

Loans available

Interest rates reduced for students

By SHELLEY JAMES

Many students at James Madison University want student loans, yet think they are impossible to obtain.

But for those who have an account with a bank, borrowing money for college can be easy.

Most Harrisonburg banks have a special student loan program only for their own customers. Alfred Witt, president of Massanutten Bank, refers his customers to

the Virginia Educational Loan Authority (VELA).

VELA forms are picked up at the JMU Financial Aid office. Witt said his bank does help students complete the forms.

Information on the details of JMU financial aid was unavailable, as the financial officers refused to be interviewed.

The banks that do give loans require payments to start nine months after graduation at a

seven percent simple interest rate. Before that, only a one percent interest rate must be paid. This money goes to the Virginia Student Education Assistant Authority (SEAA). In return, the SEAA guarantees the loan. A person has up to ten years after graduation to pay back the loan.

Under the SEAA the maximum amount an undergraduate can borrow over four years is \$7,500, not ex-

ceeding \$2,500 a year. A graduate student can borrow up to \$15,000 at \$5,000 a year. Proving financial need is not necessary nor must parents make under a certain salary. The only other requirement most banks have is that an

It takes RNB about two months to process the loans. "Mainly, the tie-up is in the schools," according to Scott Burner, student loan interviewer for RNB.

The form that all the banks use allows the school to

Undergraduates can borrow up to \$7,500 over four years

endorser must sign the loan, usually a parent.

Rockingham National Bank (RNB) is the only institution which requires both the school's and the borrower's endorsement on the check. Half the money then goes to the school. The rest is supposed to be saved by the student for the next semester.

RNB will pay up to \$2,000 a year, with installments, once they start, of \$360 a year.

recommend the amount lent to a student. The recommendation is determined by taking the total costs of tuition and fees, room and board, books and supplies, personal expenses and transportation, then subtracting the amount of financial aid the person is already slated to receive.

Virginia National Bank (VNB) will pay out up to \$2,000 a year for undergraduates. If

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Registration evokes a peaceful protest

By SUE CLAYTON

Draft registration of young men wasn't the only "unusual" activity at the Harrisonburg Post Office last week, as area residents formally protested the registration procedures.

Even though the postmaster predicted last week that no one would protest, about 60 members of the Christians for Peace have demonstrated across from the Main St. post office since the registration process began July 21.

"They're not interfering with the registration process," Postmaster Chitum said, adding that "the comments I've heard have been all negative." The Christians for Peace group began meeting in June with about 30 interested people, but has since doubled in size, according to Frank Shelp.

The group has been labeled as Mennonite, but Shelp insisted this is false representation. "We have Mennonites in our group, but also Southern Baptists, Quakers, those with no church affiliation, and I belong to The Church of the Valley."

Shelp and his fellow workers

spend their days on the steps of the post office or sitting in the back of an old, white Dodge pickup. The truck displays a banner reading "Questions About Registration," and a smaller orange poster proclaims "War is: Children being murdered."

The truck bed is partially covered with pamphlets such

helpless. They think there is some outside force controlling their lives. These 19- and 20-year-olds are fresh on the scene, and they haven't had time to think through a lot of important questions.

"Some people yell, nasty things at us, but they are in the minority. It doesn't bother me. In fact, it brings attention to our cause," Shelp said.

