragement and wisdom.

"We don't always get our top choice, but this year we are really excited to have Michael come," said Kepple. "As a Juniata alum, it is almost guaranteed that he will know what Juniata students need to hear and will be excited to hear."

"I think having a person who is seriously involved with the sciences is a good choice for Juniata, as it is a science school, and he's an alum, too, so his speech will really be useful to all of us," said Jonathan Linaburg, a graduating senior with a POE in accounting.

Choosing the graduation speaker is a long process which has to go through three levels of approval. First, it goes to the Committee on Honoree Degrees, which is comprised of two student representatives and several faculty and staff volunteers. The committee creates a list of possible speakers. After researching each candidate, the committee selects five or 10 individuals who seem most appealing. Those 10 names are then given to President Tom Kepple for approval. He then gives the list to the board of trustees to vote on. Once the board decides on five individuals, those candidates are contacted individually until the College finds one who has the room within his/her schedule to speak.

For more information on Klag, visit [www.juniata.edu/services/provost/commencement/speaker08.html](http://www.juniata.edu/services/provost/commencement/speaker08.html).

## Politically speaking: presidential race talking points

### Pennsylvania primaries are a month away, know what your vote can do for you

#### Seth Fox

Even though the last primaries are approaching, young voters still have many unanswered questions. To help the Juniata community, here are answers to common questions that can help educate students about campaign issues.

#### *Why don't politicians care about youth issues and how can we fix that?*

Historically, 18 to 29-year-olds do not vote. Even though the opportunity is available, many students aren't even registered to vote.

Social security, Medicare and retirement benefits are main issues in the election because the people who vote are the ones who benefit from these topics.

As a result of the 18 to 29-year-old group's low turnout at the polls, issues that the nation's youth cares about, such as student tuitions and loans, are not addressed as often.

This problem, in theory, can be fixed. The youth vote would be much more coveted if the student population registered to vote. This would also cause candidates to be more assertive on solving youth issues.

#### *How can a Juniata student join the electoral process?*

Students at Juniata can register to vote in a matter of minutes. Registration forms can be found outside of professor David Plane's office on the third floor of Good Hall.

Students who write down their Juniata addresses and mailbox numbers as their registration addresses can vote at the Stone Church on Moore St.

#### *Why is John Edwards still important to the election?*

John Edwards dropped out of the presidential race in January. He held 26 delegates from the primaries he participated in to that point.

These delegates will still be counted in the Democratic National Convention (DNC), to be held in August. The future of those votes can be predicted as such:

First, any of Edwards' super-

delegates go back to unpledged status; they can either side with Hillary Clinton or Barack Obama at their discretion.

Second, Edwards' New Hampshire and South Carolina delegates will go to the DNC as unpledged. These 12 delegates will decide whether to support Obama or Clinton at the convention.

Third, Edwards' Iowa delegates do not officially exist anymore for they have not yet been picked. Edwards' delegates will be replaced by Clinton and Obama supporters.

Edwards has yet to endorse either candidate and holds major supporters throughout the country. This makes him not only an attractive endorsement but also has a potential to become a vice president candidate. An Edwards' endorsement could help either candidate become the front runner.

#### *Why will there not be an Obama-Clinton or McCain-Huckabee ticket?*

In the first few presidential elections, the runner-up automatically became the vice president of the country. In this year's elections, this would cause major problems amongst both parties.

The relationship between the Democratic candidates has been quite controversial. Clinton has made numerous personal attacks on Obama. Her advertisements and commercials have not only attacked his policies but his history and personal values as well.

Obama has also made several attacks on Clinton, yet has come off looking much better, in many pundits' opinions, due to the defensive nature of his comments.

Also, between the two, neither has a distinct lead, keeping the campaigns heated. It would be difficult for one of them to step down to the vice presidential level.

However, former president Bill Clinton and Hillary Clinton have both suggested recently that a Clinton-Obama ticket (in that order) would be "unstoppable." After her win in Ohio, Clinton said, "That may be where this is headed, but of course we have to decide who is on the top of ticket. I think the people of

Ohio very clearly said that it should be me."

Obama flatly denied interest in such a scenario. On a campaign stop in Mississippi, he said, I want everybody to be absolutely clear. I'm not running for vice president. I'm running for president of the United States of America."

John McCain and Mike Huckabee are more compatible than their

Democratic counterparts, just not as running mates.

Huckabee was billed as the anti-McCain for conservative voters. His support comes from the members of the Republican Party that are the most conservative.

While political analysts suggest that McCain probably needs help to win more conservative votes,

Huckabee has stated on the record that he dislikes McCain's policies and wouldn't be willing to be his running mate.

Most pundits seem to agree that the running mates for presidential candidates will come from within their respective parties but will not be their more publicized political opponents.

## Dorm phones not going the way of the dinosaur

### Landlines' future is secure for now

#### Geneva White

The rumor that the College might remove the dorm phones next year is not true.

Last year Computer and Technology Services and the Student Government discussed whether it was worth the cost to move the phone switch from beneath Founders Hall to beneath von Liebig during the Founders' renovation. Instead of moving the switch, a new one was purchased. That allowed the College to keep the preexisting phones, making the cost involved insignificant and the decision easy.

David Fusco, chief information officer, said that the question will probably be reevaluated in another five years due to the prevalence of cell phones on campus.

