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James Madison University

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A local brewing supply shop offers more than just the ingredients for your brew. **Page 12**

Girl Power

Sarah Weddington spoke about leadership, women's issues and her *Roe v. Wade* victory in an inspiring speech Tuesday. **Page 11**



Mats R Us

The wrestling team concluded its regular season with a five-game winning streak, defeating Appalachian State and Howard University Sunday. **Page 18**

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A new e-commerce program is coming to the college of business in spring 2002. **Page 3**

Sports saved?

Administration to recommend keeping all 28 varsity sports intact; awaiting approval

By TOM STEINFELDT
news editor

The JMU administration is expected to announce its recommendation to retain all 28 varsity sports teams this afternoon.

The recommendation calls for the reallocation of funding among the teams. It does not recommend an increase in student fees.

The administration's recommendation awaits final approval by the Board of

Visitors on March 23. The recommendation will first be presented to the board's Athletic Committee on Wednesday at 3 p.m. in Latimer-Shaeffer Theatre in Duke Hall.

The Athletic Committee will then hear comments from athletes, coaches, parents, students and other interested parties over the next three weeks in order to prepare their recommendation for the full board.

The Centennial Sports Committee released a report

in May recommending the elimination of eight varsity teams and severe reductions to men's track and cross country. The eight teams slated for elimination are men's archery, gymnastics, swimming, tennis and wrestling and women's archery, fencing and gymnastics.

A lack of sufficient funds to support all 28 of JMU's teams, and the school's failure to comply with Title IX forced JMU to evaluate the status of its athletic programs.

Proposed plan heightens campus police authority

By TOM STEINFELDT
news editor

The Harrisonburg Police Department and the JMU Department of Public Safety are pursuing a plan to expand the authority of the campus police to more student housing areas on a full-time, year-round basis.

JMU Police Chief Lee Shifflett and HPD Chief D.G. Harper discussed the plan yesterday at a Community Coalition meeting. They will meet again on March 7 with Rockingham County Sheriff Don Farley to discuss current and past policing matters in the community, namely the Forest Hills riot.

Harper said he would like to have one or two JMU officers assigned to patrol the student-housing areas permanently. He would like to implement the plan by the end of the semester, but the decision hinges greatly

on getting approval from JMU. Shifflett declined to comment on the plan specifically, saying the idea was in the preliminary stages.

“You'd have to look into [the proposed plan] more ... I really can't give you a response.”

—Fred Hilton
director of media relations

Fred Hilton, director of media relations, said it is his assumption that the final decision on a plan to extend JMU police authority would have to go through the Board of Visitors. But he said it is too soon to comment on how long such a

process would take or when the issue would reach the board, which next meets March 23.

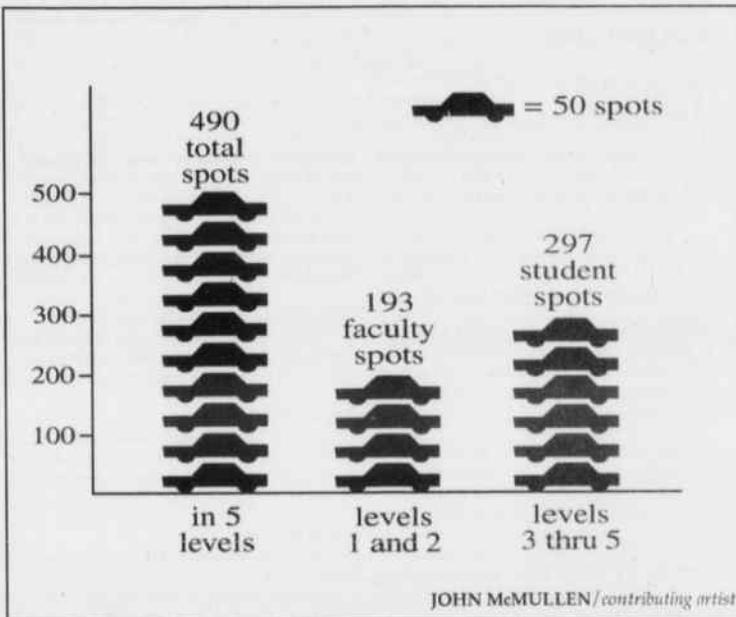
“You'd have to look into [the proposed plan] more,” Hilton said. “I really can't give you a response.”

JMU police currently patrol on campus and areas that adjoin the university. The proposed agreement would join JMU police with Harrisonburg police, giving campus officers the authority to make arrests off campus.

JMU police would patrol student housing areas along Port Republic Road and South Main Street, where the bulk of noise violations reported to the HPD originate.

Harper estimates that at least half of the 1,565 noise complaints made in 2000 were reported in student housing complexes, according to the Feb. 19 issue of *The Breeze*.

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Deck stacked for students

Commuters get three levels; changes in effect for fall

By EMILY SHORT
SGA Reporter

The breakdown of parking spot designations for the parking deck as determined by the Parking Advisory Committee was announced at Tuesday's Student Government Association meeting. The deck is scheduled to open at the start of the fall semester.

SGA

With 11 of the committee's 17 members present, as well as three representatives from the SGA executive board, the committee allotted students nearly 300 of the 490 available spots.

"I was satisfied with the number of spaces that were going to each group," Committee Chair Towana Moore said. "I think the Parking Advisory did a good job of considering all the people involved."

The top three levels of the five-level deck will be reserved for commuter student parking, while the bottom two levels will be open to faculty and staff.

Levels three and four will each offer 110 commuter spots, and level five will have 77 for a total of 297 units.

