



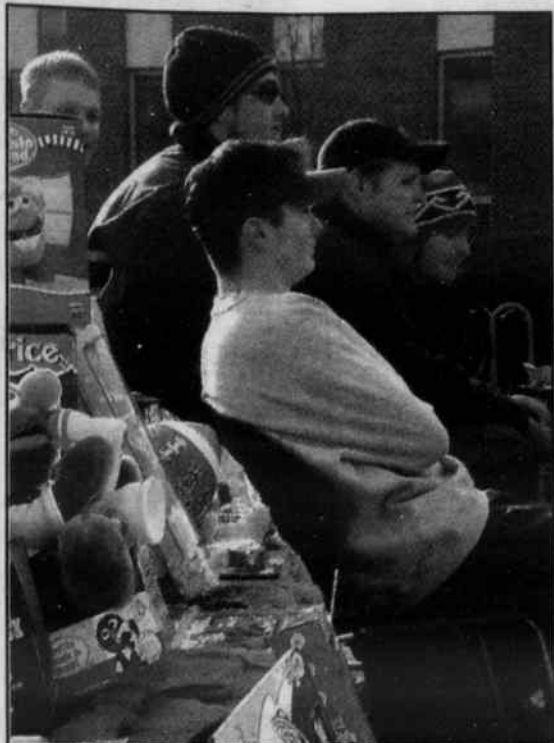
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Theta Chi brothers take their turns at the trailer on Wednesday for their 12 Days Project.

Twelve days of giving

Theta Chi brothers brave cold for charity, toys for kids

BY KRISTEN BERTRAM
staff writer

Theta Chi fraternity is collecting toys for area children in its first 12 Days Project. Theta Chi members began camping out on the commons Nov. 29 and will conclude their collection on Dec. 10.

The brothers are collecting children's toys and money donations around the clock to reach their goal of 1,000 toys. All of the items collected from students and staff will be donated to the Salvation Army, which will then distribute the toys to underprivileged families in Harrisonburg and throughout Rockingham County.

According to senior Dave Rexrode, 12 Days Project director, they collected

between 300 and 350 individual toys and \$300 to \$400 as of Monday, but there is still more counting to be done.

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good time ...

— Dave Rexrode
12 Days Project director

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He said some of the cash donations received will be used to buy more toys and the rest will be donated to the Salvation Army for food and clothing.

Theta Chi has invited student organizations, sororities, fraternities and residence halls to participate in competition for a party made possible by local donors; Domino's Pizza, Buffalo Wild Wings, Kmart, the Artful Dodger and James McHone Jewelers. For every toy or \$5 donated by a member of a group, the group will receive one point. The group with the most points will receive a pizza and wings party during finals week.

“This gives students the opportunity to have a good time while spurring on competition and helping kids as well,” Rexrode said.

Many of the brothers said they are excited about this project because it

see *THETA CHI*, page 7

A TEAM EFFORT



RYAN PUDLOSKI/senior photographer

Senior gymnasts Ashleigh Suarez (left), Betsy Hernandez and Amy McGinty and junior tennis player Andrew Lux garner support for their endangered sports teams Wednesday.

Sexual Violence Speakout



A common cause: sexual assault

BY KC GARDNER
staff writer

A Sexual Assault Speak Out will take place today at noon on the commons to address sexual violence on campus and related JMU resources for students.

More than 10 offices, student organizations and Harrisonburg

community resources will discuss the services they provide for sexual assault incidents. The speak out is aimed at not only condemning sexual assault but supporting survivors of it as well, said Student Government Association President Mark Sullivan.

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STYLE Dance Mix

The Virginia Repertory Dance Company will show off a mix of visual mayhem. Page 21

A National Tragedy

The Dukes' volleyball season was brought to a close with a 3-0 loss to defending national champion Penn State in the NCAA Tournament. Page 31



'Tis the Season

With the holidays approaching, why not look for some gifts at Shotsie's, where you'll find festive delights for all. Pages 24-25

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Timers were installed at crosswalks of two busy S. Main Street intersections to improve safety. Page 5

DUKE DAYS EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, DEC. 7



• Yoga Club, 5 p.m., Taylor 302, e-mail Kai at *safranka*

• Baptist Student Union large group praise and worship Christmas special, 5:30 p.m., Baptist Student Center on corner of Cantrell Avenue and South Main Street

• Campus Crusade for Christ Christmas meeting/party, 8 p.m., Warren 4th floor, call Shelby at 442-1650

• Young Democratic Socialists general meeting, 8 p.m., Taylor 311, call Michael or Aaron at 433-6411

TO SUBMIT A DUKE DAY EVENT:

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The next *Breeze* will be out on January 11, 2001

The Breeze Staff wishes everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

POLICE LOG

CASEY BONDS
Police reporter

JMU students have charges pending against them for grand larceny and possession of marijuana. Marijuana plants, smoking devices, firecrackers, a beer bottle and a US Postal Service scale were reportedly found in their adjoining rooms in Chesapeake Hall on Dec. 3 at 9:10 p.m.

The scale was stolen from the post office lobby in Warren Hall, although the theft had yet to be discovered and reported by the JMU Postal Services.

In other matters, campus police report the following:

Underaged Possession of Alcohol

• A JMU student was judicially referred for underaged possession of alcohol on Dec. 2 at 2:24 a.m. in Ikenberry Hall.

The unconscious female was

reportedly found in the restroom and transported to RMH by the Rescue Squad.

• Leslie K. Worthington, 18, of Richmond, was arrested and charged with underaged possession of alcohol on Dec. 2 at 2:17 a.m. in Eagle Hall.

Worthington was reportedly celebrating her birthday when she reportedly consumed 13 shots of vodka.

The subject was reportedly semi-conscious and being carried by the complainant when the officer observed her. She was transported to RMH ER by the Rescue Squad and reportedly found to have alcohol poisoning.

• Emily J. Graham, 19, of Gwynedd Valley, Pa., was arrested and charged with underaged possession of alcohol on Dec. 3 at 4:50 a.m. in Chesapeake Hall.

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"To the press alone, chequered as it is with abuses, the world is indebted for all the triumphs which have been gained by reason and humanity over error and oppression."

— James Madison

NEWS



Crosswalk makeover

New timing systems have been implemented at busy South Main and Grace Street intersection

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"I think there are a lot of people on campus who really don't care where their clothes were made."

JENN WEISS

Junior class representative, SGA

Sweatshop bill faces contention, Harmony proposes STD prevention

BY STACY SMITH
SGA reporter

The Student Government Association voted in favor of a bill of opinion Tuesday requesting disclosure of conditions in sweatshops manufacturing JMU apparel.

The bill of opinion, which passed with a 40-7-5 vote, will be given to university administration tomorrow along with a Students Against Sweatshops petition signed by more than 1,000 students.

"The bill is a good sign that students aren't apathetic," SGA President Mark Sullivan said. "It shows that students really do care about big issues."

The bill recommends that the university's administration adopt a code of conduct including full public disclosure of factory locations, language for women's health and safety, and language demanding adequate living wages for workers outlined by United Students Against Sweatshops.

After a video was shown to educate SGA members about sweatshop conditions in Indonesia, Eagle Hall Sen. Andrea Fischetti spoke in favor of the Sweatshop Bill of Opinion.

"We want disclosure of factory conditions," Fischetti said.

The new code of conduct would set higher standards for factory conditions and workers' wages.

Although the bill of opinion will not affect JMU's contract with the Collegiate Licensing Company (CLC), a new code of conduct mandating conditions would be adopted.

Debate on the issue lasted about one hour with more than 15 SGA members voicing opinions.

"I think it's a declaration of the student body that we will not stand for these

actions," At-Large Sen. Brandon Durlinger said.

Other Senate members were reluctant to vote without discussing concerns with representatives from Students Against Sweatshops and questioning the student body.

Junior Class Rep. Jenn Weiss suggested that the bill was a "false representation" of the opinion of the student body.

"I think there are a lot of people on campus ... who really don't care where their clothes were made," Weiss said.

Weiss concluded that the bill does not have the support of the student body, and, as a result, the Senate should not vote in favor of it.

Weiss said Students Against Sweatshops should take action by requesting information from administration directly instead of using a bill of opinion to convey their message.

Sullivan countered Weiss' argument with a history of the sweatshop issue, his involvement with the issue and the lack of response he says he has gotten from administration.

"This is something that has been consistently brought up over the past year," Sullivan said.

Sullivan also said when the issue was brought before university administration, they responded with a request for more information.

Sullivan went on to describe his report, a 200-page manifesto focused on educating the student body and administration.

The report, which was given to administration last Friday, states that a stronger code of conduct is needed, a committee should be formed to monitor the code of conduct and the CLC should be convinced to adopt a stronger code of conduct.



JANE McHUGH/senior photographer

Senior class council secretary Saiba Kamal (far right) presents a \$500 check to Erin Strine (center) of Campus Assault ResponseE (CARE) as Jaysri Nair (far left) looks on. Proceeds from the Senior Class Council's Jingle Bell Jog benefitted the sexual assault response organization.

The bill of opinion and Students Against Sweatshops petition will be given to administration tomorrow.

In other news, members of Harmony, JMU's gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered organization, addressed SGA with their agenda for the upcoming semester.

Harmony requested two changes at JMU to protect its members and provide a safer environment for homosexuals.

First, Harmony suggested a change be made to stop grade reports and tuition bills that list students' schedule of courses from being sent to parents.

The group cited names of courses, such as Gay and Lesbian Literature, imply to parents often unknown sexual identities.

"It provides them (parents) with

information that students maybe don't want to share," sophomore Harmony co-coordinator Kristina Oseth said.

Another issue on Harmony's agenda called for the University Health Center to provide dental dams as a form of protection against sexually transmitted diseases (STDs).

Dental dams are used during oral sex to prevent the transmission of STDs and are distributed at health centers at other universities like William & Mary.

Harmony requested the SGA's input on these issues and asked for ways to accomplish the goals.

Oseth and Sullivan will start working together this week, Oseth said.

The first meeting of the spring semester is scheduled for Jan. 9.

JMU ranks second for study abroad program

BY CASEY BONDS
staff writer

JMU's study abroad program has been ranked second in the country among master's degree institutions for sending students abroad to study in other countries by the *Chronicle of Higher Education*. In the 1998-'99 school year, the university sent 568 students to other nations for the study-abroad experience.

Bethany Oberst, executive director of JMU's International Programs, said JMU places much emphasis on sending students abroad because of tradition. Oberst

said the program started 21 years ago when students were sent to London for a semester. She said the program helps to teach students of the cultures in which they are studying.

Along with learning about other cultures, Oberst said she found that many students become interested in working overseas. "Some students choose to work in the United States but want international travel to be a key part of their jobs," she said.

As far as funding is concerned, students who choose to participate in this program pay tuition and room and board

fees to JMU plus a supplemental fee that varies with the location.

JMU runs semester-long study-abroad programs in London, Paris, Salamanca, Florence, and Fort-de-France, Martinique. There are also short-term programs at sites such as Wales, Italy, Germany, Austria, Ghana, Egypt, Malta, Honduras, Guatemala, the Netherlands, Israel, Belgium, Ireland, Scotland, Mexico and Russia.

Students also enroll directly in universities in countries such as Korea, Japan, Australia, Ecuador, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, China, Cyprus, the Czech

Republic, Greece, Thailand and Turkey.

Junior Alexia Kauffman attended the University of Salamanca in Salamanca, Spain last year.

Kauffman said she decided to participate in this program because she wanted to become fluent in Spanish. She had never been in another country for an extended period of time and thought it would be a good experience, she said.

"It was definitely an amazing experience," Kauffman said. "I learned so much about the culture studying in a different country. The classes and the professors were awesome."

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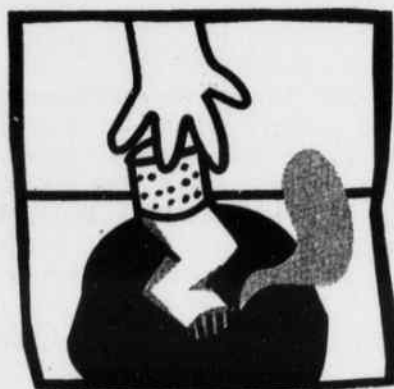
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Safety measures introduced on S. Main

New crosswalk timers aim to make heavily trafficked pedestrian area more safe

BY TOM STEINFELDT
news editor

Pedestrian crossing timers installed last week at two South Main Street intersections near campus mark the first step to improve safety conditions in this heavily trafficked area.

The timers, located at the Bluestone Drive and Harrison Street intersection and at the crossing at Grace Street, count down the seconds remaining until the "Don't Walk" sign comes on to let pedestrians know how much time they have to cross.

"We (JMU) think it's a good idea, and we're very hopeful it will make a difference there," said Steve Knickrehm, assistant vice president for resource planning. "I think it's a first step in the right direction."

Knickrehm is working with city officials to improve the safety concerns on Main Street and plans to meet with Jim Baker, head of Harrisonburg Public Works, to discuss further efforts.

Sixteen timers, eight at each intersection, have been installed at a cost of \$470 apiece, according to Tom Austin, Harrisonburg Public Works superintendent. Harrisonburg, which has jurisdiction over these streets, funded the project.

Next in the works is the installation of two flashing warning signs on Main Street to be located north of Cantrell Avenue and north of Port Republic Road. The signs will warn motorists that they are

entering a high pedestrian area. Austin said the signs, which will also be funded by the city, should be arriving soon, although he could not give an exact date for their installation.

"JMU is in full support of what's being done," Austin said.

The timers and warning signs have been endorsed by the Harrisonburg City Council, city manager, Transportation and Safety Commission and Public Works Department, Austin said. Although the timers will not necessarily force more pedestrians to use the crosswalks, Austin said he hopes they will stop people from crossing with little time to do so.

Safety concerns on Main Street heightened last March when Amy Thompson, a visiting assistant professor of geology, was critically injured when struck by a car in the Grace Street crosswalk.

Thompson's husband, Leonard VanWyk, an assistant professor of mathematics, has taken an active role to improve pedestrian safety since his wife's accident. Thompson's health continues to improve and she plans to return to work this summer teaching a course at Bridgewater College.

Austin said Harrisonburg and JMU have been discussing the safety on Main Street for years, but Thompson's accident moved the issue to the forefront.

VanWyk said safety improvements should have come soon after his wife's acci-

dent. But, "the fact that they (city) actually did something finally is nice," he said.

VanWyk recommended the use of pedestrian timers and warning signs to the Transportation and Safety Commission last summer. He also suggested putting a traffic island in the middle of Main Street near JMU for pedestrians, which would eliminate the turning lane.

Austin said a plan to install a median between Warsaw and Grace streets (the primary crossing area) and a pedestrian refuge area to make crossing easier are being discussed. This plan would cost considerably more than the timers and warning signs, although Austin would not specify the amount.

Knickrehm said the university, JMU President Linwood Rose and Charles King, vice president for administration and finance, are interested in pursuing methods to improve safety on Main Street.

"We'll continue to work on it and continue to make it better as we go along," Knickrehm said. "It's a high priority item, and we're very interested in it."

Knickrehm said a federal grant for road safety, the T-21 grant, may cover the cost of installing a median. But because the project is not on JMU grounds, the university can only play a consultative role in this process, working with the city and federal government resources.

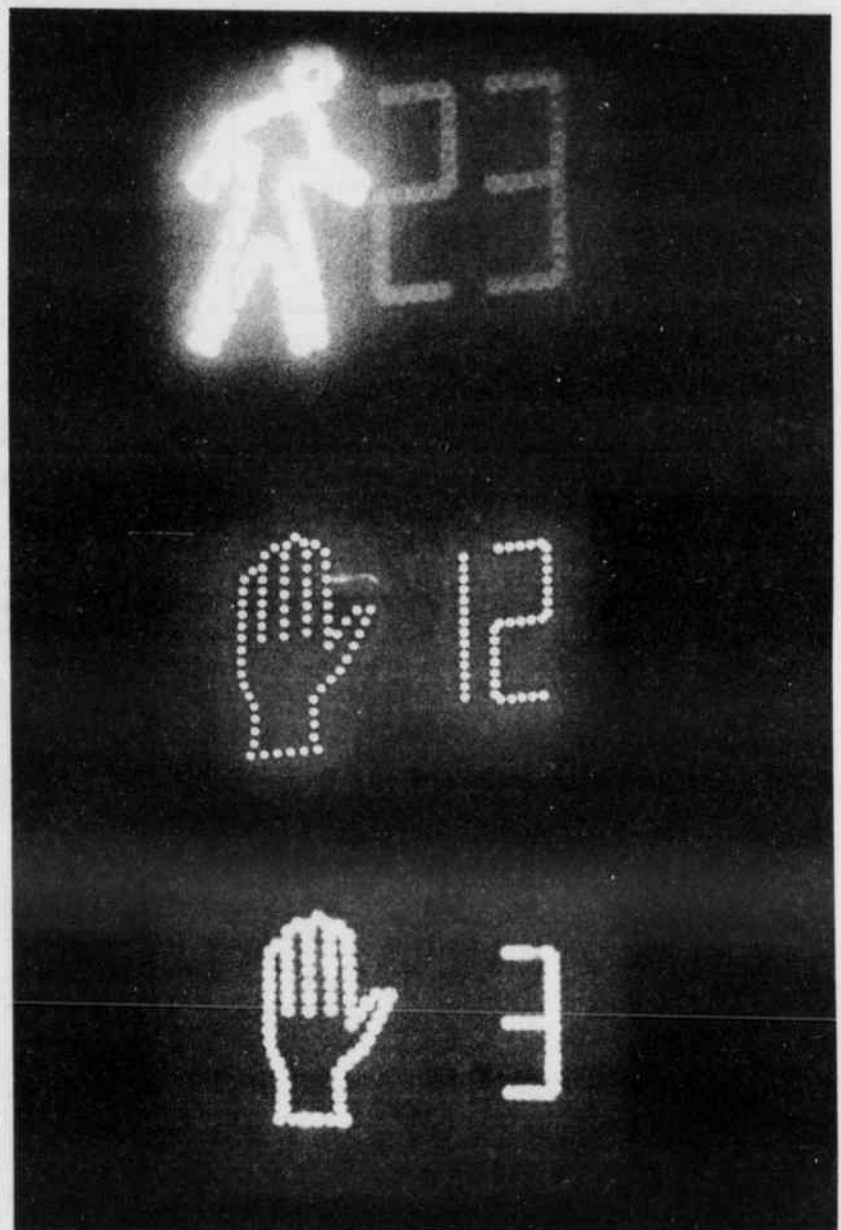
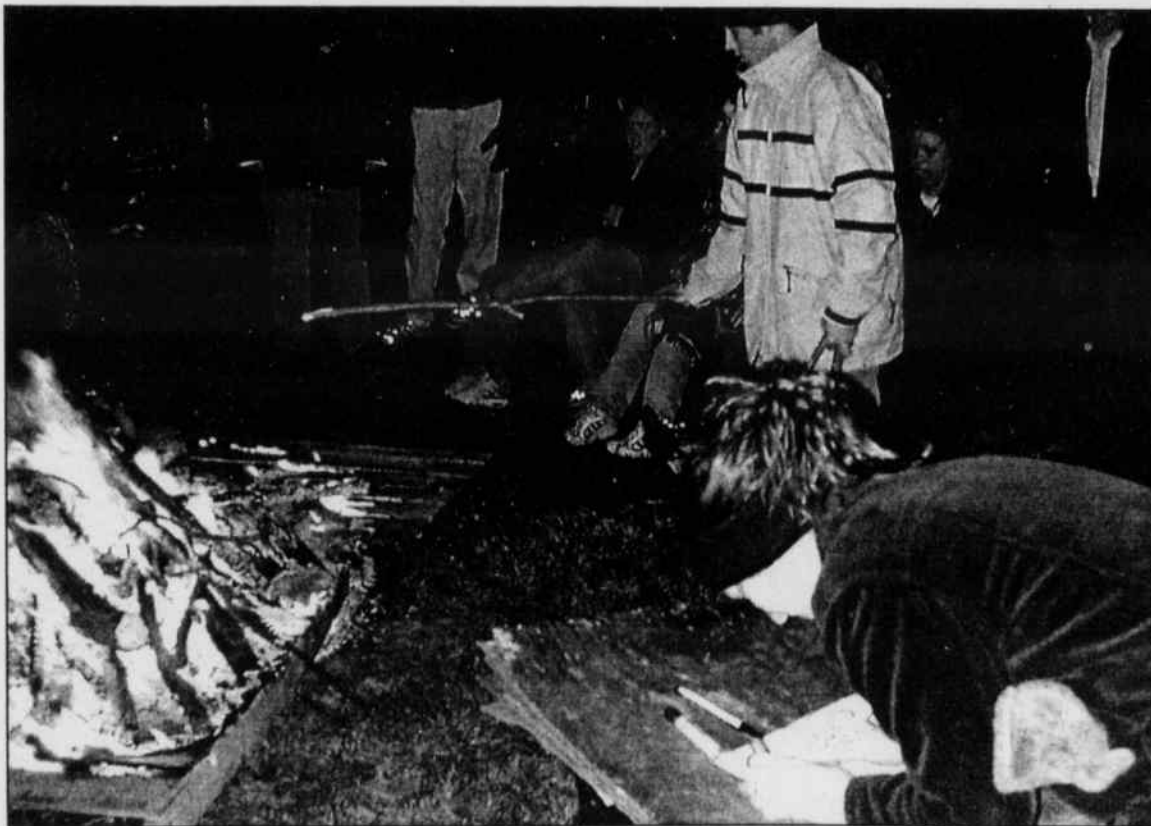


PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY XRI THOMAS/senior artist

Timers were installed last week at two busy intersections near campus on South Main Street in an effort to improve pedestrian safety conditions.



