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## JHU Town Hall Security Meeting

Adam Ruben, Biology

In the wake of recent events, on April 26, JHU President William Brody convened an impromptu campus-wide meeting for concerned students and community members. Invited panelists included Deans Douglas, Weiss, Boswell, and Burger, plus Security Director Ron Mullen and two Baltimore City police officials. After a few opening remarks, President Brody encouraged attendees to ask the panel any questions they had about campus safety.

Probably the most recurrent topic was the shuttle. Students complained about waiting as long as an hour for the after-hours van to arrive, sometimes after numerous phone calls. A few even cited incidents in which the van never arrived, prompting them to give up and walk home through unsafe areas.

Mullen responded that his office keeps detailed statistics on the length of time between shuttle request and pick-up, and the average wait time is only fifteen minutes. Nonetheless, he has begun negotiating with private transport providers to possibly switch the shuttle to a fixed route system rather than its current call-and-response system.

He also stressed the availability of walking escorts, student Quad

Monitors and Campus Officers who may be requested to walk you anywhere on campus or within two blocks of the MSE Library. Students interested in this service should call 6-8700 to request an escort or 6-4600 for more information.

Another student expressed concern about the fact that some of these walking escorts are petite females, possibly even easier targets than the students they're hired to protect. Mullen replied that JHU is a nondiscriminatory employer and reminded the student that all walking escorts carry security radios.

Another popular topic was off-campus lighting. If the lights in your neighborhood are out, advised an officer, call 311, and they can work to fix the problem. The University is even consulting the city to try to add more lights to the area.

Mullen, President Brody, and others were shocked to learn that many students don't know which numbers to call in the event of an emergency. (The on-campus emergency number is 6-7777.) Dean Boswell proposed the possibility of a mandatory safety meeting for incoming students (the current meeting is recommended but not

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## Undergrads Say the Darndest Things!

*From Biochem Lab, in response to a TA drawing two concentric circles on the blackboard:*

"Which one's the inner circle, and which is the outer circle?"

*From the margins of a Physics problem set:*

"Priorities for this week:

1. MCAT
2. sleep
3. eat
4. sanity
5. MCAT
6. personal hygiene
7. bathroom breaks
8. EASTER
9. MCAT

...

12. finish Physics homework"

*From a whole bunch of final papers for a Psychology class:*

"Due to the fact that it is extremely difficult to determine the timing and consistency of a fart, I was forced to buy a remote-control fart machine."

"The act of making a doody in public soon became unthinkable."

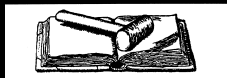
"She must be a dope head, and you know what that means; it means she takes it in the ass."

"In all of the five cases, I was not able to purchase a baby."

**That's a wrap, folks. Save those funny, heartwarming, or just plain dumb undergrad quotes over the summer and send them to [gradnews@jhu.edu](mailto:gradnews@jhu.edu).**

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## President Brody's Official Statement on International Students

William R. Brody, President, The Johns Hopkins University

*This statement was released on April 1, 2004 to bolster JHU's position in defense of international students whose lives have been made difficult by recent U.S. policy changes.*

The departments of State and Homeland Security have overhauled certain immigration regulations and practices, many of which affect international students and the state of higher education in general. The goal of these reforms is to make our nation more secure. Although the need for national security is of the highest concern, some of these changes have discouraged desirable and responsible students from attending schools in the United States and prevented Johns Hopkins students from re-entering the country after spending time abroad.

International students and scholars in the United States are a valuable resource contributing to the cultural diversity of their campuses, the global competency of students who are U.S. citizens, and the financial soundness and research output of their institutions. Upon completing their studies in the United States, international students often become ambassadors of goodwill, espousing the value and importance of an American higher education experience. More importantly, many former students often take on important and official leadership roles within their respective countries. These alumni of American institutions have a good understanding of American democratic principles and free expression, a quest for knowledge, and an appreciation for our need to further promote homeland security in the United States. As the Institute of International Education has put it, "Knowledge shared across borders [is] the means to advance the lives of people throughout the world." The American educational system at

any given time has well over 500,000 international students, faculty, and scholars who continue to demonstrate a high quality of intellectualism, as well as foster open dialogue and lasting friendships.

Several recent policy changes have created obstacles that international students and scholars must face and overcome, impeding their productive contributions to the academic community in the United States. First, there can be inconsistencies among consular officials in approving visa stamp applications. Visa applicants are aware that certain consulates are stricter than others in granting visas. Such inconsistencies can discourage international students and scholars from attending U.S. universities. Second, many immigration regulations within the United States change with little notice. Implementing changes with little notice makes it difficult for universities to ensure that their international students and scholars stay "in status." Finally, there is now more stringent enforcement of the "sensitive unclassified" status for research. This status can be applied to research that does not directly affect national security, such as computer science, architecture, optics and biological sciences. There may be additional restrictions and lengthy background checks on people working on these projects and unclear distinctions as to which information may be published. These recent changes thwart pro-

ductivity within the academic community in the United States, a country that thrives on the free flow of ideas as well as the contributions of international students and scholars.