Level one will provide 84 spaces for faculty and staff

and level two 109 to equal 193 spots.

To compensate on-campus students, lots C-6, C-7 and C-8, all located in the Village area, will be changed to resident parking lots by the fall.

Carrier lends advice

JMU Chancellor Ronald Carrier offered words of advice and encouragement to SGA members as the meeting's guest speaker. Carrier, who served as JMU president for 27 years, told the student leaders that JMU can grow and change only as a result of those who attend it and want to help its progression.

"It is the responsibility of all people in this dynamic community to help remake and reshape this institution to meet the needs of every individual working in its environment," Carrier said.

Funding matters a top concern

Ten new finance bills were introduced to SGA this week and were referred to the finance committee for review.

Tuesday marked the final day for finance bills to be submitted to SGA to allocate money from the contingency fund to student organizations without having to go before the SGA executive board for a special request. Much of the funding allotted for student organiza-

tions is used during the spring for club-sponsored activities, said junior Michael Flaherty, SGA vice president of administrative affairs.

"The trend has been that clubs have come [to request funds] more in the spring than in the fall," Flaherty said.

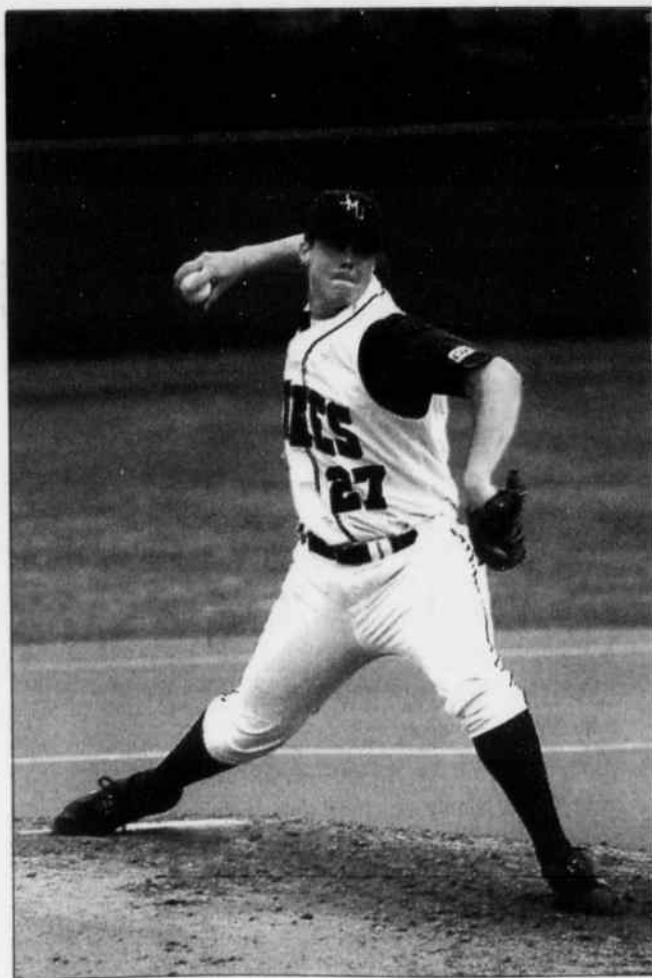
In other money matters, SGA's front end Budget meeting will take place April 3. This is a night when SGA members allocate money to front-end budgeted student organizations.

Currently, eight student organizations are front-end budgeted, while the more than 250 other groups request money from SGA from the contingency fund. The front-end budgeted groups include the University Program Board, SGA, Sports Club Council, Black Student Alliance, Interfraternity Council, Student Ambassadors, Panhellenic Council and JMU NAACP.

A bill proposed last week calls for Campus Assault Response (CARE) to be included among the FEB groups. The bill is being researched by the SGA Finance Committee, and it has not yet been determined if the bill will come to a vote prior to the FEB meeting.

FEB groups receive funds as determined by SGA to be used throughout the school year. In past years, no FEB group has requested more money from the contingency fund.

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SARAH HERZ/contributing photographer

Sophomore pitcher Chris Cochran pitched 7 2/3 innings, giving up two runs and seven hits while striking out six, helping the Dukes win their 900th victory in the 32-year history of JMU baseball.

Chou sentenced for felony

Given suspended sentences, three years probation

By MEGHAN MURPHY
senior writer

A JMU student was given suspended sentences Tuesday, ending more than a year of court appearances.

Senior Brian Chou was given a suspended sentence of three years in a state penitentiary for taking indecent liberties with a child, a felony, and a suspended sentence of 12 months in jail for sexual battery, a misdemeanor. Chou was also given three years of probation. He also must receive intensive counseling.

Commonwealth Attorney Marsha Garst was seeking incarceration, while Chou's attorney, John Holloran, said

Chou would be facing life-long punishment because he has already been convicted of a felony.

Chou pled no contest to the crimes during his Dec. 6 trial. He was charged in January 2000 with aggravated sexual battery and taking indecent liberties with a child. However, the aggravated sexual battery charge was reduced to sexual battery, a lesser felony, because of lack of evidence from the prosecution.

"My view of it was that it was a probation case," Holloran said.

In an unrelated incident, Chou was charged with electronically transmitting and displaying sexually explicit visual material involving a child in November 2000, although the charges were dropped. Charges were based on a witness's account of someone

viewing child pornography in the North River Public Library in Bridgewater.

The complainant later admitted she had misidentified Chou.

Chou was held without bail in the Rockingham County Jail for several days for that charge.