Fusco said, however, that keeping the phone system does not cost students any money. Students are not assessed a fee for use of the current phone lines.

If the College buys a new \$200,000 system (an approximate figure), Fusco said the money would come out of a project budget and not student tuition.

Another concern of the administration is security. If there is a campus emergency, landline telephones could be necessary.

Sophomore Katherine Sams said that, in an emergency, she did not think the room phones would be useful. "Even if I did happen to be in my room at the time, my cell phone is registered to receive emergency notifications and I would probably pick that up first," said Sams.

Most students polled described themselves as indif-

ferent to their dorm phones. Sophomore Molly Wild said, "My dorm phone is under [my roommate's] bed and behind a couple of boxes. I don't even pick it up when it rings."

However, some students said that theirs were less dispensable. "Since it's free for me to receive calls, if I need to talk to my parents I'll call them on my cell phone and then ask them to call my room phone," said sophomore Andy Orr.



## Education POEs must pay increasing costs and meet elevated standards to fulfill requirements

### Students react to rising gas prices and moral expectations

#### Alison Rihs

Education POEs face more rigorous and expensive college careers than many of their peers at Juniata. While most science POEs have extra expenses and fees for labs, education POEs have additional course-related costs and must also pass more internal and external clearances than students in other POEs. They are more harshly penalized if they are caught violating the rules as well.

One of the extra expenses that education POEs incur is paying for gas to reach to their student teaching or practicum sites. According to Fay Glosenger, chair of the education department, Juniata attempts to compensate for this expense. Education POEs are only charged lab fees for student teaching. Glosenger said though, "We simply do not have the resources to pay students' mileage."

Glosenger said that the department tries to arrange carpools and encourages students to share the gas expenses. She added, "We see field experiences as very valuable...and we do provide more opportunities for field work than most colleges."

Freshman Ashley Neubaum, an early childhood education POE, agrees that Juniata has an excellent education program. "I'm fine with paying for the extra classes and experiences I wouldn't get else-

where, but other schools reimburse you for student teaching," she said. "Give us at least something. Partial reimbursement. Anything."

Freshman Andrea Gibble drives 24 miles on Tuesdays and Thursdays for her practicum. She believes that students should be reimbursed for their gas costs. She said, "We have to go through all the clearances [to become teachers]. Because we have to pay for that, it's fair for the school or government to pay for gas money."

Dessie Schwentner, a freshman, disagreed. "We're getting opportunities to go out to the schools. It's benefitting us to spend the extra money or time walking," she said. Two times a week, Schwentner walks about 20 minutes to reach her practicum.

Some upperclassmen have to commute to State College, Altoona or even Lewistown for student teaching. These daily commutes sometimes take as much as a tank of gas a week.

Neubaum said, "Gas is just ridiculously priced. That's why even partial reimbursement would be great—to make up the difference of gas sucking."

In addition to gas expenses, education POEs must pay for all of their required testing and certifications.

Students must pass PRAXIS exams for proficiency in reading,

writing and mathematics. There is also an in-house grammar test. Glosenger said, "Our students... must [also] complete FBI, Criminal and Child Abuse clearances to enter school experiences."

"It came to like 60 bucks to get the clearances I needed to work in the ECEC (Early Childhood Education Center)," said Neubaum.

Education POEs also face more rigorous academic requirements than other students. An education POE must obtain a 3.0 GPA by her sophomore year and maintain it for her entire college career to stay in the certification program.

Elevated ethical and moral standards exist for the education POE as well. Though the campus disciplinary rules and state laws are the same for everyone, education students are more closely scrutinized. The Pennsylvania Department of Education makes many of the rules the students must follow.

Before freshmen begin college, administrators must certify that

they are of good moral character. Then, while on campus, Glosenger said, "If they break laws and have or develop a criminal record, they cannot get certified....When students fail to meet the standards established by the state, there are consequences."

The consequences of failing to adhere to the rules are serious. Students can be put on probation or can be prevented from earning their certification. This is true of all education students in Pennsylvania.

Last year, Samantha Snyder, an education major at Millersville University was denied her teaching certification due to an inappropriate photo on her MySpace. The picture showed Snyder dressed as a pirate holding a red plastic cup. The caption read, "Drunken Pirate." Although Snyder was over 21, she lost her education degree and teaching certificate. Snyder was notified the day before she graduated. She has since sued the

University.

Junior Renee Stiehler believes that Snyder used poor judgment when she posted the picture online. She said, "Whether we like it or not, as teachers, we are always in the spotlight and expected to constantly be a good role model to students. My personal motto...is that if I would show a picture to my mom, it is safe to post online."

Gibble also believes that teachers should set a good example for their students. However, she added, "Your job is during the day. You have professional hours and party hours." As long as it does not affect someone's work, it should not matter what is on his or her Facebook page she said.

Some professors monitor Facebook for inappropriate pictures or language. However, according to Glosenger, "To my knowledge, nobody [at Juniata] goes out of their way to be intrusive in student life."

## Upcoming volunteer opportunities on campus

### PRIDE Telethon, March 26-28

This local organization, which provides services to people with disabilities in Huntingdon, is having its annual PRIDE Telethon at the Smithfield Fire Hall. Volunteers are needed between 4 p.m.-12 a.m. on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Contact the Community Service office for more details.

