Standing under the starlit sky

by: Monique Robinson
On Wednesday December 6, Johnson & Wales University Celebrated the Holiday Festival of Lights for the holiday season of 1995 at Gaebe Commons on the Johnson & Wales campus. The event which began at 7:00 p.m. was filled with students, faculty, staff and their children who all held lit white candles while standing on the green grass under the dark sky. Many would explain the picture as "Just Beautiful." In celebration, moving prayers, musical presentations and inspirational thoughts filled the evening with a warm atmosphere of sharing, love, giving and respect. The evening was a reflection of how many different people celebrate many different holidays. In accepting this, the J&W community was very respectful of the differences of many who attended the Festival of Lights. A presentation was also given on the Principles of Kwanzaa. This diversified the community and educated them on the beliefs and practices of many fellow classmates, faculty and staff who make up this community.

The evening also included a ceremony of the lighting of the wreath. As the members of the Christian Student Union and Newman Club lit the wreath, they explained the significance. A performance by the United Ensemble Gospel Choir was performed to uplift the spirits as they respectfully sang "Oh Come all Ye Faithful". Many people in the crowd could not help but to sing with them.

As the entertainment came to a halt, it was finally time to light the tree. At the flick of the switches, Henry Lewandowski, lit the two Christmas trees which stood on opposite sides of the sight, with campus.

The reception, held in the lobby of McNulty Hall included food, refreshments and hot cocoa. Guess who else made a special appearance? Santa Claus! Children who attended were able to take pictures with the "Ole' Jolly Santa" at his set up of the north pole in the lobby.

Stacie Ingrassia, a performer of the evening says, "It feels like we were a real community. I learned a lot about other holidays and it really brought out the spirit in me." Planners of the event included Mark Beveridge, Henry Lewandowski and Nathaniel Gojadar as well as many other contributors.

Clock Tower Construction takes JWU Back to the Future

By: Kim Bourgeois
In Johnson & Wales going "Back to the Future" one might think to after viewing the university's newest amenity, the clock tower located on the Gaebe Commons. It's safe to say that Johnson & Wales is more or less on a trip into the future.

Many of you have commented on the rather unique architecture of the clock, who can blame you? The clock tower actually is representing the "old" and "new" of Johnson & Wales. The white metal portion measuring 60 inches in diameter is actually part of the old Johnson & Wales Library, the tower brick-layered portion is brand new to fit the brand new McNulty Hall setting. Being 95% completed, the clock tower is representing "Griffin Pride" as the new sign nature of Johnson & Wales.

Johnson & Wales University. If you have yet to hear the chimes, listen every 15 minutes, the chimes can be heard providing a sense of crispness and quality of campus life. The futuristic structure is actually a part of a huge program entitled Vision 2001. This program consists of the main areas of university property all needing major or minor improvements. These involve with a program include Mrs. Donna Yena and Dr. John Bowen. Mr. Bowen in fact is involved with the master plan of the clock tower construction.

Students should look for the following programs within the next five years; continued 96% job placement rate, new industry scholarships and a new career passport program scheduled to begin next year for business and Hospitality students. The new clock tower is only the beginning of a trip into the future at Johnson & Wales University.

INSIDE THE CAMPUS HERALD

Multicultural Center Provides a New Type of Teaching

by: Doris Sock
Senior Editor

As a junior at Johnson & Wales University, I have the chance to go through the many different kinds of classes that are offered here at the University. I’ve had lectures, class projects, class groups and individually, and many other types. Last trimester, however, I had the experience of entering a class, like no other classes: Consumer Behavior. I figured that this class was going to be about consumers and that it would be a pretty straightforward and basic class. Boy, was I wrong. From the first minute I entered the class, we were working towards a goal and a group project. Each chapter that we were going to go through was directly linked to the class project. Now when I say class project, I don’t mean groups, I mean one whole entire class doing one huge project. This new and innovative type of teaching really surprised me, I had no idea what to expect. The professor divided us into groups in groups where we would work on certain parts of the project like research, writing, or just managing. It really allowed the students to choose a cluster of their own choosing and according to their own talent. So what was this big project? Tom Gaine of the Multicultural Center has been working since the center opened to promote the center and to increase the image, awareness, and involvement (a Consumer Behavior term) of the Center and it’s many programs. Our class chose to focus on the Buddy Program, which is a program designed to match upper-level students with freshmen in order to help them acclimate to college life and have someone to ask questions of. Many freshmen, when they first came to college worry about finding their classes and making friends. For some people the process of making friends is very difficult and they tend to call home at least six to seven times a day. This is an excessive display of homesickness and the Multicultural Center feels that the Buddy Program will help freshmen to overcome this initial homesickness. The problem with the Buddy Program is the lack of participation on the campus. 23 upperclassmen signed up, but only one freshman signed up to be a buddy.

During the class periods, we spent our time working on making a questionnaire that would determine if freshmen students got homesick and if they were aware of the Buddy Program and the Multicultural Center. Our sample groups included freshmen, the 23 upperclassmen who had signed up to participate in the Buddy Program, and Greek members.

We found that 42% of the people surveyed had no knowledge of the Buddy Program. The only upperclassmen that had any knowledge about the Buddy Program were the one’s who signed up to be a buddy. We determined that 20% of the freshmen called home more than twice a week and most freshmen didn’t want to admit that they were homesick. We also found that most people were surveyed had never even been in the Multicultural Center and that most of them that had gone, went because they had meetings there. A very small amount of people had gone there for a function.

Our few recommendations for other classes included direct mail pieces that could be sent out to the incoming freshmen and that the RA’s include the program in their welcome speeches.

The third period class decided to focus on the Cultural Exchange Program which will help to ease racial tension on campus by providing a forum where people can learn about other cultures. Students can come to learn about the cultures that exist in this nation plus cultures from the international students that are important around our campus. They found that 53% of the people that they surveyed had no new idea of the Cultural Exchange Program.

The Multicultural Center is here for the students to use and the programs that the Multicultural Center are sponsoring are there for the good of the students. It is necessary for the students to get involved.

Virgin of Guadalupe honored at Mass

by: St. Francis Murphy and Evelyn Rojas
Students gathered in Xavier Chapel, Tuesday, December 12, at 8:00 p.m. to celebrate their ethnic spiritual feast of the Virgin of Guadalupe. During the Liturgy of the Word they were transported back to Mexico in the year 1531, in a memorably enacted pageant.