XRI THOMAS/photo editor

THE TRIBE HAS SPOKEN: The final tribal councils for the two Business Law 495 classes were held yesterday at the JMU Farm. Patterned after the TV show "Survivor," students debated law cases throughout the semester to determine if they would "gain immunity" or be "voted off." At least one student was voted off in each class until four remained. Seniors Mary Beth Crutchfield and Stephanie Moore prevailed as the two class winners to earn A's in the course.

Student pleads guilty to sex charges

A JMU student pled guilty to two charges involving a child.

Junior **Brian Chou**, 23, of Virginia Beach, pled guilty to taking indecent liberties with a child, a felony, and sexual abuse of a child, a misdemeanor, yesterday in Harrisonburg Circuit Court.

Chou was arrested and charged last January with the two counts. His sentencing is scheduled for Feb. 20, 2001, in circuit court.

In November, Chou was charged with electronically transmitting and displaying sexually explicit visual material

In Brief

involving an individual under the age

of 18. But the charges were dropped when it was determined that he had been misidentified in a photo lineup by a witness who reported observing Chou viewing child pornography at North River

Public Library in Bridgewater.

Students Against Sweatshops rally for their cause

Members of Students Against Sweatshops rallied on the commons yesterday at noon to raise awareness about the the injustices of sweatshop labor.

Keeping with the holiday spirit, the group sang mock carols to spread their message. The songs replaced the holiday lyrics with phrases that emphasized problems with low wages and inadequate working conditions.

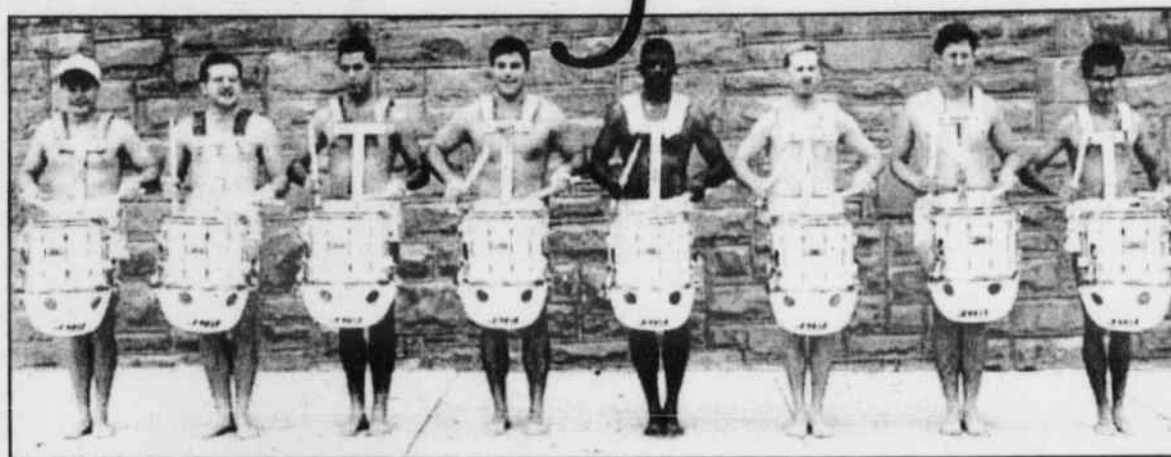
About 40 students attended the event.

The event comes five days after Student Government Association President **Mark Sullivan** submitted a report to JMU President **Linwood Rose** and other top administrators that addresses the university's possible ties to sweatshop labor.

— from staff reports

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This year's Shoot Yourself contest invites students to submit your most creative photos according to the following theme: somewhere in your photo has to be something that exemplifies a word that starts with "EX." For example, everyone could be "EXcited" or it could be a photo of your "EX-boyfriend." There's no right or wrong and the more creative the better. A selection of the submissions will be featured in the book as the Shoot Yourself contest, but the top three winning photos will be large feature photos.

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For more info and examples of past Shoot Yourself winners, visit the *Bluestone* website at www.jmu.edu/thebluestone or call the office at 568-6541.

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Speak out to publicize resources, facts

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"I hope we're able to express that JMU as a community is committed to addressing these problems and will work together to overcome them," Sullivan said.

The speak out will focus on ways to decrease violence against women on campus primarily through promoting awareness of the resources already available and how students can get involved. These resources aim to help survivors and secondary survivors who are a friend or family member of the victim of sexual assault, Sullivan said.

Sullivan said JMU has excellent resources available to survivors and secondary survivors of sexual assault.

"But we haven't done a very good job of publicizing them," he said.

Informational pamphlets will be distributed at the speak out, which will last about an hour.

"If no one ever says anything about this there won't be any changes," said

senior Jeanine Minge, editor of the feminist literary journal *Sister Speak*. Staff members of *Sister Speak* will participate in the speak out.

Minge said the discussion of sexual assault at JMU has been toned down to maintain the university's reputation and appeal to prospective students.

"I think with the SGA and other organizations getting involved, the circumstances will improve," she said.

SGA initiated the event, drawing on the support of organizations that participated in the coalition discussion on sexual assault on Nov. 28.

The discussion was held after two reported on-campus rapes, on Nov. 2 and Nov. 14, raised safety concerns.

Sullivan said the speak out is a respon-

sive, not reactive measure to the rape reports.

"In light of the recent occurrences, there are opportunities for students to overcome these incidents," he said.

The speak out will also address societal attitudes to prompt students to look at the role they can potentially play in preventing sexual assault, Sullivan said.

Sexual assault continues to represent the most rapidly growing violent crime in America, according to the National Crime Statistics Web page.

Junior Erin Strine, a member of Campus Assault ResponsE (CARE), said she hopes the speak out will encourage students to seek out organizations that will help them deal with a sexual assault or feel comfortable supporting a friend who has survived one.

CARE is a student organization that runs a sexual violence help line for students 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

"JMU has provided a really supportive environment," Strine said.

One in Four, an all-male sexual assault peer education group, is also participating in the speak out.

"We, as men, are trying to encourage other men to take a stand against violence toward women," said senior Dave Lloyd, a member of One in Four.

The organization's name is based on the national statistic that one in every four women will have survived a rape or attempted rape by the time she graduates from college.

EQUAL, a student feminist group, is also expected to voice their ideas and concerns.

JMU's Office of Sexual Assault, the Women's Resource Center, the Office of Residence Life and campus police and cadets are also scheduled to attend the speak out.

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— Jeanine Minge
Sister Speak editor

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Theta Chi's 12 days of cold camping

THETA CHI, from page 1

allows them to make a big difference in the lives of children in Harrisonburg. They said they agree that it is important that the JMU students be recognized as people who do care about the residents of Harrisonburg.

"JMU students may take Christmas for granted," said junior Theta Chi member Benjamin Hill. "This gives them the chance to help those who are less fortunate."

A trailer, adorned with Christmas lights and signs promoting the 12 Days Project, was donated by one of the pledge's parents and serves as a visual reminder on the commons of their 12-day commitment.

Despite the cold weather, the brothers are braving the conditions and continue to stay out all night. "Whenever someone wants to give,

we want to be there to take donations," Rexrode said.

Every brother will spend at least one night in the trailer and work for two-hour shifts during the day. Every night two people stay on the commons from 9 p.m. to 8 a.m.

"Students drop off donations on the way home from the library or while they are waiting for their friends at D-hall," said junior Theta Chi member Rommie Misleh. "Every little bit helps."

Besides the tiny space heater the brothers have tucked away in the trailer, they are keeping warm with coffee and snacks brought out by appreciative students.

"These guys are doing a great thing," sophomore Summer Harrington said. "I hope all of JMU students and staff come out and support this cause and their service."



TOM STEINFELDT/senior photographer

Santa Claus (senior Justin Conway) sings anti-sweatshop songs to the tunes of Christmas carols Wednesday at a rally on the commons.

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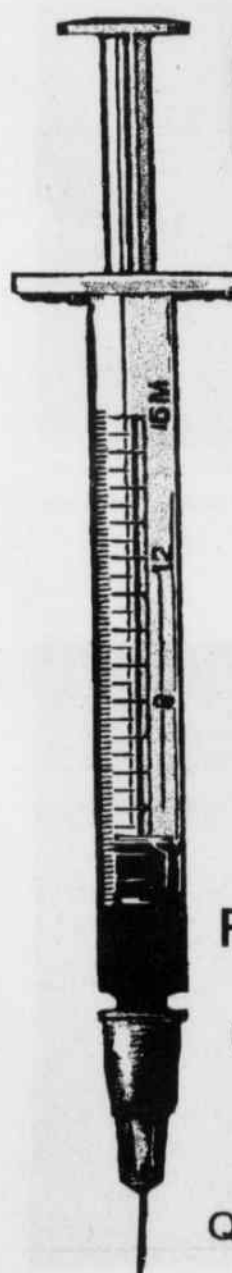
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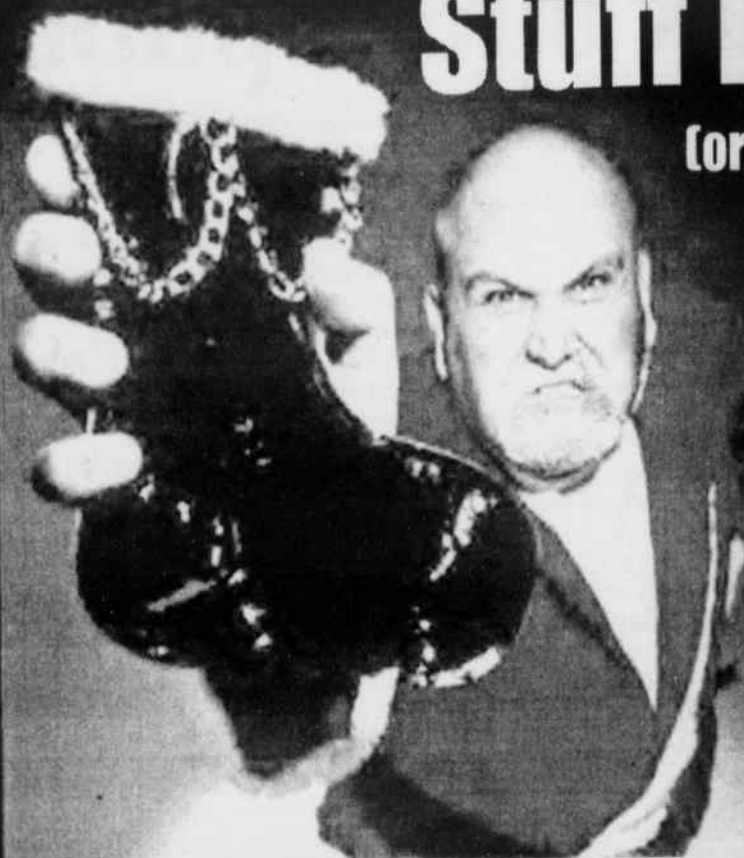
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Group to rebuild Mt. Vernon distillery in honor of whiskeymaking president

BY BROOKE MASTERS
The Washington Post

George Washington: farmer, general, president ... and whiskeymaker?

The Distilled Spirits Council has decided to honor the first president by joining forces with Mount Vernon to rebuild Washington's 18th-century distillery to full working order. The five-year, \$1.2 million project will allow visitors to Washington's plantation on the Potomac River to see one of his most profitable business ventures in operation.

"People have really no concept of what a successful entrepreneur he was," said James Rees, executive director of Historic Mount Vernon. "Demonstrating that he ran something on this scale ... with cutting-edge technology really shows that ... he wasn't just the most powerful person in the 18th century, he was the most interesting."

Washington came to whiskeymaking late in life, after being lobbied by his Scottish-born farm manager, James Anderson. As Washington was leaving the presidency in 1797, he agreed to

Anderson's plan to build a distillery on the grounds of the plantation's grist mill. Grain from the mill was then used to brew corn and rye whiskey, and the leftover mash was fed to Washington's very fat pigs.

By the time Washington died two years later, liquor was the plantation's third-largest revenue source: 11,000 gallons of whiskey brought in \$7,000 in 1799.

Mount Vernon officials have been working to restore the plantation's money-making operations recently — the grist mill is to reopen as a working mill in 2002 — and they recently turned their attention to the distillery.

The plantation contacted Brown-Forman Corp., corporate parent of the Jack

Daniel's distillery, and Brown-Forman brought in the Distilled Spirits Council, which agreed to pay for the restoration.

"This is a great way to show the American people that (whiskeymaking) is part of our country and our culture,"

said Peter Cressy, president and chief executive of the Distilled Spirits Council.

The donation has another benefit for the liquor lobbying group, Cressy said.

Right now, little remains of the 30-by-75-foot stone building besides the foundation, but two summers of

cautious archaeological excavations have uncovered the original drains and the brick floor.

The mill and distillery site, located nearly three miles from the mansion, is owned by the state government. But

Mount Vernon spokeswoman Jennifer Saxon said state officials have agreed to give the property to the private foundation if the restoration effort is successful.

The Smithsonian Institution has agreed to help the distillery project by lending to Mount Vernon a restored an 18th-century copper still that was seized in 1940 from a bootlegger in suburban Fairfax County.

Local legend suggests the bootlegger's still, manufactured in 1787 in England, was one of the five originally at Mount Vernon.

It's unclear whether the restored distillery will produce liquor. The Distilled Spirits Council has applied for a historic distillery permit from the state, but Rees said federal regulators told him it's probably illegal to produce liquor for human consumption in an authentic 18th-century manner.

"Our plan is to re-create the distillery as faithfully as possible, but whether it makes alcohol and anyone can drink that alcohol, that's highly unlikely," said Dennis Pogue, Historic Mount Vernon's associate director for preservation.

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POLICE LOG, from page 2

An officer on patrol reportedly found the subject unconscious on the floor next to the entrance of the restroom.

When awakened by the officer, she reportedly stated that she had been provided alcohol at a fraternity party on Greek Row, but did not know which house.

She was reportedly left in the care of the hall staff.

Underaged Consumption of Alcohol

- A JMU student was judicially referred for underaged consumption of alcohol on Dec. 2 at 2:17 a.m. in Eagle Hall.
- A JMU student was judicially referred for underaged consumption of alcohol on Dec. 3 at 4:50 a.m. in Chesapeake Hall.

Alcohol Poisoning

- A JMU student in Hoffman Hall reportedly consumed shots of tequila and was transported to RMH with alcohol poisoning on Dec. 3 at 1:25 a.m.
- A JMU student was diagnosed with alcohol poisoning when the subject was reportedly found by cadets vomit-

ing at the Godwin bus stop on Dec. 3 at 2:25 a.m.

Possession of Marijuana

- A JMU student was judicially referred for possession of marijuana during a consent search on Dec. 4 at 11:06 p.m. in Chandler Hall.

Charges are pending.

Hazing

- JMU students were judicially referred for hazing that reportedly occurred at the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity house on Dec. 2 at 3:11 a.m.

Ten pledges were reportedly being hazed.

Officers were drawn to the scene by loud yelling. Black plastic was reportedly being used to cover the windows.

Grand Larceny

- A bike was reportedly stolen from a bike rack at Chappelle Hall on Dec. 1 at 7 p.m.
- The blue/gray Performance 21-speed mountain bike was worth \$500 and later recovered.
- A 27-speed Gary Fischer mountain bike was reportedly stolen when left

unsecured in front of PC Dukes on Dec. 3 at 6:30 p.m.

The bike was reportedly recovered later by the owner at Mr. Chips.

Petty Larceny

- Two Sparko brand speakers worth \$40 combined were reportedly stolen from a wall in a room in Godwin Hall on Nov. 1 at 10:41 a.m.
- A JAC card was reportedly stolen out of a holding area at UREC on Nov. 21 at 7 p.m.
- A digital headset was reportedly stolen from the Ashby Hall computer lab between 8 a.m. on Nov. 30 and 8 a.m. on Dec. 1.

The headset, which was worth \$14, was possibly taken during a fire alarm evacuation on Nov. 30 at 9 a.m.

- A Duke Dog emblem was reportedly stolen from an office suite in Godwin Hall between 5 p.m. on Dec. 1 and 12:43 p.m. on Dec. 4.
- Items were reportedly stolen from a car parked in the Godwin lot on Dec. 4.

Among items reported stolen are a cell phone, an adapter and CDs.

Destruction of Property

- Unknown persons reportedly severed six to eight guy wires securing a Christmas tree on the Quad in front of Wilson Hall on Dec. 2 at 5 p.m.
- A wired glass panel was broken out of a north side door of the Health Center between 6 p.m. on Dec. 2 and 9:50 a.m. on Dec. 3.

A rock was reportedly used to cause the \$200 worth of damage to the door and no entry was gained.

- A tire of a vehicle was reportedly slashed in R1 lot on Dec. 3 at 5:22 p.m.

Harassment

- An obscene telephone call was reportedly made to an academic building on Nov. 30.
- Harassing telephone calls were reportedly made to a residence hall on Dec. 3.

Number of drunk in public charges since Aug. 28: 42

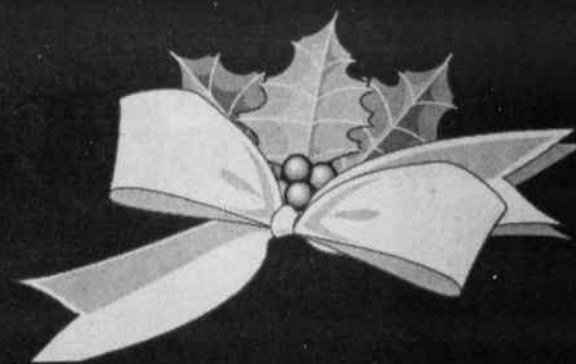
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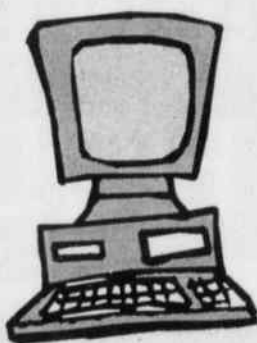
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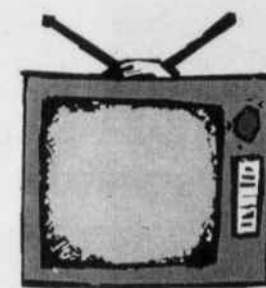
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Swarthmore cuts sports

Committee decides to cut three athletic programs

BY STEPHEN SHARKEY
TMS Campus

Swarthmore College's football team, along with two other sports, were cut Saturday, Dec. 2, when the Pennsylvania school's board of managers voted to eliminate the sports in the interest of improving varsity competition in other sports.

The decision by the board that called for the abolition of the college's football, wrestling, and women's badminton teams came as a surprise to students on Saturday as the 15-8 vote came without full consensus, as is typical under the school's tradition.

The controversial decision has angered students and some board members. "Honestly, we feel totally deceived and betrayed by the administration," sophomore running back Kenny Clark told the *Chronicle of Higher Education*. "Fifteen guys on the team have said they're going to transfer." The team is also planning other protests for this week.

Also among the disappointed were a couple members of the board of managers who have opted to resign from the board as a result of the decision. While Krattenmaker said no members have officially resigned yet, the Swarthmore student newspaper, *The Phoenix*, wrote that board members Neil Austrian and James Noyes resigned following the vote.

Swarthmore assembled an Athletic Review Committee about a year ago to

research the necessary changes needed to improve the athletic programs at the college. The committee — made up of the student body, board of managers, faculty and administration — recommended terminating the three sports.

"We believe that re-allocation of resources to a smaller number of sports will enable the college to achieve a level of excellence in athletics that we haven't enjoyed for many years," Swarthmore President Alfred H. Bloom said.

