

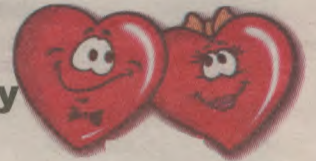
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A GIANT AMONG US

Bernard LaFayette, "A man who has walked with Kings," addresses the University in Black History Month opening

BY JOHN ORTENZIO & DOM PEREZ
Campus Herald Staff

Red, yellow, black, and green balloons adorned the Pepsi Forum for the opening ceremony of this academic year's Black History Month ceremony. The nearly full auditorium was thrilled to be receiving this year's guest speaker, Dr. Bernard LaFayette.

Imagine the 1960's, marching for equality alongside Martin Luther King Jr., through the streets of Washington D.C. This was just one of the experiences Dr. Bernard LaFayette, civil rights activist and URI professor shared in his keynote presentation.

Followed by brief introductions by Pat Trosclair and Scott Lyons, Dean Addison enthusiastically states of LaFayette, "He is a giant among us, who has walked with kings."

LaFayette approached the podium, challenging the audience with a question. "Are you going to make a conscious decision to do something with your life, will anyone know that you were here?"

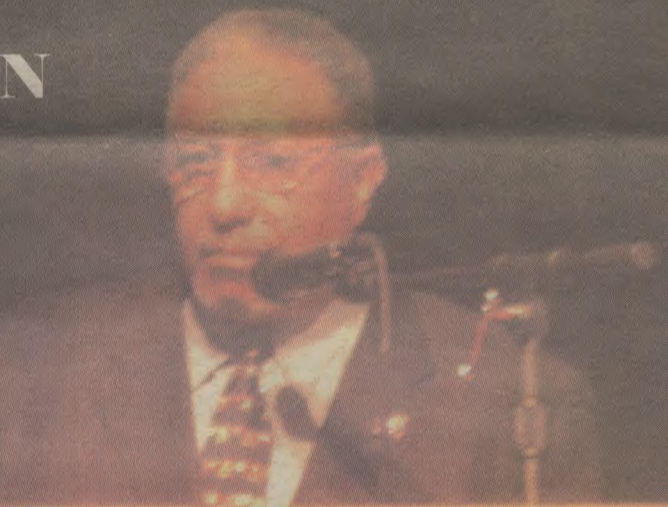
To first understand ourselves is the key to making a difference, LaFayette explained in his speech. It's important to build one another up, "to hold someone down you have to be crooked," said LaFayette.

A civil rights activist, minister, and educator Dr. Bernard LaFayette is an authority on the strategy for social change, explains Addison. "That is why we are pleased to have him here with us today."

What brought LaFayette to J&W? Recently traveling from Florida, he was pleased to be here, despite the cold weather, he happily stated. He explains, "It's the diversity of the Johnson & Wales community and its cultural programs. I admire the kind of programs you have here."

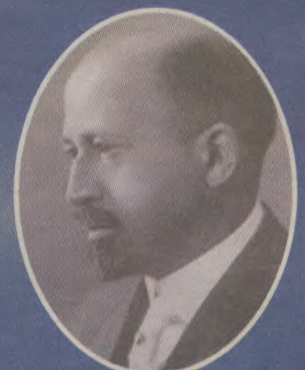
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**"TO BE IN THE MOVEMENT IS ONE THING, TO HAVE THE MOVEMENT IN YOU IS ANOTHER."
-LAFAYETTE**



SIGNIFICANT DATES IN BLACK HISTORY

- February 23, 1868: W. E. B. DuBois, important civil rights leader and co-founder of the NAACP, was born.
- February 3, 1870: The 15th Amendment was passed, granting blacks the right to vote.
- February 25, 1870: The first black U.S. senator, Hiram R. Revels (1822-1901), took his oath of office.
- February 12, 1909: The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) was founded by a group of concerned black and white citizens in New York City.
- February 1, 1960: In what would become a civil-rights movement milestone, a group of black Greensboro, N.C., college students began a sit-in at a segregated Woolworth's lunch counter.
- February 21, 1965: Malcolm X, the militant leader who promoted Black Nationalism, was shot to death by three Black Muslims.



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SnoBall 2004

A night of Winter elegance

By **KATE McALLISTER**
Yearbook Editor

To many Johnson & Wales students, snow is not amusing. The SnoBall, however, was a definite exception. Without a snow flake in sight, the Westin Hotel filled at 7 p.m. on January 31, with students for the 36th annual SnoBall; an Evening of winter elegance began.

The students of J&W have celebrated the winter months with a formal ball since the 1950's, but the 1967-68 school year gave birth to the SnoBall. Through the years the annual event has offered different entertainment. In the late 70's and early 80's the annual talent show was part of the evening fes-

"It was a wonderful evening; I spent it with great company."

tivities, and until 1999 the crowning of the Sno-Queen was the highlight of the night. Just as past years, this year students enjoyed an evening of dinner and dancing.

The night began with a reception in the lobby of the Narragansett Ballroom, where the senses were stimulated with camera flashes, and the dull roar of conversation, tasty hors d'oeuvres, and the excitement that filled the room. The 450 guests moved into the ballroom at 8pm when dinner service began.

Dinner began with a greek salad and was followed by a choice of sesame crusted chicken or grilled filet mignon both served with garlic shrimp, mashed potatoes and steamed vegetables. A dessert of chocolate mousse on a honey laced genoise covered in chocolate ganache ended the meal.

As dinner ended Seismic Sound DJ's, Chris Homer and Mike McLaughlin, pumped up the music and the guests swarmed the dance floor.

"The most exciting part of the night was when the music started playing everyone ran to the dance floor," said Chadene Knight.

The night came to an end at midnight as the Dirty Dancing theme song, "Time of my Life," by David Hasselhoff played. As the guests got their coats and began to leave souvenir photo albums were handed out.

"It was a wonderful evening; I spent it with great company. There was a great atmosphere, and all in all it was a good time," said Dennis Byans.

PHOTOS BY KATE McALLISTER



BHM: Lafayette inspires audience to make a difference

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It seems like you work very hard here," Lafayette passionately told the crowd.

LaFayette claimed that he is here in the "cold" state because while conducting futuristic research, he found that Rhode Island is on its way to becoming a "colored" state. A state full of diversity and soon to be the "host to the world." Before this statement, LaFayette discussed the fact that there is no such thing as color anymore. "We are all of the same color," he said.

"To institutionalize non-violence," LaFayette told the crowd was the last order given to him by King before his death in 1963. LaFayette described King as a "Revolutionary." LaFayette and King's leaders had a devised strategy if there was ever an assassination attempt on King.

He elaborates, "We had to keep our leaders alive as long as possible... in the middle of