### HCC Lock-In, March 28-29

Juniata students will hold a Lock-In at the Huntingdon Community Center (HCC) from 8 p.m. to 10 a.m. to benefit a local 11-year old child named Caleb who was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma in August. Organizers have a very fun-filled night planned for the kids, but they are in need of 60 chaperones for the evening. Individuals, teams or clubs who would like to chaperone or plan an activity for this worthwhile event, should e-mail Gillian Thomas (thomag06@juniata.edu).

### Annual Kids' Carnival, April 6

Local children will come to campus to interact with college students and RSOs to have a fun day and spark some curiosity. RSOs are needed to set up and run entertainment tables for this event from 1-3 p.m. Interested RSO officers should e-mail Jen Kline (klinejc06@juniata.edu).

### Game Show Blood Drive, April 9

This blood drive is in memory of sophomore Ben O'Donnell's sister, Amanda, who passed away last summer. Sign up at [www.givelife.org](http://www.givelife.org) (password: juniatacol) to give blood and get a black draw string backpack that says "I give blood. What do you do?" Or volunteer to help by e-mailing Meredith Eatough (eatouma05@juniata.edu). The blood drive will be open from 12-6 p.m. in the Ellis Ballroom.

### SURVIVOR Relay for Life, April 11-12

Juniata's Relay for Life will be held in conjunction with Spring Fest out on the quad, so students won't miss a minute of the action-packed weekend. Events run around the clock, from 11 a.m.-11 a.m. Those interested in making a team should e-mail Ashley Bauer (baueram07@juniata.edu) for more information.

## Raystown Clean-up Project

Raystown Lake Clean-Up Day 2008 will begin on Apr. 19 at Tattman Run Boat Launch at 9 a.m. at the launch's recreation area. Volunteers will work throughout the day to remove trash and debris from the lake.

Organizers will provide work gloves, garbage bags and lunch to all volunteers.

Event planners are also looking for people to volunteer the use of their boats for the day. Owners who are willing to operate their boats to haul trash bags or people to and from different locations on the lake should contact Crystal E. Plumley, park ranger at 658-6809.

Interested volunteers should contact Plumley by April 1. This will allow organizers to make a count of how many volunteers they will have, how many boats will be needed, how many supplies to have on hand and how much lunch to order.



## 08-09 calendar changes

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a sustainable infrastructure investment. Reducing the temperatures on campus for an extra week during the winter is efficiently more sustainable.

"We will have significant energy savings with not heating the buildings. It is more efficient to have a week in May over January," said Provost James Lakso.

The longer winter intercession also provides more time for experimentation with student travel, internships and job opportunities. Ranging from study abroad trips to taking short courses on other campuses, students will have more freedom to engage in a more active winter break.

A significant number of student athletes will also be affected with the calendar change. Spring sports will reap the benefits, though winter sports will not be so lucky.

For winter sports, like basketball and swimming, an additional week of competition will occur without student support being present on campus during break.

The changes to spring sports' schedules will eliminate most conflicts between conference playoffs and final exam schedules. Athletic conflicts with rescheduling exams are a problem, especially with seniors who need to graduate.

"They [Juniata spring athletes] are all in playoffs during finals, and if they get into the NCAA tournament, they are still playing during finals and senior week. It gives teams more slack . . . Finals won't be rushed," said Clarkson.

Aside from saving money and helping students, Juniata, which prides its legacy on tradition, faces the elimination of a commencement custom. Traditionally, Juniata's commencement is held on Mother's Day weekend in May. Although the administration recently shifted graduation day from Sunday to Saturday, this weekend custom was still upheld. This 100-year-old tradition will no longer exist if the calendar retains the extra week of winter break beyond next year's experiment.

"We like holding commencement on Saturdays. It relieves pressure on families. We want everyone to enjoy graduation, socialize, have closure and say good-bye," said Clarkson.

To alleviate the stress associ-

ated with graduation even more, this year's Baccalaureate will be held on Friday night instead of Saturday morning. Commencement will then take place on Saturday morning.

"This increases the chance of having an outdoor ceremony, and it is much less likely for weather expulsion," said Clarkson.

The changes to graduation weekend will have some drawbacks.

"A major disadvantage is that we now graduate the same weekend as Penn State, so hotels will be booked," said Lakso.

As long as families become aware of the potential hotel problem, the administration feels a smooth transition will be made.

"We want to do this for years to come if it works well. It gives more time for good-byes. There would be more of a relaxed meet and greet. It also gives parents something to do on Friday night, which is nice because of the low restaurant capacity here," said Lakso.

The administration hopes that by moving Baccalaureate to the evening preceding commencement, the nondenominational ceremony will attract a higher attendance rate. As of now, typically

half of graduating students attend.

The administration had also hoped the calendar change would alleviate problems with senior grades being calculated quickly. "Primarily, there is a very tight window with commencement and with having senior grades to get processed by the registrar. Our original thought was to end the semester early and give more time to coordinate senior exams. Although we were unable to do this, it is something we are still looking into," said Lakso.

With all the changes to the coming academic year, some may wonder if this is the last of the

adjustments to the calendar. A long winter break could allow for the introduction of a winter session of classes on campus.

"Yes, there are possibilities of that. Other schools are doing it, so this is the time for us to do the same," said President Tom Kepple.

Next year will provide insight into the advantages and disadvantages of these changes.