This pageant dramatized the story of the Virgin’s appearance on a deserted mountain top, to a humble Indian man called Juan Diego. Juan Diego told his parish priest of the vision and the priest told the bishop who did not believe his story. The Virgin appeared to Juan Diego again and asked her to go to someone important since he was a poor humble Indian man and no one would believe his story. The Virgin told him that he was the one God chose. Juan Diego again went to the bishop but was not believed. After various visions the Virgin gave Juan Diego a bouquet of beautiful roses to bring to the bishop as a sign she had actually appeared to him. When the bishop saw the roses he realized they could not be from the village since nothing grew on this mountain top. Also, the image of the Virgin was imprinted on Juan Diego’s Pancho. It was at this time that Juan Diego was believed and the bishop knelt in deference. He then set December 12 as a special feast for the people of Mexico to honor the Virgin of Guadalupe each year. On December 12 the factories and shops in Mexico are closed and all are set up for the people to celebrate Mass and finestas that last all day and into the evening.

Fr. Raymond Tetzlau, who celebrated the liturgy with the students, asked for the students’ impressions and the message of humility and deep respect for the dignity of every person was evident. Miracles do happen to those whose spirituality brings them to an openness to the unknown. It is important for us in our everyday lives to be aware of those simple things that we would otherwise ignore and to continue to hope even when some of it seems so distant.

After the Liturgy the students wrote down comments showing how ethnicity and spirituality bring a greater richness into our lives. Some of the comments are as follows:

"I have not been to church for a long time and I feel enriched and very glad I was there."

"I enjoyed the pageant and listening to the story while it was being dramatized. It was also happy to see such collaboration in the singing and the enthusiasm of the students."

"I felt the Mass was beautiful and have become much more aware that God works in mysterious ways—mainly through the hymns.

The play showed the life of Juan Diego and his love for the other people’s lives. It also showed we have spiritual riches which we must all share.

Pasta Place and Lite House join hands to feed the homeless

by Jason Bach

On November 21 the Lite House Grille closed its doors to the usual customers and invited them to the homeless community of Providence for the fifth consecutive year. In an effort to provide those in need with food during the holiday season.

Along with the University Pasta Place, the Lite House served 1150 meals during the two-hour span during thanksgiving week. Among those 1150 served most were parents, family friends, senior citizens and those under 30, including 25% children, according to Lite House manager John Ropoza. The free dinner was advertised at local soup kitchens and homeless shelters.

More than 75 volunteers from every facet of the Johnson & Wales University community made the day possible, including Student Dining Services, Tau Epsilon Phi, the JWU Hockey team, and Reggie Dow from the College of Culinary Arts. A large portion of the food used was also donated by supermarkets, the remainder was supplied by the University.

“Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness means to do something. It just makes sense to help other people,” said Ropoza, who also expressed his sincere gratitude to all of those who volunteered and helped out.

The Lite House Grille has been providing meals for the homeless on an annual basis since 1991, however, this is the first year that the University Pasta Place has opened its doors as well.
DEAR JWU STUDENTS

Greece Metenndan! Wie gehts! Beste Wunschse von Di Schweiz! In case you are "wundering" how to pronounce these German sentiments of goodwill, you have two options: 1) you could practice the dialect while chewing your peanut butter at Chestnut's; 2) you could solicit the expert help of miss Sarah Jackson, a former Swiss resident and Provost from DCT in Luzern. Miss Jackson is currently participating in a faculty exchange at none other than JWU in Providence. We would further like to express our gratitude toward her for making our living transition easier. Thank you Miss Jackson! We hope you are enjoying the American way of life- and not scoping the horizon in search of Alps!

Greetings one and all! How's it going? best wishes from Switzerland. The Alps are indeed breathtaking and the weather is now feeling a bit like "winter". However, we Americans are faring quite well. In case we haven't met, I will now introduce us personally. Our family of twenty-one includes Erin Downs, Mike Ruminski, Bryan Heran, Megan Furlong, Carly Bowden, Christi Roldobloeme, Jay Barker, Karen Garcia, Karah St. Cui, April Civi, Barratlie Ramiai, Roseann Ellenberger, Hollie Hertling, Jeff LeDuc, Brandon Larkin, Marcus Scarth, and Professor Taran Malik. Four new members are a definite asset to our studies abroad. All four of them carry the best qualities of being American within, their own respected culture. They also speak at least two languages.

The twenty of us are here at the Domini Carlton Tivoli in Luzern, Switzerland to expand our degree at JWU to include a Swiss Food & Beverage Diplome. We are to spend six months taking classes very similar to the J&W curriculum, previewing some few to increase our international understanding of hospitality world wide. For the remaining six months of our one-year stay, we will be completing industry training in various Swiss hotels and restaurants. It is no understatement that this Swiss Hospitality training will be most thoroughly measured as our learning experience. A good example would be our weekly room checks and evaluations. Our mothers will not recognize their impatient children upon our return. More details about language struggles, family life, and our latest news and gossip in upcoming issues. Let me introduce us- we are the 16 JWU students and one Professor who have flown across the Atlantic to Switzerland, and the 16 students who have traveled south from the JWU campus in Sweden. I bet you are wondering what we are doing so far from home. Well, we are studying the International Hotel and Restaurant Management at the Domini Carlton Tivoli Hotel School in Luzern.

Our first three weeks have been fun, interesting, and very different. Our biggest shocks include seeing an American newspaper for $3, walking into a McDonald's to find that the orders aren't much different, confronting the fact that many people here do not speak English. And we complained about the prices back home!