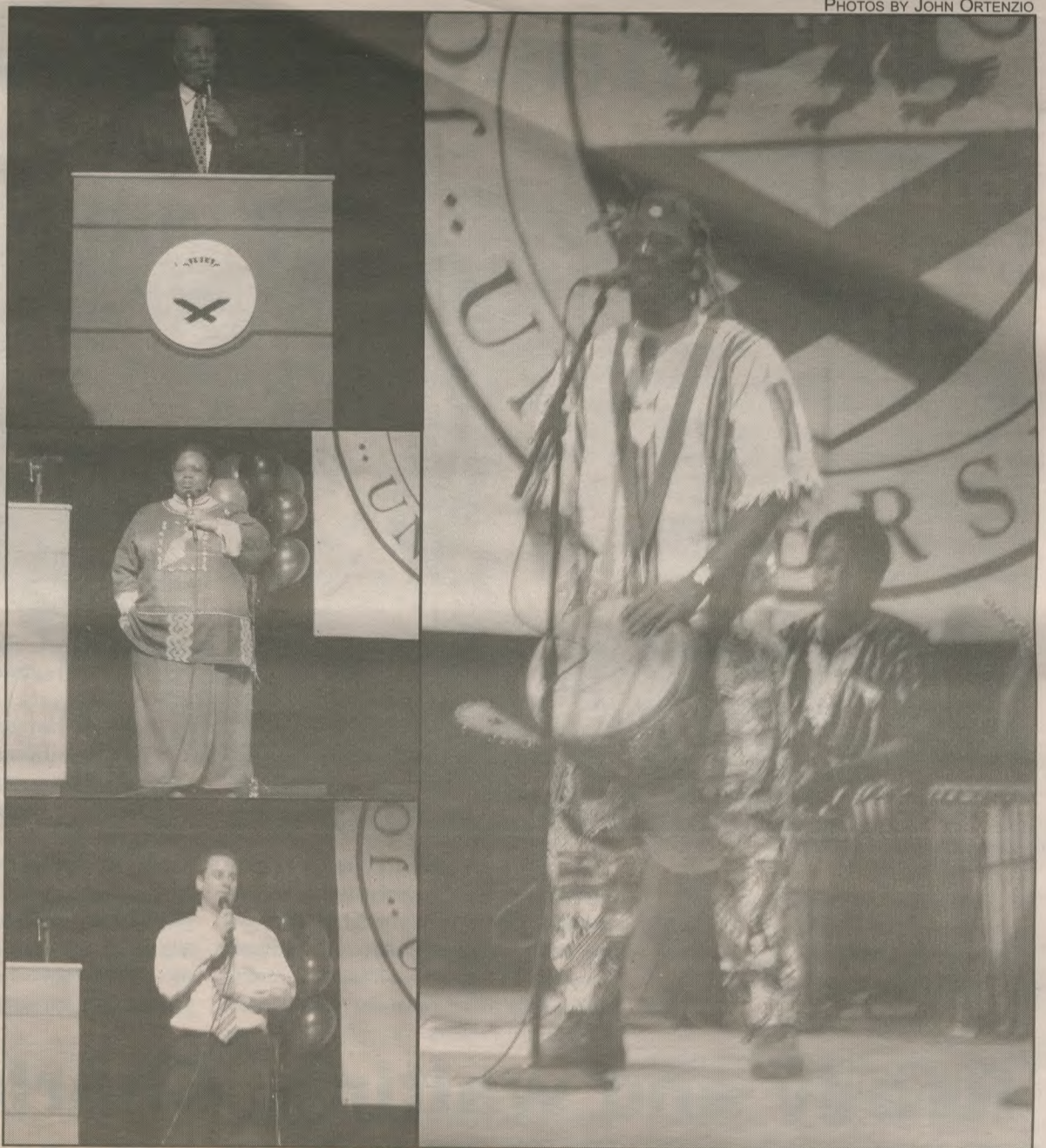
the night, King was sometimes moved from room to room." Humorously he expressed, "No one knew where he was most of the time. Not even me."

After the assassination attempt LaFayette attended Harvard University to begin his mission of non-violent social change.

Dr. LaFayette has made great strides; he is the co-founder of the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee in 1960 and has written the Curriculum Training Manual for the Martin Luther King Jr. nonviolent community training programs.

"We cannot sit around like country cows looking at a choo-choo train." You have to do something, LaFayette demands, "You have to make sure no matter what happens you never give up."

He concludes, receiving a standing ovation from the inspired audience. "To be in the movement is one thing, to have the movement in you is another."



Dean of Students, Terry Addison (top), Pat Trosclair, Multicultural Center Coordinator (middle) and Scott Lyons, Assistant Director of Student Activities (bottom) begin the Black History Month Presentation. All three were major players in coordinating the event. The event was concluded with a performance by the Djembe Safara West African band.

Super Bowl fever: Student gatherings and celebrations were safe and secure

By John Ortenzio & Dom Perez
Campus Herald Staff

Safety was not a concern as faithful fans waited in line for free Subway sandwiches at the University Involvement Board (UIB) Super Bowl XXXVIII party last Sunday.

The excitement and anticipation of it all was more than some students could bear, as they rushed to their seats in the Patriots and Panthers emblem decorated Recreation Center.

The Providence Police Department and Safety and Security claimed they were ready and prepared for celebrations that might have gotten out of control.

"We had a contingency plan in place for additional personnel, which fortunately was not required," says Major Michael Quinn, the Director of the Safety & Security Department. Quinn continues, "According to Lt. Tim Lee, Providence Police did have extra patrols in the area for this purpose."

Much of the campus and surrounding area stayed quiet throughout the night.

In Boston, however, unruly fans became violent, overturning cars and lighting fires in the streets. At Northeastern University, one individual was killed and others injured as an alleged drunk driver drove his SUV into a crowd. No reports of rowdiness took place at URI or at the University of Amherst.

"It was no Yanks vs. Red Sox," one student remarked on her way home from a bar.

National security was also heightened on Sunday, as a Continental Airlines flight from Washington to Houston, the host city of the Super Bowl was cancelled due to electronic intercepts and credible evidence of terrorist plots.

Super Bowl XXXVII consisted of many surprises for the millions of pigskin faithful that tuned in. From the battle on the field to the half-time show antics, this Super Bowl will go down as one of the most exciting and intriguing sporting events of all time.

The atmosphere did a complete 180 after the sophomoric, jaw-dropping display from half-time performers. Fans got their moneys worth as the teams played full force through the duration of the game.

Panthers and Patriots fans who gathered at the Harborside Recreation Center for UIB's Super Bowl celebration were chanting and cheering throughout the game. Students sat at the edge of their seats as Adam Vinatieri kicked the winning field goal with less than 10 seconds left on the clock. The collaboration of Panther and Patriots fans did not worry UIB. For the most part, the fans kept their cheers to themselves, and respected one another's talents.

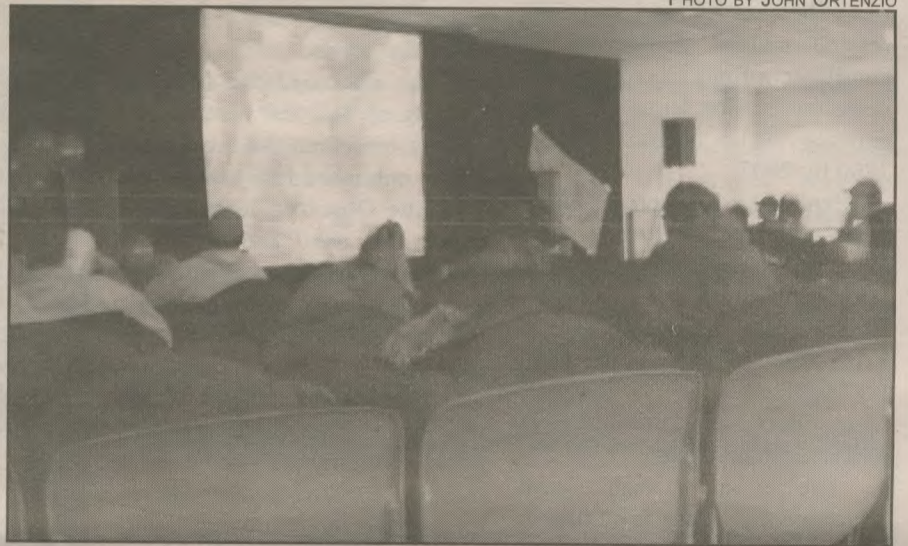
"The second half of the game was the most exciting half in football. After the defenses slowed down the game in the first half and Janet and Justin made the world say wow, both teams came out of the tunnel burning on all cylinders," said one neutral fan.

"A lot more football fans have ulcers because of that game," said Steve Marshall, a resident of McNulty Hall.

The main topic of conversation on-campus the following Monday morning was of course the Super Bowl. Dreary eyed students adorned their Patriots gear, while proud Panthers fans donned their Carolina blue clothing.

Many New England fans were missing in action from class on Tuesday, as the Patriots held their victory Parade in downtown Boston.

PHOTO BY JOHN ORTENZIO



Students at the Harborside Recreation Center enthusiastically cheer on the Panthers and Patriots during the Super Bowl.

PHOTO BY WHITNEY CRICHTON



Snowden Hall students gathered on the third floor suite to cheer on the Patriots.

Valentine's Day: J&W Style

By ERIN MADORE AND ALECHIA DOW Staff-Writers

From roses and chocolates to dinner and romance, Valentine's Day is recognized, or criticized, by most.

So what are people at Johnson & Wales doing for Valentine's Day? Although others stick to the norm of romantic gestures of dinner and gifts, some step outside the box to celebrate in new and creative ways.

Valentine's Day is said to have started in Ancient Rome when a priest named Valentine married young couples when marriage was banned by Emperor Claudius II. Valentine was sent to jail where the jailor's daughter was his frequent visitor. The day he was executed, February 14, he left a note for the young girl which read "From your Valentine." From there on, due to the recognition of the pope, Valentine's Day was a nationally recognized holiday that spread around the world. Although the traditions vary, it is a day linked to love and romance.

Valentine's Day lands on a Saturday night this year, which makes the weekend much more than ordinary. The consensus of celebration at J&W

University is completely traditional in that the majority of the student body spends the day expressing love for their significant others, or for their friends.