Christians for Peace consider registration a prelude to war

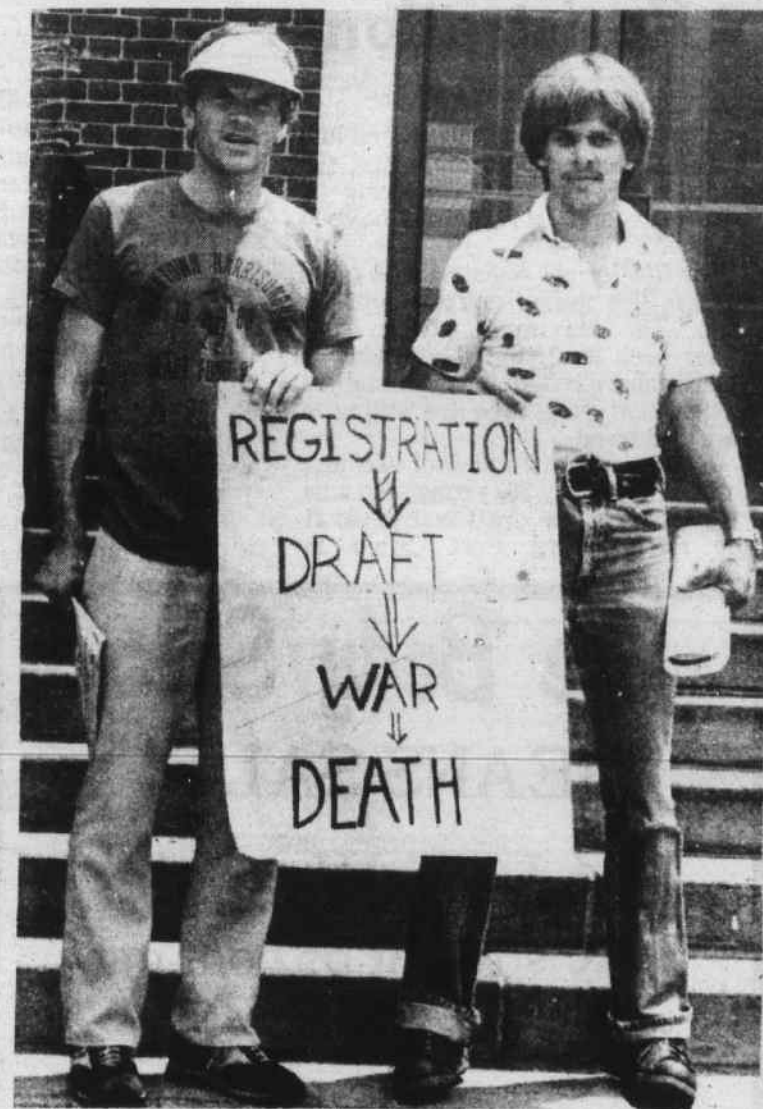
as "Register for the Draft? Some Say 'No,'" "Biblical basis of a peace witness," "Don't go. The Case for Draft Registration Resistance," "The Draft Should Be Abolished" and "Fighting Like Heaven."

Most of the young men registering didn't mind talking with Shelp and other group members. "Young people are very willing to talk with us," Shelp said. "Most of them are not keen on the idea of registering, but they feel

"We protestors can't turn back registration," Shelp said. "We're not trying to. We see registration in the context of a larger national policy that only goes in one direction."

The resisters view the institution of peace-time draft registration as part of a massive campaign of psychological shaping undertaken by the government. Shelp cited increased defense spending and fear of the Soviet Union, along with

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Registration protesters

Registration begins

By SUE CLAYTON and TERESA CAVINESS

Young men, not only in the Harrisonburg area, but all over the United States seem to be complying with the mandatory peace-time draft registration, though reluctantly.

"I'm not real crazy about it, but I'd go," said 19-year-old Dana Dorman of McGaheysville.

Walter Knight of Rocky Bar said, "I'm not crazy about having to go fight but there's no use trying to avoid it."

"I'd be ready to go. I would be right on the front line. I'd be the first to go," Knight continued, as he filled out his registration form.

"I registered because I felt I had to. Besides, I can't afford to pay a fine, and I don't want to spend all that time in jail. If I'm needed, I'll go," remarked Robert Dull as he pulled his cap down more firmly on his head

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Protester's truck—another voice

Photos by Mike Clower

Students groom campus during the summer

By JOE SCHNECKENBURGER

"The hours are good and the people are good, but the pay leaves something to be desired," according to Chris Kile, one of about forty James Madison University students working for the school's Physical Plant office.

The Physical Plant office usually hires about 45 temporary employees each summer. However, this year 55 were hired from a field of 180 applicants, according to George Marcum, superintendent of Buildings and Grounds.

First preference in hiring is given to JMU students, Marcum said. Initially, those hired were all JMU students. But some non-JMU students have been hired as replacements for some students who have quit.

A JMU student, Dennis Knight, said "It's good working with guys from other colleges because you hear about other schools and their programs."

Ten of positions were reserved for members of the



Renee Clements trims bushes

by Joe Schneckenburger

baseball team, Marcum said, adding that this was done because they are JMU students and because he knew they were going to be here.

"The students hired are generally good workers with good attitudes," Marcum said. Those that left, did so because they found better jobs. Students will be hired again next summer, he added.

flowers), they have a softer touch," Marcum said.

While some students complained that they had incompetent supervisors, most agreed with Kile that the people are great, the work is O.K., but the pay just isn't enough.

One student, Alex Boyar said that he and his fellow

**Attitudes and conditions are good,
but the pay doesn't cut it**

The students are employed in several different areas. Most work on the paint or the grounds crews, while others are employed in either the power plant, oil burner section, utility shop or housekeeping.

About 15 of the workers are women. Their tasks include weeding, planting and trimming flowers, whereas men trim the grass. "Women do a better job (with the

workers are paid plenty for the work that they do.

Knight complained, "It's frustrating that sometimes we start a job but never finish it. We might be in the middle of trimming a row of trees when we are told to do something else, and we never get back to the trees. We don't see the finished product."

★ Registration

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and shifted his pack of cigarettes into his other hand. "I do think that the punishment for not registering is awfully severe. I'd rather not have to register."