Prior to those charges, he was also charged for violating his bond terms when he was seen at the Habitat for Humanity Field Fest on campus in May 2000 where he was handing out brochures with his business class.

Chou was held without bond for one day for that charge.

"I think it [Chou's total time in jail] may have had an impact on the judge," Holloran said.

Holloran argued that Chou's crimes were a lapse of judgment, but Garst said in her final

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DUKE DAYS EVENTS CALENDAR



THURSDAY, FEB. 22

• Baptist Student Union large group praise and worship, 5:30 to 7 p.m., Baptist Student Center on corner of Cantrell Avenue and Main Street

• Campus Crusade for Christ large group meeting, 8 p.m., Health Sciences Building lecture hall, e-mail Dan at *flynnjd*

SUNDAY, FEB. 25

• Fellowship of Christian Athletes meeting, 7:30 p.m., Godwin 337

• Turning Point Globalization Roadshow: globalization presentation, 8 p.m., PC Ballroom, learn about the evils

of globalization, corporate domination and environmental degradation

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E-mail Richard at *The Breeze* at *saksharh* with the information (event, date, location, contact info, etc.) Please submit by Friday for a Monday issue and Tuesday for a Thursday issue.

Organizations who had a weekly item running in the calendar last semester, please re-send your information to Richard for this semester.

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POLICE LOG

Casey Bonds
police reporter

An alleged hit and run and property damage incident was reported by a student on Feb. 15 and reportedly occurred between 3:30 and 4:50 p.m. in R2 lot.

A JMU student reported that an unknown person reportedly struck a 1989 Chrysler with another vehicle. Damage to the passenger side of the vehicle is estimated at \$2,000.

Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol

• James J. Nebgen, 20, of Smithtown, N.Y., was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol on Feb. 20 at 3 a.m. at the Howard Johnson Inn.

Underaged Possession of Alcohol

• Rosana Nikdar, 18, of Springfield, was arrested and charged with underaged possession of alcohol in White Hall on Feb. 17 at 12:50 a.m.

• Christopher A. Short, 19, of Vienna, was arrested and charged with underaged possession of alcohol in Garber Hall on Feb. 17 at 2:10 a.m.

• Sarah E. Ingram, 18, of Troutville, was

arrested and charged with underaged possession of alcohol at Taylor Hall on Feb. 18 at 2 a.m.

• James J. Nebgen, 20, of Smithtown, N.Y., was arrested and charged with underaged possession of alcohol on Feb. 20 at 3 a.m. at the Howard Johnson Inn.

Underaged Consumption of Alcohol

• A JMU student was judicially referred for underaged consumption of alcohol on Feb. 20 at 3 a.m. at the Howard Johnson Inn.

Dangerous Practices

• Two JMU students were judicially referred for dangerous practices when they reportedly set off fireworks at Garber Hall on Feb. 17 at 10:43 p.m.

Grand Larceny

• A wallet was reported stolen from a victim in Wilson Hall on Feb. 19 at 10 p.m.

The wallet reportedly contained \$36 cash, an operator's license, a credit card and other miscellaneous items.

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Partly cloudy
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		High	Low
Friday	Partly cloudy	51	30
Saturday	Showers	50	36
Sunday	Showers	55	34
Monday	Partly cloudy	52	29

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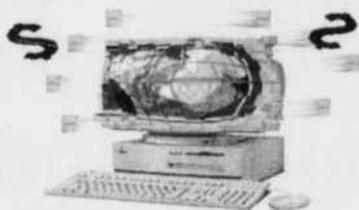
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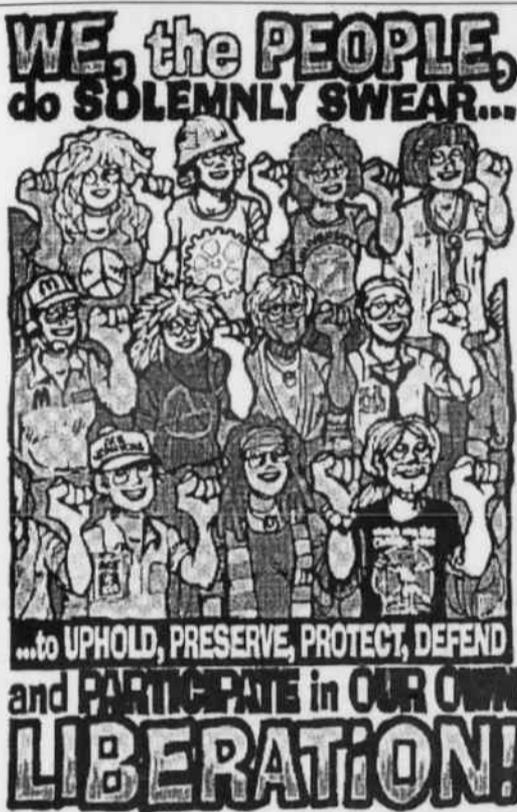
NEWS

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Yes, even JMU is trying to get in on the action — with a new COB concentration
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"We are focused on envisioning and striving towards a society respectful of basic human rights and environmental wisdom."
JENNY SCHOCKEMOEHL
sophomore
see below

Amnesty to hold Roadshow for globalization awareness



By RYLA NAWOOD
contributing writer

The controversial topic of globalization will be examined this weekend when the Turning Point Globalization Roadshow comes to JMU. The event is sponsored by JMU's chapter of Amnesty International and will feature presentations on campus Sunday and Monday.

The Roadshow is comprised of a group of people who travel around the country and dedicate their time educating whoever they can about these issues.