One student comments that Valentine's Day is "A lovers' holiday that can only be celebrated with a sweetheart." Others, like Dan Gawura, feel that "Everyday should be a day to appreciate the person you're with," and is spending the day inside with his girlfriend due to lack of money. Both ideas lead to the plan of spending the day with significant others, and Providence is a wonderful city with lots to do for the adventurous to laid back couples. First there are romantic restaurants that offer flavorful meals, with



quaint atmospheres for those who want to be close; such as, Al Forno, Capriccio, The Union Station Brewery, and the Cheesecake Factory, although prices vary. Moreover, many couples will most likely rent a romantic drama or comedy movie ranging from Two Weeks Notice, American Wedding, and City of Angels. The University Involvement Board (UIB) is showing Love Actually in the Harborside Recreational Center on Thursday at nine o'clock, and Sunday at three o'clock. More adventurous couples will likely be seen in Wickenden's Earthen Fire, which is actually fairly inexpensive, where they can show their creative sides while painting pottery, or experience a show at the

Trinity Repertory, or see one of the amazing bands playing at Lupo's in downtown Providence. No matter what, all couples will attest the fact that they will show their love and devotion to one another on this special occasion.

On the other hand, many singles either spend the day with close friends celebrating their love for each other, or "Drowning their sorrows in a tub of Ben and Jerry's ice cream," as freshman Karen Cushing comments. Those spending the time with friends are busy going out for a night on the town at one of the many dance clubs or hotspots; such as, the Complex, Platinum, or Hell.

Valentine's Day here at J & W is half welcomed with open arms, and half criticized. Nonetheless, celebrations are inevitable, and in Providence, the events are limitless can often be pricey. While others will stay in to celebrate or brood over the day, most will enjoy a night on the town with friends or their loved one(s). If you are planning a night on the town, however, carry a fair amount of money. But otherwise, enjoy a pleasant Valentine's Day, and may it be well spent, literally.

Ready and waiting, Charlotte campus to open doors in Fall of 2004

By ALEXANDRE DEAGUIAR Staff-Writer

Johnson & Wales University's Charlotte campus is almost ready to receive its students. This new campus, located in North Carolina's largest city (approximately 600,000) will offer business, hospitality and culinary related majors. Expecting an enrollment of more than 800 students on the first term, Charlotte expects to be accommodating 2800 by 2007.

Expanding Johnson & Wales' reach in the region, the new campus will replace both the Charleston and Norfolk campuses. Staff and faculty are already being transferred from the closing locations, as well as new staff being hired; the school will have about 250 employees.

The coming of such a great educational complex to an important tourist town in the southeast is being expected with enthusiasm by the local community. The university will take a great deal of downtown Charlotte and,

doubtless, will increase business activity in the area (the campus is expected to generate \$60 million a year when full.) J&W is refurbishing several old buildings in Charlotte to accommodate the classrooms, student center, dorms and administrative needs; and also constructing new ones, adding signature structures to the Charlotte skyline.

The effects of the close by opening of this new campus can already be felt in the city. In an article published last year on the Charlotte Observer, it was mentioned that retail and restaurant space near the campus' buildings are quickly "disappearing."

Providing its trademark career-education to a very broad community, and, as always, being very aware of its duties as part of the community in which it is inserted, Johnson & Wales keeps on growing and improving, offering yet another choice of environment for its current and incoming students.



Graphic image of the new Charlotte, NC campus, set to open in Fall 2004 displays the academic building in the downtown area.

TCH Spring trimester deadlines



<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Release Date</u>
March 9	March 17
March 23rd	March 31
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The Super Brothers of Johnson & Wales

• PROFESSOR PROFILE •

By DITA SELMANI
Staff-Writer

Born in Boston, with origin from Albania, the Gounaris brothers are well known at the University for their amazing life stories, and excellent teaching. This is their story about life.

Both brothers started their career at J&W as adjunct faculty. Professor John Gounaris began in 1995 and Professor Paul Gounaris started his journey in 1999.

They later joined the staff full time in 2000, and they have enjoyed every moment since.

TCH: How have you enjoyed working at Johnson & Wales

John: We absolutely love working for the University.

Paul: We have lots of fun, and we enjoy the students very much. Fortunately I've reached a point in my life where I'm in a position that I want to stay in.

He also continues that he never feels bad going to work on Monday morning because he loves going to work.

Paul: There's so much optimism here.

John: You need to understand that we are working with people between the ages of 18 - 22, and there is so much energy here ; it can't get better than this.

John and Paul Gounaris have both had extensive experience in management, but two very different experiences.

John Gounaris has been in the business world for thirty-two years, working at Bloomingdales, Filenes, Bradlees and also has been the Chief Executive Officer of APEX.

Paul Gounaris has a long history in the educational system, but on the public side.

Paul: I've had a 30-year management experience in public school, where I worked 18 years as a principal at a public high school and the rest of the time in senior management positions.

TCH: What has life been like working closely brother with brother?

John: Sometimes we get e-mails that have been sent to the wrong person, or phone calls that are for Paul and not for

me, but those are rare.

Paul: At one point in time we hardly ever saw each other because we were working far away from each other, and we didn't have much contact. But now, since we started working together, I can not think of a better way to spend time with my brother. Sometimes we scream across the office when we have questions or need to say something.

TCH: How are you different from each other?

Paul: Well, many students who have had us both say to us that we tell similar stories.

John: But even if we do this, even if we have common denominators, we have very different views of life.

TCH: How has JWU changed since you both started here?

John: The school has gotten bigger. The campus has grown, we have the campuses in Denver and Charlotte now, and the Johnson & Wales brand name has grown stronger as has the College of Business. I also feel that the standard of the students has been raised.

Paul: The teaching and learning part has become much better. Almost all faculty at the University have had some form of business experience, which makes the learning part for students more interesting.

Over the years, the brothers have had Over 3000 students and still manage to keep in touch with a lot of them.

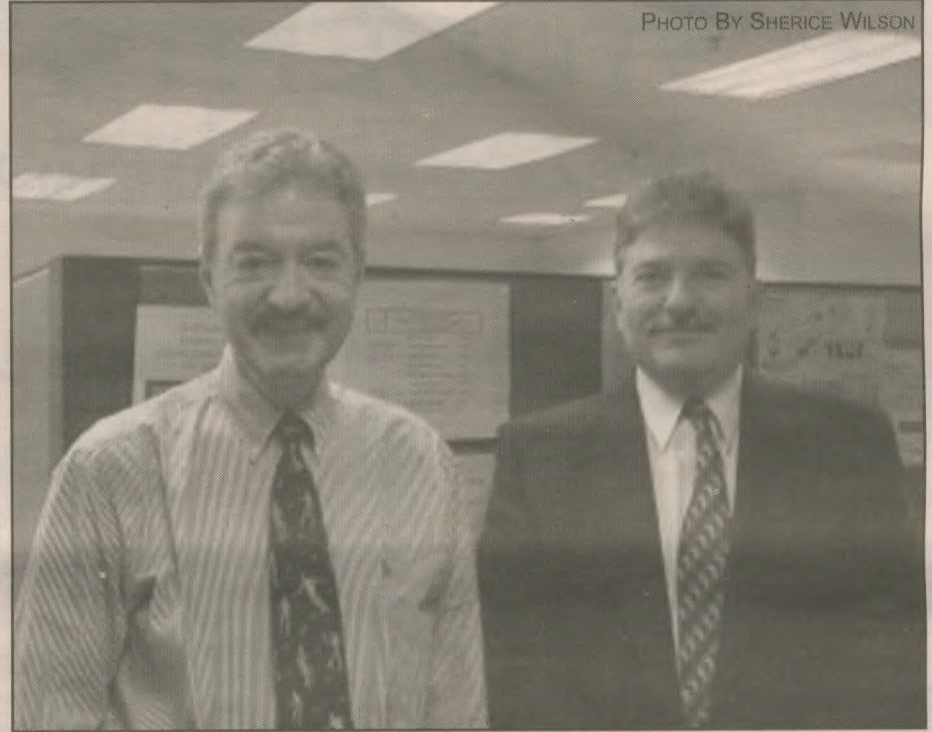
John: I have many former students who e-mail me, call me, and give me an update what is going on, who just keep me in their loop.

Paul: Many students e-mail me regularly, and we have lunch or dinner and stay in touch.

