

Johnson: Beyond the classroom

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and picks one person to start. This person starts a repetitive movement and/or sound based on that theme, and one by one everyone has to build another movement and/or sound on top of them to create a rhythmic "machine."

A student described Jim Johnson in this way: "He is fun in a way where he pushes you in a direction you thought you'd never go. He makes you realize that you can accomplish things you never thought and still have fun."

Johnson has had a passion for acting since he was young. When asked why the theater degree, he replied with, "Why...why...why," seemingly indicating his many reasons. As a child, he was a magician and a ventriloquist, and knew that he wanted to entertain at a very young age. What sealed the deal happened when Johnson attended a production of the play "A Chorus Line" when he was 15 years old. This play is about actors competing and auditioning to be in a play, and it inspired him to pursue a life in theater. The great composer Stephen Sondheim, who composed such plays as "Into the Woods" and "Sweeney Todd", was also an influential person to Johnson. Another idol of his was a theater teacher from high school, who he describes as "an incredible person" because of her life's accomplishments. He likes to be influenced constantly and is also inspired by his students and great actors like Meryl Streep.

Johnson has been in a number of different plays throughout his life. A couple of his favorite performances and roles were Riff from "West Side Story" and Brick from "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof". His favorite Broadway character of all time is Blanche DuBois from "A Street Car Named Desire".

Jim Johnson got his BA in Theater from Penn State University Park. He then came back to Penn State Harrisburg to receive his teaching degree, and has been a part of our community here ever since. He loves Penn State, and is a "Penn Stater" through and through. Johnson currently resides in Marietta in Lancaster County, where he also grew up. In fact, Johnson is in the process of setting up a community theater in Lancaster County called the Susquehanna Stage Company. With this company he hopes to "use the arts to revitalize the community I live in," and to make a "cultural hub" to be used as "a creative outlet for young and old." The members of his family, who are very supportive of his project, includes his wife of twenty years, Jacquee, and his two

sons, Dylan, a senior in high school, and Asher, a sophomore in high school. Dylan hopes to attend Penn State like his father, and Asher is a film maker with his own production company, Turtle Star Productions (Asher's work can be found on YouTube).

For as much as he enjoys his job,



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Johnson didn't always see himself as a teacher, though when he was younger everyone told him that he would make a great teacher, pointing out how encouraging he was and how good at it he would be, which later inspired him to get his teaching degree.

Another factor that contributed to his current career was his work in the restaurant business; Johnson started out working at Friendly's restaurant where he soon became a corporate trainer. This was good experience for a man who was already said to be an excellent teacher. His familiarity with the restaurant business eventually led him to open up an Isaacs Restaurant

in Hershey. A dream that Johnson will always have and hopes to achieve is an aspiration shared by many actors: to perform on Broadway. He would love to someday make it to the New York City stages. Still acting today, he was most recently in "The Best Little Whore House in Texas", a production which ran last May in Ephrata.

Aside from acting and theater, Johnson enjoys gardening perennials, lilies being his favorite. "There's great dirt in Marietta" he commented cheerily. He also became hooked on a popular trend: YouTube. He enjoys watching various performances on the site. In addition, he regularly attends his kid's assorted sporting events.

Johnson is a faculty advisor of the drama club here at Penn State (known as the Capital Players) along with Dr. Dorothy King. The goal of the Capital players is to hold two performances a year. He says that the club has a dynamic group of dedicated officers this year. He would also like to thank PSH for being very helpful in the setting up and rearranging of the auditorium for the club's use. As aforementioned, Jim loves to direct and directed the Capital Players first play last semester, "All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten", which turned out to be a fantastic success. He will also be directing the spring production of "Godspell", which is being held April 24-27 in the Kunkle Auditorium.

Some random facts about Jim Johnson are that his favorite book is the "Complete Workings of Tennessee Williams", and his favorite beverage is coffee. He loves the comfort dish chicken pot pie, and his favorite place to eat is Isaacs. He has always been fascinated with Egypt and would love to visit the Great Pyramids there. He loves to vacation at any beach. His favorite quote is a quote from the bible that says, "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world but lose his soul?" You can spot him driving his "Penn State Pride Mobile" around; a Chevy S-10 blue and white pick-up truck, covered in Penn State stickers, playing his country music.