Junior Antigone Ambrose, president of JMU's chapter of Amnesty International, said bringing the Roadshow to JMU was initially Amnesty member sophomore Jenny Schockemoehl's idea.

"Globalization is a term used basically to mean that our world is becoming more global," Schockemoehl said. "Borders between nation states are decreasing. No one argues that this is inherently wrong, the issue is, in what ways are we now communicating with our neighbors?"

Schockemoehl said the JMU chapter of Amnesty believes in a future in which people's welfare and the survival of the planet are more important than corporate profits.

"We are focused on envisioning and striving towards a society respectful of basic human rights and environmental wisdom," she said.

John Johnson is one speaker/performer coming to JMU as part of the Roadshow.

"The mission of Turning Point Roadshow is to educate people about the environmental and social consequences of corporate globalization, and to inspire people to act and join the worldwide movement for democracy, justice and environmental sanity," Johnson said via posted statement (www.lists.indymedia.org).

Johnson said specific goals of the Roadshow are to educate citizens, to give alternatives to globalization and to give people a way to act and be connected with their community. "Our main presentation will include spoken word, a slide show accompanied by acoustic music ... We will offer a variety of workshops designed to educate people," he said on the Web site.

The main presentation will be on Sunday at 8 p.m. in PC

Ballroom. The workshops will take place in Taylor 202 and 404 on Monday. Some topics the workshops cover include learning about the global economy and learning about the World Trade Organization.

The final activity for the Roadshow will be musical performances by David Rovics and Billy the Squid at the Little Grill in downtown Harrisonburg from 9 to 11 p.m. Monday.

"We would like to perform for as many people as possible," Johnson said.

Sophomore Laura Tashjian said of the Roadshow, "I'm excited about it. It's about time that these issues are brought to the table."

Sophomore Chris Martinez said, "It'd be interesting as a business major — especially for an international business major — to see how other nation's economies work."

Globalization Roadshow

Problems addressed will include:

- NAFTA allowing corporations to abandon thousands of southeast workers so that these companies can relocate to Mexico to take advantage of lower environmental standards and labor laws.
- Negotiations between 34 nations in the Western Hemisphere are currently being held to express plans for the expansion of NAFTA.
- Free Trade Areas of the Americas leveraging NAFTA workers against workers in Guatemala and Haiti, continuing the circle of exploitation.

RYAN PUDLOSKI/graphics editor

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E-commerce to be new concentration in COB

By KILEY WALAWENDER
contributing writer

To keep up with advancing technology, the College of Business will be offering a new marketing concentration in electronic commerce beginning the spring 2002 semester.

Concentration information

E-commerce, also known as e-business, will provide a new course (MKTG 370 e-commerce) for the eight-course concentration. This course will examine the commercial opportunities created by information technology and online threats to existing business models. It will study the technology infrastructure and its application to fundamental marketing and business processes, as well as strategies in pursuing electronic commerce initiatives, according to a COB course description.

Students in this concentration will also receive an overview of the different hardware and software used. Thus, extensive computer lab time will be necessary to provide a hands-on component to the concepts presented in the course. The electronic commerce class will be taught in a lab setting, whereas the other courses will be taught in a lecture setting.

Electronic commerce will be worth three credits and is scheduled to provide a foundation for the marketing concentration in e-commerce. Prerequisites for MKTG 370 will include COB 300 and acceptance into the e-commerce concentration in the marketing program.

Application process

According to Ken Williamson, marketing professor and director of the bachelor of business administration (BBA) core, due to faculty and class space restraints, the new concentration will only allow for 30 students.

"We want to make the application process as neat, clean and simple as possible," Williamson said. "So we have decided to rank the top 30 applicants based on GPA."

Since the concentration originates from the marketing program, the concentration will only be open to marketing majors.

The goal of this new concentration is to offer a bachelor of science degree program in e-business that draws the talent and expertise of the faculty from the COB, ISAT and SMAD.

"We don't know when we'll get there, but we are working diligently in that direction," Williamson said. "It will be important to partner with the private sector and engage their active support to help us achieve our goal."

The COB is working to expand the number of students they can accept into the concentration, but enrollment will be limited to 30 for an indefinite period, Williamson said.

Preparing students for the future

"Our new course, e-commerce, and the new e-commerce concentration of which it's a part, benefits students by marrying a solid grounding in business fundamentals provided by the business core curriculum with a solid grounding in the technologies enabling the phenomenon of e-commerce," Williamson said. "It provides marketing majors selecting this concentration with a deeper exposure to information technology and its application to business processes than has heretofore been available to them."

Williamson said COB Dean Bob Reid, Associate Dean for Academic Programs Charles Pringle and several marketing professors have been key players in developing the new concentration.

“We want to make the application process as neat, clean and simple as possible.”

— Ken Williamson
marketing professor

Student involvement lifts program

Not only faculty have been involved in developing the new concentration. Sophomore finance major Jamie Specht, a member of the Student Government Association's Academic Affairs Committee, has also helped to get this new course off the ground.

"Next spring semester will be sort of a test drive for this new course," Specht said. "Hopefully it will soon be able to be included in the university as an e-business program, and not just a concentration. For the time being, topics such as security threats, electronic payments, legal issues and Web base tools specific to e-commerce will be included."

Williamson said, "It's exciting and gratifying to know that these alum are making tangible commitments to engage with us."



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Chris Farmer, 29, in front of the bus he will use to take supplies to indigenous schools in Mexico.

Activist drives 'school bus for peace' for Zapatista mission

By MARGARET RAMIREZ
Los Angeles Times

The battered little yellow school bus filled with notebooks, pens, paint and fruit bounced into Los Angeles looking for donations for a new indigenous school in the southern Mexican state of Chiapas.