John: When you've had someone in their freshman year, and later as seniors you see them develop. You bond with them. I am always proud of the progress my students make. Also, both and Paul and I volunteer to travel with the students on study abroad trips. When you spend time with students 24/7 for 3-4 weeks you develop a connection. It relaxes students.

We socialize with the students on the trips, we help them and we all build a stronger relationship with each other. This bond between faculty and students always develops during trips like these.

Paul: We always have reunions too, after every trip. After one Italy trip everyone came over to my house, we had pasta,



John Gounaris (left) and Paul Gounaris (right), chat with The Campus Herald about life, the love of teaching, and also offer sound advice to J & W students.

looked at pictures and had a wonderful time. My father could be friends with people who were 18 but also 88 years old. And like my father I enjoy the friendships I develop with students, because I feel that am not smarter than anyone else, I've just lived longer.

TCH: How do you feel about the fact that you both are such sources of inspiration for many students at the University?

John: It is flattering and humbling. I wish I could connect with all of my students. My only agenda is to make our students learn something! If they're not learning, then I'm wasting my time. But I do enjoy my time in class. I truly appreciate it.

Paul: You have to make the students improve on what they do, by raising their self-esteem. Make them believe that they can do anything, because they can. Attitude is everything. I will take time to teach a student something that they don't understand, if they are willing to learn. If they're not putting any effort into the learning then I can't help them.

Even though the professors have an extremely busy schedule; they do have a life outside of the university.

John: My wife and I ski and play tennis

and we enjoy hiking

Paul: I like walking, but my passion is Tai Chi. I've been studying it for over 15 years. Fighting gives you discipline. I love it!

TCH: Do you have any advice for J & W students?

Paul: Study for interviews! Don't show up at an interview not knowing what the company is about.

John: Take advantage of everything the University has to offer. Study abroad or join an organization. Or both; Many students go from dorm to class and back. They do the amount that is necessary and no more. Take the opportunities. They're right in front of you.

Paul: Don't be afraid to laugh at yourself and don't let your ego get in your way. Open yourself up.

John: My father used to say 'take your job seriously, but don't take yourself that seriously.'

Paul: Also, you have to have passion for what you do! Every time I start a new freshmen class I ask them what their aspirations are in life. Almost everyone answers "to make money". It is important to like what you are doing. Don't waste your precious time on something you don't want to do. It seems like yesterday I was twenty years old. Money will come to you, passion should rule you!

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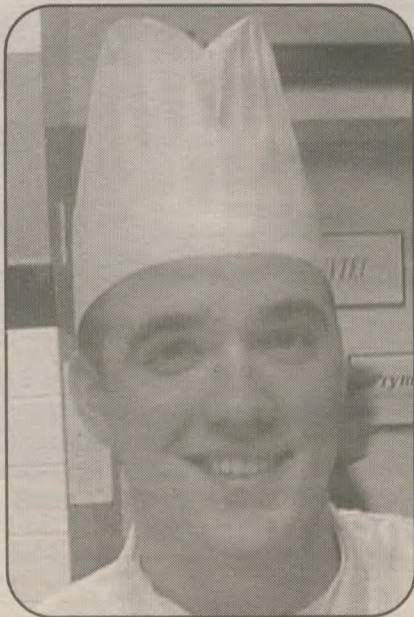
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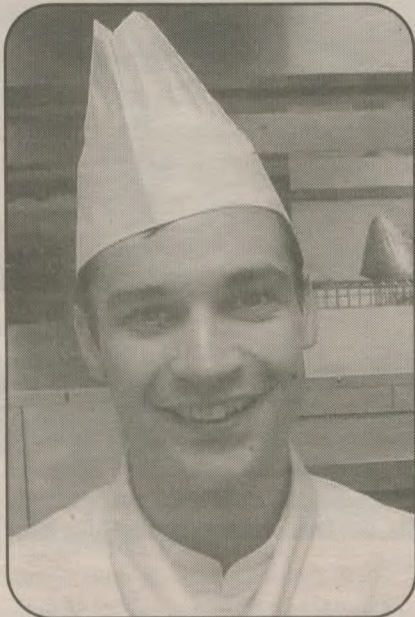
INTERACTIVE STUDENTS SPEAK OUT!

WHAT IS YOUR DREAM VALENTINE'S DAY DATE?



"Staying in and having Valentine's Day on the 15th, because I'm cheap."

Brian Smith- Sr.
Culinary Bachelors



"I would make a chocolate model of myself and bring it to the Playboy mansion for consumption."

Phil Romano- Sr.
Culinary Bachelors



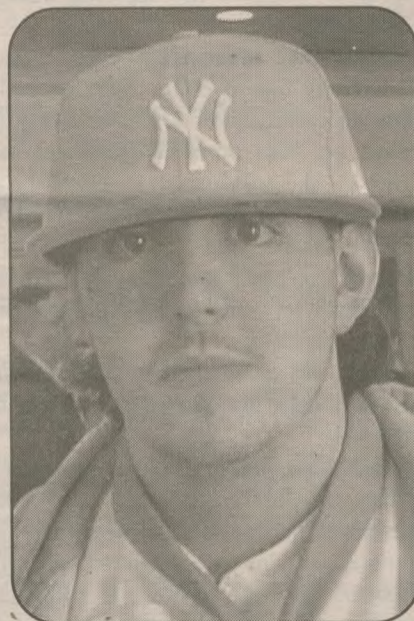
"For my boyfriend to take me to a museum and a fancy dinner. Then spend all night together."

Atiyah Carter- Fr.
Culinary Bachelors



"My dream date for Valentine's Day is anything with Miguel."

Donae Savage- Fr
Culinary Associates



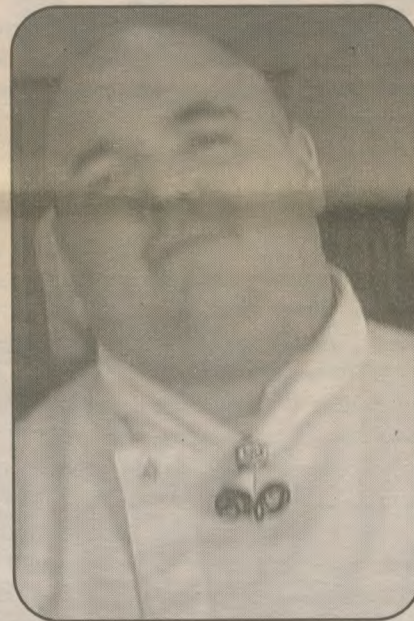
"Two bottles of Nectar Imperial, bubble bath, and Carlito's Way with a sexy female."

Dan Fernandez- Sr.



"Just being with my boyfriend, because I hate Valentine's Day."

Susan Viltorini- Fr.
Culinary Associates



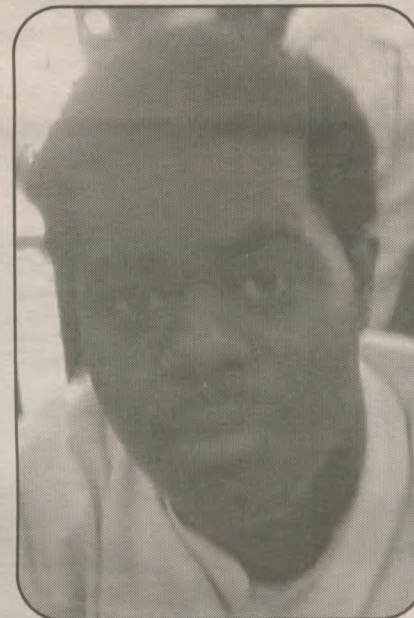
"Spending a nice relaxing day with my girlfriend, and finish it up with a nice massage and a good movie."

Justin Martin-Sr.
Culinary Bachelors



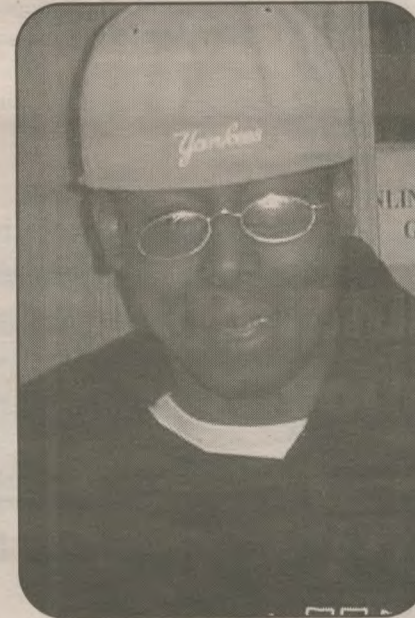
"To come home and have 2 lbs. of chocolate, a tub full of rose petals, candlelights, and a massage."