The main issues surrounding the decision were the desire to make more room available in the classrooms for students whose primary extracurricular activities are not sports. Also a factor was the desire to reduce the number of athletic teams from 24 to 21 in an effort to focus a greater effort toward the remaining 21 teams.

"I think the biggest concern is the mix of students in a class," Krattenmaker said. "If you recruited people to adequately staff 24 teams, then you have fewer spots in a class for students who may do journalism, or music or political activities. So the mix in a class is really more important than money."

Swarthmore Athletic Director Robert Williams said that the expense of maintaining the teams was never an issue, which sets Swarthmore apart from the many small Division III schools that have closed the doors on athletic programs in the interest of school budget.

Duke permits same-sex marriage ceremonies

BY MATTHEW MCGUIRE
TMS Campus

Duke University will permit same-sex marriage ceremonies in the landmark Duke Chapel, a decision that has been denounced by the campus right and applauded by the campus left.

University President Nannerl Keohane and Dean William Willimon announced the decision Tuesday after a committee of students, faculty, staff and trustees recommended the decision.

The school is affiliated with the United Methodist Church, which does not permit such unions, but the chapel is not tied to any particular denomination and is a university facility, Keohane and Willimon said. Two other campus buildings — the Freeman Center for Jewish Life and the Sarah P. Duke Gardens — have already begun holding same-sex unions. The hold up on the Duke Chapel was because of the United Methodist affiliation.

"No one has suggested that we ask any clergy to perform these unions if that clergy person, by reason of conscience, conviction or church tradition,

does not wish to do so," Keohane and Willimon said in a statement. "We ought to allow these unions to be celebrated by those clergy who are allowed, by their religious communities, to officiate at such ceremonies."

In cases of traditional marriages or same-sex unions, the chapel is only available to students, alumni, faculty, employees and their adult children.

— "Duke is taking a step toward being a more inclusive place."

— Karen Krahulik
director for Duke's Center for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Life

Karen Krahulik, director for Duke's Center for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Life, applauded the decision and told the Associated Press that "Duke is taking a step toward being a more inclusive place."

Martin Green, president of the Duke Con-

servative Union, believed the decision to allow same sex marriages was not based on the feelings of the campus. The committee that recommended the decision, Green argued, was selected by Keohane and therefore biased.

"The fact that Keohane's hand-picked committee voted unanimously in support of this radical affront to people's beliefs displays that the president's process was a fraud," Green said in a statement.

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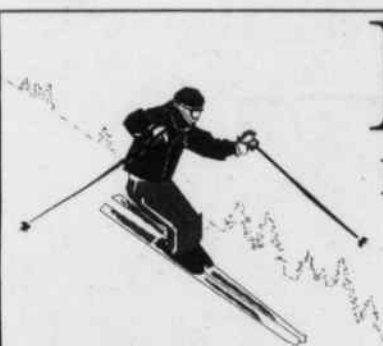
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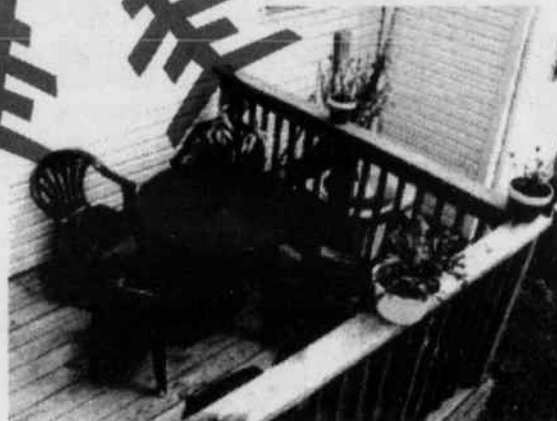
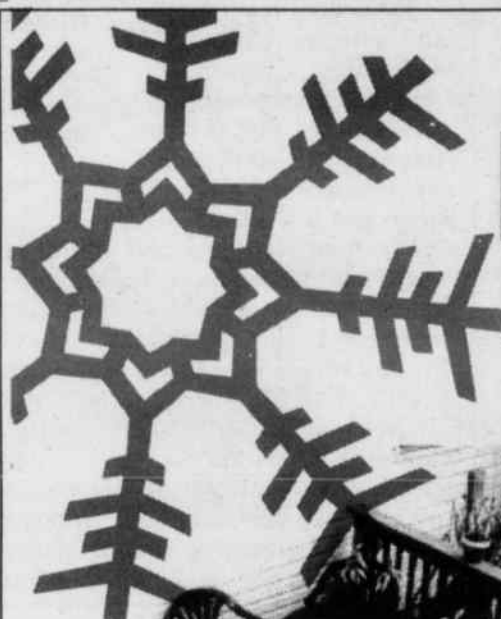
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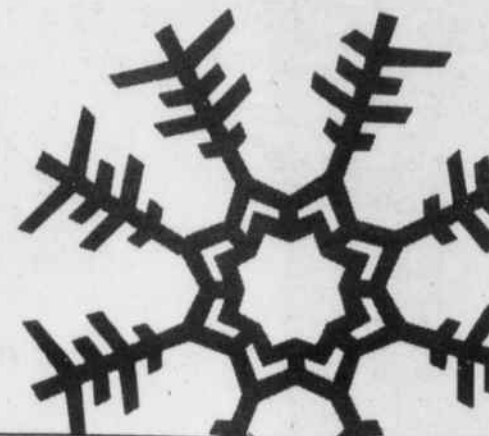
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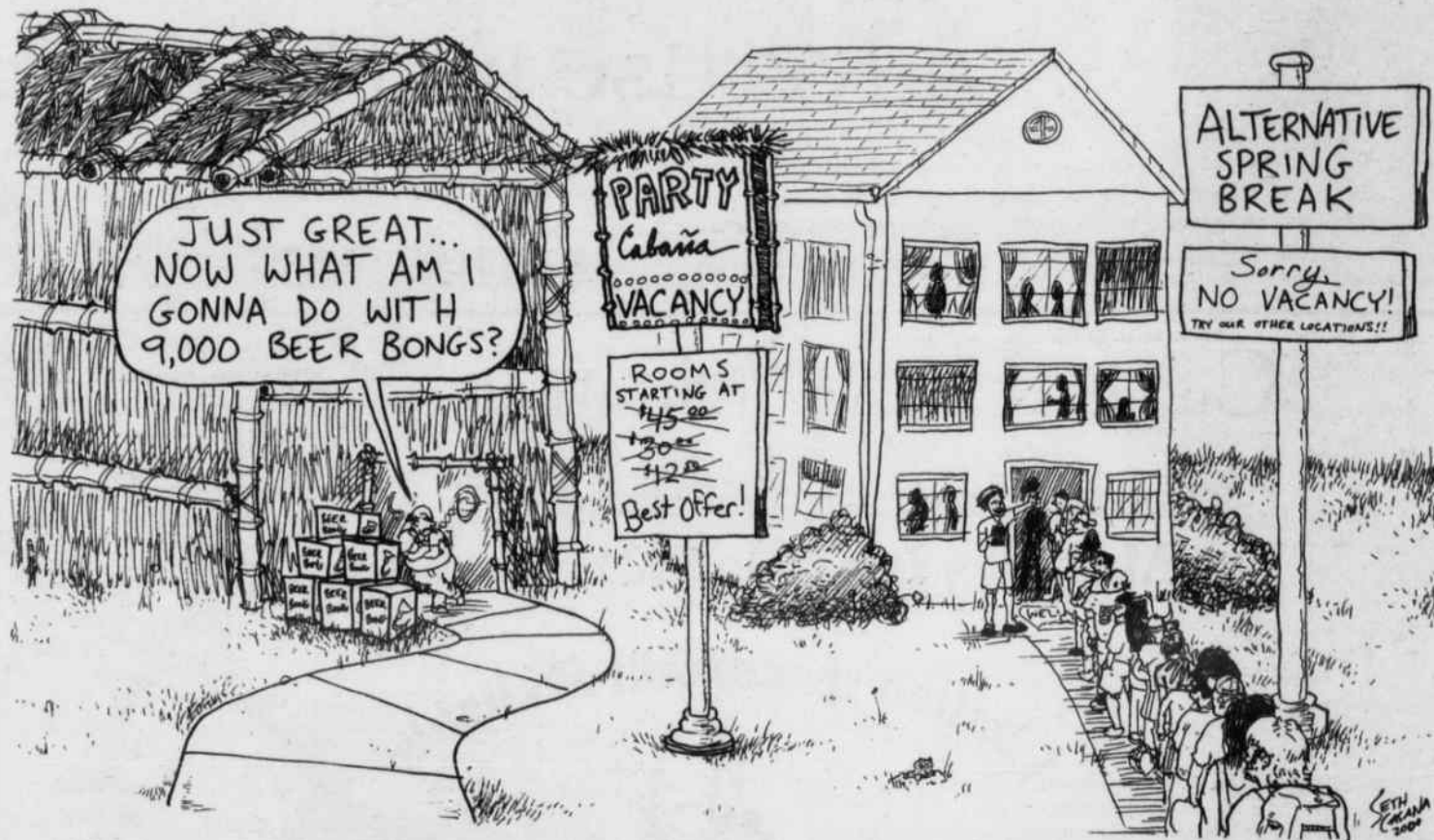
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HOUSE EDITORIAL

Alternative Spring Breakers are in the giving spirit

Although Christmas is still weeks away, the giving spirit of the holidays has been steadily flowing through JMU.

The Community Service Learning Alternative Break Program had their big night (and morning) last Thursday when they held sign-ups for their 20 Alternative Spring Break trips.

More than 90 students gathered in Wilson Hall for the all-night camp-out which culminated at 7 a.m. on Friday, according to a Dec. 4 Breeze article. Students arrived as early as 3 p.m. on Thursday, preparing to sign on the dotted line for a week of giving to others.

This year, students will travel to such cities as Boca Grande, Fla., New Orleans, La. and Gullah Island, S.C., as well as two international trips. Other trips are also planned through organizations like Catholic Campus Ministry and UREC. Activities include working with the homeless and HIV/AIDS patients, helping to find housing for

refugees and working to repair and maintain state parks, according to the article.

Each and every student involved in these programs deserves to be commended for their selflessness. However, the experience itself, may be enough commendation for these students.

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Sophomore Colleen Macner, who attended this year's camp-out and Alternative Spring Break last year, said the trip was, “the best week of my life.”

The Alternative Break Program has received commendations in the past and continues to elicit praise. JMU's

Alternative Break Program was named Program of the Year in Break Away's 1998-1999 Alternative Break Awards. Break Away is a non-profit organization that serves as a national resource to Alternative Break Programs like JMU's.

Those camping out in Wilson Hall on Thursday night were treated to a cappella and acoustic performances as they waited.

The increasing popularity and success of the Alternative Spring Break Program is a testament to the goodwill of the JMU student body.

And those who participate in programs like these are people who will spread the giving spirit throughout the year.

Junior Morgana Wallace, Alternative Break Program Student Coordinator said “statistics and assessment show that those who participate [in the program] continue service more than those involved with other organizations.”

Spotlight Question: What's on your holiday wish list this year?

**CAMPUS
SPOTLIGHT**
BECKY GABRIEL/staff photographer



"For my roommate to stop talking in her sleep."

Melissa Delancy
junior, IDLS



"My two front teeth."

Brycelyn Boardman
sophomore, chemistry



"To catch Santa eating his milk and cookies."

Liz Sweeney
sophomore, sociology



"For a stripper to jump out of a present box."

Conor Yeomans
sophomore, undecided

THE GLASS IS HALF FULL

The early Sunday morning of a gimp in the ER

STEVEN GLASS

So there I walked, tired and alone. Having been denied entry to two of the best off-campus fraternity parties the night before, my self-esteem was at an all-time low the other morning (visualize sarcastic grin of author here). All kidding aside, one is left to ponder his existence in the world walking home at 8 a.m., shoes untied, sweater on backward, sleepy-eye crusties in full effect and carrying a case of morning breath so lethal it could kill a small horse.

If you know what I'm talking about, it is only because you have embarked on the same journey home in sub-freezing temperatures, teeth chattering in between prayers that no one you know drives by to see you doing the "walk of shame." While I wasn't on a traditional "walk of shame," any walk home in the same clothes you wore the night before is a humbling and somewhat shameful ordeal.

The shame is compounded when someone you know catches you and unleashes a pity-driven but mutually embarrassing offer to drive you home. This was my experience, which became even more embarrassing when I had to explain why I couldn't move my right arm and was on my way to the hospital to have my shoulder X-rayed.

The cause of my ER visit is even more embarrassing when you consider how I hurt my arm. At midnight the night before, I was on my way to a friend's

house when I tripped over a sewer cap that was 7 inches above the ground, landing squarely on my right shoulder. More amusing is that I actually chose in mid-air to land this way rather than compromise the tube of cookie dough I was carrying in my left hand. You see, in my inebriated condition, I naturally assumed that it would be a good idea to bring cookie dough to my friend's house and insist that she bake me cookies.

So there I sat in the ER at 8:30 the following morning, explaining to the attending nurse that I had fallen on my arm the night before. As she took my temperature, I deflected the glare and attitude I was detecting from her, which was driven by her estimation that I was just another drunk JMU student who had gotten drunk and rolled down a hill.

After getting me checked in, they took me back to one of the treatment rooms. A woman I was sharing the room with, separated from me only by a scuzzy linen curtain, was throwing up everything in her stomach. Now, for a college student who could've vomited based on the pain in my shoulder alone and sitting on a stomach of heavy drinking from the night before, I could've gone with someone else for a roomie.

The nurse, in between bouts of this woman's vomiting, came over and asked that I take my shirt off. I told her that

given the pain in my arm, that would require some time. She kindly responded by saying "I'll give you a moment." At this point, I find it my duty as an ER veteran to inform you that "I'll give you a moment" is hospital talk for "I'll be back in 10 minutes."

Ten minutes later an actual doctor breezed in, asked that I squeeze his fingers and then told me I needed X-rays. So 20 minutes after that, a different nurse walked in and escorted me to the X-ray room, where several X-rays were taken. Then I was ushered back to the other room, where the nurse said, "The doctor will look at these and let you know." Translation: "We'll put these in the doctor's box, he'll check his box around noon, take your X-rays to lunch and come see you sometime after three this afternoon." Of course, they told me I probably shouldn't put my shirt back on, so I sat there freezing because the room I was in was right next to the sliding doors where the ambulances pull in.

Finally, after a half-an-hour nap and several odd grunts from my neighbor, the doctor's voice appeared in our room again. He stopped first to speak with my roomie, whose voice had developed man-ish tendencies since I first arrived. From what I picked up, she was having issues with her gallbladder, and that ultrasounds were in order. But then the doctor said the two words that every

hospital patron dreads most: rectal exam. Yes, in order to ensure that no bleeding was occurring, she would need to have one.

At this point, I really didn't care whether or not my collarbone was broken, I wanted the hell out of there. But the doctor had my X-ray results, and I couldn't figure out why he would embark on such a mission without dismissing me from the room first. Oh, but he did. I had the unenviable misfortune of sitting there and listening to the rectal exam transpire.

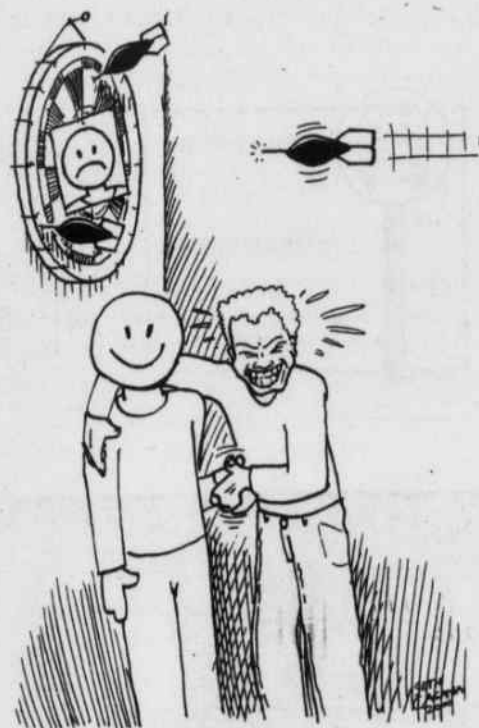
When it was through, the doctor pulled off his gloves and walked over to my side of the room. "Good news," he started, yet I couldn't think of any good news that could come from a man who had just had his hands where the sun don't shine and now had my X-ray results in those same hands. My X-rays were negative, and he offered to show me the technical jargon on the X-rays, but I declined. At the present, I'm looking into preventing gallbladder stones.

Steve Glass is the opinion editor whose week only got weirder on Monday.



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An "I-hope-you-got-a-pleasant-surprise" dart to the person who stole my gray scarf after I had been using it as a tissue all day.

From a runny-nosed sophomore who hopes you are sick now too.

Pat...

A "your personalities-are-as-bright-as-the-morning-sunshine" pat to the morning crew at Madison Avenue at Market One.

Sent in by a grateful senior who loves to see happy people with happy chocolate muffins.

Dart...

A "what-are-you-doing?" dart to all the people who honk their horns and yell at all hours of the night behind Wayland Hall.

Sent in by two annoyed sophomores who would like to sleep every once in a while.

Pat...

A "thank-you-for-your-time-and-effort" pat to COB professor David Jones for trying to help us retrieve our lost business plan the morning it was due.

Sent in by six distressed COB 300 students who were ready to jump off Showker's roof if it weren't for you.

Dart...

A "SERENITY-NOW!!!!!!!" dart to the angry, disgruntled, ticked-off, student-hating sandwich nazi at one campus eatery for screaming out the order number "eight" at the top of her lungs, terrifying us and causing us to lose our appetites fearing for our lives and soiling our drawers.

Sent in by four students who wonder if you are possessed by Satan.

Pat...

A "you're-so-amazing" pat to my guy who had me following the yellow brick road to star city and whose surprises kept me smiling the whole night through ... and still do.

From your girl who appreciates all that you did to make her night special ... flying monkeys included.

Dart...

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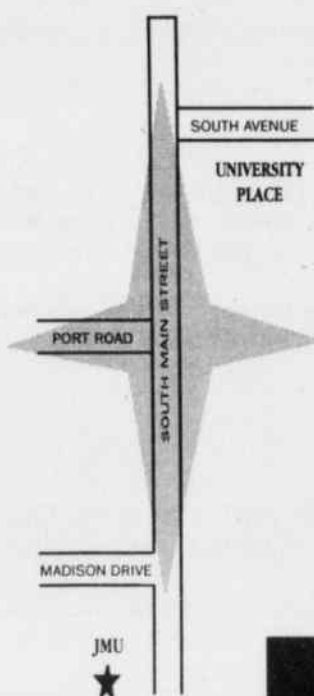
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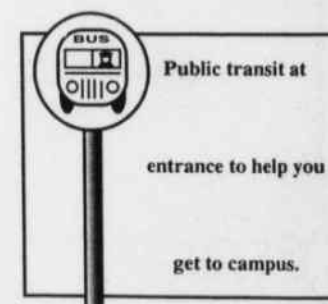
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Father of JMU wrestler seeks help

To the Editor:

Editor's Note: The following letter was originally sent to Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert, a long-time wrestling coach, to solicit his help in preventing the cancellation of the JMU sports programs.

For 21 years I served my country as an officer in the Army. After retiring last year as a disabled veteran, I looked forward to watching my two sons wrestle in college. Like your sons, Joshua and Ethan, Karen and I are very proud of our sons' accomplishments both academically and athletically. Like your old wrestling team the Yorkville Foxes, our York County High School team was very proud when both my sons were selected to wrestle for two of our state colleges (James Madison University and Old Dominion University). However, today we are being told that due to the Title IX proportionality issue, JMU will most likely have to cut wrestling and seven other excellent sports.

Imagine as a coach assembling your old wrestling team and telling them that Kendall County was putting a padlock on the wrestling room door and that their only crime was they were born male.

Matthew, my son, is a scholar athlete at JMU. He turned down offers to go to Virginia Tech because of the great coaches and wrestling program that he saw at JMU. JMU has been ranked in the top 20 academically by the National Wrestling Coaches Association for six consecutive years. JMU wrestling is the only program that has been in the top five academically for six consecutive years.

The graduation rate for JMU wrestlers is one of the highest for any sport at any school on any level, graduating 95 percent. So far, Matthew has not been disappointed. JMU is a great school with a great program. How do I explain to him now that all his years of dedication, focus, drive and ambition have been for nothing.

You know better than anyone that wrestling develops much more in a young man or woman than just muscles. My son is a leader and yet he knows how to work as part of a team to achieve common goals. Wrestling has given him maturity and focus. This sport is a great classroom that teaches that hard work, dedication and sportsmanship do pay off. Wrestling helped mold both of my sons and many more young adults into the fine citizens and leaders that they are today. They just won't get that in a chemistry class.