The fine for not registering is up to \$10,000, five years imprisonment, or both. The maximum penalty has never been used, but if attitudes in Harrisonburg reflect those around the nation, few young men are willing to test that trend.

Dorman, Knight and Dull are just three of the nearly 300 young men who registered for the draft last week at the Harrisonburg Post Office in

compliance with the bill prompted by President Jimmy Carter and passed earlier this summer by Congress.

The American Civil Liberties Union is working to have this registration declared unconstitutional, as it does not include women. A three — judge panel ruled in favor of the ACLU earlier this month, concluding that the bill is unconstitutional. The appeal will be considered this fall.

It doesn't bother Dorman that women don't have to register. "They weren't made to be put out on the battlefield," he said.

According to Knight, "It's no place for a lady. And if women were smart,

they would let men take care of it (fighting)."

Dull doesn't consider women as equal. "If they were equal, they would be registering. Besides they would create more problems than they would do good. Men can take care of it," he said.

The young men consider the efforts of draft protestors as useless.

"They ought to be shot," Knight said, concluding in both an optimistic and pessimistic tone that "they (the protestors) are wasting their time. Besides it won't come to a draft. It will be talked out. War would be the end of everything."

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Visiting Scholars program to begin third year here

By MARK WILLIAMS

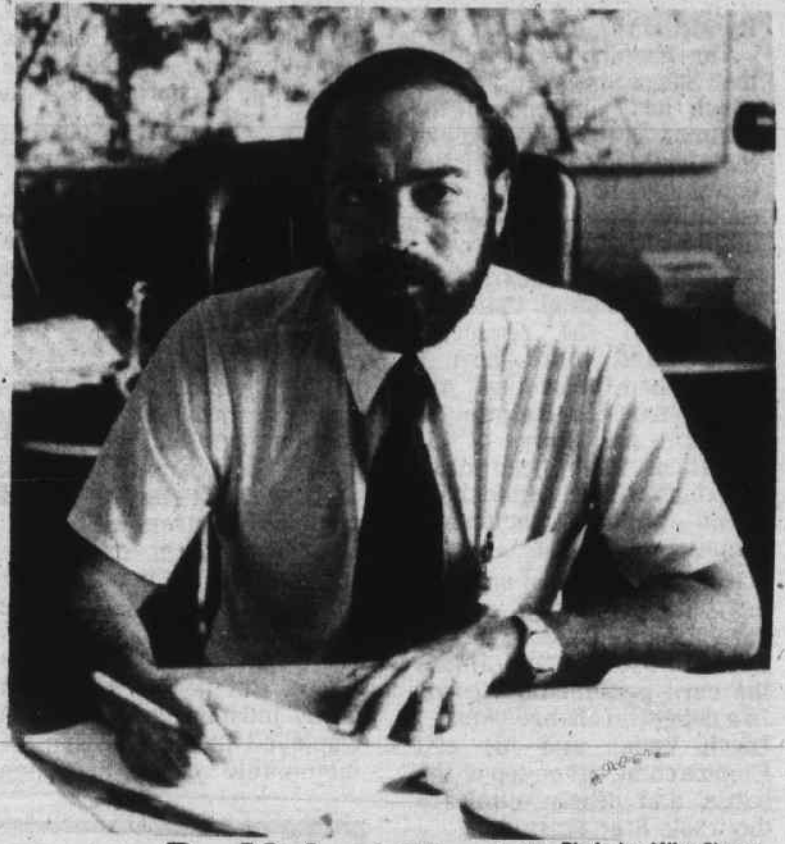
The James Madison University Visiting Scholars program, which will begin its third year this fall, is ignored by a large portion of the student population, according to the dean of the College of Letters and Sciences.

"It seemed that the subject matter was often more important in attracting interest than some particular speaker," Dr. Michael Wartell said. Wartell is also director of the program, which consists of public and classroom lectures by "thinkers" from around the country. "Both speakers in last year's Holocaust presentation were very popular. We've decided to pitch next year's program around subject matter, not people."

The experience gained from last year's programs will be a major consideration in choosing future speakers, Wartell said.

Many different areas of study are represented. Speakers next fall include a sociologist, a philosopher, and a cancer researcher.

Any student or faculty member can request that a particular speaker appear, according to Wartell. All requests are considered by the visiting scholars committee, and invitations are sent to the individual parties.



Dr. Michael Wartell Photo by Mike Clower

Two factors determine the feasibility of requests, according to Wartell. These include the cost of speakers and the age of the desired scholar. Some of the individuals are too old to make

with students who want to take advantage of the opportunity."

Student attendance at last year's Visiting Scholars events "could have been better," Wartell said. "I hope

*College is a place where you ought
to experience everything*



Logo by Jerry Coulter

appearances.