The Johns Hopkins University wishes to promote fair treatment of international students and researchers and to advocate on behalf of the system of higher education on a national level. We encourage the consideration of how future changes may further adversely affect the ability of universities to recruit and retain international students and scholars. Specifically, we wish to promote:

- greater consistency among consular officials in determining visa issuance.
- more advance notice from the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of State when changes to regulations are put into effect.
- conservative, judicious use of the "sensitive unclassified" status for research activities.

A diverse graduate student community is central to the mission of graduate education across the United States. International students and scholars bring to their institutions, in addition to their intellects and cultures, their unique global perspectives. We all benefit from this shared experience.

### Do you pay for on-campus parking?

Starting July 1, 2004, the parking fee will increase from \$30 to \$35 per month.

Don't forget that you can arrange to have this fee automatically deducted from your paycheck to help lower your taxes.

Questions? Call the Parking Office at **410-516-PARK**.



*The Whole Ten Yards*, directed by Howard Deutch, is the sequel to the quite successful *The Whole Nine Yards* (2000, directed by Jonathan Lynn). The story starts off two or three years after its predecessor ends, with Matthew Perry playing Nicholas "Oz" Oseransky and his new wife Cynthia, played by Natasha Henstridge, parting ways with former mobster Jimmy "The Tulip" Tudeski (Bruce Willis) and his wife Jill (Amanda Peet). Fate, in the form of the director and producer, did not want them to be apart for long; hence the sequel. Unfortunately, like most sequels, it doesn't quite make the grade.

Perry is a plausible dentist, terrified of the mob and his past association with it, depicted quite forcefully through his armory, his surveillance system, and an interesting (albeit slightly overdone) scene with a girl scout. His wife is understandably irritated about his paranoia and is even bored by the continual safety (which can be expected from a woman who spent some adventurous years with the mob).

Jimmy is the tough—though reformed—hit man with a couple of dozen kills under his belt. Jimmy pretends to keep busy these days with cooking and other domestic chores, making him seem effeminate (and resulting in erectile dysfunction), something his wife Jill

the easiest way to track him down is through Oz, since Jimmy was identified to be dead by his dental records and Oz is a dentist. And there we have it: all the ingredients of a good slapstick comedy. Too bad the cooks had an off-day.

The movie is funny, but in patches. You laugh at a joke here and there, but overall the main feeling during the movie was that the writers were trying desperately to make us laugh but were failing quite miserably. The scene in the bar with Willis crying after a fight with Peet was truly pathetic, neither making us laugh nor making us empathize.

One of the few funny moments in the movie is when Oz runs over one of Jimmy's chickens who he has named and dearly loves (which will seem ironic to devoted *Friends* watchers remembering the "Chicken Boy" episode). Lazlo's accent and his supposed Hungarian-style mispronunciation of words ("Yimmy" for "Jimmy") is a bit funny. Perry is in a role similar to his in *Friends*, but it doesn't come off as well. Both women do a decent job, especially Peet, in the scenes of the hit woman who really wants to make a kill the traditional way and in her trial seduction of Perry.

The worst part of the movie was the bumbling, inept (not funny, unfortunately, though that was what they were probably aiming for) gang and Lazlo slapping his son Strabo (Frank Collison) every now and then. I know this is supposed to be slapstick, but it was really not funny. If there was an award for the Worst Gang/Bad Guys, this group would win it in a cakewalk.

So should you see the movie? Only if your desire to see a movie in a theatre is really strong, your expectations are really low, and your funny bone is easily tickled.

## The Whole Ten Yards

**Runtime:** 98 min.

**Rating:** PG-13

**Starring:** Bruce Willis, Matthew Perry, Amanda Peet, and Kevin Pollak.

**Directed By:** Howard Deutch

**Number of Chickens in the Movie Poster in the Bottom Left Corner of this Page:** 1

Reviewer's Rating:



(out of the whole ten yards)

wants to change by getting him back into the killing business. She is a wannabe hit-woman who generally gets her man, but not necessarily by using her weapon of choice. I'll just say that, after this movie, you would be extra-careful around spilled spaghetti.

Cynthia and Jimmy are busy plotting behind their spouses' backs to make a lot of money. To add to the confusion, Jill, who is Oz's ex-assistant, is talking to Oz (without Jimmy's knowledge) about her marital problems with Jimmy.

And then we have Kevin Pollak completing the main cast carried over from *Nine Yards* as Lazlo, the bad guy leading his caricature of a gang to avenge his son's death at the hands of Jimmy.