I told my kids when I came back from the Middle East and Africa how terribly those cultures treated women and minorities. We have talked about gender equality and how in America, for the most part, the playing field is and should be level. My daughter, sons and I would have it no other way. Yet today, my son is a statistic, a number that must be reduced to meet a federal Title IX mandate. He is not a number!

For 21 years I served my country, with great pride, defending freedom and working in such countries as South Africa teaching their new government the principles and practices that America was founded on. Reverse discrimination like this, in any form, is not a principle I would want to associate with our great government. We are better than this.

I'm not smart enough to know how to solve the fact that there are more women than men at JMU or that

more men participate in college athletics, but I know that cutting the wrestling program at JMU is not the answer. I don't know what you can do to help me, JMU or my sons, but I know you are a good man and a leader and will do the right thing.

Paul R. Martin
Lt. Col., USA, (Ret.)
Yorktown, Va.

Turf cartoon paints false picture of Village

To The Editor:

I am writing to address the cartoon which appeared in the latest issue of *Turf*. The cartoon depicted Village area residence halls and challenged readers to "find the peeper." The staff of *Turf* thought that a puny disclaimer would help us remember that, although we should laugh now, this really is serious business.

Showing contempt for the perpetrator through a slight disclaimer is nothing more than an ineffective way to cloak thoughtlessness and insensitivity. Let me make it clear: This is serious business. Although there have been no reported assaults associated with the so-called "peeper" incidents in the Village area, the occurrences have raised concern about safety across campus and have caused women to fear for their safety in their own homes. In light of the recent occurrences of sexual assault on and off campus, it is remarkable to me that a student-led publication would choose to poke fun at the "peeper" problem.

The Office of Residence Life and the University Police have invested a significant amount of resources to address the issue of the "peeper." Hall staff have gone on extra duty tours to increase their presence throughout the buildings, and we have required residents to attend all-hall safety meetings with the police. We are in the process of installing additional card access points in the TV lounges of the Village halls. We have decreased the length of the propped door alarms and resident advisers document situations where they observe students holding doors open. We continue to explore additional interventions as well.

Safety at JMU is everyone's concern, sexual assault at JMU is everyone's problem. Words in print can either exacerbate the problem or address it constructively. There is, right now, a proactive dialogue going on across campus to address the issues of safety and of sexual assault. I challenge the writers of *Turf* in particular to be, to use a well-worn phrase, part of the solution and not part of the problem. Rise above the counterproductive, shock sensationalism that has characterized your publication up to this point, and join with your peers to explore how further to develop this university as an environment of safety, thoughtfulness and sensitivity in the pursuit of learning.

Greg Czyszczon
Village area coordinator
Office of Residence Life

Student calls for open-mindedness on campus

To the Editor:

As a gay male at JMU, I feel that the student body and community need to open their eyes and minds concerning the issue of homosexuality. Our campus is loaded with professors, faculty and students with closed minds on this issue.

I was disturbed the other day when I was walking alone to class, and a guy walked passed me and uttered a disparaging, anti-gay comment: "Hey faggot." I knew he was talking to me because he was also walking alone and no one else was near us. I have no clue who this kid was and how he knew I was gay, although that is not the issue at hand. The issue is that everyone at JMU should feel comfortable and accepted here. JMU is not a very diverse school, therefore the diversity that we do have needs to be maintained and honored. Whether or not students here find homosexuality morally acceptable, everyone who is here has a right to be here. No one should ever feel unaccepted, hated or unsafe for something as simple as sexual orientation.

The fact of the matter is that most JMU students are non-bigoted, accepting and kind. I am sure I speak for all gay individuals at JMU when I say that I appreciate support from straight friends here on campus, and I know they exist because most of my friends are straight. Unfortunately, however, there is a large contingency of ignorant, close-minded individuals. This is not limited merely to students, either. Are we all adults on this campus? If this issue does not get any attention, people will continue to discriminate against individuals who are just like you, college students trying to better their lives. At parties, in classrooms, while eating on campus or just walking around campus you hear people say, "that's gay," all the time. There are so many other things you can say in place of "gay," so why offend someone?

To those individuals who are friends of homosexuals, by not saying anything to stop the "that's gay" remark, you are enabling people to be condescending and perpetuating intolerance. Silence is not the answer, and we need to work together as a campus to educate all members of our community.

We also need to get rid of professors who have a close-minded attitude toward homosexuality or any form of diversity. There is no doubt in my mind that every single person on this campus will come in contact with a gay individual sometime in their life, so the need to embrace the differences of people on this campus is imperative.

Unfortunately, many individuals disparage homosexuals in the name of religion. I am a spiritual person myself, and always learned in Sunday school that you are supposed to accept people for who they are. I am also appalled that Harmony posters that were placed randomly in residence halls were torn down all over campus as soon as they were put up. I am utterly disgusted at the lack of respect some of the people on this campus have. I pity your ignorance.

Vasilios Pourmaras
sophomore, SCOM

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BREEZE READER'S VIEW

Alumna reacts to 'Thoughts on being a black student at JMU'

ALLISON BAKER

When I recently received a link to the article "Thoughts on being a black student at JMU" by Janeine Berryman from the Nov. 20 issue of *The Breeze*, I must admit I was a bit saddened. It's unfortunate that Berryman's experience at JMU has not been as fulfilling as she had hoped it would be. However, what bothers me more is the tone of insecurity and self doubt she expresses about her right to be a JMU student.

As an African American student attending a predominately white university, my classmates and I often found ourselves in many of the same situations she describes. The difference is that I used these situations and the entire campus environment to my advantage. How? They prepared me for the real world where often I am the only minority in a corporate or social situation.

Do I feel intimidated and question my right to enter the executive conference room or interact with CEOs and

other business professionals who are almost always non-minorities? Absolutely not. And I have my experience at JMU partly to thank for that.

However, being comfortable in your own skin is not learned at a university. It comes not only from knowing who you are and what you're capable of, but also demanding (yes, demanding) that others recognize it too. You earned your spot at JMU no matter what others may say, and contrary to what some would like you to think, you are not obligated to debate your right to be there. Accept this opportunity with dignity and determination instead of doubt.

As much as we'd all like to think that college is a sheltered place where we can simply focus on our studies, party and be shielded from the outside world, it is often a very good snapshot of what life will be like in the real world. The difference is, in a university setting like JMU, you have a unique opportunity to educate one another about the dif-

ferences among you before you face the real world pressures of work and raising families.

For minorities who make the deliberate choice to attend a predominately white university as opposed to a predominantly black university such as Hampton University or Spelman College it is important to consider all the possible experiences that you may encounter, including those situations where you may feel forced to justify your rightful place among your white peers. While unfortunate and not something we should have to still address in the 21st century, it is the world we live in.

The comments of some whites who feel reverse discrimination from recruitment and acceptance policies, or the police who may unfairly scrutinize your every move on campus are not experiences limited to college. This happens off campus too. Learn how to deal with it now. Even after you leave JMU, you

may still find yourself educating whites about your hair, your political views and your choice of music.

Remember, your white peers in college eventually become your co-workers, neighbors and the people who will teach your children.

Predominately white universities are not for all African American students, just as some students thrive in a small-town school versus one in a large metropolitan area. However, every college experience, no matter what institution you choose, is what you make of it.

If you choose to focus more on the separateness you feel instead of making the most of what the university has to offer academically, socially and culturally, you not only do a disservice to yourself, but to all those who were denied the opportunity to attend one of the best universities in the country.

Allison Baker ('87) currently lives in Virginia Beach, Va.

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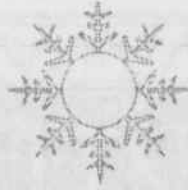
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GRAD STUDENT BRAD MCLEMORE

featured artist

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VISIONARY ENERGY

The Virginia Repertory Dance Company presents a multimedia collaboration of humor, creativity and unique movement

BY KRISTIN UNGER
contributing writer

A medley of dance forms characterized by humor and multimedia, will be presented by the School of Theatre and Dance Dec. 7 to 9, at 8 p.m. in Latimer-Shaeffer Theatre.

The Virginia Repertory Dance Company Concert will display a wide range of contemporary dance styles which include theatrical character-driven works, movement-based works, to the tune of hip-hop and other urban dance forms.

Founder and artistic director of the company, associate professor Katherine Trammell is the director of the performance. Under Trammell's direction, the concert will feature works by faculty and guest choreographers. "Each piece is created individually and are very independent," Trammell said. "The choreographers have created each dance in a world of their own."

A group of eight company dancers signify emotion and energy through six pieces, including one entitled "Because It Is There," choreographed by Shane O'Hara, associate professor of dance.

This piece is a contemporary theatrical dance which uses multimedia, sound and video, to display humor. Guest performer senior Brandt Wagner and senior company member Kelly Bartnik, display the trust that two people must have when mountain climbing, which is defined through the audience and the stage both illustrating the mountain.

"Pushing Borders," which

involves the entire company, was choreographed by professor of dance Cynthia Thompson. After much manipulation of this piece, Thompson said, what merged is a modern dance reflecting a group of people defining their common geographical as well as metaphorical boundaries.

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This community is both repelled and attracted to the unknown that lies beyond those tenuous borders.

— Cynthia Thompson
professor of dance

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"This community is both repelled and attracted to the unknown that lies beyond those tenuous borders," Thompson said.

"A Call To Arms" is a two-part trio that features senior Aaron Wine and juniors Alicia White and Beth Bradford. According to Trammell, the first part is a line of three women who experience a reconnection in a variety of ways.

The energy is focused more internally, while in the second part the energy is external as the three women join forces to battle an

impending crisis.

Guest choreographer from Virginia Commonwealth University's dance department, Starrene Foster uses strip tease dance music and animal print costumes in "Snake In The Grass" which brings out the "energy and drive in this very active comedic and lighthearted piece," Trammell said.

Costumes, such as the animal print, as well as lighting, contribute to bringing the variety of dance styles to life. Designed by professor of theater Jenner Brunk and brought to life by costumer Kathleen Conery, the two said the costumes evolved from watching the development of each piece at rehearsals and the trading of visual ideas.

"To design costumes and choose colors that capture the mood of the piece and visual idea, it requires skill as a designer and as an artist," Conery said.

In addition, New York guest choreographer Christalyn Wright's "Bruised Angel Loveboat," expresses emotional ups and downs in relationships. Trammell said that input of the dancers on love affairs that went wrong, were incorporated into this piece of "comprehending the emotion that comes about in a situation such as this."

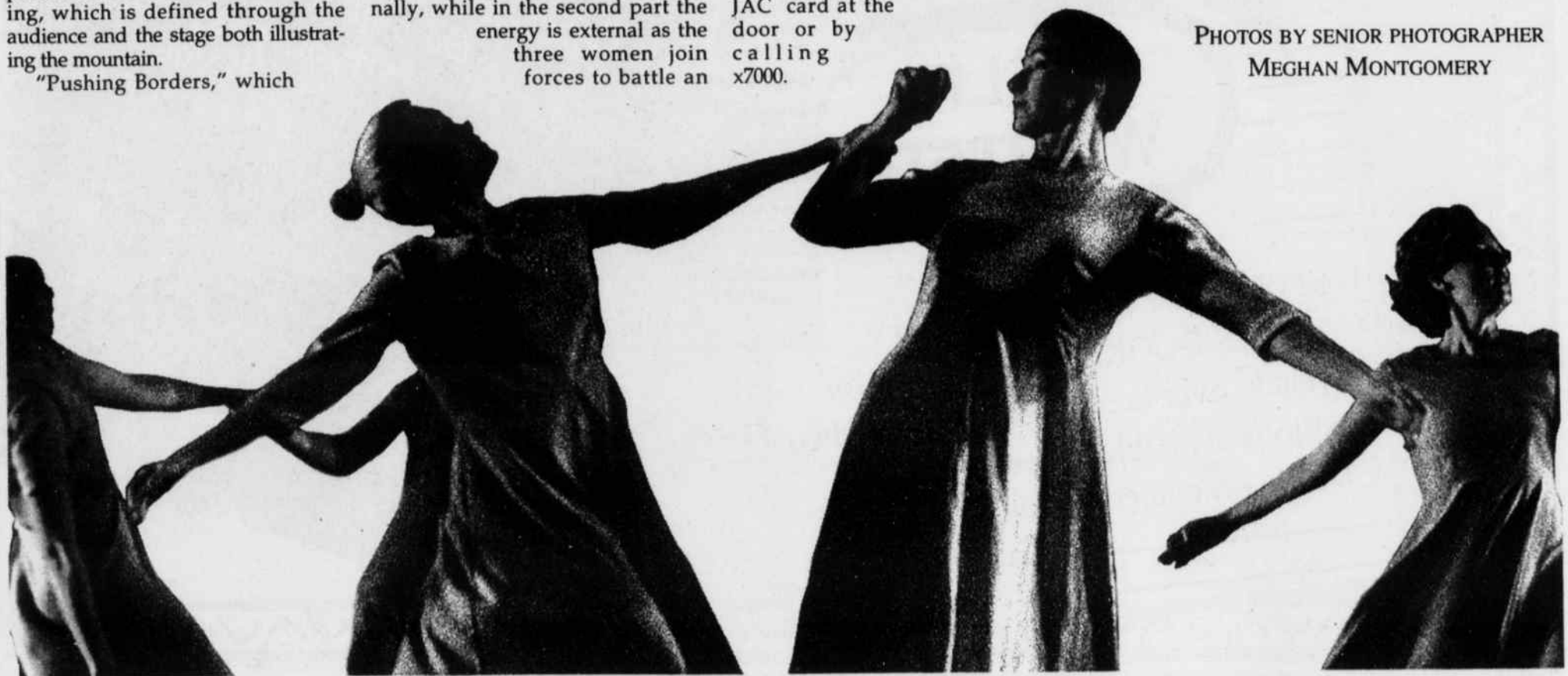
Also included is the work of guest choreographer and alumna Shannon Hummell ('96), who shows the shifting dynamics in human relationships through her choreography in "Partner Dances."

Tickets are \$8 or \$6 with a JAC card at the door or by calling x7000.



Senior Kelly Bartnik and Junior Lindsay Kipness, above, perform in "Snake in the Grass."

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Basic living

Grad student Brad McLemore's Sawhill Gallery exhibit uses 'everyday items in "unintentional" creativity

BY MARIA THESTRUP
staff writer

With an earthy freshness and a combination of artistic creation and everyday function, graduate student Brad McLemore exhibits his ceramics works at Sawhill Gallery.

As the culmination of his Master of Fine Arts degree, McLemore utilizes soft edges, glassy surfaces, soft earthy color and slips.

Bringing the kitchen into the studio, McLemore's exhibit features teapots, skewers, platters, pots and bowls.

McLemore's displayed works are primarily referential to a long tradition of the pottery process, the start to finish creation from idea to kiln, is a constant theme throughout the exhibit.

"I like to compose and I use the [image of a] pot as a composition. I'm not as concerned with its actual function as with it, as a subject matter. I stretch the limits. But if it looks like it should function, then it should," McLemore said.

His use of varying textures creates the unpredictable element found in his creations. There is also a certain "flawed" quality in many of McLemore's works displaying a unique "unintentional" creativity he calls, "controlled or directed intuition."

Several techniques appear in many of his creations such as his use of a crackling slip, resulting in a cracked surface, a fabric screen-mesh, cor-

rugated surfaces that give some of the works an industrial feel, and a "dripping of the glaze," a technique that shows the clay's "wetness" by freezing it.

"If you have a design, there is a certain geometry to it. It becomes sterile and cold unless you put something unpredictable there,"



BRENNA BAILEY/staff photographer

Grad student Brad McLemore said he used the image of a teapot for composition, not related to its function.

McLemore said.

McLemore's ceramic exhibit is the result of three years of graduate work, a synthesis of

ideas and inspirations taken from his sketches, sculptures, drawings and ambiguous gadget ideas, he said.

Sawhill Gallery director Stuart Downs

said, "Brad McLemore's exhibit is the equivalent of what a thesis is for a PhD. The Gallery's primary mission is education so it's interesting that many of his works have already sold."

McLemore said, "When I make simple work, like pots and cups, it's almost like meditation or exercise. But it

also gives me information and ideas to apply to more complicated pieces."

He said his favorite piece in the exhibit is "Teapot-Spark." There is an air of playfulness to it, a result of his use of color and the actual title written on the teapot's body. It has a contrasting and harsh feel created using a corrugated surface on its spout.

"I like this piece because it feels right to me. It is a soft but masculine form; it combines all of the ceramic references I use," he said.

"Platter-Green Square-Black Stripes" is another example of McLemore's signature style of contrasting shapes, varying color and differing textures.

The "glassy" texture seen on the piece is a surface McLemore reproduces on many of his pieces. The texture is an element of his style, produced by spraying the clay with sodium ash while in the kiln.

McLemore said he is looking toward a future as a college professor of ceramics. He dedicated his exhibit to Al Tennant, one of his first art teachers at the University of Alaska at Anchorage where he completed his undergraduate degree, a bachelor's degree of fine arts in ceramics.

McLemore credits Tennant with his "throwing" skills, referring to his work on the pottery wheel.

"I never went to art school and never came here to be certified as an 'artist.' I love to do it and to be able to do it better for my own satisfaction. I can't stop doing it," McLemore said.

McLemore's exhibit runs in Sawhill Gallery now through Dec. 10.

In the director's chair

Theater students take charge and take the stage in the Director's Festival

BY KATIE HOLT
contributing writer

If you're looking for a way to escape the stress of finals this weekend, look no further than the Director's Festival.

This unique theatrical experience will allow you to sit back and enjoy the hard work of many other students, instead of your own.

The Director's Festival is a collaboration of 14 one-act plays, put together and directed by numerous students. The event is organized as part of the students' work in THEA355, Directing for the Theatre.

What makes the Director's Festival so unique is the fact that "so many plays are done at one time" says professor of theater Roger Hall, faculty coordinator of the event. "So many people and students are involved."

Director's Festival at Theatre II

Thursday, Dec. 7: segments one and two at 7 and 9 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 8: segments three and four at 7 and 9 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 9: all four segments from 1:30 to 9 p.m.

(*Tickets \$2 at the door)

Between 60 and 70 students are involved in putting the Director's Festival together. Casting was chosen from roughly 125 students with varying acting backgrounds who auditioned for the event in October. The student directors then held their own, individual call backs. For many participants, including junior theatre major Brooke Marshall, this year's festival marks a first directing experience.

"Everyone [really] wants to get it going" Marshall said. She will be directing two of the festival's performances, "Action" and "Camera Obscura." Both are plays she chose from playwright Robert Patrick.

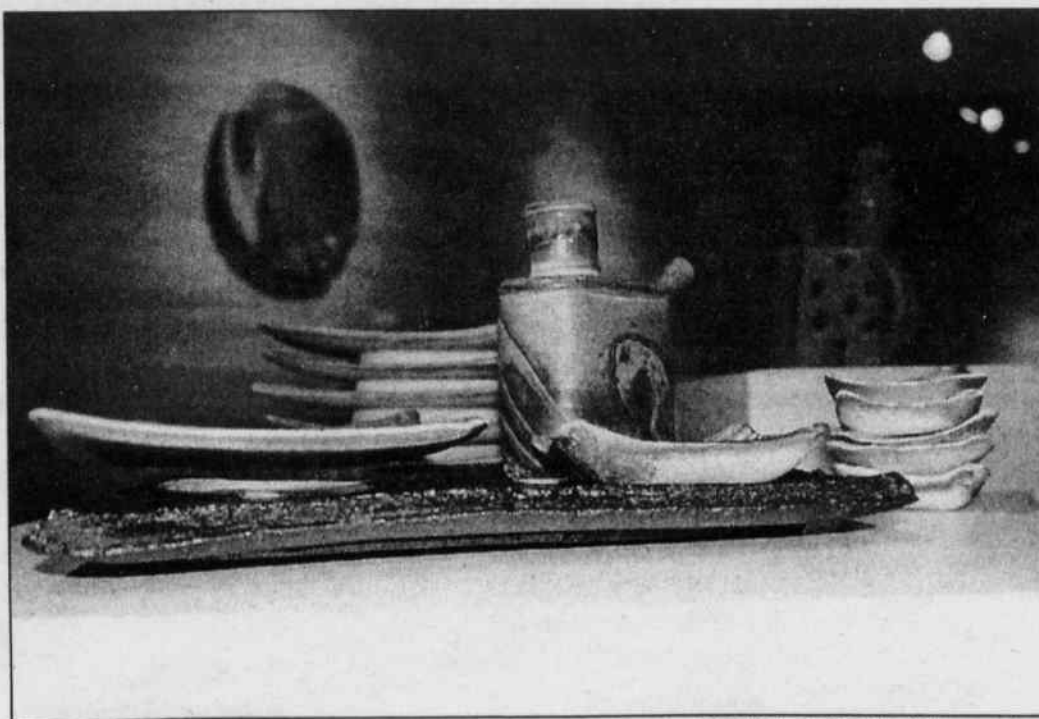
"[The plays are about how] people need to learn to listen to each other and communicate with each other," Marshall said.