Well, those are just some of our basic difficulties during the first few weeks here. To most of you, these things sound a bit cliche, but getting accustomed to a new culture and language is not an easy thing. First we must learn to get along without our basic comforts of home. This is not to say that we are not enjoying ourselves. On our first weekend we found a favorite hangout- Mr. Pickwick's Irish Pub (people meeting people all over Switzerland)! We'll also be traveling to the Alps in France, Italy, and other places. But there are some comforts of home that we do miss and in a poll of both the American and European JWU students I have found out exactly what they are. Holly misses her Wetsy (Bailey). Alexandra misses her VCR. Linda misses her bed, Peter misses his house. Those are some of the more personal items. The rest of the items are as follows: Hazelnut coffee, NY bagels, cheap phone calls, a 4 day school week with 4 classes a day, friends, a weekly paycheck, American sports (especially football), select TV shows (in English). California red wine, driving, large iced coffee, the ocean, microwave population, JWU's variety of food, people who speak English, burgers and fries for under $10, country music and clubs, cheap shoes, sugar-free candy corn, a good vegetarian meal, Swedish coffee, home cooked meals, the Swedish Riviera, chewable food, Swedish boys, and a green beer钢厂 program. We are learning to live with what we have and enjoy the things we can't break up with, but we will definitely appreciate them when we return in October of 1996. So until next time "Auf Wiedersehen!" from your friends in Switzerland.

DEAN C. GUNTHER
CAP SIZE 7 A Perfect Fit for all you Music Heads

by: Prentice Murphy (Music Donkey)

Lords of the New Church or is it Alice Cooper fill the air in this rock cathedral. People are getting restless, the lights go down and all eyes and ears are on the stage. Swirling guitars and galloping drumbeats pierce the smoke filled space...Thank god it's CAPSIZE 7!!

A half hour of slammin' and jammin' for the men from Chapel Hill. The crowd is thirsty for the new sound and Joe Taylor (vocals-guitar) thanks the masses for their participation. A mighty stick count into the next song from drummer Chris Toms chums the floor into a frenzy. I thought Mike Jackson (bass) was going to bust a blood vessel when he thumped out the opening to Blasting, radios off. Full force still and Geoff Abell (guitar-vocals) strokes quirky riffs while they induce the spectators into convulsions. After that I checked to see if my ears were bleeding.

After the show Mike, Chris, and I went to get a late night snack at the infamous Sak's. Cheese slices and Dell's frozen lemonade filled our table as we talked about life and the future of music. Mike tells me of the late nights recording the tracks at a home town venue. Long time friend Caleb Southern was there turning knobs and catching all the sounds on tape or whateve-er it is they use so Caroline records can release their album Mephisto, and give everyone the chance to hear the stellar sounds of Capsize 7.

Big Screen, Little Screen

Name the actor who was featured in all three of the movies listed in each of the 20 groups below. Hint: All 20 actors were (or are) stars of hit TV shows.

1. Doc Hollywood; Light of Day; Casualties of War
2. Same Time, Next Year; Crimes & Misdemeanors; Whispers In The Dark
3. Divorce American Style; Dick Tracy; Chitty Chitty Bang Bang
4. Hero At Large; Skin Deep; Problem Child
5. The Brass Bottle; Chattanooga Choo Choo; Harper Valley P.T.A.
6. The Devil and Max Devlin; Mother, Jugs and Speed; California Suite
7. Mr. Saturday Night; Rollercoaster; The Wanderers
8. Catch-22; On A Clear Day You Can See Forever; First Family
9. Lasser; High Road to China; Runaway
10. Mame; Sorrowful Jones; Yours, Mine & Ours
11. Three Men and a Baby; Cousins; Body Heat
12. American Graffiti; The Music Man; Eat My Dust!
13. L.A. Story; Dune; Jeffrey
14. A Face In The Crowd; No Time For Sergeants; Rustler's Rhapsody
15. The Hollywood Knights; Going Ape!; She's Out of Control
16. Little Big Man; S.O.B.; Teachers
17. Beethoven; Don't Tell Mom the Babysitter's Dead; California
18. Kelly's Heroes; The Dirty Dozen; Go-Bots; Battle of the Rock Lords
19. Change of Habit; X-15; Ordinary People
20. Pillow Talk; 7 Faces of Dr. Lao; Hello Down There

Creative Loafing

ART ROCK GALLERY
The Renegade Gallery has your visual stimuli. So stop on by and say hello to Tim. He has concert posters by Frank Kosik, Lindsey Kuhn and Derek Hess just to name a few. So walk down Union street give your eyes a treat and they make great wall coverings for those dorm walls.

OZ ON ICE
We are off to see the Wizard, the Wizard of Oz on Ice with Bobby McFerrin. Jan. 3-7 at the Providence Civic Center. Tickets available at P.C.C. box office starting at $11.50. I would love to see the wicked witch deal with all that water. So get your ringside seats and see Toto skate around Dorothy.

SPRING BREAK IS COMING
Start saving up for the time of your college life. Spring break is just around the corner, will it be Daytona Florida, Negril Jamaica or Phoenix, Arizona. Start making plans now, do not get left behind in the cold. I am sure a little fun and sun is just what the doctor has in mind for you.

LEMONADE STAND
Student publications have a new addition to the family. If arts and entertainment is your thing then come to the friendship building and be a part of the team. We are looking for writers, artists, and music lovers to inform the campus about happenings around town.
The Filth and the Fury: The Air Turned Blue

by: Andrew Meyers
A Music Freak

As I was wandering down the street the other day I came across a Lupo's poster. The poster strapped to a lamppost read, "Helmet and Skeleton Key. December 13." I said to myself, "Wow! I've got to get a ticket before it sells out." That night it sold out.

Luckily I got my ticket first.

It was the night of the show and I was outside the club wearing a T-shirt against the freezing cold waiting for the doors to open. Finally the doors opened and I was in.

I was waiting for the show to start and this strange being came up to me and said, "Do you have a light?" "I said, "Yes I do," and I assisted him with the needed tool. Then this mysterious creature said to me, "Who are you here to see?" I said, "both of the bands but I've never heard of Skeleton Key." He had sort of an amazed look on his face and he said "do you know who I am?" I said, "No, who are you?" "I am the drummer for Skeleton Key." I was astounded when he said this to me and I asked, "What do you guys sound like?" this freak of nature said, "we sound like Primus and Beck put into a blender." "And I thought to myself, "This should be interesting."

After an hour wait, the music started. As I was glancing at the band I started to notice some strange instruments being played like a propane tank, a radio flyer, and a cow bell. People didn't seem to like the band because of there originality, but I did.

These selected few that did not like this band, chanted, "Get off the stage!

" or, "You guys suck!" I looked back at the people with an evil glance and I said to myself, "These dummies don't know good music." Skeleton Key had a short set around 45 minutes or so.