"Fees range anywhere between 200 and 750 dollars per speaker," said Wartell. "We will get more bang for our buck next year. In addition to presenting public lectures and appearing at specialty seminars, many scholars will make nightly visits to speak in dormitories. They will hold discussions

more students attend this year. Our program is far superior to those of most universities our size. Students should be more adventurous, and take advantage of it."

"College is a place where you ought to experience everything, not just the sweet and sour pork," Wartell said. "You have to try the whole menu."

★ Loans

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a person has taken out a loan with VNB before, there is no competition to receive another. However, only

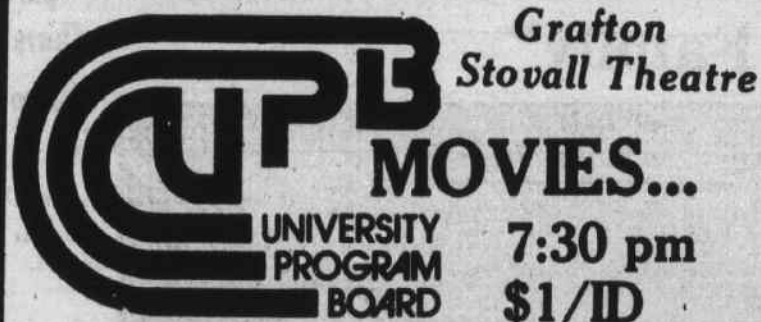
\$50,000 worth of first-time loans are made each year

The school's recommendation for the loan is not always followed at VNB. They reserve the right to give less than that amount. The loan can be made at any time of the year.

At United Virginia Bank (UVB), a full loan of \$2,500 or \$5,000 can be requested until December 31. After that, only half of the maximum can be received on loan. The lowest amount a month which one can repay a loan at UVB is \$35.

Valley National Bank's minimum installment is \$30 a month. For part-time students, Valley Bank will pay as much as \$1,250.

Obtaining a loan used to be an impossibility for the average student. Today, the "under \$25,000" law, which required a parent make no more than \$25,000 a year for a student to receive a loan, is eliminated. Banks are willing to make the loans as the SEAA guarantees them. Now, almost any student can take out a loan.



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'Son of Star Wars'

'Empire' proves to be successful sequel

By MICHAEL DUBUS

The Empire Strikes Back, the "Son of Star Wars" sequel which has just opened this summer, is the kind of movie that frightens, arouses, and entertains no matter what condition one is in. You know, fun for all ages.

Everyone has heard that Empire is meatier than Star Wars, that the sequel is deeper and more open-ended than the original, and it's all true. In Empire the carbon-like characterizations have been dropped, but all the comic book action and excitement remains.

The plot consists of only one big battle, but it's a real barnburner full of enough wild twists to astound and amuse the most pessimistic viewer. In a delightful change of pace, Darth Vader and his evil Empire come out on top of the battle, and nearly eliminate the whole Star Wars gang.

Of course creator George Lucas can afford to let Darth Vader win this time, since he has already prepared the story line for a total of 9 episodes that should carry the sci-fi serial up to the year 2000.

Star Wars has already made over \$400 million, and if attendance is judged by quality, Empire should make at least that. Hopefully, it will since it is one of the rare sequels (GodfatherII would be another) that surpasses the original.

The special effects once again are the real stars. New animals and characters are introduced that rival those of the first movie for sheer amazement. One new character, Yoda the Jedi

master, is the wildest creature imaginable and is probably one of the most endearing characters in screen history. Spouting Carlos Castaneda-like bits of wisdom and cavorting about like a mischievous old man, Yoda should be a surefire draw for the sequel. His dialogue is a brilliant mixture of cosmic insight and comic relief.

The other characters have been fleshed out, enabling them to grow and continue to interest a constantly growing audience. Princess Leia remains her strongwilled self, but begins to experience doubts about her growing love for Han Solo. Solo, now the greatest asset, has lost his reluctance to fight for the Force. But he has retained cocky independence which is displayed in the film's most memorable scene. Solo has

been captured by Vader and is being used as a guinea pig for a new suspended animation process. The princess, who is tearfully staring into Solo's eyes finally reveals her feelings — "I love you," she murmurs. "I know," Han Solo replies.

must find the right path among the many choices which seem right and stick with it. Yoda realizes that the most important choice of all awaits young Luke and counsels him to act only when he is at peace with his heart. But Yoda suspects that Luke

spared from the plentiful abuse.

The complaint heard most frequently about the Empire Strikes Back is its seeming lack of an ending, but of course this is necessary in a successful serial. Undoubtedly all these detractors will be among the first in line for The Revenge of the Jedi, the third installment planned for the mid 80's.