"We don't know if these things will be better or worse until you try them, but we decided to give it a shot. We see this right now as a one time thing. This is an experiment," said Lakso.

## Students to attend national conventions for course credit

**M. Piazza**

This summer, the Republican and Democratic parties will descend on Minneapolis and Denver, respectively, for their national conventions. Juniata students have the chance to be on a convention floor as the presidential candidates are chosen. Professor of politics David Plane is sponsoring a two credit, two part class called, "The Democratic or Republican National Convention," for five students to experience the election process first hand.

Students will attend a convention of their choosing during the summer for one week then participate in a semester-long course in the fall.

"This course and the follow-up course in the fall, 'The 2008 General Election,' is an attempt to immerse students in the election process to give them an experience that can help them both academically and career wise," said Plane.

The course works in conjunction with a program set up by the Washington Center for Political Education and Internships. The students are allowed to go to either the Democratic convention, Aug. 17-29 or the Republican convention, Aug. 24- Sept. 5.

"I'd like to go to the Democratic convention, because it will be more exciting," said Emily Hauser, a senior with a POE in International Politics. "The race between Obama and Clinton is still very tight, and who passes up an opportunity to see history in the making?" Her sentiments are echoed by other students who have applied.

This class will allow students to participate directly with members of the convention as well as different media and independent groups. The course will cover how the conventions are organized, the design and practices behind the ideas of the separate conventions, and will introduce students to experts in the academic and political arena through lectures and actual attendance at different convention events.

"This is truly an exercise in being a college student as the course will be a lot of work, a lot of fun and not a lot of sleep," said Plane.

The course costs \$4,000 but Juniata is offering a scholarship for \$3,000 for each of the five students who attend. This money covers the room, partial board and the academic program but not the transportation.

The two part course is open to any student who can apply the course seriously to their POE or their career. Though the deadline was Friday, Mar. 14, students may still apply. Contact Plane for an application if interested.

## Eid Dinner

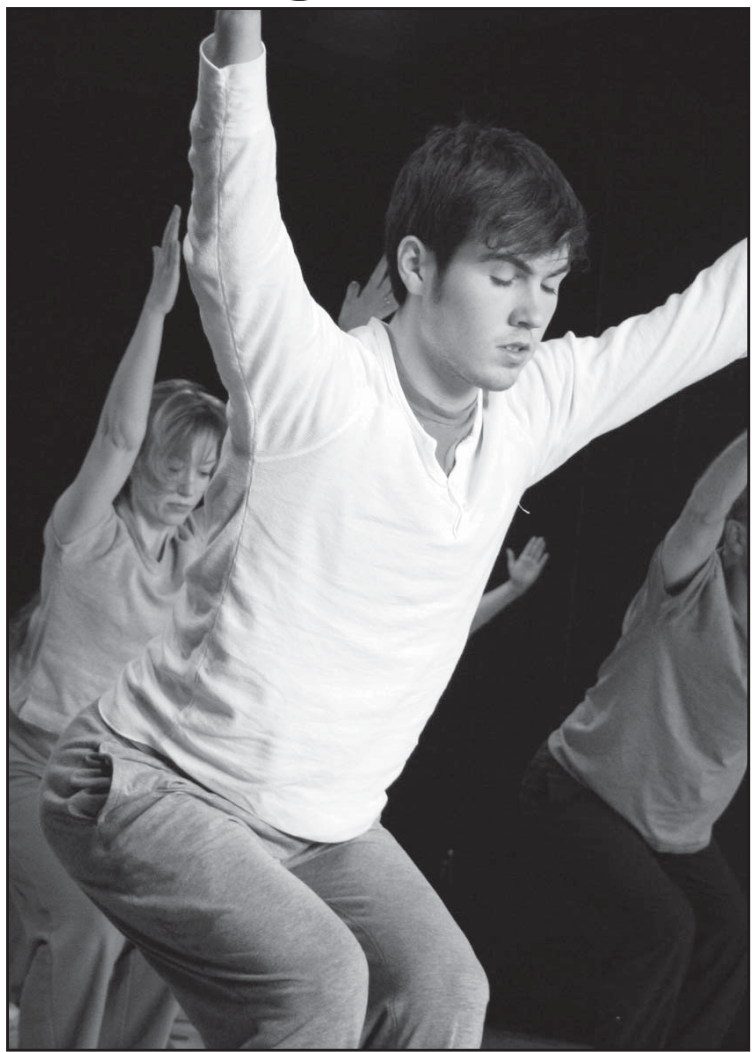


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(Top): The entertainment during Eid Dinner, which took place on Sat., Mar. 15, included a traditional Afghani dance and homemade Middle Eastern food. Four Juniata students, including Loubna Arrach (on the far left), performed Afghanistan's traditional dance during the event.

(Above): Sammar Barakat was one of dozens of volunteers who helped make and serve food for the event.

## Yoga classes



Christopher Shannon/ Juniatian

Students, faculty and staff practice yoga during one of Erica Kaufman's yoga classes on Mar. 13. Kaufman owns her own yoga institute and is an Advanced Registered Yoga Teacher with the Yoga Alliance. She is currently offering a five week session of classes on campus on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Sessions are \$25 for students and \$50 for faculty, staff and community members.

## What you should know about life off-campus

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I've learned never to go to Wal-Mart on a Sunday morning. You get back and there's absolutely no place to park."