At the wheel was Chris Farmer, a 29-year-old University of California-Berkeley graduate hoping to entice others to join him on his Zapatista mission.

Though he found no takers in Los Angeles for the month-long bus ride through Mexico, he aroused plenty of curiosity. From college students to community activists to church leaders, people wanted to know what this yellow bus to Chiapas was all about.

"People keep asking why I'm doing this, and I just wonder how can you not do this," said the lanky, goateed Farmer, who became interested in the Zapatista rebel movement in college. "Until yesterday, I was known as just 'the driver.' Now, I feel like I've become spokesman of this little school bus for peace."

After Farmer delivers the supplies to the school, he plans to join a pilgrimage of Zapatista rebels and supporters led by their leader, the man known only as Subcommander Marcos, who will march from Chiapas to Mexico City, tracing the historic route taken by Gen. Emiliano Zapata during the Mexican Revolution. Marcos and other members of the Zapatista National Liberation Army are expected to urge the Mexican Congress to pass legislation strengthening Indian rights.

The Zapatista National Liberation Army, a rebel group composed overwhelmingly of Maya indigenous people, took up arms in an uprising on Jan. 1, 1994, demanding indigenous rights and political power. Since then, the Zapatista movement — led by the pipe-smoking intellectual Subcommander Marcos — has grown into a global movement with activist groups embracing their struggle as a larger fight for the poor and the oppressed.

The idea to take a busload of school supplies into Chiapas and join the Zapatista march arose from a San Diego-based organization called Schools for Chiapas. The group, founded by San Diego teacher Peter Brown, supports construction and development of indigenous schools in Chiapas.

In 1998, they helped build a technical junior high school in the village of Oventic. The school, named the First of January Zapatista Rebel Secondary School, became the first institution for Maya Indian children taught by indigenous teachers.

After the school opened, Brown was expelled from the country for violating terms of his tourist visa by becoming involved in politics and directing the school's construction. The Mexican government regards the Zapatista school — and another one set to open — as unconstitutional because it was built without authorization of the National Educational System.

It was through the Schools for Chiapas student group at Berkeley that Farmer learned of the schools — and the plans to bring supplies to them in the yellow school bus. The thought struck something inside him.

"I always wanted to get a bus and drive around with a bunch of friends," he said. "When I heard about this, it seemed like an opportunity to do that and help a worthwhile cause."

"This is a really fundamental approach to solving problems in poor communities like Chiapas. We're helping them build schools. It's education, and that's a powerful weapon in itself."

Farmer acknowledges being an unlikely advocate for Zapatistas. But, in his eyes, oppression comes in different forms and flavors.

"What oppression do I face?" he asks himself. "I come from this white privileged background, just graduated from college. But we're facing such pressure to make money and make money. I just had to ask myself, 'Do I want to be a part of that or make a difference?'"

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Plan calls for expansion of JMU police authority

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Harper said JMU's ability to extend officers to help in the city while effectively performing their on-campus duties presents the greatest obstacle to implementing the plan.

"Probably the biggest one [obstacle] would be the availability of resources from JMU," Harper said. "That would probably be the biggest hurdle in my estimation."

Hilton said, "With any kind of agreement like this, you would have to keep in mind the relative resources available."

JMU police, with 19 patrol officers, is less than one-third the size of the 66-member HPD.

If the HPD and JMU police reach an agreement for expanding JMU's authority, Harper said a proposal for the school's administration could be drafted

in one day.

If approved, JMU police would have the same authority as the HPD once sworn in by a circuit court judge.

"It's not that complicated to put together the draft that would go before the circuit court to bring all this about," Harper said.

Harrisonburg Mayor Carolyn Frank said the strict alcohol rules on campus have pushed more drinking-related activities into the community and agrees with the proposed initiative between the HPD and JMU police.

"I would be supportive of that," Frank said.

Although city council approval is not required, Harper said he will present the idea to the council within the next month.

If the plan takes effect, the increased duties for the JMU police will not be

brand new.

Through a mutual aid agreement, the HPD requests temporary assistance from JMU police to help with accidents, directing traffic and making arrests.

Harper said the agreement is typically invoked for graduation, Homecoming and Parents Weekend. JMU police usually assign one or two officers to patrol student housing areas along Port Republic Road and the area around Purcell Park, Interstate 81, South Main Street and campus.

Under the agreement, JMU police have the same authority as the HPD for a specific time frame. Harper said the agreement to patrol usually lasts Thursday evening through Sunday evening.

The proposed plan is a blanket agreement that would extend JMU police this authority on a permanent basis.

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Petty Larceny

• A JMU student reported that an unknown person had stolen a brown leather wallet and its contents from UREC on Feb. 17 between 6 and 8 p.m.

Property Damage

• Unknown persons reportedly discharged a fire extinguisher from the fourth floor to the ground floor in Chesapeake Hall between 4:30 and 6:13 a.m. on Feb. 18.

Harassment

• Two JMU students in Spotswood Hall reportedly received obscene and harassing phone calls at 5:07 a.m. on Feb. 18.

Number of drunk in public charges since Aug. 28: 52

Frat loses charter after student dies

BY KATIE PETERSON
TMS Campus

Theta Chi national fraternity revoked the charter of Indiana University's local chapter Feb. 15 after it served alcohol at a party where a freshman student sustained fatal injuries.

David Westol, executive director of Theta Chi, said the IU chapter broke its January 2000 probation when the fraternity served alcohol at a party against the national organization's policy.