Other plays in the show include "Sure Thing" written by David Ives and "Mom 18" — a comedy about children who are passed around from parent to parent, written by Andy Detweiler ('00).

Also in this year's festival is a segment from William Shakespeare's "Much Ado about Nothing."

Another factor adding to the festival's uniqueness is its format. The 14 performances are broken up into segments of three to four plays each, with each segment being performed at different times.

Tickets are \$2 per segment and are available at the door.



BRENNA BAILEY/staff photographer

Focusing on the pottery process, McLemore's works highlight his clay "throwing" skills, which he said he hopes to teach to others as a college professor in the future.



Christmas at Shotsie's

Bringing joy and holiday spirit to all who enter, Shotsie's is the place to find your Christmas treasures

STORY BY STAFF WRITER KELLY SCOTT

Stepping in from the cool winter chill, a visitor's nose is warmed by the aroma of spiced apple cider, and eyes are opened wide with a glistening room of holiday colors and sounds.

All lovers of festive adorn-



AUDREY WOOD/senior photographer

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Shotsie was only 12 ounces and "could fit in the palm of my hand," Karen said. The doctor gave the weak cat a slim to none verdict to live, but Karen would not give up. She remained with

the kitten for 36 hours armed with an eyedropper and warm milk. The cat gradually grew into a healthy 20 pounds.

Although the spelling is changed, Shotsie comes from a German word meaning "my angel, my baby," according to Karen.

In the Valley

Loving Christmas and country antiques, Karen said there was no store offering such things in the Valley.

The store with Christmas items existing before Shotsie's closed a year and a half later. Fortunately for the area, Shotsie's stayed and moved into its larger present location at 4090 Evelyn Byrd Avenue in '93, three years after opening.

Not only was starting up an independent business unexpected, expanding was just as much a surprise.

They have now opened a store in Charlottesville's Fashion Square Mall.

How have the locals



Fox Hill is all aglow with holiday spirit and JMU pride at the home of sophomore Colin Deschamps and freshman Matt Wickline and, Renzo Cuadros and senior Long Nguyen.

responded?

"We were welcomed!"

Karen said with exuberance. "There's nothing around here that can offer the quality we have at the prices we give."

Apparently, owning the first large Christmas store in the area for 10 years spread her name as a bit of an expert in the field, as Elkton called upon her last year to judge their Christmas lights and Stonewall Heights has also made the call this year.

Visitors come from far and wide including Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Maryland, Tennessee and all parts of Virginia. Some blokes from England even popped in for a look.

"People love a Christmas store," Karen said.

Though the store is an unpredicted joy, it is not without stress.

"Eighty hours a week, 24/7, that business is with you ... at work and when you come home.

"If you don't want to work ... forget it! We travel all over the country as far as California, Texas and New York."

Among the many intangible rewards of the job, occasionally cancer patients have stopped by just to lift their spirits prior to surgery. Sometimes she sees the person again, sometimes she doesn't, Karen said.

Every now and then, a family will have lost a member and wish to buy an ornament for the grave site. Karen said, it's a way "to give back to them."

Then there are the customers who come in for every new piece of a collector's set as if it was sent in especially for them. In fact, Karen said she and the other employees will set particular new items aside for these faithful customers, knowing they will be in to purchase them soon.

What you'll find

The ornaments displayed at

Traditions

Compiled by Melanie Arrington

Traditions vary from family to family, but with them, each holiday season is made a little more interesting

"My mom and I used to go to New York over Christmas to visit my grandmother and watch the horse races."

Nikki Lacy
sophomore, CIS

"My dad used to throw up every Christmas Eve when he was little because he was so excited. Now he just gets us up at 6 a.m."

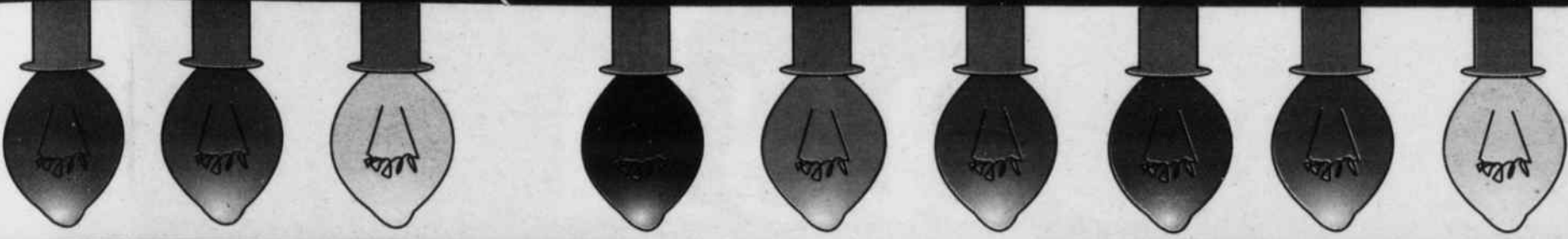
Mary Jo Hubbard
junior, psychology

"Every Christmas my mom, brother and I go to the Ford Theatre in D.C. and watch 'The Christmas Carol.'"

Amanda Koerth
sophomore, English

"This Thanksgiving there were four generations of my family celebrating together, so that was pretty interesting."

Ketia Stokes
junior, communication
sciences and disorders



KRIS THOMAS/Photo Editor

names of, left, sophomore Jeff Daube, sophomore Billy Lyddane, right, senior Jason "Doobie" Daube, senior Eric Kinne, senior

jar candles lasting 110 to 150 hours run \$19.50.

Then there is a selection of trees — the waterless kind that last many holiday seasons — such as the standard green pine, the frosted look and even a tree with elegantly arched golden limbs.

Christmas trees are placed as regularly through the store as a real forest except more colorful this time of year.

On the far Christmas side of the store, an octagon-shaped pagoda stands in the middle of the room and entices a visitor in, dressed with white lights wrapped around a center tree, and decorated with pieces like a boot on a single ski. A glass bell with a raccoon is perched on top, a ribbon around its neck like a scarf.

If you are into little figurines, Shotsie's is the place to go.

On one wall, there are 25 black bears in different positions, part of the Bear Foots collector series. Much like a breakable adult version of Beanie Babies, each bear is identified by name.

Heritage Lace takes up a display on one side of the pagoda and a whole wall in another room. Not only are there pieces to hang over the mantel, but also works to hang for the beauty of their fine art since they are single buildings without any border, as opposed to the normal series of houses with a square white lace border.

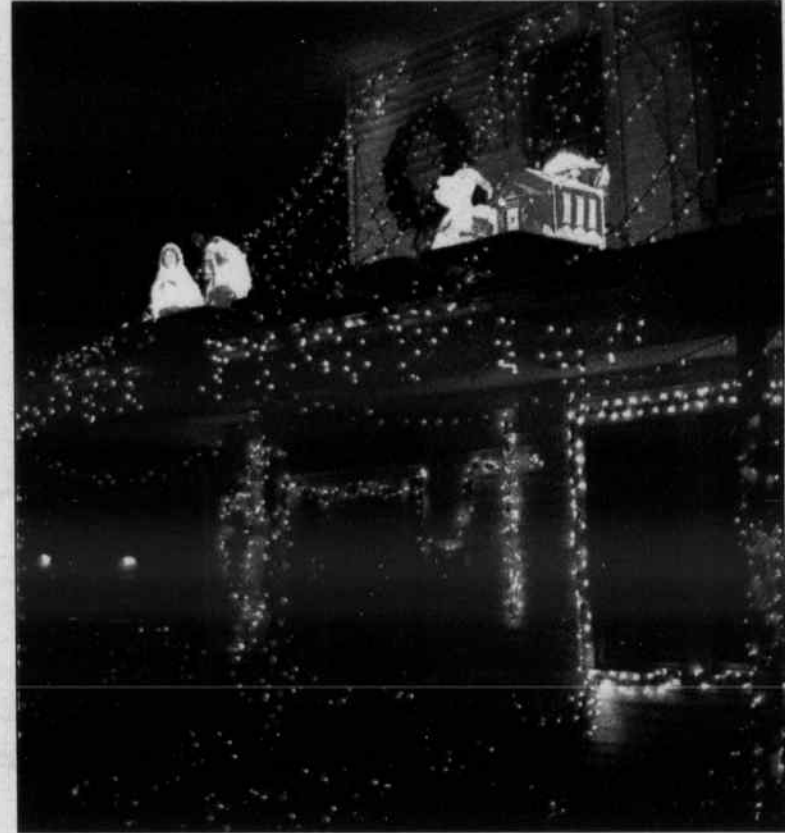
If there is anyone to consult on choosing the right country gift, it's Karen.

"My [own] house is country and antiques ... we [at the store] have all the fixin's to make your house a country home."

The country side includes country furniture, folk art, linens, lace and candles, but no apple butter.

Ortiz said they have "everything country but food."

Incidentally, you may need tips on how to arrange your new purchases, for the design



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The Canterbury House, located on the JMU campus along South Main Street, gives a festive show to all who drive by.

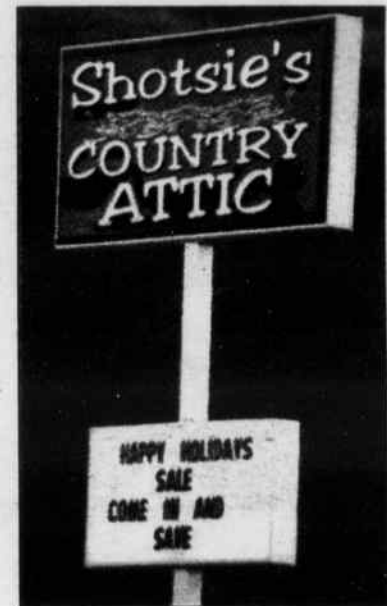
of the store was created by the Ortizs and is impressive.

How about that missing two, perhaps 7-inch-long sheep in your nativity? Or even the oasis piece no other store has had in stock? A whole section is devoted to nativity sets of all shapes and sizes. Whether it's a 2-foot-tall standing Joseph or the eye-catching little houses with lights inside, Shotsie's most likely has it.

The opposite wall gives the other Christmas story a section all to its own presenting several versions of St. Nicholas, even one dressed in crimson red that stands about 5 feet 8 inches, complete with spectacles.

All thrifty college kids should keep in mind that retired creations are 40-percent off.

Shotsie's hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. until 9 p.m., and Sunday, 1 until 6 p.m.



AUDREY WOOD/senior photographer

The sign outside of Shotsie's beckons visitors to step inside and take a look around.



AUDREY WOOD/senior photographer

Shotsie's, located at 4090 Evelyn Byrd Avenue, is visited by people from all over for both seasonal and non-seasonal fare.

the store range from the standard spotless metallic ball to snowmen with bright orange noses and baby blue caps (\$3.50), to white snowball ornaments sparkling from the clear tinsel on them (\$5.98). There is also a lovely glass, spiral icicle for \$24.95.

When asked which products

sell best, Karen said, "Oh yes, JMU loves Yankee Candles," and in the Christmas section, "tons of ornaments."

The small 3.7-ounce jar candles that last 25 to 40 hours are \$8.75, the regular 14.5-ounce jars lasting 65 to 90 hours are \$16.75, and the large 22-ounce

"My aunt has a tradition of giving people greeting cards and then taking it back to give to someone else. She even uses the same card for different holidays."

John'e Jasper
junior, pre-dentistry/health science

"Whenever we have collard greens at holiday dinners, my mom washes them in the washing machine with Palmolive — they go through the rinse cycle, too."

Teya Brown
junior, Psychology

"Two years ago we had an ice storm in Petersburg and our electricity was out from Christmas Eve until New Year's Eve."

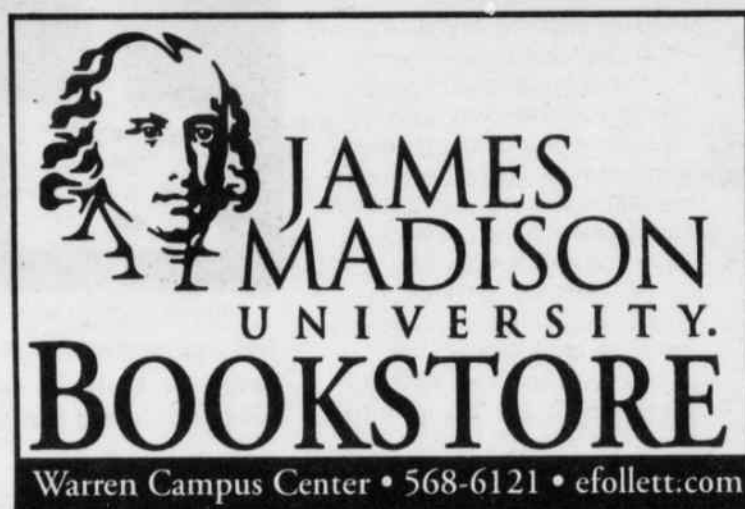
Duane Bryant
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"My mom and I always have beer and pizza the first day I come home for Christmas break."

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Classic Christmas cinema

BY CARRIE DODSON
staff writer

It's that time of year again, time to finish doing all the work you've been putting off all semester and begin to hibernate until January.

Television Christmas specials begin circulating around the major networks and Martha Stewart seems to be making homemade decorations on every talk show.

If these options don't particularly appeal to you, take a while to look over my countdown of the top 10 Christmas movies ever. You'll be

sure to find something to take your mind off of impending exams for a few hours.

10. "Emmett Otter's Jugband Christmas"

Come again, you say? Yes it actually exists. I know there are some of you out there who have seen it and are now laughing because you thought it was one of those weird things

you imagined from childhood. The movie, all 48 minutes of it, is full of Jim Henson's animal creations and corny jokes. It's a great Christmas movie, if you can find it.

9. "The Ref" Though not technically a Christmas movie, it takes place at Christmas time during a less-than-successful robbery attempt by Dennis Leary. Kevin Spacey and Judy Davis are the most dysfunctional couple in the state of Connecticut, and Leary gets more than he bargained for when robbing their house on Christmas Eve.

8. "A Muppet Christmas Carol" As far as I'm concerned, you can never go wrong with Muppets. Their hilarious adaptation of Dickens's classic Christmas story is full of strange animals enacting the story of Ebenezer Scrooge and Bob Cratchit (complete with a special appearance by the Swedish Chef).

7. "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" It's not quite clay, and not quite puppets ... what is it? Furmatation. This interesting technique brings to life Rudolph and all his little reindeer friends with a fantastic twist. Misfit toys, an elusive abominable snowman and an elf that "wants to be a dentist" make this a mandatory Christmas film.

6. "A Charlie Brown Christmas" Is it possible to go through the holiday season without seeing this on TV at least once? I don't think so. This film has made a big comeback, perhaps due to sentiment for late creator Charles Schultz this year, with decorations and new books. Charlie Brown and his friends get together to put on a Christmas pageant and find the true meaning of Christmas.

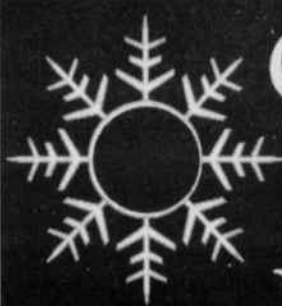
5. "It's a Wonderful Life" Quit groaning. I know you've probably seen this movie a million times, but it's still great. They don't show movies on every network every year if they're not good, you know. Jimmy Stewart, with the help of an angel, finds out the impact he has had on the people around him. It is a Christmas classic.

4. "Scrooged" Bill Murray plays Frank Cross, network executive, in this modern adaptation of Dickens's "A Christmas Carol." With lots of famous names playing various roles, from Carol King to Bobcat Goldthwait, this film is a hilarious modern version of a classic tale.

3. "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" The Griswolds are the epitome of American materialistic Christmas. With their extravagant (and dangerous) house decorations and their interesting family traditions, Clark Griswold (Chevy Chase) and his family comically satirize the American way of life during the holidays.

2. "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" This is the original Grinch, not Ron Howard's recent attempt at Dr. Seuss' beloved tale. Possibly the best cartoon-short ever, the film shows a bizarre and absurd world where everyone is obsessed with Christmas. Of course it carries a moral message as most Christmas films do, but it presents it in an unforgettable and amusing way that never grows old.

1. "A Christmas Story" Christmas movies don't get any better than this one. During their holiday season, the Parker family receives a leg lamp, has dogs eat their Christmas dinner and Ralphie says, "Ooohh Fuuudge." Unforgettable Christmas laughter is



Carrie's Picks: Top Ten Holiday Movies

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MEGHAN MURPHY/senior artist

UREC to massage your stress away

BY KATHLEEN REUSCHLE
staff writer

Have those residence hall beds left your back in knots? Have you ever felt so stressed that you couldn't move? There are dozens of reasons to get a massage, but until now, such an indulgence seemed hardly affordable or practical for college kids. UREC never seems to get tired of topping itself.

Next semester both a male and female masseuse will be available tentatively Monday through Thursday for appointments ranging from 30 minutes to an hour long. Services offered initially will be Swedish massage, and coordinators said they are hoping to incorporate deep tissue massage at a later date.

The Swedish technique, a fairly common type of massage, helps with circulation, relaxation and injury recovery. Overall, massage has been shown to reduce mental and physical stress, relieve fatigue and promote healthy living.

"We're really excited. It'll be a less expensive alternative to what's in Harrisonburg. We hope to get it off and running soon," said UREC service manager Emily Riggs, a senior.

The idea to bring in massage therapists came from Kirsten Ryan, Group Fitness and Wellness Coordinator, and Jeff Huskey, Associate Director for Operation, who have worked diligently in the process and will be conducting interviews for masseurs this week.

The service should be available in the spring semester.

Wellness Student Manager Jen Bryant, a junior, said the new massage studio is located on the first floor of UREC.

Creating the room's stress-free atmosphere was finished this semester. The wall are painted the calming color blue.

During a massage, the atmosphere will include dim lighting, and therapeutic music.

"UREC is excited about this new opportunity and is looking forward to students taking advantage of it," Bryant said.

Prices and methods of payment are unknown at this time.

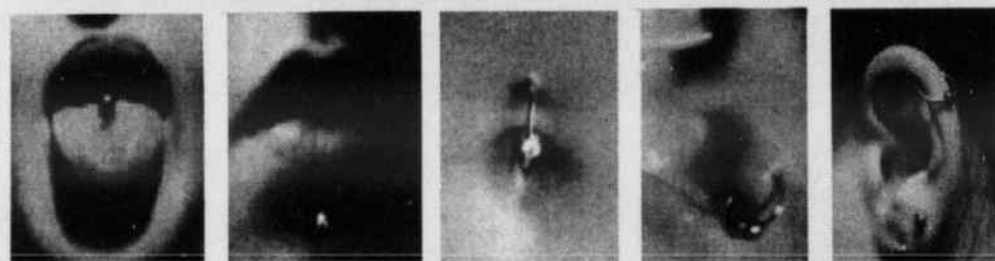


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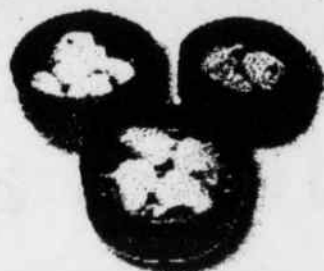
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Achieving Xen

BY JESS GLADIS
contributing writer

For their 10th anniversary, Ninja Tune, the United Kingdom's premier label for abstract beats and electronic jazz/funk/hip-hop grooves, released an eclectic compilation of old-but-not-forgotten B-sides and outtakes that both educated ears and neophyte Ninja Tuners alike can savor.

Including Ninja Tune artists such as Deejays Krush, Food, Vadim and Coldcut, as well as Amon Tobin, Up, Bustle and Out, Kid Koala and Herbaliser, this triple CD sampler provides the listener with a tasty and diverse array of crisp beats, conscious lyrics, samples and acoustic instrumentals. A surreal-sounding mix, this

album's tracks slowly evolve from hip-hop to drum and bass to Latin-esque beats that intermingle along the way, creating an inimitable sound only Ninja Tune could deliver.



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Examples of two standout tracks are Saul Williams' unforgettable "Twice the First Time," an amalgamation of spoken word, solid hip-hop beats and a killer pizzicato violin sample and Amon Tobin's "Down and to the Left," an elusive blend of mellow beats, Latin-style melodies and organ fragments.