After their set was over, the roadies cleared the equipment. I was starting to get aggravated by the band because of the music that Lupo's was playing. They played an over abundance of Rage against the Machine which really pissed me off. But Deliverance finally showed its face. Helmet was on stage! The first words from the lead singer's lips were, "That was a "D," after he plugged his guitar.

Once the music started playing, the crowd erupted into a bloody frenzy of bodies, fists, and skulls being beat senseless by the rest of the social misfits. As I was watching the band, I noticed something different. The lights were dimmer, the crowd was more intense, and the music had a more powerful sound. I realized that the band had not only given me a good show, but they had also created a sense of unity among the crowd.

Dining Hall Hours during the Holiday Break:

ACE: Breakfast: Dec 19-Jan 1 Jan 8-9 Open: 6:00-9:00 a.m. Lunch: Open: 10:30-1:30 Dec 19-Dec 22, Jan 8-9 Dec 31: 10:00-12:00 p.m. Jan 1: 9:00-12:00 p.m.

Dinner: 4:30-6:30 p.m. (Dec 19-Dec 21, Jan 7-Jan 9) Hospitality: Breakfast: 6:00-11:00 a.m. (Dec 19-Dec 22, Jan 8-9) Lunch: 11:00-1:30 p.m. (Dec 19-Dec 21, Jan 8-9) Dinner: 4:00-6:00 p.m. (Dec 19-21, Jan 8-9) Lite House: Breakfast: 7:00-10:00 a.m. (Dec 19-Dec 20, Jan 8-9).

Lunch: 10:30-3:00 (Dec 19-20, Jan 8-9) Dinner: 3:00-6:30 p.m. (Dec 19-20, Jan 8-9) Minden: Breakfast: 6:30-8:00 a.m. (Dec 19-21, Jan 8-9) Lunch: 10:30-12:30 (Dec 19-21, Jan 8-9) Dinner: 4:30-6:30 p.m. (Dec 19-20, Jan 8-9) Pasta Place: Breakfast: 7:00-9:30 a.m. (Dec 19-21, Jan 8-9) Lunch: 10:30-2:30 p.m. (Dec 19-21, Jan 8-9) Dinner: 4:30-7:00 p.m. (Dec 19-20, Jan 8-9) Pine Street: Breakfast: 11:00-3:00 p.m. (Dec 19-20, Jan 8-9) Dinner: 3:00-9:30 p.m. (Dec 19-20, Jan 8-9) U-Club: Breakfast: 6:30-9:30 a.m. (Dec 19-21, Jan 8-9) Lunch: 10:30-2:30 p.m. (Dec 19-21, Jan 8-9) Dinner: 4:30-7:00 p.m. (Dec 19-21, Jan 8-9)
VITA Program Turns Students into IRS Instructors

The Accounting Club has set up a unique opportunity for all accounting students to participate in the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program. You will become certified, by an IRS instructor to prepare personal income taxes at designated VITA sites. All materials are free and there are no fees to participate. All you need to do is show up at the beginning of this term's classes on January 9th at 6:00 p.m. in 305. Here you will receive a reference binder and take home exam. The first class explains techniques for interviewing a taxpayer at a VITA site and answers any questions concerning the program. The following three classes are refresher courses in personal income taxes and update you on any changes in tax laws. These three classes are not required for certification and not needed if you've taken Taxation I, but are still helpful and fun (Pizza party last class). Take home exams must be turned into Prof. Doornan in J004 no later than March 11, 1996. If you turn it in prior to this date and do not pass it, or a recertification test, you will be given the option of doing the exam or section over again. Once you pass the exam you need to sign up for one or all of the designated VITA sites planned for March and April. This is on campus and one at the Providence Public Library. Once completed you will receive a certificate from the IRS on your successful completion of the program. This is an excellent opportunity to build your resume and receive tax experience that might be your ticket into a tax internship with a "Big 6" or other prestigious local public Accounting Firm. Come on, it doesn't cost you anything but a minimum amount of your time and could prove to be your most valuable asset in getting that first job right out of college. Look forward to seeing you January 10th.

Students Excel at Pinegat Farm in Equine Show


In this year's competition, the blue ribbon went to Johnson & Wales Team A, composed of Carolynn Shaw, Sandra Fowler, Russell Morgan, and Nikki Zarcades. They were followed by the Johnson & Wales Team B of Melissa Silberman, Jen Hoffert, Katie Keegan and Melissa Anderson. The Wheaton College team finished in third place, followed by the J&W Team C of Jen Cook, Jana Wagner, Anna Jacques, and Kristine Thompson.

Riders also had the opportunity to compete in just the dressage portion of the competition. The results of the col- lege divisions are as follows: Training Level I. Amy Duan 2. Kendra Tuttle 3. Jackie Crockett; First Level I. 1. Matt Eagan 2. Rebecca Willis. Johnson & Wales will hold their Spring Combined Training and Dressage show at Pinegat Farm on May 5, 1996. Upcoming events include a jumping clinic with world class Three-Day Eventer Mark Weisbecker on December 10. Also, U.S. Equestrian Team Member Ann Gupit will conduct dressage clinics on January 14, February 11, and March 17 of next year.

For more information on these upcoming events, please call Beth Beumker, Equine Studies Department Chairperson, at (401) 598-1037.

FIRE EVENTS ON CAMPUS

Coffee, Donuts Served at Liturgy

Sr. Fran, SND extends an invitation, from Campus Ministry, to students, faculty, and staff to join a core group of JWU students for Liturgy each Sunday, 11:30 a.m. at St. Francis Chapel, 50 Weybosset St. A coffee and donut reception follows each Mass. Students have enjoyed chatting about various issues, as well as spiritual, and we are now in the process of planning future activities in addition to coming together for Liturgy. Thank you to Kim Bourgeois, Moriah Voeg and Elizabeth VanDuzer for their assistance as host- esses at the State-wide, Eucharistic Healing Service for Survivors of Abuse at Grace Episcopal Church. Happy Holidays to everyone from Campus Ministry.