As it stands, The Empire Strikes Back is a shining example of how powerfully entertaining a motion picture can be. One never doubts that the events unfolding on the screen are actually happening and each person is totally drawn into the whole emotional tale.

Yes, it's manipulation and I wouldn't want it any other way.

'All the comic book action and excitement remains'

The one aspect that makes Empire a more appealing movie than Star Wars is the direction its message has gone. Good and Evil are no longer separate identifiable commodities, but are forces that mingle and interact with one another. Each character

might go astray and hints that the Force has "one other chance."

Gone also is the cuteness that ran rampant throughout the first movie. R2D2 and CP30 are both back but each has a lesser role and is sorely abused. Not even Luke is

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Archaeology

Students 'dig' summer at Jackson River

By SHELLY JAMES

Some people spend the summer by traveling, others by working and still others by taking classes. But at least 65 people associated with James Madison University enjoy digging and looking for rocks and artifacts during their vacation. They are archaeologists.

This year, these "insane" people are excavating off the Jackson river near Covington. Over 300 different sites are in the area, but only 30 are being analyzed thoroughly.

The Jackson River area is not the only place JMU has worked. Since 1976, JMU has excavated in the Port Republic — Harrisonburg area, Veeco pump storage area and New Market vicinity.

To begin work, brush and debris is cleared. Then squares are marked off on the ground. Grass and top soil are removed next. Then the tedious part begins.

Dirt is scraped away inch by inch. Rocks are left to be dug around. After each inch, a

Soon a twelve-mile lake will cover the digs

Two specific time-periods are being researched on the sites — the archaic dynasty from 18,000-1,000 b.c. and the early settlers of the mid-1700's.

If anyone wants to see the 14 acres of archaic sites, they had better go before this fall. After that, a wetsuit and oxygen tank will be needed. The Corps of Engineers is building a dam on the Jackson River. A 12-mile lake will cover the digs.

The Corps is trying to make amends; they worked out a contract with JMU. The Corps pays for everything, including students' tuition for this field class, and JMU provides the manpower. Due to this, JMU has the largest archaeological field school in Virginia.

The bulldozers from the dam area have ruined some very good sites, though the ones that are excavated proved to be good as well. "Some pretty good information" is being found, according to Bill Boyer, co-director of the project.

The excavations have turned up earlier and more numerous periods than previously thought.

diagram is made of the rocks. This is done for six inches in the areas which show promise of an archaeological find.

The students who go through all this come from all over the US, everywhere from Virginia to California.

Marty Golz left an archaeological job in Mississippi to dig with JMU. The Jackson River site is a lot better, she said who also worked with JMU last year.

Students hear about the field school by "word of mouth" and through brochures. The only necessity for enrollment in the program is registration.

About 29 people started the class. Two have since dropped out, and two enrolled for only four weeks.

Some students go to the digs as paid crew leaders, assistants and excavators. These jobs pay better than regular on-campus jobs. The lowest salary is \$3.60 an hour with free room and board for a 40-hour work week.

While the money appeals to some people, the conditions might not.

On a usual day, the workers rise at about 6:00 a.m. and



Excavation sites along the Jackson River

leave their camp by 6:30. To get to the site, they all pile into JMU vans and ride for an hour over pitted roads worse than any that West Virginia can brag about.

Upon arrival, they sit and dig (or classify rock, fill out forms, sift dirt...) while discussing everything from politics to campus housing.

At 4:30 p.m. the equipment is put away and the vans arrive back at camp around

5:30. Once there, "the first thing everyone does is grab a beer, the second is a shower," Blair said.

On weekends, most of these adventurous people prefer

of Mt. Solon mentioned the Shamrock Inn's bar as a local hot spot.

To those who think they are missing all the fun, don't worry. While the present sites

'We hangout in Safeway, in the airconditioning'

staying in their tents rather than returning to Harrisonburg. Some might ask what they find to do since the largest town is ten miles away.

"Well," said Carole Nash of Madison County, "we hangout in Safeway in the air-conditioning." Donna Roberts

will soon be underwater, Geier still intends to set up field schools in other areas.

If rising early, digging for rocks or historical artifacts and the "wild life" in the country are appealing, the best solution would probably be roughing it with JMU's own archaeologists.



Diggers sift through dirt for artifacts



One of 300 sites

★ Protestors

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registration, as indicators of this shaping.

"Registration and rear-mament are steps toward defense in the future, not to protect American interests but to protect American excesses," he said. "There is increased defense spending so that we can again assert ourselves and protect our world interests, and the Soviet Union is being used as the spark—plug to get the country moving toward militarism. Registration will allow America to take faster and more violent steps, rather than to think about other alternatives," he said.

Most of the group members are very frustrated by the things that are happening in society.