Jonathan Williams- So.
Culinary Associates



"To cook an aphrodisiac menu for my girlfriend in a nice hotel in a tropical location."

Jeremy McKenzie -Sr.
Culinary Bachelors



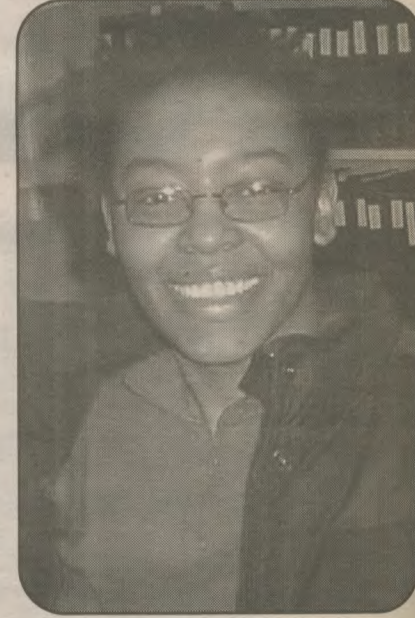
"Start off with a home cooked, light dinner and followed by a nice long movie, and bubble bath with Champagne."

Gerald Richardson- Sr.
Culinary Associates



"To go to the Poconos and take a bubble bath in the champagne coupe that's on the commercial."

Naureen Malik-Sr.
Graduate Student



"To watch the sun come up with Omar Epps."

Mikeya Kirksey -Sr.
Culinary Bachelors

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Why we hate Valentines day

BY ALEXIS JUNGDAHL
Staff-Writer

One billion cards and 50 million roses are exchanged each Valentine's day, all in the name of a saint. But who was St. Valentine and what do paper doilies and chocolate have to do with him? Absolutely nothing, as a matter of fact.

The Catholic Church has three different Saints going by the name and no one really knows which one our "day of love" is named after. While there are many conflicting legends, it is believed that we celebrate Valentine's Day in February to commemorate the death of a St. Valentine. Death, how romantic!

Valentine's Day just isn't what it used to be...

Nowadays, corporate America has convinced us that cards, roses, and chocolate equals love. I don't mean to be cynical but let's get the facts straight. Does anyone really believe that nothing says "I love you" like a three-dollar card?

In fact, the holiday has become nothing more than another excuse to spend money. Seventy-five percent of Americans exchange cards on Valentine's Day. Over one million dollars is spent on chocolate alone. The industry has built up the holiday so much that fifteen percent of women send themselves flowers on Valentine's Day in fear that they might be left out of the holiday! What's worse, three percent of America's pet owners send Valentine's TO THEIR OWN PETS! Last time I checked, dogs couldn't read.

Valentine's enthusiasts are quick to say

that cynics only dislike the holiday because they don't have anyone to celebrate it with. I am here to say, this is not true! If Valentine's Day is about sharing your love with the people you care about then why does Hallmark need over 1300 different Valentine's Day Cards?

Chocolate, cards, and flowers companies have monopolized on our love! Take it back. Show the people you care you love them every day! Be creative. Don't let cheesy, impersonal poems or fatty chocolate spread the love your heart has to share.

My Valentine's Message to you:

Roses are Red,
Violets are
Blue,
You don't need
a card, To Say
I love you.

BY KARLA PIRNER
Staff-Writer

Love, romance, roses, chocolate, hugs and kisses; are a few words that describe the one day of the year that Hallmark makes millions of dollars off of. Valentine's Day is one day a year when millions of people celebrate their love.

They either show their love for a friend, for their family, or a lover. The way each person shows his or her love to one another is very different and is supposed to be special. Special, how can the way you celebrate Valentine's Day be special if the rest of the world is celebrating just like you. How is that romantic?

I guess I am not understanding why we must celebrate the love you have for a person on one day of their year? There are 364 other days to choose from to express your love to one another, but you chose February 14 to show how much you care. It's not like February is an attractive month. It's not warm, so you cannot plan a romantic carriage ride or a picnic outside. I guess that means you have to be creative and make reservations at a restaurant. How original. And I never knew that the clouds and rain just create the perfect mood, for the perfect romantic evening.

It just does not make sense. To me, I see celebrating your love is an all year task. Simple gestures are what make me smile. The thought behind something goes further than making reservations at a nice restaurant. It's about truly knowing the other person and being able to make them smile at all the right moments. So please, think about what Valentine's Day

means to you. Is it a chance to be like the rest of the world that is in love, or is it the chance to be special? Make up your own definition of what love is. Love is a tricky thing, but it is what you want to make of it. The question, "what is love," always seems to come around. The definition of love is not found in a dictionary, but rather it is found within a relationship shared between two people.

Love is special
and everyone
that you love
should know
how special he
or she is to you
all year long.

Point of View

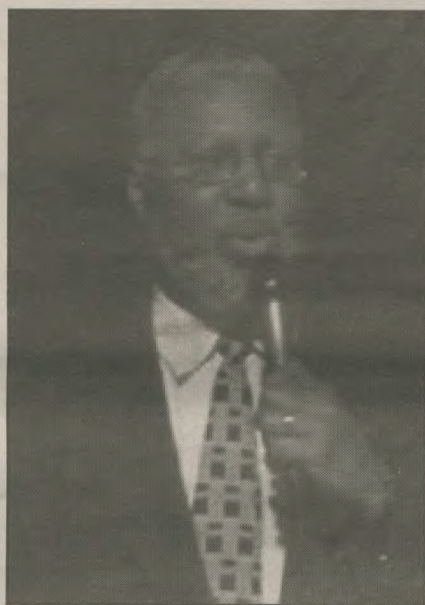
BY TERRY H. ADDISON
Dean of Students

Dean of Students challenges students to remain alcohol and drug free this Spring Break

What's the number one health and safety issue on the Johnson & Wales Campus? I'll give you one guess! How many of you said the illegal underage consumption of alcohol. By far, alcohol is the most harmful drug consumed by college students.

After years of D.A.R.E. and lectures by parents and teachers you don't need one from me. What you will get from me is a challenge. I challenge you to make Spring Break alcohol and drug free. If you sign up for the Dean's Alcohol (and drugs) Free Spring Break Challenge and remain alcohol and drug free during Spring Break you will win a scrumptious 5 course lunch with the Dean of Students. The first dozen students to contact the Dean after Spring Break will be declared the winners. Students are asked to keep a journal detailing how they successfully remained alcohol free and submit it to the Dean.

Sign-up forms are available at the Dean of Students Office, 3rd floor CBCSI building.



"Alcohol is the most harmful drug consumed by students...I challenge you to make Spring Break alcohol and drug free."

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I would like to address the Johnson & Wales University community. Amidst the many great advisors that guide us, one may not realize that corruption exists. One would also be surprised that it is occurring in a highly revered position. As advisor to my senior governing body assembled by students, this advisor has repeatedly abused the power this position allows.

An advisor is an appointed position that involves trust, guidance, and reassurance while exchanging ideas and working together toward the same purpose. Ironically, this advisor is not even appointed by the elected members of the Student Government Association (SGA). Amongst the other ironies during this advisor's tyranny as SGA Advisor lays misguidance, deception, manipulation, and even blackmail.

The past three Student Body Presidents have at numerous points been deceived, manipulated, and used by the organization's own advisor. Her blatant disregard and disrespect for SGA reveals a calculative, conniving, and almost always snake-like imposter.

She portrays an advisor, but behind closed doors of deceit, she is truly making final decisions, fixing election results, and is best known for her self-appointed role as the boss of SGA. The SGA Advisor has turned the office into a classic scenario of teacher's pet. This only fuels the intense ego of an advisor and not only offers little help, but goes to tremendous lengths to promote the demise of SGA and their elected student officials.

The revelations are supported by facts, and a message must be sent out by SGA to the Student Body. The message reads "Corruption Is Not Welcome." The Student Senate has an imperative duty to discuss and reevaluate their role as student leaders. Take swift action to declare independence for students who deserve an organization that truly is only the voice of the students. It is time to redefine what Student Government means.

Only students should have a voice based democracy. The current SGA Advisor has proven the need to declare SGA separate from the negative influences stunting the growth for a united cause. Senate Members, your advisors should be chosen by you because the Student Body chose you. Mark the beginning of SGA for students by the students where "Corruption Is Not Welcome."