Dealing with neighbors can also present problems to students choosing to live off campus. In spite of Juniata's "Good Neighbor Initiative" implemented in the fall of 2006, students and neighbors continue to clash. Bair described a problem stemming from the lack of available parking spaces at her apartment.

"There is only one official spot for our apartment, but all three of us have cars. Two of us have to park overnight in the alley and if our tires are even an inch on the actual alley, our neighbor will call the police. He even took pictures of our cars."

Senior Jennifer Gouldey believes that although students are often blamed for disrespecting their neighbors, the problem really is a two-way street. She said, "I wish everyone would get that you don't have to call the police right away. You can come talk to us."

Choosing to rent from a reputable and responsible landlord is an important factor when living off campus because landlords can become a source of difficulties as well. Students should understand the reciprocal relationship

that exists between landlords and tenants.

Gouldey said that although her landlord is responsible for the upkeep of the building and the costs and repairs of problems that arise, she, too, must hold up her end of the bargain by not misusing the rented space. If misuse occurs, the landlord's obligation to pay

**"I'm always... wrapped in a blanket. But when my nose and hands start to get cold, that's just too far."**

for and repair any malfunctions is void.

Berkey described landlords' abilities to address tenants' problems. She said, "On campus, facilities has to take care of complaints right away, but off campus...let me tell you, they [landlords] don't."

Senior Kara Malik said, "Sometimes landlords don't shovel right away or clean the sidewalks well."

Senior Kim Wagner also described a frustrating experience with her landlord. A chipmunk wandered into the motor of the heater in her apartment, causing it

to stop working.

"We kept calling, but I think [our landlord] kind of thought we were dumb. He asked if we had turned the heater on," Wagner said. Eventually the landlord resolved the problem, but only after multiple pleas for help.

Gouldey, who lives in a basement apartment, experienced problems with the plumbing which her landlord had assured her had been resolved before she moved in. "During a heavy rain, the sewage pipe broke and there was a back-up into the apartment. It was disgusting."

In the end, her landlord replaced everything that had been ruined.

Berkey elaborated on dealing with difficult landlords. She said, "Our thermostat is fixed and our landlord regulates the heat. It's an older house and sort of drafty and she has the temperature set to the lowest it can be. I'm always dressed in sweatpants, sweatshirts, slippers and wrapped in a blanket. But my nose and hands start to get cold and when my nose gets cold, that's just too far."

In spite of the problems living off campus can pose, there are obvious pluses as well.

Rent is often cheaper than on campus room and board. Jen Gouldey and Kara Malik pay \$237.50/month for a two bedroom apartment. Sara Berkey pays \$350 for a 3 bedroom in a duplex. She also has to pay her own cable so it usually ends of being about \$385.

Gouldey appreciates the freedom to have a space to call her own. She said, "When you live off campus you're not forced to share everything with 20 other girls."

Although some campus-owned housing such as Pink or Hess offers multiple rooms, students are for the most part, still required to share a bedroom with at least one other individual. Many off campus apartments offer single bedrooms for each resident.

Gouldey also appreciates the freedom to buy, cook and eat exactly what she enjoys. "If you have any dietary restrictions or want to eat healthily, it's really hard to do that on campus."

Berkey echoes this sentiment. "I love not having a meal plan."

## How our campus' security stacks up against other institutions

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they don't understand our community." He said that Huntingdon's close-knit connection contrasts with most other schools on the list. Since this is something that the survey could not measure, Juniata fell behind in rankings.

Since the tragedy at Virginia Tech in 2007, campus security has become a highly discussed issue nationally. The recent deaths on the campus of Northern Illinois University marked the seventh mass shooting in the U.S. in the past month. Singular murders on the campuses of Auburn University and the University of North Carolina have also dominated headlines over the past few weeks. A report by ABC News stated that fewer students feel safe on campuses than ever before.

There are several solutions that some colleges are considering to revive students' feelings of safety. The group "Students for Concealed Carry on Campus" is trying to convince students that concealed weapons will shift power back into students' hands. With over 12,000 members nationwide, the group is gaining influence across the country. Many advocates of this cause point to the fact that in most self-defense gun incidents, no shots are fired. The fear of the weapon often

deters the violence that has been occurring. Utah is currently the only state that specifically allows students to carry weapons on college campuses.

Clarkson opposes this movement being considered at Juniata. He points to a recent survey by Harvard University to back up his point. According to the report, 4.3% of 10,000 college students surveyed said that they had a working firearm at their school. The study also found that "students who carried weapons were more likely than those who do not do so to report drinking heavily, driving while under the influence of alcohol, using illicit drugs, suffering adverse consequences of alcohol abuse, and being victims and perpetrators of physical and sexual violence at college."

Clarkson, however, said that there is a long way to go to make Juniata secure. Among Juniata's goals is the hiring of a female officer and training the school's staff to be aware of warning signs in students.

A siren system is also to be installed across campus. Although there were electrical sirens ready to be installed over the summer, a rough cost of around \$70,000 caused the school to look to other

and cheaper options. Clarkson said, "We believed that we could have the same efficiency at a much lower cost." Air horns were considered, but proved to be too weak to sound for an extended amount of time. Clarkson does not have an exact date, but says that a siren system will be present in the near future.

Clarkson also believes that the arming of Juniata officers would be helpful. He said, "I really think we are at a point where we are going in that direction. If not, I think we definitely need to articulate what they can respond to."