Students Linked to JWU

Four score and seven years ago, the Collegiate Ambassador Team was formed by the Admission department. The intentions behind forming C.A.T. was: for students to volunteer their time to the Admission office and for prospective students to have a current student available to the University. They knew that a student would feel more comfortable when talking to a current student about their life than talking to a staff member. A C.A.T. member volunteer work includes: Special func-
tions for example Fly-Ins, Tour and More, Discovery Day, Open House, and regular daily tours. Besides doing special events, they do telemarketing and give high school demonstrations. Four students have been with C.A.T. since it began. They are Chris Bonnoce, Marcus Brown, Howie Schaffer, Mike Shaw. The four stu-
dents are seniors and will be graduat-
ing this year. "Remember we are the Crown of the Crop."

THANKS TO ALL SUPPORTERS

The Accounting Club would like to thank all who supported our successful club donation drive and would like to congratulates the winners of our free give away.

GRAND PRIZE: 20" Magnavox Color TV- Professor Viveiros
FIRST PRIZE: Snap-On Tool Ratchet And Sock Set (Donated by snap on tools) - Professor Don Herbert
CONSIGNATION PRIZES: T-shirt winners- Patsy Peterson
Pat Dargon
Carl Laine
Todd Mc Conaghy
Michael Tondra

Professor speaks to Accounting Club

The Accounting Club would like to thank Professor Kevin Poirtier for tak-
ing time out of his busy schedule, as Program Director of the Graduate School of Johnson & Wales University, to speak to our club on November 1st. His topic included the Certified Public Accountants Exam and its require-
ments and information on the excep-
tional graduate degree programs in Accounting offered at Johnson & Wales University. The Accounting Club showed their appreciation by presenting Prof. Poirtier with a J&W sweatshirt and all look forward to enrolling in the graduate program.

Honors Society Elects First Officers

On October 23rd, the newly formed Johnson & Wales Collegiate Honors Society elected its first officers under the direction of the group's moderator, Dr. James Bronnan. All officers are freshmen and are as follows:

President: Allen Tackett Vice-President, Downtown Campus: Sarah Dumas Vice-President, Culinary Campus: Courtney Cox Secretary: Vanessa Walker Treasurer: Angella Wacker Reporter/Historian: Derek Archambault Parliamentarian: Shameka Whigham Downtown Executive Board Members: Nathalie Gamache and Heather

Bullock

Culinary Executive Board Members: Bret Aumich and Tyson Davenport

The Collegiate Honors Society is a group dedicated to the development of the Johnson & Wales honors pro-
gram and its students. The group has announced many exciting plans for its first year, including a national affilia-
tion, trying to expand the honors pro-
gram, special recognition for honors students, a newsletter and literary journal, and sponsoring special guest speakers. The group is looking for help and input from current and past honors students, so please watch for the newsletter and special announce-
ments.

"1996 EURLA PASSES ARE HERE!!"

On January 1st 1996 Eurala rate up! Buy your pass in December 1995 and you'll still be able to get same 5% before Jan. 1, 1996.

ALL PASSES ISSUED ON THE SPOT!

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4 months, 10 countries $679 $679 $679

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FREE "Student Travels" MAGAZINE
GREEK ROW

Listen to the sad statistics my Brothers and my Sisters

Our mothers, sister, wives, & girlfriends are not being respected. For thousands of years, women have been abused, harassed, and oppressed. Women have overwhelming been the ones who have suffered most. They are the ones who have suffered most. They are the ones who have borne the brunt of indignities, insults, sexual harassment, and lack of respect at the hands of men. This mistreatment is by no means limited to so-called minorities or developing countries. The U.S Senate Judiciary Committee recently compiled a report on violence against women. It came up with some shocking facts. "Every 6 minutes, a woman is raped; every 15 seconds, a woman is beaten... No woman is immune from violent crime in this country. Of American women alive today 3 out of 4 will be the victim of at least one violent crime." My fellow classmates, did you know that in just 1 year 3 to 4 million woman were abused. It was this deplorable situation that led to the introduction of the Violence Against Act of 1990.

My dear brothers, I ask you to look in the past so that you may learn from the mistakes of our forefathers. You can make a difference in everyone’s life. In relationships, who have been the victims and who the oppressors? Who have been battered in marriages? Who have been raped in times of peace and war? Who have been denied the right to vote.

On Nov... 2 Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. conducted a forum on Respecting Women. The forum was a success. Men and Women were able to voice their opinion and valid points were raised. All in all, I feel as though the student body needed this forum to help them realize that women are precious gifts that should be cherished. They are the mothers of the world, who through pain bared ALL and without them none of us would exist. A woman’s true worth should not have to be based on superficial physical appearance and charm. A Spanish proverb expresses this thought: "A beautiful woman,[...]

ZBT Victorious

We the brothers of Zeta Beta Tau would like to thank everyone for their support as we completed the Flag Football weekend with a (3-0) victory. Our second game with Phi Kappa Sigma, that was rescheduled, was successfully won with a score f 35-6.

Coming soon, Zebekahiti, being held at Ft. Lauderdale beach Club on December 14 at 8:00 p.m.

TEP Colonizes

The Brothers of Tau Epsilon Phi would like to thank all those who supported us through colonization, and initiation which occurred on Nov. 5, 1995, without your help this would not have been possible. Also thank you to the Sisters of Delta Phi Epsilon for a lovely evening and we hope to do it again soon.

Phi Sigma Kappa attends Lighting Ceremony

On November 30th while everyone was on break, the brothers of Phi Sigma Kappa, along with Buddy Clancy held the annual Christmas tree Lighting. This is the fifth year in a row that we have done this and we would like to thank the following organization for their time: The Hope High School Marching band, Art in Ice for the wonderful ice carvings, and Chestnuts for the food donation. All in all it was a festive event and everyone in attendance was brought into the Christmas spirit.

ASSIGNMENTS

ATTENTION TRANSFER STUDENTS

ARE YOU ENTHUSIASTIC, MOTIVATED AND WILLING TO HELP OTHERS?

We’d like to know:

1. Why did you decide to transfer to J&W?
2. What are your thoughts about the transfer admissions process?
3. What positive contributions can you make to a new transfer group?

The Admissions department is starting a new J&W TRANSFER STUDENT GROUP.

We need you to help GUIDE AND ADVISE prospective transfer students through the admissions process. If you feel you can help and would like to get involved, just answer the THREE QUESTIONS above and send your reply (handwritten or typed) to either

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Recognizing those special people that affect our lives

by Fred Johnson

The Sisters of Sigma Lambda Sigma Hermannad and the Brothers of Beta Lambda Sigma Hermannad and the Brothers of Beta Lambda Delta Fraternity would like to recognize any JWU individuals who have helped out students at any time, with out being recognized.