"People need to be able to choose, but most Americans have an elitist attitude that makes them blind. Americans often see themselves as more rational and just than any other people. Therefore, we fear the actions of the rest of the world. We begin to tell ourselves that our interests should be the interests of the rest of the world," he continued.

The Christians for Peace argue for a course of action that would deal justly with all people, and for Americans to honestly evaluate a more realistic life style, rather than simply supporting a government concerned only with unlimited growth.

"We're here because we believe this registration affects our future," Shelp said. "Individuals can make the difference. Americans must stop competing with other countries. As Christians we know that we are not any better than anyone else."

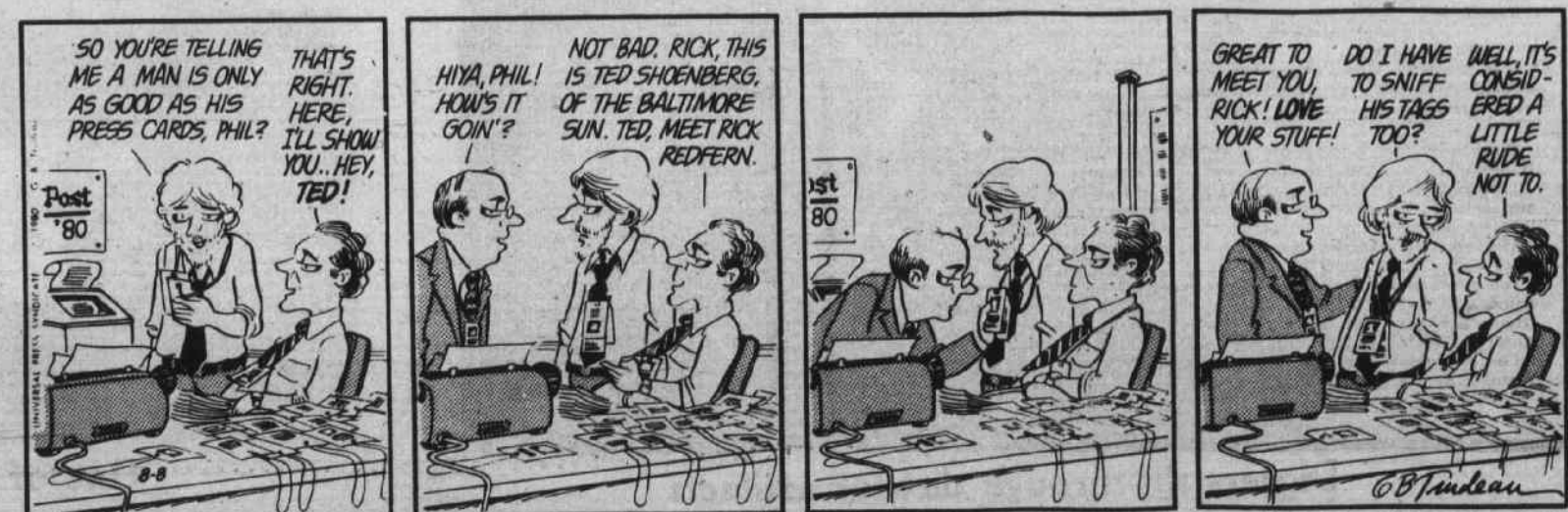
The group is trying to raise awareness—to get people to think about other alternatives to registration.

"We want to call into question the mechanical notion that people are machines. We do have alternatives. But people respond to emotions, to what they fear, rather than to the facts," Shelp said.

"We believe that each individual must do something. We must all be watchmen so that blood will not be on our hands. We must let young people know that this registration is the first step toward the draft and that if we as a national are wholeheartedly united for peace, then governments must inevitably bend to the will of the people. After all there are a lot more of us than there are of them," Shelp concluded.

DOONESBURY

by Garry Trudeau



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20/20 hindsight: a monthly review

Around campus

The campus housing situation came under scrutiny this month because of the increased number of students remaining in dormitories each year. The feasibility of a lottery system for distribution of residence hall space will be studied this fall and student attitudes will be surveyed. Could it be that JMU is becoming "big-time," as compared to Va. Tech and UVA?

Around the nation

Three judges in Philadelphia declared the draft registration bill which was prompted by President Carter unconstitutional because it doesn't include women. Despite the decision, young men born in 1960 and 1961 are now in the process of registering. Should the decision be upheld upon appeal, this registration could be rendered useless.

Ronald Reagan unsurprisingly swept the GOP convention two weeks ago, bringing more unity to the party than it has seen in years. The conservative Reagan also swept television broadcasters and some newspaper writers under the carpet with rumors of a "dream ticket" which would have seen him flanked by former president, Gerald Ford as his vice-presidential runningmate. Pressured by demands for a "co-presidency" from Ford, Reagan chose his former primary foe, George Bush for the second spot on the Republican ticket.