Officers occasionally are asked to assist the local police force in dangerous situations, and Clarkson fears that their safety could be at risk without arms. The final decision will be made by the board of trustees in April.

Although the news has been filled with stories of violence across college campuses, Clarkson said, "Campuses are still very safe places, and we have to keep things in perspective."

He points to present-day culture as the reason for increased violence, but said that the generally good-natured behavior of Juniata students is the reason why the majority of students still feel safe.

## Health risk hinders entrepreneurial project

Jim Donaldson's Introduction to Entrepreneurialship class has been ordered to end their Founders Hall window frames project. The paint from the discarded window frames contain high levels of lead and are considered to be a health hazard.

For six weeks, the students took the discarded window frames of Founders and refurbished them to be collectable picture frames. After a lead paint test kit proved the high levels, it became a concern for students who had hand-sanded the frames. Affected students were given the option to get a blood test from the Health and Wellness Center.

Alumni who would have purchased the frames to raise funds for the Founders Hall renovations are urged to still donate. Those who will donate will receive a small commemorative frame. The class is looking for alternative fund raisers that would pertain to Founders Hall's history.

## Where on campus?



Kevin Dundore / Juniatian

Do you know where the above picture was taken? Send your guess to the Juniatian at [juniatian@juniata.edu](mailto:juniatian@juniata.edu). The first correct answer will receive a free Espresso Bar drink from Sheetz. Congratulations to last issue's winner: Emily Miller!

## Service learning in the sunshine state

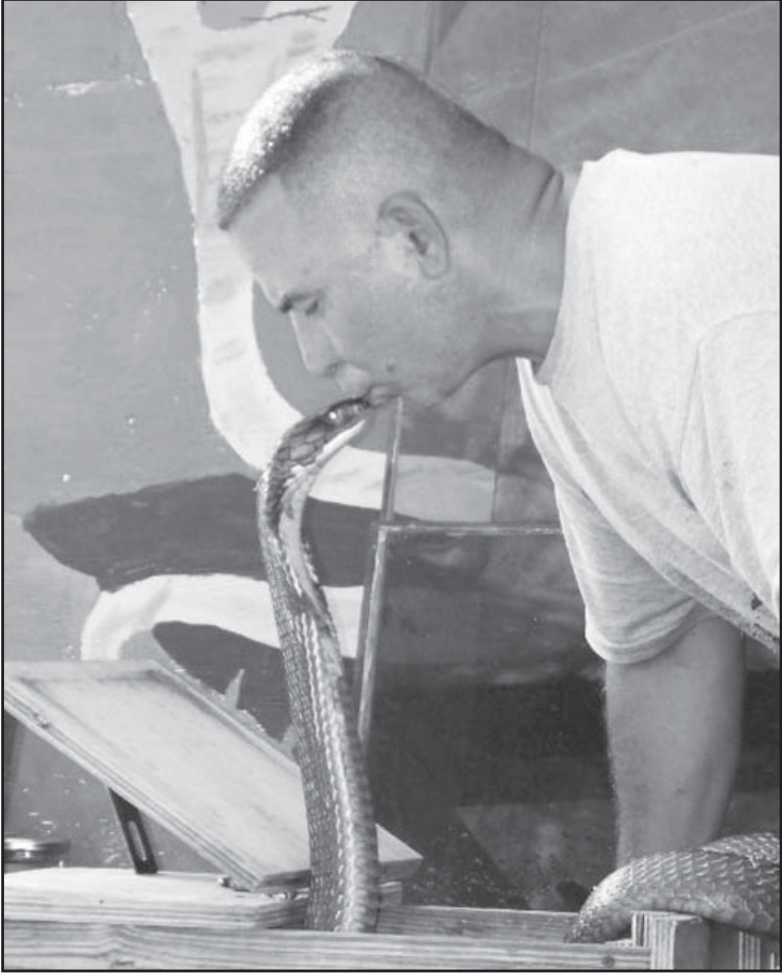


Photo courtesy of Brianna O' Malley

As part of their spring break community service trip to Florida, some students saw this snake presenter kiss a cobra.

### Brianna O' Malley

The words "Florida" and "spring break" bring many things to mind, but backbreaking labor is not one of them. I, along with nine other students, though, did spend our spring break doing volunteer work in the Miami and Everglades area as part of a project with campus ministries and the career and community service office.

The trip was part of a one credit course run by Shauna Morin, community service and service learning coordinator. The trip was designed for student to look in depth at what it meant to be a concerned citizen, how volunteers are viewed and making a difference. The course coincided with Moodle discussions, a few readings and a paper to be turned in after the trip.

Each day we were split into two groups and worked at two service projects. Morin arranged for us to work at wildlife refuges in the Keys. The organizations included the Florida Keys Wild Bird Center, Everglades Outpost and the Marine Mammal Conservancy. We also worked in the Miami area at Daily Bread Food bank, and a clothing bank, Neat Stuff Inc.

Work was grueling, long and

hard. Sun burns and numerous mosquito bites were common occurrences. However, enjoying the mid 80 degree sunny weather kept smiles on our faces.

Many of the organizations were understaffed, either working only with volunteers or relying heavily on them to function successfully. This made our work seem more valuable and reassured us that we were making a difference. At night we reflected on things we had seen and experienced, giving us added depth to the work we were doing.