Seth Korona, a 19-year-old freshman, was served alcohol and sustained a head wound at the Jan. 27 party. Korona died Feb. 4, after spending several days in a coma.

The decision to revoke the charter and Korona's death were "not directly related," Westol said.

Friends had noticed that Korona was not recovering from

what they had believed was a hangover. An autopsy report indicated that Korona suffered a blunt force trauma, however, foul play is not suspected.

"So far we have not found any evidence that would lead us to believe foul play was involved in this case," said Lt. Jerry Minger. "This is strictly a voluntary investigation, therefore we can not estimate when this investigation will be over."

The decision of abolishing the fraternity will last for a "generation of students" said Dean of Students Richard McKaig.

The members of the fraternity were evicted from their house on Feb. 9, and are expected to move out by mid-March. The fraternity has a chance to renew their charter in three years with university permission.

Westol said he hopes to see Theta Chi eventually return.

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SGA, Sullivan react to riot report

SGA, from page 1

All FEB groups' budgets are zero based, meaning each group is not guaranteed a certain amount. Allocations are based on the groups priorities, said junior Pete Swerdzewski, SGA vice president for student affairs.

Announcements from the president

SGA President Mark Sullivan said that he is working on a project concerning JMU's public and community relations. Although no details were given, Sullivan said the project includes the issue of August's Forest Hills riot and a recent summary report released by the Harrisonburg Police Department.

An article in the Feb. 19 issue of *The Breeze* stated that a two-page summary of an in depth internal police report about the incident was released to the public.

Sullivan said he was under the impression that the full report would be made public. Continued attempts will be made to have the full police report released to the public as part of Sullivan's project.

Class council elections moved

A bill to change the timing of class council elections was passed by a large majority, as many in SGA said they believe the elections currently receive inadequate attention. Since 1995, class council elections have taken place on the third Tuesday of the fall semester.

At-Large Sen. Levar Stoney, a freshman, said candidates need more time to prepare for the year's activities. He said the issue is "one of the main challenges that SGA can tackle as a group to make the class council and SGA more effective."

These arguments supported

the Class Council Elections Change Bill and its amendments that would move class council elections to the third Wednesday after spring break pending executive approval. These elections would take place the week after the SGA and Honor Council major elections and be for positions for the next school year.

Representative junior Chris Fortier said the change in election dates "would give more time over the summer for newly elected class councils to discuss important matters and plan events for the upcoming school year."

The final amendment to the bill states that a committee will be established to "evaluate and report on the change to determine its plausibility as a permanent amendment to the [SGA] constitution."

If approved by the SGA executive board, the change in class council election dates will be a trial run.



KAREN KUPELIAN/staff photographer

SGA members applaud a speech by Chancellor Ronald Carrier at a meeting Tuesday night. Carrier offered advice about the growth of JMU and urged that involvement is key to progression.

Student sentenced on several charges

STUDENT, from page 1

argument that Chou committed criminal actions and it wasn't just a lapse of judgement. She called three witnesses: the victim, the victim's mother and a friend of the victim's mother.

The mother's friend said in her testimony that the vic-

tim had seen Chou in ski instructor attire, at Massanutten, after the incident and was extremely frightened.

The victim said both she and her friends were still fearful of Chou and wouldn't feel safe unless he was incarcerated. The victim's mother said her daughter now has a fear of men, including her father, as a result of her encounters with Chou.

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College News

Two teens arrested in connection with Dartmouth slayings

Two days after announcing a huge break in the murders of Dartmouth College professors **Half** and **Susanne Zantop**, authorities in Henry County, Ind. announced the arrest Monday morning of two teenagers in connection with the Jan. 27 slayings.

Henry County Sheriff **Kim Cornk** confirmed that police arrested **Robert Tulloch**, 17, and **James Parker**, 16, at 4 a.m. Monday and charged them with two counts each of first-degree murder.

At a news conference Monday, Cornk said that he heard via CB radio that a truck driver was carrying two teenagers looking for a ride to California. Cornk said that the truck driver was unaware that the students were wanted by police.

Authorities communicated with the driver and said that he'd volunteer to pick up the teenagers at a nearby truck stop, where Henry County Sgt. **Bill Ward**, posing as a truck driver, apprehended the teenagers without incident.

Cornk said that New Hampshire authorities expect to arrive in Indiana Monday afternoon.

Authorities had announced on Saturday a nationwide search for Parker and Tulloch, both of whom reside approximately 25 miles from the college.

Both students fled early last week, but returned home a few days later before leaving again.

No details have been released regarding the relationship between Parker and Tulloch and the two professors.

Orange County, Vt., Sheriff **Dennis McClure** said Monday the students became suspects after one purchased a military-style knife on the Internet. Tulloch and Parker allegedly stabbed the professors multiple times in the chest and head.

McClure said that authorities asked the pair last week to provide fingerprints, which they did, and that the prints matched enough to warrant the weekend-long investigation.

Rutgers student shot to death near campus

A Rutgers University student was shot to death

Monday while sitting in a car near the Camden, N.J., campus.

Hiram Rosa, a senior finance major, was pronounced dead around 10 p.m., Feb. 19, at Cooper Hospital, after a university police officer and a local physician attempted to revive him at the scene of the crime.

Police have made no arrests and will not comment on a possible motive behind the killing. It is likely that Rosa was acquaintances, "in the loosest sense of the word," with his killer, said Camden County Prosecutor's Office spokesman **Greg Reinert**.

"We know enough to know that this wasn't a random shooting," Reinert said. "We believe he was at least aware of the perpetrators."