An accomplished juxtaposition of several elements of sound, *Xen Cuts* serves up three delectable discs whose flavor will leave any

listener begging for seconds.

Box Office Report

How the Grinch stole the Box Office

BY ANTHONY MARCHEGIANO
senior writer

With no new releases joining the race this week, "The Grinch" dominated box office earnings once again.

Jim Carrey's newest raked in \$27.1 million to top all films for the third week in a row. The Ron Howard directed flick was able to average \$8,636 at 3,138 theaters.

The Universal release has brought in a whopping \$172 million in only 17 days. The family comedy looks like it might even overtake the impressive earnings of "Mission Impossible 2," at \$215.4 million to become the top grossing film of the year.

In its second weekend, the superhero thriller "Unbreakable," which comes from "The Sixth Sense" director M. Night Shyamalan, was able to hold on to second place with \$15 million this week. The suspense thriller, which stars Bruce Willis and Samuel L. Jackson, has grossed a solid \$66.7 million in its 12 days in release.

Disney's canine comedy, "102 Dalmatians" dropped off 59 percent in its second week in release with only \$8.2 million this week. The comedy, which stars Glenn Close, has only mustered \$36.5 million in two weeks, failing in comparison to the original "101 Dalmatians"

which had over \$60 million by this time during its run.

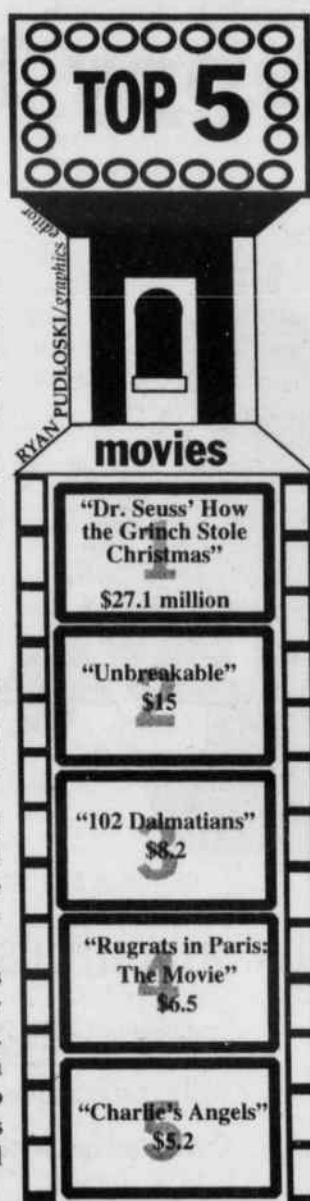
"Rugrats in Paris" suffered the biggest decline of all the films in the top 10 as it dropped 63 percent in its third week in release. The kiddie cartoon's \$6.5 million gross this week pushes the Nickelodeon film total to \$55.6 million.

"Charlie's Angels" managed to hold onto fifth place and brought in \$5.2 million, kicking the Sony release's grand total to \$115.6 million.

Next weekend delivers three nationwide releases. "Proof of Life," which stars Russell Crowe as a hostage negotiator out to save Meg Ryan's husband, actor David Morse. This is where the off-screen sparks began for Crowe and Ryan; they began their real life romance while filming this movie.

Bill Paxton and Chris O'Donnell are climbers out to save a stranded crew atop K-2 mountain in the upcoming "Vertical Limit," a man-versus-nature thriller.

Finally hitting the big screen is "Dungeons and Dragons" inspired by the interactive board and video game. The movie has been in production since 1990, being tossed around to many studios. The final product stars Jeremy Irons, Marlon Wayans and Thora Birch.



JUST GO OUT!

compiled by JEANINE GAJEWSKI/staff writer

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The Biltmore

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Dave Coffey, Bluegrass: Thursday, 8 p.m.
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and The Burning Dirty Band:
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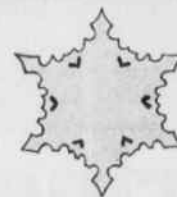
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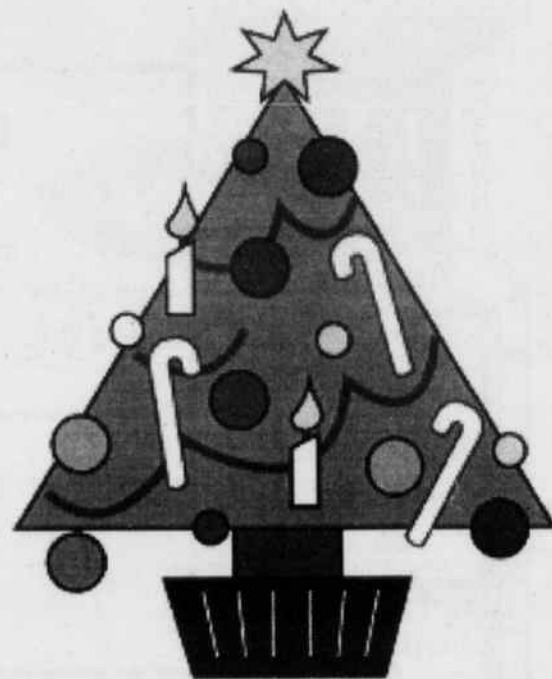
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National Champions

Two club teams won their national championships recently: men's soccer and women's field hockey.

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"It would be a shame to cut a team that costs so little."

PAUL CAMPBELL
fencing coach
see story below

Fencers thrive in X-mas Invite

BY KELLY SCOTT
staff writer

Two members of the women's fencing team parried and lunged into the finals at the National Intercollegiate Women's Fencing Association's Christmas Invitational Dec. 3 in Hackensack, N.J.

Freshman Jennifer Redmore was the third place finisher for the Dukes and junior Allison Schwartz placed ninth.

In fact, the only two fencers Redmore didn't beat placed first and second, and they both have previously competed at the national level, coach Paul Campbell said.

"She exceeded some expectations," Campbell said. "It's great for a freshman to come through like that."

Junior Allison Schwartz said of Redmore, "She was a top competitor from New Jersey and should do and has all ready done really well so far this season."

Campbell said, "This [experience] gave Ali and Jenny confidence to know they did well against teams we will face later," Campbell said.

Also in foil, freshman Allison Larkin and sophomore Maegan Clark placed 13th and 22nd respectively, of 51 foilists

in the competition.

The two-woman sabre squad made leaps and bounds although both had almost no previous experience with the weapon. Freshmen Valerie DeRose and Diana Strack placed 17th and 28th respectively out of 47.

"This was a great chance for them to get out [and compete]," Campbell said. "Val has the ability to do really well ... she was in a tough pool ... This was Di's first dual meet in sabre."

This tournament also had a consolation round for 25th through 47th places, and Strack went 4-1 in her sabre pool.

Last year was the first year for sabre, so it is not uncommon for a team to have a new squad for that weapon.

DeRose fenced sabre her senior year in high school and won the New Jersey High School Junior/Senior Sabre Competition. Strack fenced epee in high school but started training in sabre her senior year. Both athletes bring a fencer's intuition to the team.

"So far they both have made a lot of progress, and by the time we pick up the season next semester, I believe that we

will see a lot of victories from both of them," Schwartz said.

Schwartz's progress through the tournament was "a pleasant surprise" Campbell said.

Epee was Schwartz's main weapon in high school and her freshman year at JMU. She then switched to sabre since sabre was just added to regular competition that year, though she still plans on competing in epee for a few competitions.

Schwartz's recent success in the foil at this tournament is "a testament to what a good fencer she is," Campbell said. Her past achievements include placing first in the Virginia State Championships for sabre last year, fifth for sabre in the NIWFA Championship, 12th in the NCAA National Championships, and on top of that, earning an All-American Honorable Mention.

JMU did not enter an epee squad in the Invitational, however, sophomore Elisa Browne and juniors Elizabeth Conlin and Erin Tully will be representing JMU for the weapon again in January, along with senior Vicki Karousos if her wrist injury has healed.

Looking ahead at the upcoming contenders, Campbell sees Northwestern, Princeton and Temple as the Dukes' best competition.

"Our biggest challenge will come at regionals," Campbell said.

Reflecting on the NCAA Division I state championships in March, Campbell confidently said, "I don't think we'll have any problem with the team titles."

That win would make the fifth year in a row JMU women's fencing would take first place overall in the competition, and the 13th time in the past 14 years. In fact, JMU fencing has never placed below fourth since the beginning of its program 26 years ago.

The JMU fencers have a winning tradition they hope to continue, however, they are on the list of possible teams the athletic department may cut.

"It would be a shame to cut a team that costs so little and reaps so many benefits ... brings in the students we do ... and the name recognition," Campbell said.

One of the best ways to support this champion team is checking out their home meet Jan. 13 against Hollins University.

Penn State ends Dukes' NCAA Tournament

BY MEREDITH CHAPMAN
contributing writer

Building off of last year's 26-7 record, the women's volleyball team once again proved their strength in the Colonial Athletic Association as they became conference champions for the second consecutive year.

Posting a 21-10 record (9-5 CAA) the women appeared in the NCAA tournament, playing only one game before being eliminated 3-0 by defending National Champion Penn State.

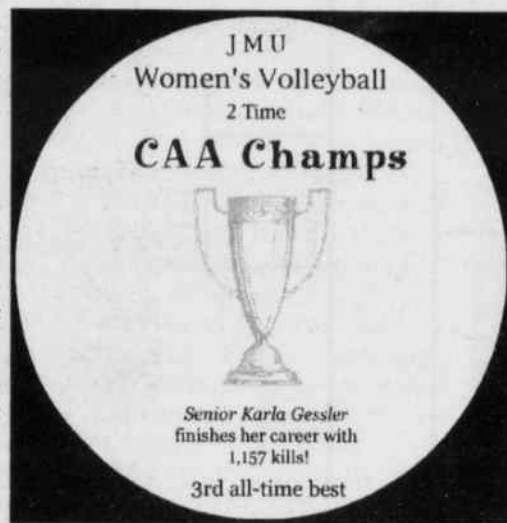
Despite the quick elimination, the women managed a successful season overall with many individual honors and recognition. This season they were faced with a great deal of injuries and other unexpected obstacles, which made this year a learning experience that the women had to deal with and overcome. They certainly did overcome as the Dukes competed in three tournaments this year and in every one a Duke was named to the All-Tournament team.

In the Days Inn Classic, senior Karla Gessler, junior Danielle Heinbaugh and sophomore Jessica Evers received all-tournament honors.

"This was the best season we have had," Evers said. "Although

the record numbers may not show it, we played really hard and every game was an improvement from the previous game."

Gessler was named to that All-Tournament team in the Penn State Invitational and the Kentucky Classic. Junior Larissa Daily was also honored in the Kentucky Classic.



KRIS THOMAS/photo editor

The CAA Tournament was another success as three Dukes were selected to the All-Tournament team. Heinbaugh and freshman Lauren Ruzicka were named to the team. Gessler, a four-time CAA selection in her career at JMU was named the tournament MVP.

"It was a great honor to be chosen because they placed me next to Karla and she is such an amazing player, that I was very grateful," Ruzicka said.

Under the direction of coach Disa Johnson-Garner, the Dukes stepped up their level of play. Behind Johnson's coaching and playing experience on the national level the team has three consecutive 20-plus win seasons for the first time in the program's history. Johnson-Garner coached at University of Missouri for six years before coming to JMU this year.

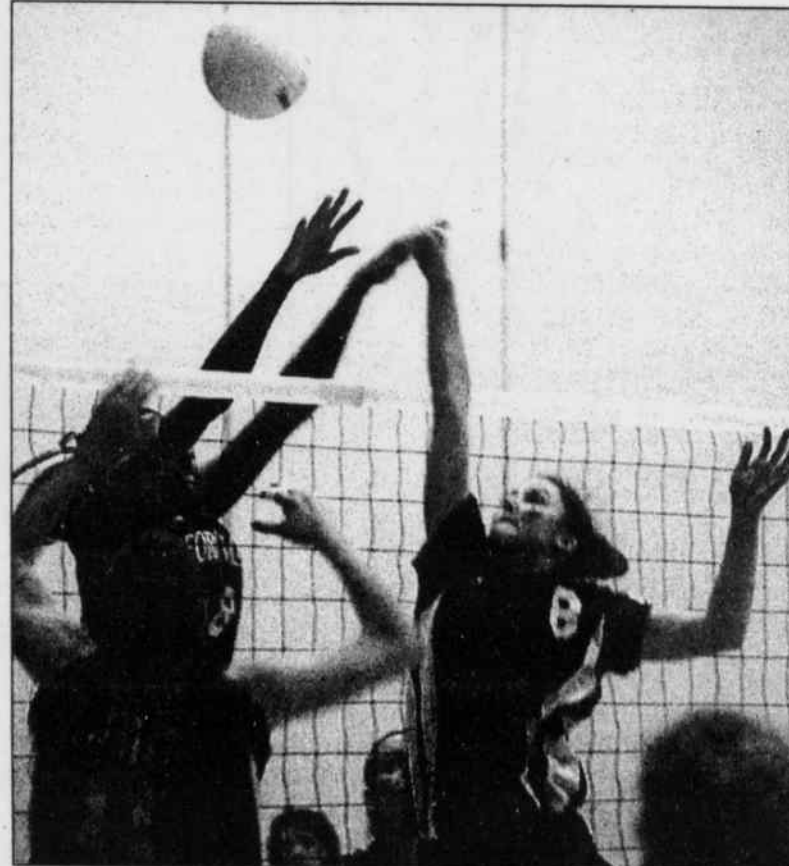
"I was really pleased and very proud of our team's performance," Johnson-Garner said. "We far exceeded the expectations. Many people thought that we could repeat as conference champions, but we put up a tremendous performance at Penn State despite the loss."

Johnson-Garner attributes a lot of the team's success to the assistant coach, Mary Tendler, who is in her first year at JMU. According to Johnson-Garner, Tendler was a key proponent in the team's accomplishments, she said. She believed they were a good coaching combination, which added to a very enjoyable experience overall.

With an extremely young, yet talented team, the Dukes are looking forward to being a threat next year as well. They are losing three seniors, including Gessler, but with a number of freshman gaining experience they are hoping to

have another successful season.

"Next year we hope to advance even further in the NCAA Tournament because we were really close this year and I think we have a lot of potential to do this," Ruzicka said.



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Freshman Lauren Ruzicka (#8) and senior Karla Gessler (#11) battle for the ball over a defender.

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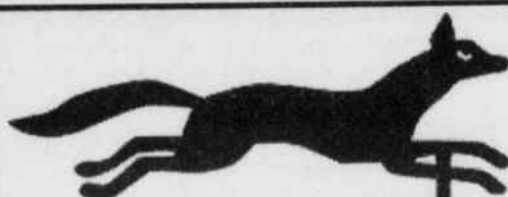
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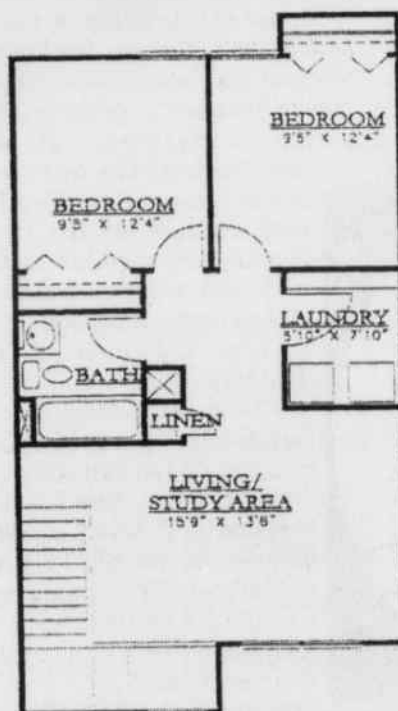


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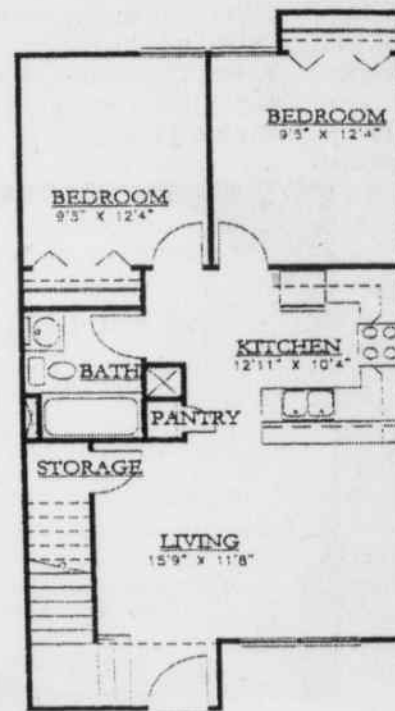
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NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

Dukes go Duck hunting in Austin, Texas

BY MATT BROWNLEE
contributing writer

There have been few dynasties in the history of sports.

There was Bill Russell and the Celtics. Then came Joe Montana and the 49ers. Next was Michael Jordan and the Bulls.

It is now time to add another group to the list: senior Sean Mannion and the men's club soccer team.

For the second straight year, the team took on the best teams in the country, and emerged as national champions. And for the second straight year, forward and club president Mannion earned Tournament MVP honors.

After winning the national title in Georgia last year, this year's team set out to the University of Texas at Austin to defend its crown.

"We approached this season with one goal in mind: Texas," said senior Tobey Vansantvoord, forward and club vice president. "It was simple — we wanted to repeat as national champs."

After compiling an impressive 9-1 regular season record, one would have thought the squad was exactly where they wanted to be heading into the big

tournament. Not the case.

"Leading up to the tournament, I had some major concerns regarding commitment and the quality of our play," Vansantvoord said. "We were plagued by a bad practice schedule and we had a hard time getting guys to be able to make practice."

The team pulled together in Austin though, and behind the leadership of fifth-year seniors Greig Warwick and assist leader Jeff Orchard, they managed to win six games in a row to capture the crown.

In their first-round games, the Dukes worked out any nervousness they might have had and handed losses to Grand Valley State and the University of Houston by scores of 4-0 and 6-0, respectively. A 1-1 tie with Utah Valley earned the defending champs a spot in the quarterfinals, where they faced off against the host team, the University of Texas.

"[Texas] brought out a bunch of rowdy and super obnoxious fans to support them," Vansantvoord said. "They taunted all of our players, but we played our hearts out and drove them into the ground."

The 1-0 defeat of Texas left only one team between the Dukes and their second

straight title game appearance. This team came in the form of Weber State, a tough team that would not go down easily.

"The semi-final match [with Weber State] was unreal," Mannion said. "It was our biggest test because it was 35 degrees, windy and pouring rain. It was the worst conditions that I've ever played in, but we were able to come through."

After the sloppy 2-1 victory over Weber State, the Dukes moved on to their date with destiny, a showdown with the University of Oregon Ducks. The Ducks never got off the ground though, and after a 2-0 title game thrashing, the squad from Harrisonburg once again raised the championship trophy.

Mannion, who scored six of his team high 10 goals at the national tournament, walked away with MVP honors, but he had lots of help. For the second year in a row, senior defenseman Cameron Stoddart was named to the All-Tournament Team. Stoddart was the leader of a stingy Dukes' defense that didn't give an inch all tournament long. With a back line featuring junior Chris Ackley, junior Mike Greene, freshman Scott Golay and senior goalie Christian Lafreniere, the Dukes'

defense gave up only two goals in 540 minutes of tournament play.

Also contributing to the team's success were the underclassmen, who did their best to support the back-to-back hopes of their elders.

"We seniors were lucky to have a great support system from the underclassmen," Vansantvoord said. "They wanted it as much as we did and we couldn't have done it without them."

Competition to be an underclassman on this year's team was tough, as 100 people tried out for 40 spots on the A and B teams. Only the A team traveled to Texas, but the hard work and effort put forth by both squads was vital for success.

"Knowing that the A team was going to nationals gave all the underclassmen something to shoot for," said freshmen Juna Cuddeback, a forward on the B team. "It made for a lot of positive competition."

From freshman to fifth-year, forward to goalie, Harrisonburg to Austin, this year's club soccer team showed that they've got the stuff that national champions are made of. And possibly, the stuff dynasties are made of.

JMU survives elements to beat W&M, Delaware

BY MATT ANTAYA
contributing writer

While most of us were debating whether we'd prefer to have cranberry sauce or squash with our Thanksgiving dinner, the club field hockey team was outside in frigid temperatures battling for a national championship.

The Dukes were able to secure their first ever championship by beating both William & Mary and the University of Delaware in the third annual National Field Hockey League (NHFL) Final Four, Nov. 18-19 at the UREC field.