When arriving at some of the organizations, we were given a brief presentation about the group's mission. Having this explained to us also helped us better appreciate the work that needed to be done. At other organizations, conversing with the leaders of the projects allowed us to understand their goals.

Morin had some expectations for students taking to the trip. She said, "I would hope that students return to campus with new knowledge and enthusiasm for addressing the issues they explored while on Alternative Spring Break."

Morin believes that along with the sense of accomplishment that students gain from going on this

trip, they take away new friendships with people they wouldn't talk to normally.

After finishing our work at the Florida Keys Wild Bird Center, our director gave us two buckets of fish to feed the many wild pelicans that were seen roaming the center. The pelicans were aggressive and impatient, sometimes snatching the fish right out of our hands before we could toss them.

However highlights of the trips were not always related to our service projects. After working at Everglades' outpost, a center that takes in abused and orphaned wildlife, we watched a presentation on snakes. The presenter had worked with venomous snakes for over 35 years and has been bitten over 60 times.

Many of us were on edge when he began to bring out boxes that were rattling, but that was just the beginning. Along with telling us about the evolution of the snake and what to do if bitten, he also managed to scare us by letting a rattlesnake bite the bottom of his shoe, and by kissing a cobra on the face.

Another highlight occurred

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## Thinking about thinking Riding the border fence

### Ryan Hamilton

The headline reading, "Virtual fence' OK'd for U.S.-Mexico border" caught my attention on Feb. 22 as I browsed CNN.com. Only halfway through the article, I self-consciously laughed aloud. Oddly enough, I just could not help recalling my summers at camp.

Every year I looked forward to our camp-wide capture the flag tournament. Hundreds of 12 year olds decked out in camouflage and sneakers. This was a serious endeavor. I relish the memories of my entire cabin being led, by a more adventurous counselor, through 500 yards of knee-deep muddy creek water. We were skirting around enemy lines. It was fantastic.

I largely keep these childhood memories of glory and defeat

stored away in the rusty corners of my mind along with jars of fireflies and grape Twin-Pops. Upon reading this immigration article however, nostalgia emerged in a very unfamiliar guise.

"On February 13, an officer... noticed a group of about 100 people gathered at the border." As a serious camper, I immediately recognized this tactic. 'Everyone together! If we make a run for it all at once, they'll never be able to catch us all.' And sure enough, "Border Control caught 38 of the 100 people who tried to cross illegally, and the others went back into Mexico."

Real people are attempting to cross the American border illegally. Border guards pursue and tag them out. This is not a silly back-yard game, this is happening every day. In my central Penn-

sylvanian bubble that reality is incomprehensible.

The solution however, is even more difficult to swallow. "We'll build a fence!" Maybe it's my naïve idealistic thinking, but this must be a joke. Perhaps there is also a specialized department procuring alligators for the moat. Granted this fence is not a medieval stone wall. No, this is the 21st century! This is the age of technology!

This is a 'virtual fence' equipped with "radar, sensor devices and cameras capable of distinguishing people from cattle at a distance of about 10 miles." Apparently, the border patrol has accidentally arrested numerous herds of cattle. The age of technology, indeed.

Satellite feeds, wireless communication dispatch units, laser beams, space-age microscopic doohickeys, heat sensing infra-red, and it is still a fence. We have not progressed as far as some would like to think. This "solution" is only America's thumb in the levy.

Why do we insist on wasting

time and money on a temporary solution? The United States government made a \$20 million contract for the 28 mile 'virtual fence.' This follows the 2006 bill appropriating \$1.2 billion to build a 700 mile fence. The border is nearly 2000 miles long.

The fence is an expensive and ineffective solution treating the very end of a long chain of problems. These funds can be put to better use. Immigrants do not enter the United States with the intention of harm. Why does the public fear infiltration? Is this racism or just ignorance?

To argue that immigrants are taking jobs away from Americans is misguided. American companies are increasingly sending work out of the country and illegal immigrants are working in the lowest of positions. Innocent people crossing the border in hopes of a better life are not to blame.

Immigrants would not illegally cross the border if situations in their own country were not so desperate or if legal immigration were

a possibility. Drugs would not be trafficked into the United States if there were no market.

If individuals really desire to "invade" the United States, to work illegally or traffic drugs, they will find ways. A fence may temporarily slow these activities, but it does nothing to treat their causes. Why not allot money to the research and treatment of the real problems?

The 'Fence Solution' unconvincingly treats the physical act of crossing the border as if it were the true problem. I am truly surprised that this mentality is so popular. Building a fence is only a deceptive last attempt—like using a thimble to bail water from a sinking ship.

This is a half-hearted solution to real problems that are much deeper than just unwanted individuals crossing borders. This is not a game. Border control is a complicated problem. The true problems begin long before someone steps across a conceptual line in the sand. Building a fence is only the façade of protection and action.

## Letter to the Editor

### A Huckabee nomination is impossible

As a student in campaigns and elections, I was shocked when this paper ran a story claiming that former Gov. Huckabee could still win the required number of delegates to become the Republican nominee. However, that is not possible even if Huckabee won every remaining delegate. He only has 244 pledged delegates and

the magic number is 1191. That means Huckabee would need 947 delegates to become the nominee, but there are only 824 delegates left to win. The story should have said it is possible to Huckabee to prevent McCain from reaching the magic number, but it is mathematically impossible for Huckabee to win. A simple search on cnn.com and real clear politics is all i used to confirm my gut instinct that this article was inaccurate.