In the wake of the murder, the university made counseling services available to students and faculty members.

"Such a violent, meaningless act affects all of us profoundly," said Rutgers University provost **Roger Dennis** in a letter to the campus community. "As a campus, we will do everything in our power to prevent such a tragedy from ever occurring again."

Skinhead convicted in 1992 murder of California student

A member of a skinhead gang was recently convicted in the murder of a Santa Monica college student as two members of his gang watched.

The Ventura County jury convicted Justin Merriman, 20, Feb. 13 for first-degree murder of **Katrina Montgomery**, a Santa Monica College student. According to the *Los Angeles Times*, Merriman was also convicted of 18 other charges, including witness intimidation and raping two other women. Merriman is eligible for the death penalty.

Montgomery disappeared on Nov. 28, 1992, after leaving a party in Oxnard, Calif., and her bloodstained pickup truck was later found abandoned in the Los Angeles National Park. Years passed and investigators were unable to find a lead on the case until several breaks in the case led authorities to Merriman. Prosecutors indicted him in Jan. 1998.

According to the *Los Angeles Times*, the motive of the killing was the fact that Merriman

wanted a relationship with Montgomery. When she spurned him however, Merriman raped her and later viciously beat her with a wrench and stabbed her.

This was backed up by the testimony of **Larry Nicassio** and **Ryan Bush**, both members of Merriman's skinhead gang. Nicassio told jurors he stared out a window, but turned to see Merriman holding a knife to Montgomery's throat, asking, "Where's her jugular?" In closing arguments, Merriman's attorney argued that he did kill Montgomery but it was in the heat of the moment, while prosecutors pointed to evidence they said showed premeditation.

Rockhurst U. frat upset over suspension

Rockhurst University fraternity members are crying foul after university officials handed down a three-year suspension for hazing violations, the *Kansas City Star* reported.

According to university officials, pledges of Sigma Alpha Epsilon were forced to let members of the fraternity use their dining cards, clean members rooms and engaged in "one instance of physical force." Only six of the fraternity's original 10 fall semester pledges continued throughout the process.

"These are good guys," **Mark Curry**, SAE's liaison between the local and national chapters told the *Kansas City Star*. Though Curry admitted that SAE members acted inappropriately in some instances, he said the actions did not warrant such a harsh punishment.

"The hazing wasn't physical," he said. "It didn't involve alcohol. But the university has said, 'We're going to use this against you.'"

This was the first such suspension at the Jesuit college, **Liz Brent**, Rockhurst's vice president for student development, told the *Star*.

Spring break scams abound for college students

As spring break creeps around the corner, many people will be looking forward to tons of sun and of course tons of fun. But what these people won't see coming is the threat of spring break scams.

Every year, thousands of college students escape the stress of exams and cold weather by heading south for spring break. But many students are tricked into buying deals on spring-break packages and end up being the victims of scams.

"Sometimes searching for the best deal can land students far from paradise and cost them more than they bargained for," said **Jack Mannix**, president of the Institute of Certified Travel Agents. "That's why it is so important they proceed with caution as an educated consumer."

Student Travel Association, the only full-service travel agency on campus for students, is taking more precautions this year by being more selective with the spring-break companies they do business with.

Deanna Schuppel, branch manager for STA travel, assures students that STA is doing its best to prevent potential spring break scams from happening this year.

"We are taking more precautions this year so students are informed about what could go wrong," she said. "We've narrowed down the spring-break companies we are using to eliminate the problems we've had in the past."

Schuppel said the biggest issue in spring break scams is charter flights.

"Charter flights are a big concern because they are cheaper, so students will buy them, but at the same time these are the same flights that cause students' trips to be delayed," she said.

According to ICTA, charter flights operate under very different rules than traditional commercial airlines and can change schedules at the last minute with no mandated compensation or alternative transportation.

This year, to forewarn the students about the potential risks of charter flight trips, STA is letting them know the precautions ahead of time and requiring students to purchase travel insurance.

ICTA recommends students take precautions before choosing a spring-break company, like performing a background check on the company and the airline.

Schuppel tells students to be wary and careful about choosing a spring-break operator.

"Do your research ahead of time," she said. "If it seems too good to be true, it probably is."

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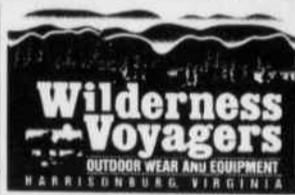
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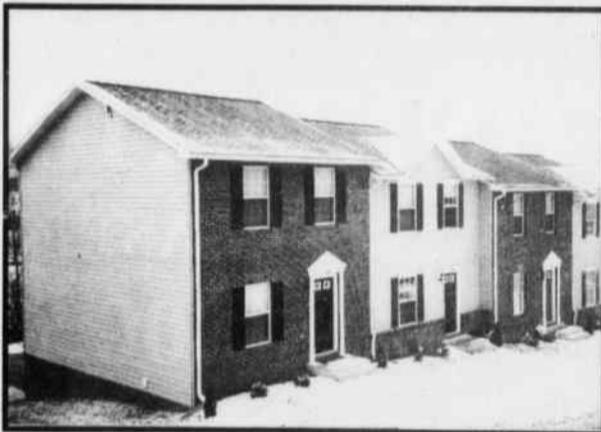


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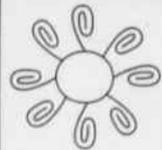


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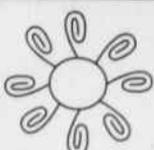
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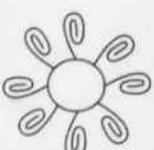
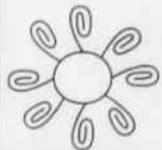
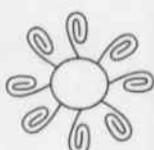
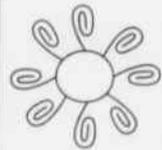
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HOUSE EDITORIAL

JMU police shouldn't patrol off campus

Nearly six months after the Aug. 25 Forest Hills riot, the Harrisonburg Police Department released their long-awaited summary. Too bad the summary, which was based on the HPD riot report, was only two pages long. The brevity of the summary is disappointing to say the least, especially considering that the unreleased report is several inches thick. Many students worked hard to ensure that everyone's perspectives were heard. Having only two pages to show for a half-year's work hardly seems adequate.