The Dukes were voted into the elite field of four after finishing first in the league's Southern Division.

Following a scheduling glitch, the tournament was moved to JMU, where the Dukes were hoping to cash-in on the home-field advantage and become the only team other than the University of Maryland to take home the coveted crown.

In the semifinals they were pitted against the W&M Tribe, who they beat earlier in the year, 2-0.

JMU barely managed to hang on to the victory, grabbing a 1-0 win on a goal by assistant coach junior Michelle Wacker.

The game-winner started from a penalty-corner by sopho-

more Sara Thomas. As she passed the ball it traveled in front the W&M goal and was redirected by Wacker into the back of the net.

Despite being called the slopiest game of the year by the team, the Dukes were happy to be headed into the finals, and were poised to give Delaware a run for their money in Sunday's championship bout.

Right from the opening whistle the teams matched intensity and battled hard in the sub-freezing weather of early winter.

With a national championship on the line, both teams knew they needed to give all they had to come up victorious.

Playing evenly for much of the game, the Dukes were hoping a player could step up and sneak a quick goal by the stingy Blue Hen defense.

Once again, the answer came off the stick of Wacker.

With a group of players forming in front of the Delaware net, the ball found its way to Wacker, who deposited the ball past the outstretched goaltender, putting the Dukes up 1-0.

With the game in control and the national championship within grasp, the Dukes fended off late Delaware attacks and managed to capture the sought after trophy.

"It (the game) really could

have gone any way, it was very competitive," said club president Jen Zorn, a junior.

Sophomore midfielder Lissa Leonetti said, "I was so proud of everyone. The games were really hard, we pushed and really had to fight."

Leonetti and Wacker were chosen to represent the Dukes in the All-Star game played after the championship match.

JMU competes in the NFHL, which was established in 1997

for the purpose of creating quality competition among established college teams along the east coast.

The league of 22 teams is broken up into three divisions, with the Dukes competing against teams such as Duke University, North Carolina State University, Wake Forest University and Virginia Tech in the Southern Division. The team travels frequently and has competed in six away tournaments this year.



The women won the third annual NHFL Championship.

More than 100 people tried out for the team at the beginning of the year, and there are currently about 30 players in the program.

Last year the entire club executive board graduated, which left the Dukes with a younger team than in previous years.

This helped players focus on helping each other's skills instead of creating added pressure for players to compete for playing time, Zorn said.

It also formed a close-knit team spirit that helped propel the team toward a winning record and the eventual championship.

"Everyone gets equal playing time, and competes equally well," said coach Jess Brooks, a junior.

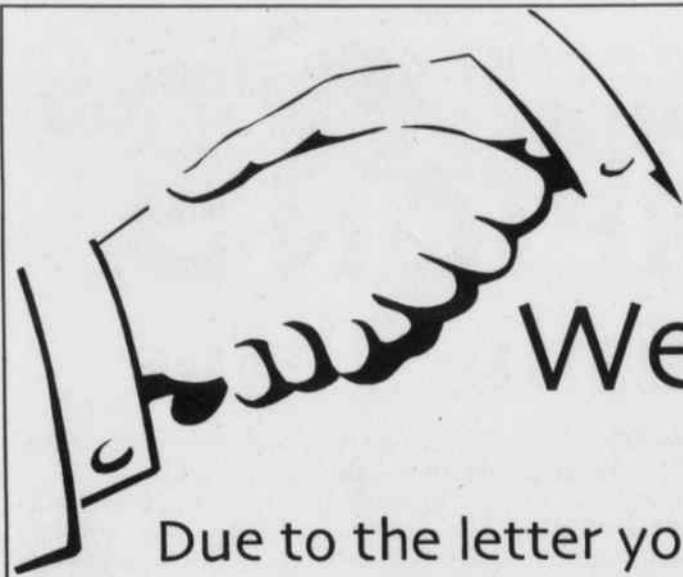
The team consists of many players who had also tried out for the varsity team.

Wacker said they are looking forward to the upcoming spring season. Even though it is less competitive than the fall, it is highlighted by a tournament at the University of Maryland.

The team hopes their championship streak can continue, and that more memories like the ones just experienced will occur in the future, Wacker said.

"It was the highlight of my college career, definitely the best college experience I've ever had," Wacker said.

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D.C.: all-stars abandoning ship

Washington area teams are very good at making very bad moves

With every passing sports season in the D.C. metro area, an eternal question seems to loom in the minds of all fans: Why can't our teams win?

The answer to this question is a rather simple one. In fact, it came to me the other day when my friend Dave and I were talking about this very subject. Dave told me "Washington-area sports teams are all nothing but a filter. All sorts of players come through here, but they don't get good until they go somewhere else." Hence, I decided to look into the matter.

Sure enough, Dave was right. From the Skins to the Wizards, the D.C. area seems to have a sort of curse on it. None of Washington's professional teams will ever actually be successful. Instead they will draft good talent, breed it for a couple of years and then let it go on to reap the benefits of leaving D.C. And don't believe that I don't have examples out the wazoo.

Let's start with the most recent notable talent to leave the D.C. metro area — Baltimore Orioles' ace Mike Mussina. If there was one constant over the past decade in the Orioles pitching staff, that constant was Mussina. But after a career that included 45 complete games, 15 shutouts and an ERA of 3.39, all the Orioles could do was offer him a contract which Mussina's agent dubbed "a slap in the face." Mussina quickly darted for the Yankees, who have more money to spare than Bill Gates and the Sultan of Brunei combined. Next year about this time, Mussina will

be being fitted for his first ever World Series ring.

But wait, there's more.

How about we talk about the Washington Wizards and their problems with keeping all-star forwards. First it was Tom Gugliotta, who was dealt to Golden State in 1995 for Chris Webber — not a bad deal at all. However, while Googs went on to become a superstar with the Minnesota Timberwolves (he was again

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traded) and eventually found a home in Phoenix, Webber was stuck to pout in D.C. as the Wizards, or the Bullets as they were known then, were left to rot in the cellar of the Atlantic Division.

So Webber was traded to the Sacramento Kings in exchange for proven veteran guard Mitch Richmond. Another good deal right? Wrong! While Richmond has gone on to become a mediocre shadow of his former self, Webber is currently among the league's leading scorers and rebounders, and

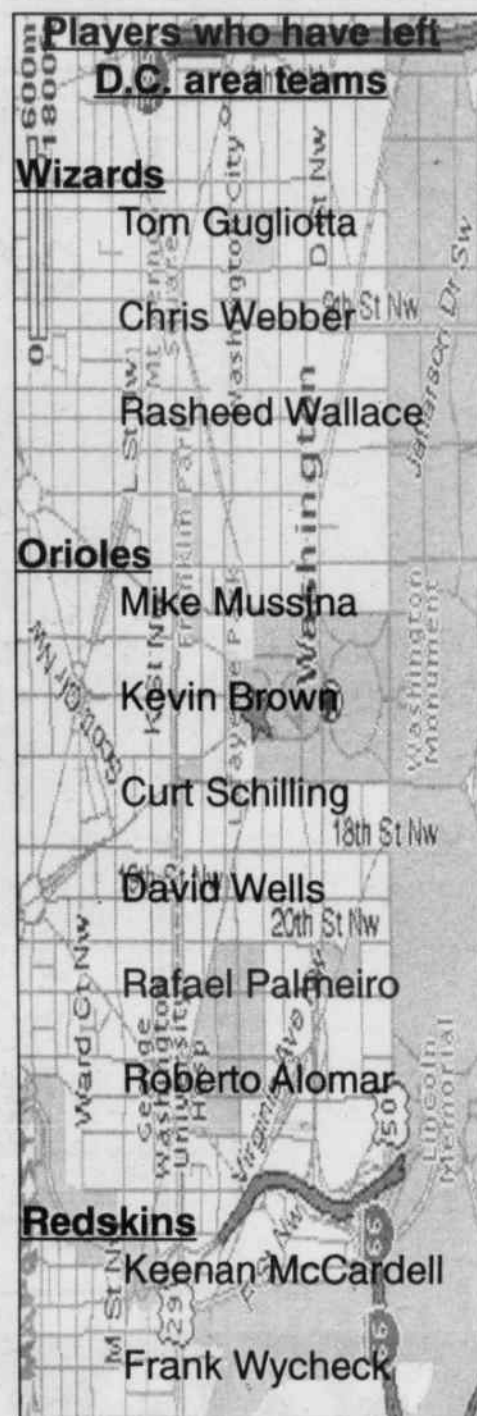
has been an MVP candidate two years in a row with the Kings.

Now we turn to the underachieving Redskins. Despite new owner Daniel Snyder's recent attempts to buy a world championship, the Skins seem to find new and exciting gut-wrenching ways to lose every Sunday.

However, underachievement is not the issue here, so let's get right to it.

Shall we start with Jaguars wide receiver Keenan McCardell, who only leads the NFL in receptions? Or how about Tennessee Titans tight end Frank Wycheck, who is only responsible for the most talked about clutch play in recent memory, also known as the "Music City Miracle?" Yes, McCardell was on the Skins — he sat on the sidelines wearing a practice uniform for a few years before the Skins decided to let him go in the expansion draft six years ago. Chalk another one up for D.C.

I could go on for hours and hours about this subject, but it needs to stop somewhere. Just a small list of some of the other notable names to leave the D.C. area includes Kevin Brown, Curt Schilling, Rafael Palmeiro, Roberto Alomar, David Wells, Rasheed Wallace, Trent Green, and Gheorghe Muresan. Oh wait, Big Gheorghe doesn't belong on this list. But for those of you who still believe that there is hope, just remember: instead of becoming an All-Star forward in Miami, Juwan Howard chose to resign with the Wizards as one of the biggest busted contracts in history. Thank God for that one.



MIKE BUSTARD

BREEZE READER'S VIEW

D.C. sports: looking for a bright spot in a black hole

With Sunday's Redskins loss to the Giants, I feel that it is fair to say that the seasons of Washington's sports teams can be considered over. I know that the Skins can still make the playoffs, but let's be serious and realize the mediocrity of this team. Brad Johnson is a nice guy and an average quarterback. Stephen Davis is a good running back behind an offensive line that just cannot stand up against the better defensive lines in the league. That high-powered offense that Skins' fans thought their team had turned out to be wishful thinking. They are averaging a whopping 18 points a game.

If the Redskins were playing in the AFC, I doubt they would have finished with more than seven wins this season ... if they were that lucky. Daniel Snyder went out and tried to buy a Super Bowl, but didn't realize that teams are made, not built.

Speaking of buying championships, the Yankees kept up their yearly pillage of other teams' rosters, this time picking up Mike Mussina from the Orioles. We can now accurately predict a below .500 season for the Orioles (again). With such superstars as Ryan Kohlmeier, Jose Mercedes and Sydney Ponson, things are looking down for the pitching staff.

As for hitting, the Orioles will most likely feature Albert Belle, Delino DeShields and Brady Anderson, among others.

One suggestion: break out the golf clubs. Don't get me wrong, the O's still have a chance. But give them 30 games to see that (unfortunately) the Yankees will pull off some scheme to win the American League East. I can sympathize with optimistic O's fans that say, "We have a nice bunch of young guys who, if they do well, can lead us to the playoffs."

I live near Philadelphia where every year, the Phillies are built up as some magical team that has destiny on its side as they try to take down perennial powerhouses, Atlanta and the New York Mets. Not gonna happen.

Now what about the two seasons that have recently started, the NBA and NHL? The Wizards ... finish that however you wish. They are a bunch overpaid, overrated average players — with the exception of Richard Hamilton and Felipe Lopez, who are young guys who can play.

“... I feel that exposing the sham that is Washington sports is a great service to many.”

Michael Jordan said he likes a challenge, but the biggest challenge he had seen before this job was seeing if Steve Kerr could hit wide open threes with his eyes shut. The whole Wizards organization is a headache and don't be surprised to see MJ distance himself from the veterans and try to overhaul the team. They are currently 4-14 and I don't see them winning more than 35 games this season. Join the Orioles on the links, gentlemen.

On to the team that plays in arguably the worst division in all of professional sports, the Capitals of the mighty Southeast division. This bit is getting really old, every year the winner of the Southeast finishes a game or two over .500 and then gets to host a playoff series. In my opinion, the NHL should just go to straight points rankings, no preference to division leaders. Luckily for the Caps, they don't, so the chance of making the playoffs is still a reality. If they do make the playoffs, they'll likely be fodder for some stronger Northeast team. We'll have to see.

Finally, to give every Washington area

fan something to smile about, I'll mention the lone bright spot this year: The Ravens will seemingly win at least 11 games and roll into the playoffs with arguably the best defense in the NFL. Ranked second in pass defense, first in rush defense, first in overall defense and with four shutouts, other AFC teams should be afraid. Even though I share an affinity for another AFC team, I would love to see the defensively gifted Ravens play in the Super Bowl. The Skins should take note; get a competent head coach, a good defensive coordinator, some solid players, light a fire underneath themselves and watch the wins roll in.

If you live in Virginia, get your own team! (Sorry folks, the Richmond Braves are a minor league team). Write your congressman, write the president, ask Daniel Snyder to move the Skins to a city near you.

Now, I know this article might make some people angry, but I feel that exposing the sham that is Washington sports is a great service to many. If you are angered, buy a Norv Turner punching bag and start wailing on it, you won't see the man himself around the D.C. area for a long time. As in the words of an immortal sports writer, "The numbers don't lie."

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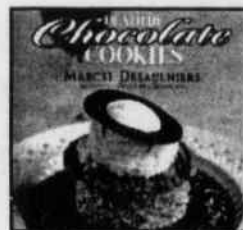
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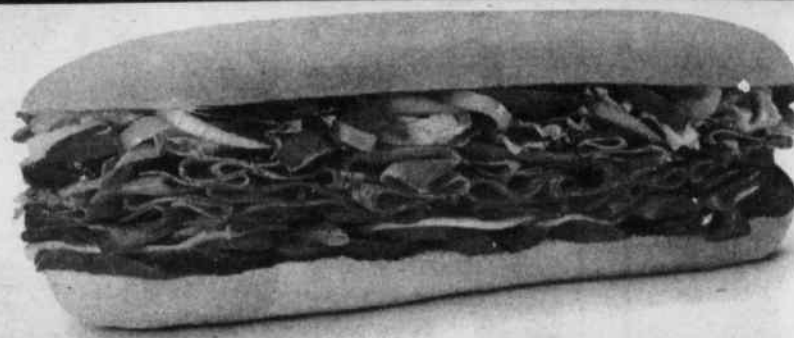
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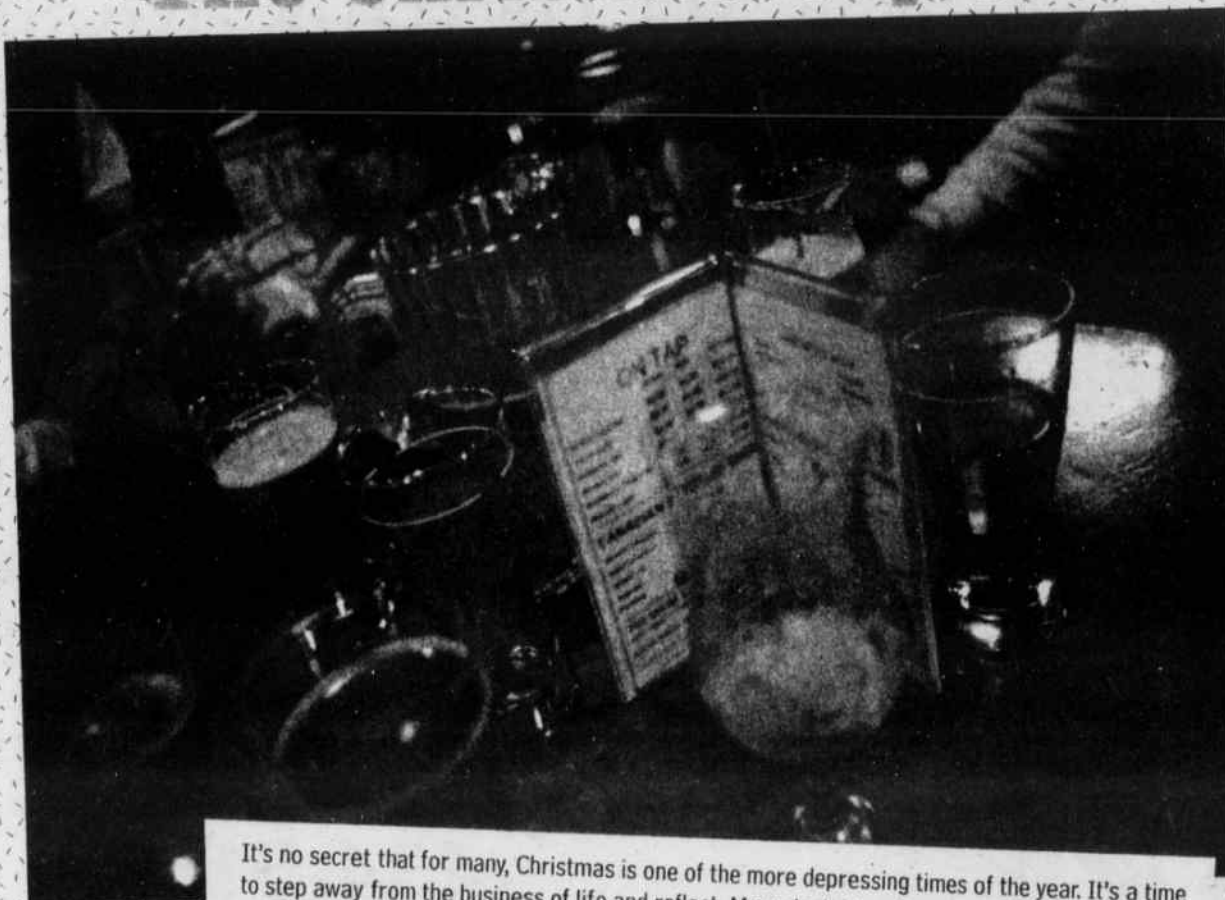
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Snyder's not thinking ahead, Schottenheimer says

THOMAS BOSWELL

In just two years, Redskins owner Daniel Snyder has become one of sports most controversial lightning rods. Apparently, some people are rooting for the lightning.

Already, John Madden and Marty Schottenheimer, two ex-coaches turned TV experts, have taken shots at Snyder. In *The Washington Post*, Madden said, "This team's problems were not Norv Turner's fault ... Sure, a lot of money was spent ... but that doesn't stop guys from getting hurt. He's still trying to win with a kicker who's been in the league 19 years. He's got three 18-year guys. That's an old team."

"If you look at pro football, you'll see that every position in an organization except one requires an experienced football person ... The only position that is void of any real football experience is the owner's ... I don't know if Daniel Snyder is right or wrong or good or bad. But I do know that he's inexperienced."

Schottenheimer also took a shot at Snyder when asked if he'd take the Redskins job, telling *The Post*: "I don't have any interest because it wouldn't work for him, or me, and most important, the team."

If a player has a sense that the head coach is not the one they're ultimately accountable to, if they feel there is an alternative in the owner's box, it becomes very difficult to manage and coach that player."

Who knew you could say, "Take this job and shove it," when you weren't even offered the job? The NFL coaches network is clearly closing ranks behind Turner and pointing fingers at Snyder. That may contaminate the Redskins'

chances to get the best possible coach for 2001. Maybe it will be interim coach Terry Robiskie. But it would be nice to have choices. Somebody needs to take the other side of this "Crossfire" debate.

Talk about light lifting. If anybody ever deserved a chance to seek new employment, it was Turner after home losses to the Eagles and Giants. Norv's been staying in office on "recounts" for years. The collapse after a 7-1 start in '96 didn't nail him. He survived the 0-7 start of '98. Finally, he just ran out of appeals after finishing with a 49-59-1 record as Redskins coach.

Watching the Redskins' sideline the past two Sundays was painful. But typical of the Turner era. The Eagles and Giants were jumping, screaming. The Redskins sat on their benches like they were studying for a math quiz. The last team that needs to sit and take a rest is the Redskins. It's exhausting to watch them miss assignments, jump offside, bounce snaps and miss field goals. But for \$100 million, it shouldn't be excessively tiring to be them.

One of my father's favorite expressions was, "You are your habits." Under Turner, the Redskins had the loudest habits of any Washington football team since Vince Lombardi arrived and shaped up the ship in 1969. If it's true that "you play the way you practice," then Turner's practices should have been X-rated.

After a few years, much less seven, a team reflects its coach. On the first offensive play Sunday, the Redskins got a penalty. How eloquent. Sometimes one flag is worth a thousand words. They missed a first down by a yard and had to punt.