Sincerely,

Beau Czerwinski
Former SGA Speaker of the Senate
Former Freshman Class President

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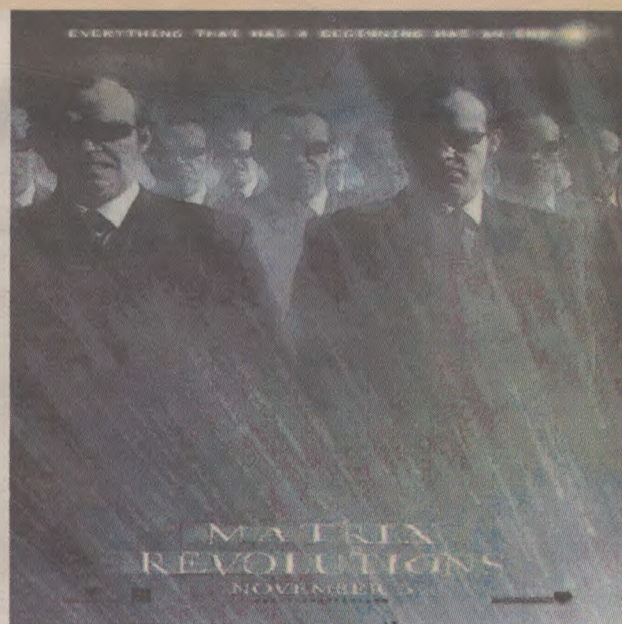
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Arts & Entertainment

Freestyle competition offers night of battles on and off stage

By **TYRONE HALL**
Staff-Writer

The DJ dropped the needle, and the speakers blasted Cassidy and that Pied Piper Cat on the blazing single "Hotel." A banger that would set the tone of the heat that DJ One Two would bring from his two wheels of steel that night. It was a start to an interesting night at the 3rd Annual Johnson & Wales Freestyle Competition. Everybody and their mother saw 8 Mile, a movie based around the life of a freestyle champion, B Rabbit, played by Eminem. You officially know how the competition goes down. For those people who don't know, allow me to explain.

A freestyle is a battle where two MCs rap to a beat chosen by a DJ. These raps consist of verbal jabs at the opponents' flows, dress, or their looks. This rap is traditionally supposed to be "off the dome" or rapped at the spur of the moment; but many freestyles end up being songs already written, just rapped to another beat. A written freestyle can often be spotted a mile away, while a true freestyle artist can flow with extraordinary lyrical talent putting everything around them into the rap. Competitions consist of several rounds, with one MC being crowned the victor. In rap, the freestyle competition can make or break a MC's career. There are freestyle artists who are legendary on the underground circuit, but they can't sell a song to save their life. There are well known rap artists whose freestyle skills are more than lacking (the names of the innocent will be withheld) but their written work sells.

On this particular night, the freestyle competition was really a variety of different events going on in one place. There was the freestyle competition itself, and some unscheduled performances by some artists including Johnson & Wales favorite MC, Mac Million. There were two step performances by Phi Beta Sigma and La Unidad New England Step Team. There was even an unscheduled fight before the freestyle competition started. A fan was knocked over and a few punches were thrown, but Students Activities representatives and Safety and Security handled the situation quickly.

The night started with six competent MCs. Each had their own little style that

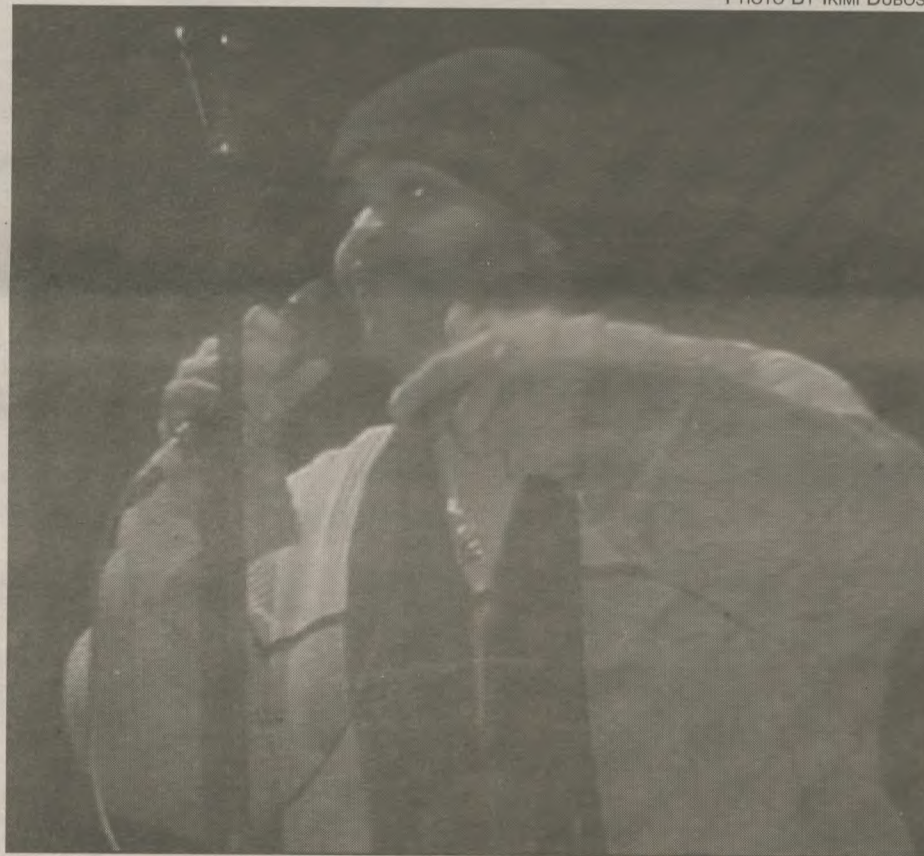


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Argelis Nivar grabs the microphone and drops rhymes for the crowd. Nivar is this year's J&W Homecoming King.

made them stand apart from the others. The first round featured the MCs rapping solo. The highlights included performing artist, Trees, who entertained us with his "candy bar flow." King Ecko, came out-fitted like he received a promotion deal from Marc Ecko himself. The first round ended with 4 MCs making it to the next round. At the end of the night the two MCs faced off, Trees and Blanco of Top Shotta's Entertainment. Trees of Boston was declared the official winner, but wants it to be known that he and Blanco of Long Island were both the victors at the end of the night.

This night displayed venues for two of Hip Hops basic foundations, the use of the turntables and microphone. The hunger for hip hop will never die as long as people gather around in a circle to hear some lyrical flows. All in all the night was a good one, minus a few setbacks, in order to pay homage to Hip Hop.

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The two winners of the freestyle competition last week, "Trees," of Boston, and "Blanco" of Long Island, pose for a Herald photographer.

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Sunday All Stars Rock the Recreation Center

MATTHEW MEDEIROS
Staff-Writer

New Jersey has spawned some of the greatest rock bands in the past. Bruce Springsteen came on the scene in the mid seventies and Bon Jovi pretty much dominated the eighties. Even today, the underground punk scene has been blessed by great New Jersey acts with huge followings, such as Thursday and Saves the Day. Recently, the Johnson & Wales Harborside Recreation Center has been invaded by the next breed of rock & roll to come out of New Jersey. They call themselves, the Sunday All Stars. Although they are not yet all-stars, they are well on their way to becoming a part of the jam band/college band revolution which Dave Matthews paved the way.

The band consists of a singer/songwriter duo. DC, the lead singer plays guitar while Chris Jones plays guitar and backing vocals, accompanied by a drummer and bass player they call the Sunday Pack. Armed with acoustic guitars, Sunday All Stars, have a powerful approach to rock. Mixed with blues

and funk, this style of rock has plenty of room for jamming. And that's exactly what they did. The drummer and bass player sat back and kept it together while the duo rocked the venue. Sunday All Stars played an extensive set to an intimate crowd of sadly about twelve students. Even though the turnout was small, the band gave it their all. They even covered some classic tunes down to every note such as Sublime's

"What I Got". From the first song, the listeners were hooked and bobbing their heads to the blues induced rhythms.

The Sunday All Stars currently have a well recorded album out consisting of two great tracks such as "Paper Weights," "Cherry Bombs," and "Better Days". These tracks can also be downloaded as mp3s on their web site www.sundayallstars.com.

The band is not scheduled for another show until April, but they are available to play clubs, most colleges, universities, and even private parties. With catchy lyrics, head bobbing rhythms, and all around original fun, we definitely will hear more from this band in the future.