The twist? Jimmy is officially dead, and the bad guys figure that



If you're looking for authentic h-dian cuisine close to Hopkins, McCabe's is not the place for you. McCabe's is an American-style restaurant and bar located just up the street on Falls Road. This cozy hole-in-the-wall is often overlooked—but make no mistake, this brick-walled restaurant is one of Hamden's best-kept secrets. Known for its award-winning 8-ounce burgers, McCabe's offers far more than the typical bar food. From filet mignon and crab cakes to succulent shrimp appetizers, the diverse and flavorful menu will more than satisfy anyone's palette.

One of McCabe's strongest features is its relaxed yet classy atmosphere. When you walk in, a bustling neighborly bar greets you as it spans the entire length of the restaurant. Those looking for a more private experience can enjoy the separate dining area, peppered with linen-covered tables, dimly lit for a more romantic setting. A non-intrusive yet attentive staff always welcomes you in and serves you with a warm smile and friendly faces. Claustrophobics beware:

The dozen or so tables within McCabe's are nestled snugly beside one another, giving the restaurant a close and lively atmosphere. During peak dining hours, a fifteen- to twenty-minute wait is not unheard of for this local secret, but don't worry, a glass of wine at the bar before dinner is often a welcomed option. And as an added bonus, you can make a phone call while you wait on their unique fat house phone that only accepts quarters. (If you've been there already, you know what I'm talking about...I've never seen another like it.)

McCabe's atmosphere is not its only enticing quality; the food is also excellent. Wide selections and reasonable prices make this restaurant a good choice for both the finicky and the frugal. For the casual meal I fully recommend one of their juicy hamburgers topped with bleu cheese, sautéed mushrooms, and onions, accompanied by perfectly seasoned fries. If you're in the mood for something a bit more elegant, their pasta, seafood, and poultry selections will not leave you disappointed. And if you have room for dessert, you should try their award-winning bread pudding...it's a must!

### McCabe's

**Phone:** 410-467-1000

**Address:** 3845 Falls Road

**Hours:** Tue.-Thu. 11:30 AM - 10:00 PM, Fri.-Sat. 3:30 PM - 12:00 AM, Sun. 3:30 - 10:00 PM.

**Reservations:** Nope

**Reviewer's Rating:**



(out of five Mike Freemans)

Whether you're in blue jeans or a sports coat, McCabe's restaurant and bar offers a pleasant and relaxed dining experience. Good food and a welcoming atmosphere makes this restaurant great for a first date or night out with your friends. So if you're hungry in Hamden and tired of your usual places to eat, take my advice and go to McCabe's...and don't forget about the bread pudding!

## Transportation Resources

### Security Escort Van Service

- A) Scheduled stops for security escort vans running on a fixed route between the Rotunda and Super Fresh shopping centers, MSE Library, and a number of student housing sites. Route service provided daily between 4:35 PM and 2:30 AM. Schedule available: <http://www.jhu.edu/~security/escort.htm>
- B) Shuttle pickup available on request for transport anywhere within a one-mile radius of campus. Daily from 5:00 PM to 3:00 AM. For transport call (410) 516-8700. (*This service is for JHU students, faculty, staff, and affiliates only.*)

### Stieff Shuttle

Shuttle between Stieff Silver and Homewood Campus (behind Shriver Hall). Scheduled pickups between 8:00 AM to 5:15 PM Monday-Friday. Schedule available: <http://www.jhu.edu/~security/stieffshuttle.htm>. *JHU photo ID is required!*

### Collegetown Shuttle

Shuttle bus between MSE Library, local area campuses, and Towson Town Center. 7 days a week, set schedule varies by day. Schedule available: [http://www.jhu.edu/~security/goucher\\_schedule.htm](http://www.jhu.edu/~security/goucher_schedule.htm). *Participating college's Faculty/Student ID is required!*

### Eastern to Bloomberg School of Public Health

Shuttle service between Eastern Campus and Bloomberg School of Public Health. Monday-Friday 7:40 AM to 5:10 PM. Schedule available: <http://www.jhu.edu/~security/Eastern.htm>. *JHU photo ID is required!*

### Homewood to JHMI

Shuttle bus between Shriver Hall, Penn Station, and Peabody with stops in between. 7 days a week, schedule varies by day. Schedule available: <http://www.jhu.edu/~security/JHMISched.htm>. *JHU photo ID is required!*

*Schedules subject to variations. For more transportation information call JHU Security at (410) 516-4600.*

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mandatory), and the idea was met with support. She also mentioned the possibility of giving each incoming student a business card with emergency numbers or printing the numbers on students' J-cards.

One student expressed concern about constant panhandlers in front of Royal Farms at St. Paul and 33<sup>rd</sup>. An officer thanked the student for the tip and promised to investigate the problem.