Giants over Pats 17-14

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scoring game of the season. "They played well," Patriots coach Bill Belichick said. "They made some plays. We made some plays. They just made a few more. We played as hard as we could. We just couldn't make enough plays."

Hardly a familiar position for the record-setting Patriots and their megastar quarterback. And a totally strange outcome for a team that seemed destined for historic glory.

Oddly, it was a loss to the Patriots that sparked New York's stunning run to its third Super Bowl and sixth NFL title. New England won 38-35 in Week 17 as the Patriots became the first team in 35 years to go spotless through the regular season. But by playing hard in a meaningless game for them, the Giants (14-6) gained something of a swagger and Manning cast found his footing.

Their growing confidence carried them through playoff victories at Tampa, Dallas and Green Bay, and then past the mightiest opponent of all.

Not that the Patriots were very mighty this day. They even conceded with 1 second on the clock as coach Bill Belichick ran across the field to shake the hand of jubilant Giants coach Tom Coughlin, then headed to the locker room, ignoring the final kneel down.

That it was Manning taking that knee was stunning. He not only matched his brother's achievement of last year with the Indianapolis Colts, but he showed the brilliant precision late in the game usually associated with, well, Brady.

Peyton Manning was seen in a luxury box jumping up and pumping both fists when Burress, who didn't practice all week because of injuries, caught the winning score.

"We just hung in there on offense, kept executing," said Burress, who wasn't far off on the 23-17 prediction he made a few days ago. "It came down to one play and we made it."

The Giants became the first NFC wild card team to win a Super Bowl; four AFC teams have done it. They also are the second wild-card champions in three years, following the Pittsburgh Steelers after the 2005 season.

The upset also could be viewed as a source of revenge not only for the Giants, but for the other NFL teams over Spygate back in September. That cheating scandal made headlines again late in Super Bowl week, and could have placed an infinite cloud over New England's perfection.

Until the frantic fourth quarter, the only scoring came on the game's first two drives.

The Giants did almost exactly what they sought with the opening kickoff, using up nearly 10 minutes to go 63 yards. Almost exactly, but not quite,

Pierce in the end zone. It began with Maroney's 43-yard kickoff runback.

It was the fewest possessions in the first quarter of a Super Bowl.

New York's first series of the second quarter looked dangerous after Amani Toomer's lunging sideline catch for 38 yards. But rookie Steve Smith mishandled Manning's throw at the New England 10, Ellis Hobbs intercepted and returned it 23 yards.

Those are opportunities teams can't waste against a strong opponent, let alone the Patriots. It was Manning's first interception of the postseason, albeit entirely not his fault; the last was by Hobbs in the season finale.

The Giants survived rookie Ahmad Bradshaw's fumble, which he recovered, on their next series, because their league-leading pass rush came alive when the Patriots got the ball back. New York sacked Brady on successive plays, forcing a punt, but the Giants' were hurt by an illegal batting of the ball penalty on Bradshaw after reaching the New England 25.

Justin Tuck's second sack, in the final seconds of the half, forced a fumble recovered by New York teammate Osi Umenyiora. The Giants' celebrated defensive line controlled much of the half, holding the most prolific offense in NFL history to a measly 81 yards and seven points. New England had the ball only 10:33.

But New York's mistakes left it with just three — and there are no moral victories in Super Bowls.