Letter to the fans,

Music is usually defined as a form of art that is used as a tool for self expression. Music displays sadness, happiness, and many uncertainties that a society faces some point in their life. This would be a typical statement of music as art, but has become mainly an instrument of entertainment and sometimes ridicule. We drool at Jessica's stupidity on the MTV production, "Newlyweds." We all saw the R.Kelly bootlegged tapes along with Jacko's molestation charges, Janet Jackson's nipple at the Superbowl and unfortunately we support TV shows like "A Simple Life." As a society, we look at music to unveil images of our lives.

As the 2nd trimester comes to a close and we all prepare for Spring break the Campus Herald has taken a turn for the better. Although I'm leaving the staff since I've FINALLY graduated, I believe that the Arts & Entertainment section along with the entire newspaper has taken strides to provide you with the best campus news and events. I must say that I'm proud to have been apart of such a hardworking staff. Please continue to be avid readers.



Sincerely,
Ikimi Dubose

Delirium Cordia - "Uneasy Listening at its Finest"

BY: TIM COFFEY
Staff-Writer

On January 7th, Fantômas released its third full length, "Delirium Cordia." Originally scheduled for mid-October release, the album was delayed in the interest of some elaborate CD packaging.

Fantômas (in case you're wondering) is a supergroup of sorts formed by Faith No More and Mr. Bungle front man, Mike Patton. Fantômas' music serves as both a reaction to the current heavy metal dry spell and an outlet for Patton's seemingly endless creativity. Harnessing the skills of guitarist, Buzz Osbourne (Melvins), bassist, Trevor Dunn (Mr. Bungle), and percussionist, Dave Lombardo (Slayer), Patton produces some of the most aggressive and extreme music imaginable.

Stylistically, Delirium Cordia is a

departure from their 1999 self-titled debut album. Instead of 30 short songs packed with precise heavy metal and atmospheric sample-based insanity, this latest release contains one 75-minute track. More than 15 of those minutes is the scratchy popping sound of a phonograph needle at the end of a record. The majority of the album is a broad mixture of musical elements from dissonant harmonies and plaintive phrases to Patton's amazing vocal work and short barrages of speed metal bliss. Patton's sound palette includes wind machines, samples of the beeps and chirps heard from a hospital EKG machine as well as some barely audible operating room chatter between surgeons as a patient flat-lines on an operating table.

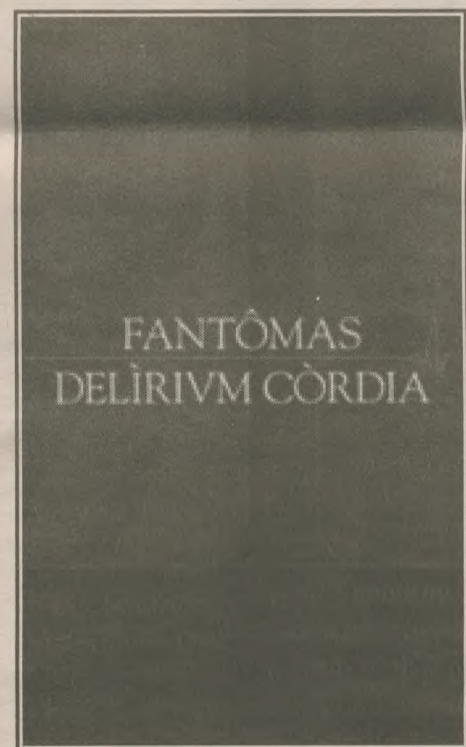
In keeping with the medical theme, the album's packaging features images from the book, "The Sacred Heart: An Atlas of the Body Seen Through

Invasive Surgery". Photographer, Max Aguilera-Hellweg's images force us to initially look away in horror, only to later examine more closely to appreciate their beauty as skilled latex-clad hands hover - extracting; retracting; irrigating; healing.

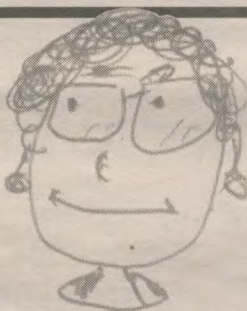
In the wake of peer to peer mp3 file swapping, Fantômas nails what so many artists have embraced as a solution to plummeting record sales - Spend more on packaging so that more than just the disc is worth buying.

Delirium Cordia is "ambient" in style, but definitely not "wallpaper" music you would want to cue up for your next dinner party. If you're looking for something vastly different, own a good pair of headphones and an open mind, you'll find Delirium Cordia offers brilliance around every corner.

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- The student addendum is available on jwu.edu/uconnect. Please make sure to download and print a copy for yourself to keep with your Student Handbook.





Culinary

CHOCOLATE: Good for your heart in more ways than one

By AFERDITA RAGO
Culinary Editor

What a reputation chocolate has. No wonder it is the most popular Valentine's gift. The aphrodisiac effects chocolate is known for is attributed to its ability to be a mood lifter and energy booster.

History has made its mark. Chocolate's reputation as an aphrodisiac all started 1,500 years ago in South America. The Mayan and Aztec cultures felt that chocolate had mystical qualities. In fact, the Aztec Emperor drank 50 goblets of chocolate a day in order to enhance his sexual energy. Once the Spanish started to export chocolate, it continued to be associated with love.

The science of it all. Chocolate has a chemistry of its own. The nutrition make-up is so complex that scientists are only now beginning to unlock its secrets. Chocolate contains mood lifting substances which include phenylethylamine and serotonin. Happiness, love, passion and lust are all associated with these two chemicals.

Along with a rapid mood change, chocolate also causes a rise in blood pressure and an increase in heart rate. Not surprisingly, the substances in chocolate, for example phenylethylamine and serotonin, are mildly addictive. That's right, this is what makes chocoholics who they are. In addition, chocolate gives an immediate energy boost while substantially increasing stamina.

Ever wonder why women are the main culprits to being a chocoholic? Research suggests that the female body is more susceptible to the effects of chocolate's substances, including phenylethylamine and serotonin, than males.

Chocolate is also high in antioxidants, which are nutrients that not only protect the body but are also protect the heart as well. Antioxidants fight against free radicals, which destroy a cell's chemical structure. If you really want to take chocolate for what its worth, choose dark chocolate because it has a higher percentage of antioxidants.

Researchers at the Neuroscience Institute in San Diego, CA have found chocolate to have similar effects on the body as marijuana. Pharmacologically

active substances are found in chocolate that are responsible for chocolate cravings. Chocolate also contains anandamide, which is neurotransmitter that affects the brain similar to THC. Obviously the effects of chocolate are not as intense.

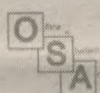
As one can see, chocolate loves the heart in more ways than one. Maybe that is why we give it to the ones we love. Have a Happy Valentine's Day!

Did you Know?

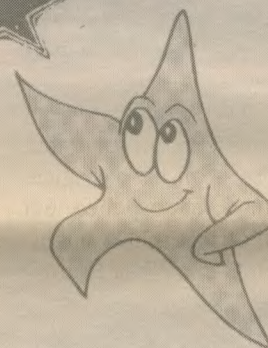
- Cocoa is Mayan for 'God's Food.'
- Aphrodite, the Greek Goddess of sexual love and beauty was born in the sea, which maybe why seafood is associated with being an aphrodisiac.

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Thursday, April 1 - Wednesday, April 14, 2004

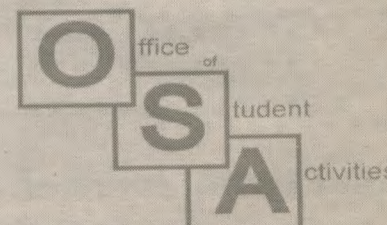
STUDENT ASSISTANT SELECTIONS ANNOUNCED

Friday, April 23, 2004



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WORLD

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- Associated Press

CIA's Tenet: Analysts never claimed imminent threat

WASHINGTON (AP) Intelligence analysts never told President Bush before the invasion of Iraq that Saddam Hussein's rule posed an imminent threat, CIA Director George Tenet said Thursday in a heated defense of agency findings central to the decision to go to war.

The urgency of the Iraqi threat was Bush's main argument for the war. But the president said Thursday he still would have invaded Iraq if he'd known no weapons stockpiles existed adding a new element to the much-debated question of whether the United States went to war based on faulty assumptions.

Tenet, addressing such questions for the first time after weeks of silence, acknowledged that analysts believed before the war that Saddam had chemical and biological weapons, although none have been found. He said he believes some of what U.S. intelligence predicted about Iraq will turn out to have been right and some wrong as is often the case in such matters.