Every day there are people who work at Johnson & Wales that go out of their way for students. Many times these "special" people never get any recognition for going out of their way to help out others. We believe that it is about time to make it publicly known, who these individuals employed by JWU are.

Each month there will be a new person recognized, so if you would like to thank some one for doing something special for you, this is your opportunity! Just write down their name, department they work in, the down their name, department they work in, the reason why you nominated them, your name, and a way of contacting you. It's this simple, and a great way of saying, "THANKS!" Be sure to drop off your sheet at student activities in the Friendship Bldg, and addressed to Beta Lambda Delta Fraternity, ATTN: Fred or Jeff.

Our first person to be recognized is Dr. Helena Rodrigues. Dr. Rodrigues is from North Dartmouth, Mass., and is Dean of University Libraries. What she likes best about JWU is the sense of a family and her most memorable experience was when JWU received regional accreditation. When asked what type of advice she has to offer, she immediately mentioned using the library. Many people believe that you should only use the library when it is required by a class, but that is not wise. There is so much information and you should take advantage of all it has to offer. Dr. Rodrigues' favorite color is purple! Sigma Lambda Siga Hermannad & Beta Lambda Delta Fraternity Thank Dr. Rodrigues for all of her help and input. As a mother figure, she fits in perfectly in our "Familia."

Latino Link advances knowledge of the Internet

by Evelyn Rojas

As the world becomes more electronic and people begin to communicate by means of a computer, it also becomes important for Latinos to become familiar with this new and fast pace technology.

One of the newest forms of communication and information data base is the internet and the world wide web. Knowing how to use the internet and the world wide web can be essential to our future. A specialty area for Latinos and those interested in this information can be found on the world wide web. To help us communicate with other intellectual Latinos, this new medium, formed by Lavonne Luquis, allows us to get information from around the world about events, government issues, and other interesting topics related to Latinos is called Latino Link. It was established in June of 1995 and allows us to communicate with Latinos from around the world as well as retrieve various information about Latinos. This information includes hard news about congressional votes on Latino issues as well as essays, photo features, short fiction, feedback from readers, and even job opportunities.

As you can see, not only is the world advancing but Latinos are as well. I can not stress enough how important it is for those of you who are interested in expanding your horizon to take time to learn how to use the internet system and tape into the world wide web. This will not only allow you to access information now, but will help you in your advancement in the future with respect to the Latino community as well as your career.

For access into Latino Link type in http://www.latolinlink.com.
Safety and Security: Be Careful out There

Drugs
On Saturday, November 11, 1995 Warwick Police assisted Campus Safety & Security with checking a sus- picious person at the Radisson Airport Hotel. An investigation revealed that the person was a student, and that he was in possession of Marijuana. He was arrested by Warwick Police.

Marijuana and a contraband knife were found in a student's dormitory room at Bell Hall by Campus Safety & Security officers on Friday, November 10th. Providence Police responded, and they arrested the student for posses- sion of marijuana. The knife was con- fiscated by Campus Safety & Security.

Larcenies
Meal tickets worth over $400.00 were reported stolen from the Student Dining Services office on Wednesday, November 8, 1995. The incident is under investigation by Campus Safety & Security and Providence Police.

Providence Police and Campus Safety & Security are also investigating the reported theft of over $460.00 in cash and checks from the Culinary Administration Office on Wednesday, November 15.

On Thursday, November 16, 1995 a student reported to campus Safety & Security that a pair of eye glasses, a backpack, and a calculator were stolen from a locker in the Plantations Fitness Center. The student stated that the locker had not been locked at the time of the theft.

Make a difference and brighten a family's Christmas

Elmwood Community Center is looking for help to brighten Christmas for about 10 families and their children who would other- wise have a bleak holiday season. Needed are any or all of these requests: new toys and articles of clothing for each child, stocking stuffers, a present for mommy and Christmas dinner (preferably food vouchers). Persons or organizations wishing to Adopt-a-Family, donate specific items or gift certificates, please call Roxana at 461-7940.

Amos house in South Providence provides free meals, shelter and social services to those in need. It is also one of our Practicum Education Culinary Forum Community Service sites. Over $10,000 is spent each year for cleaning supplies. They are desper- ately in need of supplies such as laundry soap, dish detergent, pine oil and bleach. If you can donate any of these products, please contact Adrienne Marchetti at 272-0220.

Volunteer Coordinator for the Visiting Nurses Senior Companion Program is looking for someone to read and converse in Chinese (Cantonese) 1 to 2 hours a week with a woman who lives in the Providence vicinity. House is on bus route. Call Vilma, the Volunteer Coordinator at 444-9484 for more information.

The Johnson & Wales University Thanksgiving planning team thanks all who partic- ipated in the 1995 Thanksgiving Dinner for the homeless and hungr- y on November 21, 1995. By vol- unteering on the service line, the Johnson & Wales family helped to feed close to 1700 people who are economically disadvantaged and in need of social contact.

Operation Standdown Feeds Veterans

Faculty and students recently participated in Operation Stand Down, an outreach program for Vietnam veterans. Operation Stand Down, a national event, was held in Rhode Island at the Ladd School in Exeter on September 22, 23, and 24, when 1400 meals were prepared and served to 200 veterans, 75 of whom were homeless.

Michael D. Marra, a Culinary Arts faculty member, coordinated the volunteer efforts, ordered the food, checked preparations and planned the menus. Assisting him were Hector Lipa, Segundo (Tony) Torres, Earnest Fleury, George O' Palaenick, Robert Pokar and Nancy Garnett-Thomas, all culinary arts faculty mem- bers, Thomas Pandolfini, Joseph Alfano, Irene Casado, Mary Baracza, and Robert Lapiere from the school of Arts & Sciences. ACF chefs included Ronald Bilhary, Vince DeFelice, Mindo Davi, Christopher Stoves and Brian Chalif.

Also assisting were Chefs Jean-Jacques Dietrich, Joseph Gagne, Ben Quicho, Michael Macioci, J&W student members of IFE, Phi Sigma Sigma, the Rhode Island Junior American Culinary Federation and culinary volunteers.