A Chinese student and Remington resident read from a report he and others had prepared, detailing specific recent crimes against other Chinese students in that area. So far, he said, they have been hit with rocks 52 times, had vehicles damaged seven times, had houses damaged ten times, and were victims of three cases of arson. In each case, the police were called, and in each case, the suspects fled before the police arrived.

The student was immediately referred to Community Affairs, a group that works with on-campus security forces and had representatives present at the meeting. Dean Burger also pointed out that students in these situations can always talk to Mullen or Dean Boswell.

Mullen and others emphasized that students should do their part by acting responsibly. "You all are the perfect victim," said an officer, "and the criminal element knows that." Johns Hopkins students are not necessarily urban savvy, and many disappear during the summer, making them unavailable to testify at hearings. As a result, crime in Charles Village and similar areas near Loyola and Towson decreases quite a bit when school is not in session.

President Brody reminded students that there is a fine line between watching out for our safety and acting *in loco parentis* (i.e., as par-

ents). A student replied that she would rather the University err on the side of safety, as many crimes are committed against students still exercising good judgment.

A couple students asked about crime statistics—ways to find out which buildings and areas are safest to live in. If you live in an unsafe area, replied Mullen, you can request an officer to check out your home and give you advice on how to make it safer. As for statistics, the Baltimore Police Department maintains those on its website. President Brody added that Hopkins can put pressure on landlords to improve living conditions by threatening to remove them from an "approved" list.

Finally, President Brody and others expressed frustration that the "all-campus" meeting was attended by less than a hundred individuals. Students blamed scheduling, claiming that 4:00 PM on a Monday during the last week of classes was not a suitable time for most.

"We live in an urban community," Brody concluded, "and it is never

going to be one hundred percent secure. I don't walk in the neighborhood after dark, at least certain streets, because it's not safe."

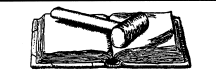
For more information, visit the JHU Security website at [www.jhu.edu/~security](http://www.jhu.edu/~security).



**Like Mic:** Not satisfied with the food at GRO Bonus Happy Hour, Steve Andreadis (Earth & Planetary Sciences) finds it necessary to eat the karaoke microphone.



**Song of Songs:** Jason Hampton, Christina Castelino, Carly Leonard, and Jean-Marie Maddux, all Psych & Brain Sciences Students, make damn fools of themselves at GRO Karaoke.



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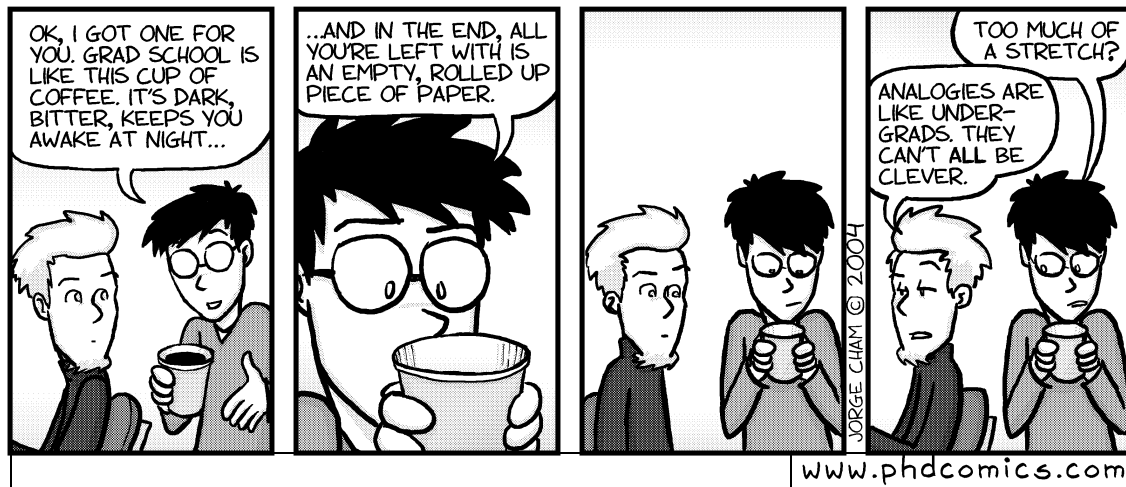
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 ★ **National Graduate Student Crisis Line: Immediate** ★  
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**Editor's Note:**

Well, it's been a fun year, but we're done until September. Articles for the next *Grad News* will be due in mid-August, so if you have anything you'd like to write about, e-mail [gradnews@jhu.edu](mailto:gradnews@jhu.edu). What's more, I'm pleased to announce that next year's *Grad News* editor will be...me again! So if you've been enjoying the *Grad News*, you're in for another year of undergrad-insultin' enjoyment. And if you think the *Grad News* is in any way offensive or inappropriate, then I appreciate your feedback, but honestly, you can go suck sour frog testes. Have a great summer.

—Adam Ruben