He made clear that analysts differed among themselves all along on important aspects of Saddam's chemical, biological and nuclear programs and spelled out those disputes in an October 2002 intelligence estimate given to the White House.

Pakistani president pardons top nuclear scien- tist in proliferation probe

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) Pakistan's president pardoned the country's top nuclear scientist Thursday for leaking weapons technology to Iran, Libya and North Korea a move designed to ease domestic political pressures and head off a deeper inquiry into official involvement in years of nuclear proliferation.

Just two weeks after condemning possible rogue elements in Pakistan's nuclear program as "enemies of the state," a defiant and unapologetic President Gen. Pervez Musharraf forgave Dr. Abdul Qadeer Khan after the disgraced scientist took responsibility on national television for leaks that spanned at least a decade starting in the late 1980s.

Musharraf's decision to back away from a public trial appeared weak to some international observers suspicious of his and Kahn's contention that the Pakistani government didn't authorize or know about the proliferation.

Judge rules that teenage stars are eli- gible for NFL draft

NEW YORK (AP) A federal judge Thursday opened the door for Ohio State sensation Maurice Clarett and teenage football stars around the country to turn pro, declaring that an NFL rule barring their eligibility violates antitrust law and "must be sacked."

At issue was a 1990 rule that says a player must be out of high school three years before he can become eligible for the NFL draft.

U.S. District Judge Shira Scheindlin said the legal issues were so clearly in Clarett's favor that there was no need for a trial.

"This is precisely the sort of conduct that the antitrust laws were designed to prevent," she wrote in a ruling rife with football puns. "Indeed, one can scarcely think of a more blatantly anticompetitive policy than one that excludes certain competitors from the market altogether."

The NFL said it will appeal, and it will probably try to block the ruling before the April draft.

Tiny corkscrew stops strokes by retrieving blood clots from the brain

SAN DIEGO (AP) A tiny experimental corkscrew threaded deep into the brain can pluck out deadly blood clots and stop a stroke in its tracks, potentially giving doctors an entirely new tool against this major killer.

Nearly 90 percent of all strokes result from clots that lodge in the brain's arteries, cutting off circulation and starving brain cells of oxygen and nutrition. The goal of the new device is to extract these clots before they do permanent harm.

"It's like pulling the cork out of a wine bottle," said Dr. Sidney Starkman, co-director of the UCLA Stroke Center. "What you want is to get the blood flowing back to the brain."

The device is the most advanced of several new stroke treatment tools discussed Thursday at a meeting in San Diego of the American Stroke Association.

Iraq rebels press attacks even as U.S. Army roundups capture more than 100 insurgents

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) U.S. and Iraqi forces captured more than 100 suspected guerrillas in raids across the country, arresting one of Saddam Hussein's intelligence chiefs and another Iraqi believed

involved in a suicide bombing last month, a U.S. commander said Thursday.

The raids on Wednesday and Thursday occurred as daily attacks on U.S. forces are climbing after a recent lull. Rebels lobbed a mortar shell Thursday at a checkpoint near Baghdad International Airport, killing one U.S. soldier and wounding another, the U.S. command said.

The attack outside the airport, which serves as a major American military base, brought to 529 the number of American troops killed since the Iraq war began March 20.

Police question Sharon in bribery scandal that could force his resigna- tion

JERUSALEM (AP) Police questioned Prime Minister Ariel Sharon for more than two hours Thursday about a bribery case that could force him out of office, as criticism grew that his surprise proposal to remove Israeli settlements in Gaza was meant to deflect attention from the scandal.

The prime minister again denied wrongdoing, Israel TV said. Sharon told investigators he did not know of a lucrative marketing contract his son Gilad signed with a real estate developer despite apparent lack of experience needed for the job, the report said.

Meanwhile, Israeli forces in about 30 vehicles entered the town of Jenin at the northern edge of the West Bank late Thursday, exchanging heavy fire with Palestinian gunmen, the military and residents said. An Israeli in the force was seriously wounded, the military said. No Palestinian casualties were reported. Israel Radio said the soldiers were searching for terror suspects.

Georgia school chief backs off plan to remove 'evolution' from curriculum

ATLANTA (AP) The thinking of Georgia's top school official has apparently evolved.

School Superintendent Kathy Cox dropped plans Thursday to remove the word "evolution" from Georgia's high school science curriculum, six days after the idea became public and brought forth criticism and ridicule.

Cox, a Republican elected in 2002, said she originally wanted to replace "evolution" with the phrase "biological changes over time" to avoid controversy. "Instead, a greater controversy ensued," she said.

Among those who had criticized the idea were former President Carter and Gov. Sonny Perdue.

Perdue, also a Republican, said Cox's decision was the right thing to do.

Productivity gain raises hope that company will hire more workers

WASHINGTON (AP) The productivity of America's workers grew modestly in the final three months of 2003, raising hopes that companies will step up hiring to meet demand rather than relying solely on increased efficiency.

The Labor Department reported Thursday that productivity — the amount an employee produces for every hour on the job grew at a 2.7 percent annual rate from October through December. Although that was a slowdown from the 9.5 percent rate for the three previous months, it nevertheless was a respectable pace that bodes well for the economy's recovery, analysts said.

For all of 2003, productivity grew by 4.2 percent, following a 4.9 percent increase in 2002.

Gibson's Jesus film gets boost from evangelizing Christians

By The Associated Press

Churches are reserving entire theaters for opening day. A national evangelical organization is helping sell tickets from its Web site. Pastors are planning sermons timed to the movie's Ash Wednesday release.

Mel Gibson's epic, "The Passion of the Christ," is the subject of an unprecedented marketing effort that has inspired everyday Christians and their spiritual leaders to sell the film and its message both to other faithful and the nonreligious.

Excited that an Oscar-winning, Bible-believing director is using his own millions to portray Jesus' torture and crucifixion, and roused by the controversy over the film's depiction of Jews, these evangelical volunteers could well make the movie a huge box-office success, marketing experts say.

Three St. John's players suspended after rape allega- tion

NEW YORK (AP) Three St. John's basketball players were suspended from the team Thursday, hours after a woman told police she was raped in a hotel by men she met in a strip club.

The school said leading scorer Elijah Ingram, a sophomore, and seniors Abraham Keita and Grady Reynolds were taken off the team.

"Although no charges have been filed by the police, based on the facts we have confirmed, the University has immediately suspended three players from the team for violation of team rules and behavior inconsistent with St. John's mission and values," the school said in a statement.

The players could not immediately be located for comment.

According to police, several players went to a club after a 71-51 loss to Pittsburgh on Wednesday night.

The woman told police she met the players around 2:30 a.m. Thursday, then went with them to a hotel in downtown Pittsburgh, where she told police she was raped.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Some unsettling facts about a past situation could come to light. And while you'd love to deal with it immediately, it's best to get more information to support your case.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A straightforward approach to a baffling situation is best. Don't allow yourself to be drawn into an already messy mass of tangles and lies. Deal with it and move on.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Don't be discouraged or deterred by a colleague's negative opinion about your ideas. It could actually prove to be helpful when you finally get around to finalizing your plan.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Ignore that sudden attack of "modesty," and step up to claim the credit you've so rightly earned. Remember: A lot of people are proud of you and want to share in your achievement.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A financial "deal" that seems to be just right for you Leos and Leonas could be grounded more in gossamer than substance. Get an expert's advice to help you check it out.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Don't ignore that suddenly cool or even rude attitude from someone close to you. Asking for an explanation could reveal a misunderstanding you were completely unaware of.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Unless you have sound knowledge, and not just an opinion, it's best not to step into a family dispute involving a legal matter, regardless of whom you support. Leave that to the lawyers.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) An awkward situation presents the usually socially savvy Scorpian with a problem. But a courteous and considerate approach soon helps clear the air and ease communication.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A calmer, less tense atmosphere prevails through much of the week, allowing you to restore your energy levels before tackling a new challenge coming up by week's end.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your approach to helping with a friend or family member's problem could boomerang unless you take time to explain your method and how and why it (usually!) works.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Someone who gave you a lot of grief might ask for a chance for the two of you to make a fresh start. You need to weigh the sincerity of the request carefully before giving your answer.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Too much fantasizing about an upcoming decision could affect your judgment. Better to make your choices based on what you know now rather than on what you might learn later.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of seeing the best in people and helping them live up to their potential.

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