Volunteers from the Navy Submarine Base in Groton, CT included Nelson Ramirez, Craig Knutson, Michael Hults and Todd Burdick. Susan Corness and Kristin King, MDF, of the Community Service office.

A heartfelt thank-you and sincere appreciation for a job well done.

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Donate A Toothbrush

Tabbot Residential Treatment Centers in South Providence provides a treatment program for men and women with alcohol and/ or drug dependence problems. These men and women are usually jobless and frequently homeless and in need of personal items such as toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, hand cream, shampoo, conditioner, etc... (no razors or aftershave).

Please contact Pat Corley at 785-8390 if you can help with any of these needs!

Volunteers Put Idealism to Work

Thanks Johnson & Wales University!

This year's 2nd Annual Serve- a-thon was a celebration of putting idealism to work, as thousands of Rhode Islanders united to serve their community and raise funds for the City Year Rhode Island Corps. This year's goal of $100,000 will enable the Rhode Island corps to provide over 114,000 hours of direct service in 25 neighborhoods in Rhode Island.

On Saturday, October 21, 1995, over 1,000 people contributed over 8,000 hours of service to their commu- nity, and raised $40,000 for City Year.

Volunteers. Served 23 Rhode Island communities beautified 18 green spaces educated 150 children at 2 carnivals washed 225 windows painted 18 community & senior cen- ters restored 3 community gardens cleaned 50 elder's apartments painted 15 miles of wall filled over 2,500 trash bags ate over 1,000 breakfast pastries

Again, thank you for all your work at American, the Civic Center and Broad St. clean up. You made a difference.
An Island of Paradise in an Ocean of Opportunity

by: Lee Gross

It is puzzling to think of the strength of our university in terms of its resources. Johnson & Wales is truly a vast ocean of opportunity available for the good of its students. Yet, there are a few of us who prefer to keep our feet on dry land, never once even contemplating where the ocean could take us.

Some of us choose to sun ourselves on its beaches, perhaps wading out into the surf, up to our knees, but are afraid to get our head wet for the fear of drowning. A great number of us who have the courage and determination to travel through its swirling white-capped waves towards the horizon of prosperity. These are the people with a clear scope of their success. These people have come to learn that once you leave the shore, you will be carried by a powerful tide of social, career, academic resources and we know that resources are the tools in which construct your future.

The ocean of opportunity is truly boundless. Anyone who has navigated its waters will tell you, that it helps to cast your anchor onto solid ground. Here lies the value of active involvement in student organizations, such as the Society for Foodservice Management. SFM can offer you a foundation from which to build a career in the business and industry through a segment of our industry of education, special events and networking. Already, the SFM J&W student chapter has had substantial support from top industry professionals and international liaisons. These connections serve as tangible resources for members of the SFM J&W chapter. By maintaining close connections with the many branches of SFM National, including SFM International Networking, the SFM Education/Student Chapter Committee, and the SFM/NRA Liaison, our student chapter will be on the forefront of happenings in the B&I segment. Plans are already in the works for seminars, panel discussions, site visits and continued victories at upcoming Society for Foodservice Management and European Catering Association student of the year Competitions.

Membership in the SFM J&W student chapter, can serve as the perfect starting point for a career in non-commercial foodservice. Why not drift over to our next meeting. After all, it’s sink or swim in this business.

Students exposed to a unique view of the Culinary World

A new club is exposing culinary students to unique facets of the culinary world. The Multi-Media and Food styling club has risen onto the Johnson and Wales culinary scene. This new club is already making waves, by publishing food articles and helping with a Thanksgiving television production. The organizations main focus is to expose students to other facets of the culinary field. The students link to this, is their advisors. These advisors are currently helping students in the technical areas of journalism, television, and food styling. In the areas of culinary television, is Chef Mike Moskwa. Providing information on journalism aspects, is Chef Meredith Ford. Chef Thomas Dunn is the organizational advisor of the club, and we will be looking forward to a potential contributor to food styling, by Chef James Griffin. These advisors have already provided a workshop on journalism and a trip to see the workings of a local television station. The group still needs to build on this pyramid. All membership is still open and attendance at upcoming meetings would be greatly appreciated. If you are interested in this exciting opportunity, please call the President Tyson Davenport at, 598-4406.

The Chef

The Chef is an artist, challenged many times per day trying to satisfy each person, in their own little way whether it be the spices, the sauces or the combination of it all, he can be a success, and rise to the top, or mess-up and fall all that really counts, is his point of view because with each customer, comes an opinion that’s new so just do the best of your ability, that’s all anyone can ask be sure to give one hundred percent, on every little task people might still say things, but no one can ask for more.

T.L.S.

The Holidays are Near...

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by Phillip Dell

It was a cold snowy holiday. Outside, the snow was blowing and the temperature was only five degrees above zero. It seemed like the perfect day to do some holiday baking.

I remember the first time my mother showed me around the kitchen. I could barely see over the counter. She would put me onto a chair and let me help with the holiday baking. We would bake Hello Dollys, Russian Tea cakes and Sugar cookie cutouts. I would do the mixing, rolling and eating of the cookie dough.

Years past on and I grew taller and taller. With this came more responsibilities in the kitchen: mixing, scaling and baking. As I got older, I started to enjoy spending time in the kitchen, doing all the things that my mother has shown me.

Now I’m in culinary school and my mind is overwhelmed with information. Holiday baking has risen to a new art and now it’s my turn to teach. Old cookie cutouts and Fruit cakes are a thing of the past. Chocolate-Cranberry Poinsettia cakes, Buche de Noël and a mix of low fat Fudge, is not uncommon to find under the Christmas tree.

This holiday will be a new one for me, sharing all of the things that I have learned. My mother taught me a lot and now I must teach her. After all, if it weren’t for the mothers,

we wouldn’t be here.

Included in this article, you will find a new dessert that is sure to please all. Happy Holiday’s from the Campus Herald.

Chocolate Chestnut Torte

Butter 1/2 cup

Semi-sweet Choc. 6oz.