However, the Redskins' last play didn't

speaking well for Turner either. For the second straight week, he put the team's fate — and all the heat — on a 44-year-old, off-the-scrap-heap kicker at the very limit of his range. The alternative? For Turner to make a tough fourth-down play call himself and face the flack if it failed. He ducked. Either he had lost confidence in himself, his offense, or both.

Can we finally bury Norv's Era of Nice, please? Snyder certainly fired the right man. And Snyder hired the right man, too. For years, I've written that the Redskins' problems were motivation and execution. Those are Robiskie's strengths. Talk about your pet theory getting a fair test.

While Snyder's had a much better week than his critics maintain, he's far from blameless. He's just not getting blamed for the right thing.

If you run an organization, it helps to anticipate the worst, rather than simply hope for the best. After the Giants defeat, Snyder acted with all the calm foresight of a man who awakens to discover his hair on fire. "This was not planned. We had no backup plans," Snyder said. "We had not planned to lose Sunday's game."

In every bar on Sunday, somebody in a Redskin jersey said, "How could we lose that game? Why didn't Turner switch quarterbacks earlier? Somebody ought to fire this guy." By his own accounts, that's not too far from what Snyder was thinking, too. Unfortunately, owners who react to crisis like fans seldom do well.

Sunday evening, Snyder kept Turner waiting for two hours for a meeting that never took place. Eventually, Turner simply left. That was a bush league

move by Snyder, no matter how mad he was. At least call off the meeting. When you treat people that way, after they've worked 80-hour weeks for you, word gets around.

Snyder's pressure hasn't helped the kicking situation. If a football owner creates tension, that pressure tends to build up in the toe of the field goal kicker. Every time a low-rent kid or an ancient last-gasp vet has lined up a kick with the game on the line, Snyder might as well have been standing behind him, whispering, "If you miss, you're fired."

Snyder deserves credit for the players he has signed and his passion to win. But he needs to take some blame for the excess tension in his organization. When you fire more people in two years than some owners dismiss in a career, that sets a tone. At the least, you need a coach, a quarterback and a kicker with tons of ability or a high choke threshold. Because you're raising the pressure on them enormously.

Robiskie's first act as coach was to apologize to all Redskins fans. There's certainly blame enough to go around. Including some for Snyder. Nevertheless, the Redskins' losing ways are so deeply ingrained in the players themselves — partly because of Turner's laxity — that even their well-intentioned words betray them.

"We'll go out with a totally new attitude with Terry as coach," said injured receiver Michael Westbrook this week.

Oh, really? For \$100 million, a great attitude doesn't come with the package? For the Redskins, maybe it's just an option, like power steering or tinted windows.

SPORTS

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Freshman Christy Metzker has been named to the 2000 National Soccer Coaches of America All-Mid-Atlantic Region Team.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

CAA Men's Basketball

	W-L	Win %
Richmond	3-1	.750
East Carolina	4-2	.667
VCU	4-2	.667
American	3-2	.600
George Mason	3-2	.600
JMU	3-2	.600
William & Mary	3-2	.600
UNC-W	2-3	.400

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

CAA Women's Basketball

	W-L	Win %
George Mason	5-1	.833
UNC-W	5-1	.833
VCU	4-1	.800
East Carolina	3-2	.600
JMU	3-3	.500
Richmond	2-4	.333
William & Mary	2-4	.333
American	2-5	.286
Old Dominion	1-3	.250



Bowling

Male high game: sophomore Steven Kramer, 276; sophomore Eric Mintzer, 200; junior Corey Fields, 199

Female high game: junior Karen Castka, 214; senior Erin Leddy, 212; junior Laura Walsh, 172

Male high series: Kramer, 683

Female high series: Leddy, 495

Table Tennis

Last weekend the table tennis club played the University of Virginia and Eastern Mennonite University. They beat UVa. 3-1 and beat EMU 3-0.

After the team games, they had an individual tournament against UVa. and EMU players. Table tennis finished first, third and fourth.

Roller Hockey

The A Team went undefeated in Fredericksburg this past weekend, posting a 3-0-1 record. Senior goaltender Dan Dychkowski recorded his third shutout in a 5-0 win over Maryland. Junior Jason White scored the game winner with 30 seconds remaining against the University of Vermont. Senior Jeff Dinkelmeyer scored five goals and freshman Tim Pitkewitz added four goals to the team's revamped offense.

The B team also competed in Fredericksburg this past weekend and finished with a 2-2 record. Due to an injury to the starting goaltender, freshman Ross Wujkowski and sophomore TJ Imbrigiotta recorded their first victories as goaltenders. Senior Chris Morgan also spent time in the net. Faculty member Mike Saunders had an outstand-


ing weekend offensively, scoring six goals. Senior Renzo Cuadros also added three goals and an assist.

Outing

On Oct. 11, 17, and 18 the Outing Club took 15 members to Orange County to skydive. The outing club is planning another skydiving trip for the spring. For more information e-mail jones2ma@jmu.edu. The club has meetings on Wednesdays at 6:30 in Keezel G2. The group is currently working on the Warm a Winter Wish project through UREC.

Women's Volleyball



The A team traveled to the University of Miami of Ohio and played in a 20-team tournament, placing runner up in the silver division finals by losing 13-15 in the third game.



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PICKS OF THE WEEK

Week # 14

Season total.....
Last week.....
Winning percentage..



Andrew Tufts
sports editor
88-54
8-2
.619



Tom Steinfeldt
news editor
77-65
6-4
.542



Travis Clingenpeel
asst. sports editor
76-66
6-4
.535



Xris Thomas
photo editor
71-71
8-2
.500

Guest
Predictor



Ted Bloss
underwater trickster
71-71
5-5
.500

NFL

Tampa Bay at Miami	Miami	Tampa Bay	Miami	Miami	Tampa Bay
Pittsburgh at New York G	New York G	Pittsburgh	New York G	New York G	Pittsburgh
Washington at Dallas	Washington	Dallas	Washington	Washington	Washington
New York J at Oakland	Oakland	New York J	Oakland	New York J	Oakland
Minnesota at St. Louis	Minnesota	St. Louis	Minnesota	St. Louis	Minnesota

COLLEGE

Monday Night: Buffalo at Indianapolis	Indianapolis	Buffalo	Indianapolis	Buffalo	Indianapolis
Orange: Oklahoma at Florida State	Florida St.	Oklahoma	Florida St.	Florida St.	Florida St.
Rose: Purdue at Washington	Washington	Purdue	Washington	Purdue	Purdue
Sugar: Miami at Florida	Miami	Florida	Florida	Miami	Miami
Gator: Clemson at Virginia Tech	Clemson	Virginia Tech	Virginia Tech	Clemson	Virginia Tech
Fiesta: Notre Dame at Oregon State	Oregon St.	Notre Dame	Oregon St.	Notre Dame	Notre Dame

Last week was supposed to be the end of the line. There was supposed to be no conceivable way for Freshman to lose his chance at the POTW Championship. The only race worth watching was going to be the battle for second taking place between Tom the Red and Desert Fox. But as sure as birds fly south for the winter, the Red is trying to send Freshman's championship plans south for the semester. If Fresh goes a ghastly 0-11, Red will tie him.

Fox made a nice run for the POTW Championship, but because of mid-season, um, how do I put this nicely ... sucking, he has slowly fallen off the face of the

Down to the Wire?

planet. Most experts point to that slobberknocker of a mud wrestling match back at the beginning of the season which knocked the Fox off his horse. Better luck next year Fox, I'm sure everyone will wait with baited breath to see how you do next year ... aw that's funny.

X-man is another who has little respect left for himself. He wasn't lying when he claimed he didn't know much about football. Poor X.

The last guest predictor of the semester is Spam, a.k.a. the Big Blossman. Hey Spam, Steven Richards called: He said your CDs were so good, they're gone.

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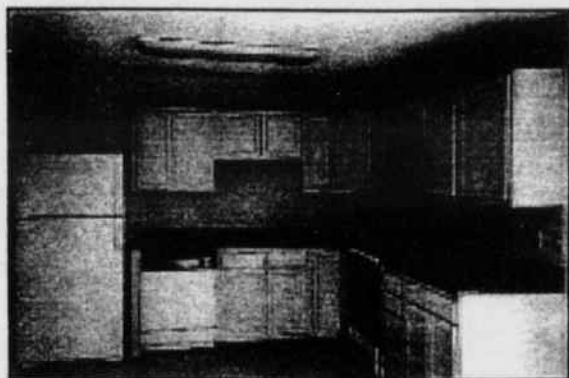
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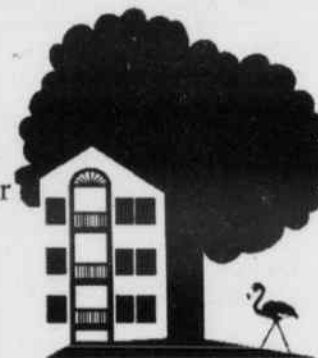
ASK-OCL would like to wish all students Good Luck on their finals, a safe trip home and a restful and joyous holiday. We will see you next year!

Dear OCL, Which apartment complexes have the most security?
-Mysterious, 2003

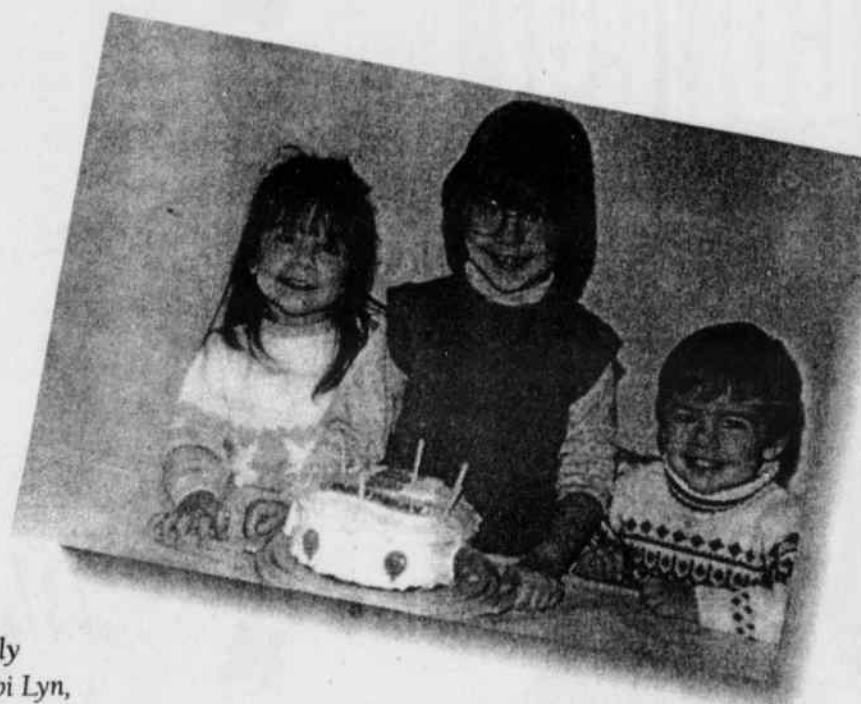
Very good question! Security is a very important factor when deciding where to live. We can give you some specifics to look at so you can make a decision based on your comfort level. 1.) Is there proper lighting of parking areas and entry ways? 2.) Are there unkempt/overgrown bushes and trees that may hide an intruder's activities? 3.) What floor will you be living on? (Third floor is the choice among women-but even then be sure to lock all doors) 4.) Are the windows up to date and do they have sturdy locks on all of them? 5.) What

about exterior doors - is there a deadbolt, peephole and are they heavy and sturdy? 6.) If there is a sliding patio door is there a patio door guard? 7.) Do the bedrooms have individual key type locks? 8.) What about the neighborhood - is it a place you feel safe during the day as well as night? 9.) Is the landlord willing to fix any broken or weak locks, windows and doors and keep the area well lit? Be sure to get this in writing.

Basically, Harrisonburg is a very safe place to live but like anywhere there are problems. Be aware, lock all doors and windows and watch out for each other.



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Daily rating: 10 is the easiest day,
0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19)

Today is a 6 — Frustrations are abundant, and sure things slip out of reach. Your problem is one of expansion. When you try something more difficult than you've done before, you're sure to run into new dilemmas.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Today is a 6 — You're getting stronger, so don't give up. You don't have it so bad, anyway. You can even provide a shoulder to cry on for a friend who's more upset than you are. That ought to make you feel better.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)

Today is a 6 — Money's tight, and you may be on edge. No point in arguing with your sweetheart, though. Gather with a favorite group instead, and work on a tough job together. This may take longer than you thought, but that's okay.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)

Today is a 5 — You're swamped, but don't panic. Others are looking to you for direction. Stay cool and you'll inspire them to keep trying. There's a nice side effect: pretending everything's fine will help make it so.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Today is a 7 — You're lookin' good, but practice anyway. You can put on that spin, that little flourish that brings the crowd to their feet. Put in some extra effort.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Today is a 6 — You're getting luckier and not a moment too soon. You've been cleaning up messes all week, and you may be just about sick of it. Looks like there's more of that tonight, but don't do it all by yourself. Get the whole family to help.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

Today is a 6 — You have lots of marvelous people in your life. Trouble is, you don't have much time to be with them. A new task you're learning is taking longer than you think it should. Relax. You'll learn faster if you do.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

Today is a 6 — Somebody can come in and provide just what's needed. You have been known to do the work of three or four ordinary people. Instead, why not get three or four ordinary people to help?

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Today is a 6 — The people who make the most money do the jobs nobody else wants. You could get the chance to join that group. Trouble is, you don't want to do that work, either! And you may not know how.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Today is a 5 — A private conversation with a special friend is practically mandatory tonight. You'll need someone to blow off steam with by then. Rules and regulations are your own specialty.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Today is a 6 — Know that everything you try will take at least twice as long as planned. This is not a big deal. Although you're widely known for your creativity, it's a lesser-known fact that you're also quite stubborn.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

Today is a 6 — You could do well financially by providing what other people need. This shouldn't be too hard, as many seem unable to provide it for themselves. Your biggest problem will be the confusion of deciding what to do first.

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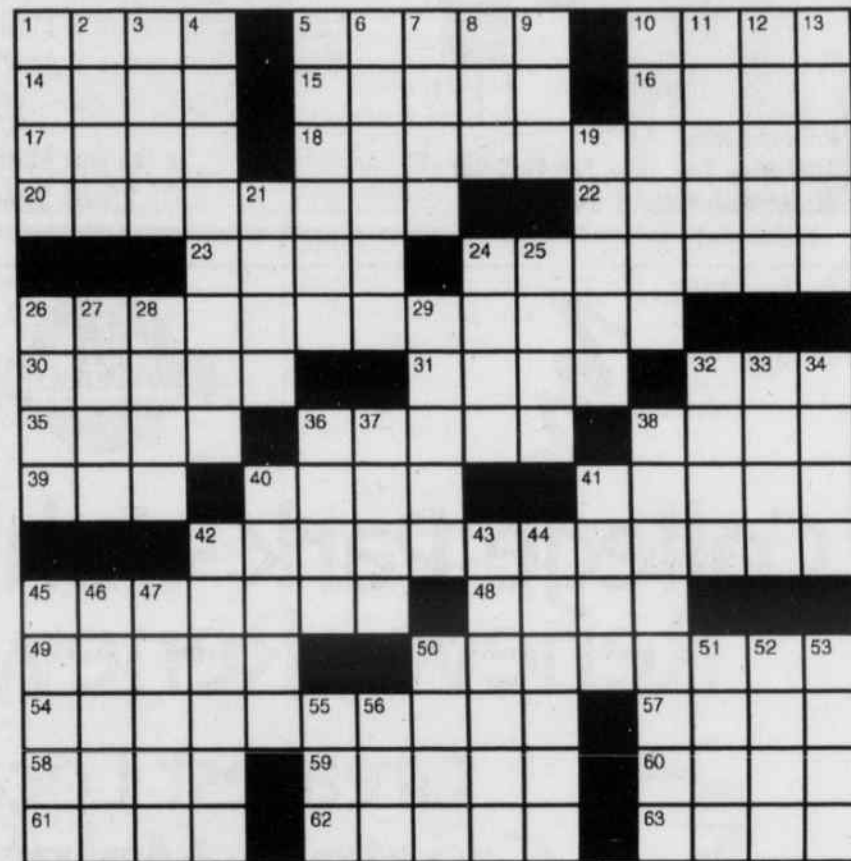
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- 18 Service elevator?
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- 23 Jamaican fruit
- 24 Freedom
- 26 Church key
- 30 Go along with
- 31 Acorn trees
- 32 Burning
- 35 Writer Murdoch
- 36 Searches for
- 38 Alleviate
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- 41 Top berth
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- 45 Physical hypersensitivity
- 48 Penny
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- 50 Waste holder
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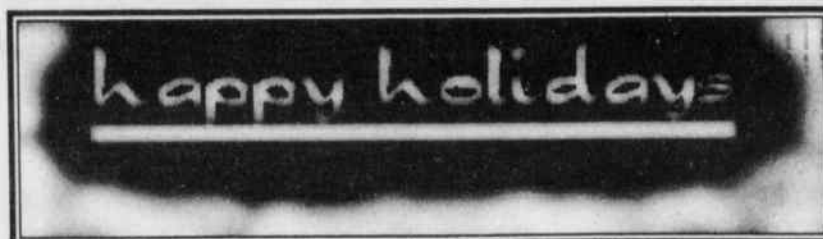
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- 11 Daisylike flower
- 12 Piece of paper
- 13 Author of "Jude the Obscure"
- 19 French clerics
- 21 Make eyes at
- 24 Security problem
- 25 Calligrapher's fluids
- 26 Cash for security
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- 33 A-ha!
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- 36 Ballad
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- 41 Coffee holders



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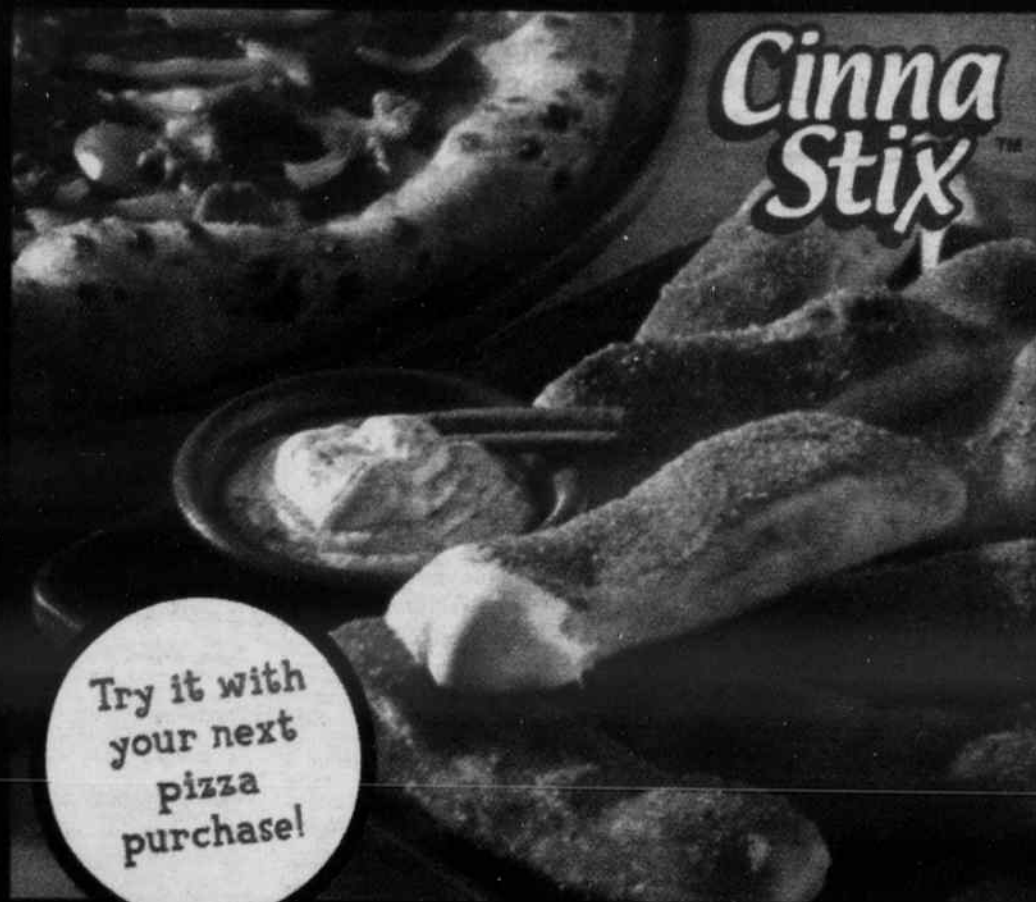
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