Around the world

One of 53 American hostages held in Iran is a much happier man today. Richard Queen was released by the student militants because of health problems. Even though the deposed Shah died last week, the fate of the other hostages is still in question. The militants had asked the United States to return the Shah, who was then being treated here for cancer, to them in exchange for the hostages who were ceased last November.

Despite last week's editorial plea to end the practice by some of denying information to student reporters, *The Breeze* has once again been stifled in its pursuit of information. Policies and regulations, apparently known only to the Office of Financial Aid, are the cause of this latest press relations problem.

Robert MacDonald, director of financial aid, and Sharon Ward, financial aid counselor, refused to meet with a *Breeze* reporter who was seeking information for a story on the availability of student loans. That story, which appears on page 1, is incomplete as a result of the lack of cooperation by the financial aid office.

MacDonald and Ward insisted instead on receiving a list of written questions which would in turn be answered in writing. Ward also demanded that she be allowed to review the final story before publication.

Both requests entail unsound newsgathering

practices. A face-to-face interview will lead to less misunderstanding between reporter and source, and more detailed information can be obtained in such an interview. In addition, a reporter working on a story cannot wait for a written response.

The financial aid officers cited, as reasons for their precautionary measures, misinformation printed in previous *Breeze* publications. The *Breeze* acknowledges that it has made mistakes in the past, as do professional newspapers. But *The Breeze* has always sought to correct its errors as soon as possible after they have been pointed out.

The *Breeze* staff this summer represents a new group of students, and we are trying once again to present information as completely and accurately as possible. We ask only to be given a chance, and the cooperation that any newspaper deserves.

See 500 million years in ten minutes or less

KEVIN CROWLEY

When my family finally came for a visit (and I thought they had forgotten they even had another son), it was too rainy to go swimming and my sisters were too young to get into the Elbow Room. So, our options were very limited.

Granted, I'm only a one-year Harrisonburg resident, but after we left Jesse's it was panic time. I was all out of Harrisonburg highlights — then I remembered the numerous cavern tours in the area.

I drove the ten-mile jaunt north on Route 11 to the Endless Caverns in about three-and-a-half minutes, while my mother and father gripped the dash board and ground their teeth into chalk.

"I've never gone this fast on any roller coaster," my mother said. But I assured them that I knew the roads and that everyone in this area drove that way.

Endless Caverns were virtually deserted that day, but before entering the actual cave we had time to roam through the restaurant and bar. They were built in the 1920's and straight out of F. Scott Fitzgerald's "The Great Gatsby," with skylights covering a third of the ceiling and plush carpeting anchoring the over-stuffed dining chairs.

The caverns were naturally a drastic change from the dining room, as was the temperature (54 degrees inside the cave).

Our guide for the afternoon, I believe now, was training for an Olympic marathon. He was over 50 and carried a walking stick. But when he told us it took about an hour for the tour or an hour and ten minutes if we "slow-poked" it, I should have realized his looks did not reveal his true physical condition. Since when is ten minutes "slow-poking?"

Regardless, we began the tour following closely behind the guide so as not to miss any of his explanations of the stalactites and stalagmites which glimmered brilliantly in the colored lights. Unfortunately, it soon became impossible to view anything for longer than a moment without

completely losing our guide.

Most of the stalactites (calcium deposits which form downward from the top of the cave) and stalagmites (calcium deposits which grow up from the cave's floor) simply reminded me of icicles, but our guide saw much more.

The first formation he pointed out as resembling "an Arab" which caught me by surprise. An Arab? I looked but still saw only an icicle shape before I had to run to catch the retreating tour group.

Things really got ridiculous when he pointed out formations he said looked like a DC-10, Greta Garbo eating a pizza with anchovies and the Mormon Tabernacle Choir.

Our guide, on the rare occasions when he did stop, always sounded out-of-breath and his short delineation came in gasped bursts.

When we paused at a collecting vase for the water which continually dripped from the roof, our guide explained, "In the early 20's (gasp) when folks first began exploring these caverns (puff) they believed this water provided the secret of eternal youth (pant)." Our guide continued on and a man in the tour reached for and drank a handful of the clean, cold water. "Unfortunately they found the water was poison," our now fleeting guide said over his shoulder, as the man crumbled to the ground choking for help.

Of course, I didn't want to be left behind, so I ran off in pursuit of the tour which had stopped in front of a rock which looked nothing like the Taj Mahal... except to our guide.

I think we finished the tour in record time and only lost three or four tourists in the process.

That area and the caverns are a sight that should be explored. The Endless Caverns are over 500 million years old and were formed by an underground river flowing through the Massanutten mountain range. The tour costs four dollars for an adult. But, by all means dress warmly. The walk covers close to two miles, and depending upon your guide you may move faster than I drive.