So the Giants got a real one as the maturing Manning hung in to find Tyree for a 5-yard touchdown to cap an 80-yard drive for a 10-7

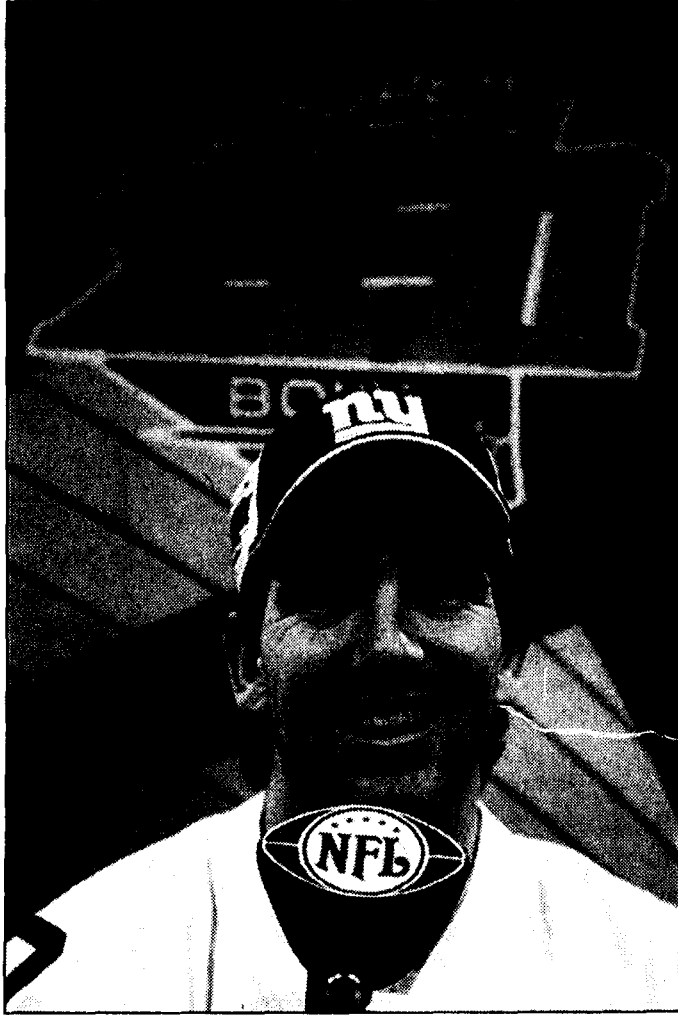


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lead. Pressed unlike they are accustomed to, the Patriots responded with their own 80-yard march as Brady finally got some time. Randy Moss, who caught a record 23 of Brady's record 50 TD throws this year, took a 6-yard pass when cornerback Corey Webster fell, and with a mere 2:42 remaining, the first 19-0 season was right there.

Eli and the Giants snatched it away. dealt by Residence Life, Judicial Affairs and Police Services. Minor violations and most first offenses of the new alcohol policy will go to Residence Life and result in administrative and educational sanctions, said Assistant Director of Residence Life George Young. Administrative sanctions range anywhere from a verbal warning to a contract review, or housing probation, where if the student violates a policy or causes trouble again, a recommendation to end the student's housing contract can be made, Young said. He continued that educational sanctions may include writing a paper on the effects of irresponsible drinking, performing community service, participating in an online drug and alcohol program or meeting with the campus's drug and alcohol counselor.

More serious violations and repeat offenses go to Judicial Affairs. Student allegations may be filed and the student will have to meet with a Judicial Affairs designee for a disciplinary conference, said Karl Martz, a Judicial Affairs designee for PSH. Judicial Affairs will discuss the incident with the student, decide on sanctions, which are similar to those of Residence Life, and whether to charge the student, and if so, the student may contest, Martz explained. If the student contests, the case will go to a hearing board,

Guide to Super Tuesday: Romney and Obama

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Mitt Romney
Background info: Mitt Romney, former Massachusetts governor, graduated from Brigham Young University in 1971 and received his MBA from Harvard Business School in 1975. His father, George W. Romney, ran for the presidency in 1968. Following in his father's footsteps, he has been involved in politics since he ran for U.S. Senate in Michigan in 1994. Romney married Ann Davies, his high school sweetheart, after returning from missionary work in France in 1968. They have been married for 39 years and have five sons and 11 grandchildren. The most controversial issue arising since his run for the presidency is his Mormon faith. On key issues

Abortion: Opposes abortion rights except in cases of rape, incest or situations where the mother's life is threatened. But as a U.S. Senate candidate from Massachusetts in 1994, he supported abortion rights.