Zach Gordon '11

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## Good citizenship under the warm sunshine

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after talking with the logistical coordinator of the Marine Mammal Conservancy. He arranged for us to tour Island Dolphin Care, a non-profit organization that provides dolphin assisted therapy to children with disabilities, critical illnesses and other special needs.

Our group toured there on the first day of therapy with children that have Cerebral Palsy. The expressions on the children's faces when interacting with the dolphins were inspiring.

On our day off some students took a canoe tour though the Everglades with a hostel employee. Others drove to Biscayne National Park and went coral reef snorkeling.

Sophomore Jen Kline enjoyed the trip because of its individualized experience. She said, "It gave me time to reflect on our week while enjoying the marine wildlife."

Alternative Spring Break is one of three community services trips

offered each academic year. One trip takes place a week before students return from winter break, and the third is offered during the summer. Past trips on spring break have included helping with victims from Hurricane Katrina.

Anyone interested in future community service trips should contact Morin in the career and community service office in the basement of Ellis Hall.

## Ask the Administration

*"I graduated three years ago, and yet I still receive e-mails meant for the current student body (like daily announcements, snow delay messages, room draw information, etc.). Is there any way to remove alumni from the campus distribution list so that our inboxes aren't flooded with e-mails that no longer pertain to us?"*

We are currently in the process of making plans to move all alumni e-mail accounts over to Gmail. Once we make this transition, in the near future, these accounts will no longer receive the normal 'student body' e-mail messages, as you've outlined above. We hope to finalize these accounts shortly and provide instructions to all prior students who will be affected by this change.

Dave Fusco  
Associate vice president and  
chief information officer

*"Recently the flag has flown at half mast, but few people know why. How does the College decide when to fly the flag at half mast? When it does make that decision, is there a way for the administration to explain the reasoning to the community?"*

According the official flag policy followed by the College, "A relatively easy way to remember when to fly the United States flag at half-staff is to consider when the whole nation is in mourning. These periods of mourning are proclaimed either by the president of the United States, for national remembrance, or the governor of a state or territory, for local remembrance, in the event of a death of a member or former member of the federal, state or territorial government or judiciary.

The heads of departments and agencies of the federal government may also order that the flag be flown at half-staff on buildings, grounds and naval vessels under their jurisdiction.

On Memorial Day, the flag should be flown at half-staff from sunrise until noon only, and then raised briskly to the top of the staff until sunset, in honor of the nation's battle heroes.

In the early days of our country, no regulations existed for flying the flag at half-staff and, as a result, there were many conflicting policies. But on March 1, 1954, President Dwight Eisenhower issued a proclamation on the proper times.

The flag should fly at half-staff for 30 days at all federal buildings, grounds, and naval vessels throughout the United States and its territories and possessions after the death of the president or a former president.

It is to fly 10 days at half-staff after the death of the vice president, the chief justice or a retired chief justice of the United States Supreme Court, or the speaker of the House of Representatives.

For an associate justice of the Supreme Court, a member of the Cabinet, a former vice president, the president pro tempore of the Senate, the majority leader of the Senate, the minority leader of the Senate, the majority leader of the House of Representatives, or the minority leader of the House of Representatives the flag is to be displayed at half-staff from the day of death until interment. The flag is to be flown at half-staff at all federal buildings, grounds and naval vessels in the Washington, D.C., area on the day and day after the death of a United States senator, representative, territorial delegate, or the resident commis-

sioner from the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

It shall also be flown at half-staff on all federal facilities in the state, congressional district, territory, or commonwealth of these officials. Upon the death of the governor of a state, territory or possession, the flag shall be flown at half-staff on all federal facilities in that governor's state, territory or possession from the day of death until interment.

The president may order the flag to be flown at half-staff to mark the death of other officials, former officials, or foreign dignitaries.

In addition to these occasions, the president may order half-staff display of the flag after other tragic

events.

The flag should be briskly run up to the top of the staff before being lowered slowly to the half-staff position."

To answer the more specific question about the campus' reason for flying the flag at half-staff recently, Provost Lakso said, "Before break there were two separate instances. First, the flag was lowered to honor professor of politics, *emeritus*, Dr. Craig Baxter, who died after a brief illness. Colleges across the country then lowered their flags to honor the memory of those students killed in the shootings at Northern Illinois."

## THUMBS UP, THUMBS DOWN



to the end of chicken tender salads. Sure, we can buy the tenders a la carte and throw them on a salad ourselves. But does the Reese's guy make us buy our peanut butter separately? Does the Oreo guy make us buy the creamy white filling separately? Come on, Sodexo guy. Quit being a chump and give us our chicken!

## CORRECTIONS

*The Juniatian regrets the following error published in Vol. 89 Issue 7 on Feb. 28. In the A&E section (pg. 14), the Juniatian misidentified a student in the photo story. The female actor performing in "Our Country's Good" was Marci Chamberlain, not Megan Monahan.*

*In the sports section (pg. 19) of Vol. 89 Issue 6, the editors mistakenly edited a name in the staff writer's original sentence. Rachel Nagy, not Stacy Nagy, posted a batting average of .420 in 2007. Rachel Nagy was also named to the All-Commonwealth Conference team as a freshman that year.*