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SPECTRUM

Comments on world issues

Judging questioned at 1980 Olympics

Boycott may have saved U.S. athletes embarrassment

KEVIN CROWLEY

While most of the world's amateur athletes have been competing in Moscow for the gold medals which will give them the claim as the "world's best," United States athletes have competed among themselves and viewed the 1980 Olympics from afar.

President Carter's boycott of the Olympics in protest of the Russian invasion of Afghanistan may or may not have served its purpose, but it has saved the U.S. a great deal of diplomatic embarrassment.

Reports of flagrant misjudgment have been seeping out of Moscow since the Olympic torch was lit last week.

— Ian Campbell of Washington State University, representing Australia, was charged with a foul in the triple jump for dragging his foot just before his take off. When Campbell appealed the charge and asked the Russian judge for an English interpreter, the judge merely shrugged and ordered the pit raked clean.

Campbell's jump of 57½ feet would have bettered the Olympic record (held by the Soviet Union's Viktor Saneyev) and put him ahead of the eventual winner, Soviet Jaak Uudmae.

"Joao de Oliveira of Brazil also had big jumps, only to have them disqualified also. Between us, eight of our 12 jumps were called fouls," said Campbell.

— Nadia Comeneci, the '76 Olympiad who scored several perfect scores and captured

most of the attention at the Montreal games, was involved in a bitter controversy last Thursday when she lost the all-around title to Soviet gymnast Yelena Davydova.

Comeneci's Rumanian coach, Bela Karolyi charged that Comeneci's score on the balance beam had been

lowered due to "an arrangement" to ensure a Soviet winner.

— Former Olympic champion, Daniel Bautista was disqualified for trotting in the 20-kilometer walk Thursday. Bautista was two kilometers from the finish line when the incident occurred.

— Mexican police have had to increase security around the Soviet Embassy there because of the fervor raised when Mexican diver Carlos Giron was "robbed" of a gold medal in last Wednesday's three-meter diving competition.

Giron and an East German

had each protested a dive because of crowd noise and asked if they could repeat their performances; both were denied their requests.

Soviet competitor and eventual gold medalist, Alexander Portnov was then granted the exact same request and allowed to repeat a dive.

Upon first reading these reports and other accusations that Soviet judges were "systematically robbing" athletes, I could not help but reflect back to the 1972 Olympic basketball championship and Russia's pseudo-victory over the U.S. The final three seconds were replayed for reasons which have never been fully explained, even today.

Those additional seconds lead to a Russian score and the first basketball defeat of an American team in the history of the games. Of course, American protests fell on deaf ears.

Those Olympics were held in Munich, Germany, but the Russian influence among the International Olympic Committee is evident and apparently far-reaching.

Had the Americans participated in the Moscow games this year, disputes would probably have been more frequent, and many American athletes would have lost gold medals which they deserved.

Beyond the protest of the Afghanistan invasion, and in the interest of fair competition, perhaps it is best that the American anthem will not be heard in Moscow this summer.



THE MOSCOW OLYMPICS

Short Takes

A brief look at what's happening around the nation, around the world

Jury eyes judges

MOSCOW (AP) The International Amateur Athletic Federation will put members of its own appeals jury on the field in the Olympic track competition in a move to stop Soviet judging irregularities, according to highly placed IAAF.

There has been a string of complaints about the judging thus far in the competition. The judges have all been Soviet. They will remain on the field, but the IAAF jurors will supervise them, according to the sources, who did not wish to be identified.

There has been widespread criticism of the judging during the Games, with a special emphasis on the men's discus, javelin and triple jump events, all won by Soviet competitors.

'Benson' strikes

LOS ANGELES (AP) ABC has come close to dismantling one of its few new successes, "Benson," in a dispute with series star Robert Guillaume.

Guillaume has refused to show up for work on the series, which is now idled anyway by the Screen Actors Guild and American Federation of TV and Radio Artists strike. He is angry, his agent says, because of the "treatment he has been getting" from ABC and Witt-Thomas-Harris Productions, which makes "Benson."

Although money is part of the dispute, says agent Phil Margo, "it is largely a question of treatment. All we are after is parity and what's fair. We aren't asking for something other people don't get...just certain things that a man who's reached the point Robert has should have."

Billy bumbles again

WASHINGTON (AP) Not surprisingly, Jody Powell's daily briefings for reporters lately have been dominated by Billy Carter's ties with Libya and the White House involvement in the situation.

The episode is causing great problems for President Carter at the worst possible time, so there has been little humor from the president's chief spokesman du ring these drawn-out sessions.

Last week, after the White House released its first statement on White House involvement with the president's brother and his relationship to Libya, the briefing droned on so long that it drew close to the evening deadlines of television network correspondents.