Education: In order to create competition between schools, he proposes that students and parents be able to choose the school they wish to attend. Instead of scrapping No Child Left Behind, he plans to enhance it by focusing more on individual student progress.

Immigration: Opposes Bush's guest-worker plan and any special path to citizenship for illegal immigrants other than what is already available. Also opposes in-state tuition for illegal immigrants. He calls for a better system in which employers verify their employees' legal statuses.

Iraq: Opposes troop withdrawal.

Same-Sex Marriage: Opposes same-sex marriages and civil unions. Previously supported civil unions in Massachusetts. Despite his opposition Romney professed, "I feel very deeply about the need to respect and tolerate people of different social - or sexual - orientation."

Social Security: Supports private retirement accounts and opposes raising payroll taxes.

Why He Has a Chance: Money is not an issue and he has no trouble raising it for his campaign. In addition, Romney gained Fred Thompson's supporters since Thompson dropped out of the race.



Barack Obama

Background info: At just 47 years old, Barack Obama, a U.S. senator from Illinois, is the youngest of the Democratic and Republican presidential candidates. Born in Hawaii, Obama was raised by his mother and grandparents. He then spent part of his youth in Indonesia with his mother and stepfather. Finally he moved to New York, graduated from Columbia University in 1983 and went on to receive his law degree from Harvard in 1991. After graduation, he moved to Chicago where he met his wife, Michelle. Married for 16 years, they now have two daughters: Malia, 9, and Sasha, 6. He was given his middle name, Hussein, after his Kenyan father, not Saddam.

On key issues

Abortion: Supports abortion rights, but boldly told Christianity Today, "I don't know anyone who is pro-abortion."

Education: Has a complex plan to reform education from Head Start to graduate school. Also recognizes and understands the high cost of college.

Immigration: Supports fence along U.S.-Mexican border and in favor of increased spending to improve border security. As for illegal immigrants, Obama believes a path to citizenship must be made available for those currently living here.

Iraq: In his own words, Obama has opposed the war from the beginning. At a speech in Chicago on Oct. 22, 2002, Obama said, "I don't oppose all wars...What I am opposed to is... a dumb war. A rash war. A war based not on reason but on passion, not on principle but on politics." If elected, he plans to have all troops out within 16 months, leaving enough to protect our embassy and diplomats.

Same-Sex Marriage: Supports civil unions. Though he opposes same-sex marriage, he opposes a constitutional ban on it.

Social Security: Opposes diversion of some Social Security taxes into private retirement accounts.

Why He Has a Chance: Obama is riding his campaign slogan of "hope" and "change" to caucus victories. He is also drawing out many young, first-time voters. Perhaps these young adults enjoy his honesty. When asked during his book tour in 2006 if he inhaled when he tried marijuana as a youth, he candidly replied, "I inhaled. That was the point."

Dorms to go dry

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he said. There will also be athletic sanctions if the student is an athlete, Martz added.

Martz said a student's charges will follow him or her if he or she chooses to transfer to another school, because it will be noted on the transcript. Charges also follow when transferring to another campus within Penn State University, he said.

All Penn State campuses but University Park and Erie are dry campuses as confirmed by their Residence Life, Housing & Food Services and/or Student Affairs.

Violations of the new alcohol policy may also go to Police Services, where sanctions include a warning, citation and/or student allegation, according to Lt. Gelgot. Students drinking underage could, in addition, be arrested and parents will be contacted, he said. The student's driver license could also be suspended and he or she may be fined up to \$300 in addition to court costs of either \$112 or \$118, he further explained.

Drinking on campus was an issue for many students and parents, said Donald Holtzman. The purpose of the new alcohol policy is to "help students have better control of their environment." But he acknowledged that those of legal drinking age want to be able to drink in their on-campus apartments. "We're trying to strike that balance for our students too," he said.