Chopped
Egg Yolks 6
Sweetened Chestnut spread 1 1/2 cups
Vanilla 1 teaspoon
Flour (All-Purpose) 1 cup
Salt 1/4 teaspoon
Egg Whites 6
Cream of Tartar 1/8 teaspoon
Sugar 1/4 cup

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
2. Butter and flour a ten inch springform pan.
3. In a heavy sauce pan, melt the butter over low heat. Add the Semi-Sweet chocolate, and stir until melted and smooth. Let cool to lukewarm.
4. In a large bowl, add the egg yolks, chestnut spread and vanilla, beat until smooth. Add the chocolate-butter into the mixture and continue beating.
5. Add the flour and salt; mix until well blended.
6. Using dry, clean beaters, beat the egg whites and cream of tartar in a separate mixing bowl, whip to a soft peak. Gradually add the sugar, and beat until stiff. Fold the whites into the chocolate, in two stages.
7. Pour the batter into the prepared pan, and bake for about fifty minutes. (Be sure to watch the cake.) Center of the cake may sink as it cools.
8. To loosen the cake, run a knife around the sides and release the pan sides.

Garnish. Sift confectioners sugar on top of the cake, and wrap a ribbon around it. Serve this cake with Chocolate sauce. (Any type of Coulis would work also.)

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How did you benefit from Career Conference ’95?

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ARIES (MAR 21- APR 19): I want to express my admiration for the adventures you've risked in 1995. You've had a sixth sense about when it's best to ignore all the "No Trespassing" signs. And yet you've also had a seventh sense about how to avoid nasty surprises inside the off-limits areas. Your assignment for 1996, should you choose to accept it, is to explore all those once-forbidden zones and start settling down in the one you enjoy most.

TAURUS (APR 20- MAY 20): Nineteen ninety-six will be a year for capitalizing on the success of people you've supported, encouraged or helped. I'm reminded of a passage in Ann Lamott's book on creative writing, "Bird by Bird," in which she metaphorically describes the process by which she mines her best work: "I'm the person whose job it is to hold the lantern while the kid does the digging."

GEMINI (MAY 21- JUNE 20): Nineteen ninety-six will bring some damaging clashes—and ultimately some manic mergers of the sacred and profane. It'll have certain resonances to that CD of cats meow-singing Handel's "Messiah," it'll be like that scholastic comic book based on William Blake's visionary poetry; it'll be like the Walmart's scheduled to be built on Native American holy land. Think you can handle that much juxtaposition and paradox? I do. I predict that your already-brilliant talent for going both ways at the same time will reach new heights, especially when it comes to finding divine revelations in funky settings.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): As a holiday gift, I have embedded millions of subliminal affirmations in your horoscope. By the time you've finished reading this sentence you will have already consciously absorbed so many signals convincing you that you're smart, beautiful that you will actually be 10 percent smarter and more beautiful. And if you dare to keep reading to the end of this sentence, you will, within 72 hours, hatch a brainstorm that'll transform your romantic relationships in 1996.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Ready for some fresh hot metaphors for the new year? I predict that your life in 1996 will be like learning to play the cello while giving your first concert; like falling back in love with a fantasy you've already fallen out of love with; like livin' out of an epic movie version of a self help book What You Can Change and What You Can't. But the best metaphor of all for you year ahead is that being discovered by a big talent scout while you are cleaning out the lion cages.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): I wish you the sweetest revenge that matters... the revenge that comes from pulling off a smashing victory in a game everyone predicted would lose. My thoughts turn to the life of one of my favorite authors, Clarissa Pinkola Estes. In 1970, she was a dirt poor single welfare mother, favorite scapegoat of all the rich, privileged greedbuckets. Today she's an award-winning Jungian therapist whose book "Women Who Run with the Wolves" (put a New York Times best seller list for almost two years. LIBRA (Sept.23-Oct. 1): As I peer into my designer crystal ball in search of your future, I see heavy rain, rising waters, and maybe even a flood. Knowing how my visions usually work, I should urge you not to take this one literally. Most likely it means you'll be swept up in events that will make you feel more feelings than you have in a long time. Not necessarily bad feelings; just deep feelings, and a lot of them. To prepare, I suggest you build up a metaphorical equivalent of an ark, an adaptable sanctuary where you can retreat to find the objectivity you'll need in the wake of tidal waves of passion.

SCORPIO (Nov.22-Dec. 21): 1996 will be a year-see-it-now-you-don't year for you. Scorpio; a don't-blend-your-eye-or-you-might-miss-something important kind of year. Your clues about what to do will be epiphenal, but they will come in abundance. If you refuse to let the mystery drive you crazy, it will message your psychic G-spot like a sexually adept guardian angel.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Did you hear about the mother in Northern California who set a series of confinigrations in order to stimulate her son's firefighting career? It's important to keep in mind that 1996, because she is a perfect role model for the behavior you must religiously avoid. It would be a bad idea to keep whipping up a certain kind of trouble simply because it's trouble you're good at solving. Ignite lots of fires, yes, but do it under your own butt--or under the butts of allies who can help you boost your net worth.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): As I glimpse into my crystal ball, your year ahead should have certain resonances to the way starfish regenerates a lost limb, or to the rejuvenation of a river once filled with dead fish and oil drums. It would be much too of a stretch to compare your next 12 months to a long-time sufferer of multiple sclerosis whose legs are miraculously healed when she's hit by lightning. On the lighter yet heavier note, I should mention that 1996 will probably also have something in common with the movie "Abbot and Costello Meet Frankenstein." Kinda scary but ultimately kinda funny.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): In some respects, 1996 will be like the ultimate free lunch for you. In other regards, it'll be like standing near a high voltage electrical line downed after a storm—which you see as hell better not touch. In other words, this could be just about the most unpredictable year ever. By that I don't mean "bad" unpredictable; simply irreverent towards your plans. Under the circumstances, the best way to prepare for the next twelve months might be to imagine what it would be like keeping your balance while hula-dancing on the hood of a moving car.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): I don't know how or why you've managed to get all the way through 1995 without showing up for a final showdown with the dragon in the cave. I realize you've been pretty busy baby-sitting the dwarves and hurrying the horties. I know that even the unicorns have been pretty bitchy, and that one of those Tinkerbell-wannabees actually threatened to sue. Certainly your fairy godmother could have been more forthcoming with her aid and comfort. All those darn good excuses aside, Your feelings of powerlessness are concealing from you how powerful you actually are.
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