However, such a short document has raised quite a few questions and issues. The HPD recommended that the already busy JMU police should "take a larger role in handling illegal activity off campus," according to the Feb. 19 issue of *The Breeze*. Apparently the HPD hasn't noticed the slew of peeping incidents on campus. Or maybe they haven't realized that the JMU police have a whole campus of their own to worry about. The JMU police should focus on their task at hand: protecting the campus. There are

enough problems for them to deal with within the campus confines.

When JMU students move off campus, they begin to be integrated into the community. They pay rent to non-JMU affiliated companies, shop at community stores and get to know their non-student neighbors. Students realize that when

“But JMU doesn't have the resources, money or otherwise, to send its officers patrolling off campus.”

they move off campus, they are supposed to adhere to Harrisonburg laws. While this may not always happen to some people's satisfaction, that's no reason to pass the off-campus students back into the hands of the JMU police.

Ironically, Harrisonburg Police Chief D.G. Harper admitted that

the main causes of the problems at the riot weren't JMU students.

"I still strongly believe that the majority of the problems we had were not necessarily caused by JMU students," Harper said.

So why are we being treated like we were? Actions speak louder than words, and the recommendation to have JMU police step in more says loud and clear that the HPD wants to wash its hands of off-campus JMU students. How is having JMU police working off campus regularly going to help anything? It may take some work off their shoulders and it'll conveniently take the blame off them when something goes wrong.

But JMU doesn't have the resources, money or otherwise, to send its officers patrolling off campus. Where would the extra officers and extra funding come from? Academics, perhaps? Students come here to learn, not to live in a police state.

The HPD should modify its own behavior if it wants changes, not try to pass it off on someone else.

THE GLASS IS HALF FULL

STEVEN GLASS

In university we trust, perhaps to a fault

The other day I had the pleasure of sitting through a class discussion about ethics. I found the discussion riveting, as countless students offered their "personal" beliefs about what constitutes ethical behavior. Ironically, as my friend pointed out, we were having this discussion in a public relations class. The very nature of public relations, no matter how cute and fuzzy PR practitioners try to make it sound, is nothing more than dicking someone over on behalf of your client, which isn't very ethical. I am certain that each student's espousal was taken verbatim from countless dinner discussions they had growing up with their parents.

Such a suspicion is based on the fact that as the offspring of parents who would consider themselves fairly liberal, I hold a fairly liberal view of the world myself and assume that most of my peers hold similar views as their parents about core issues. My suspicion was partially confirmed when an outspoken student in the class, when asked by the professor, admitted that she shared many of the same political ideologies as her parents.

In any event, the discussion went on to sound like a menagerie of different passages of curriculum text books, the students offering these passages saving themselves from plagiarism only by prefacing them with "I think," or "I believe," as they tried to pass them off as their own cognitive designs.

This led me to wonder, after sitting in on many discussions of a similar nature during my tenure here, whether we are nothing more than products of someone else's thinking, or whether we really

think for ourselves. Are our higher-educated brains really nothing more than a cesspool of pasta-looking moosh infested (or infected, depending on how you look at it) with the ideas of others?

Yes, as college students we have come here to learn, (or, in the very least build on the foundation our parents began) but there is a difference between being scholarly and proffering original thought. Yes, through the miracle of GenEd we are enlightened with the ideas of Buber and Luther and of different global religions and the physics behind a cupcake, but does that make us enlightened?

Just because we can spout off the central tenets of the Treaty of Versailles doesn't mean we have achieved our mission of becoming enlightened scholars. Throughout the PR discussion and other discussions I have sat through, I have noticed that students have a healthy command of what their teachers want them to know, but little reflection on what that knowledge truly means, and why it is they should know it.

Much is made by students of "the bubble" they feel they inhabit when they are in Harrisonburg, sheltered from the realities that lie further than Interstate 81. Has this bubble totally isolated us from what we should really know? One person I talked to said, "I don't read the newspaper; I'll read the newspaper next year when I'm working." My roommate

told me another story of a student he visited at another university who couldn't tell him who the vice president is or what title Janet Reno used to hold; and this student was a political science major!

This apathetic approach toward current events made me wonder how a discussion on ethics, or anything else of global importance, is possible, and sadly I am afraid the PR discussion I sat in on only confirmed that it is not. As one of the participants of the discussion erroneously asserted, it seems that America only takes issue with a situation if its own interests are at stake.

One of the examples they cited was manufacturer's use of foreign labor to produce clothing and other products in less-than-ideal working conditions, and the fact that the United States doesn't see the need to halt importing such products because we get them at such discounted prices. This person seemed to be insisting that we take some action against this, yet was probably wearing clothing that was made somewhere else in the world under less-than-humane conditions.

When we do look beyond the walls of JMU at bigger domestic and global issues, we rarely seem to hit the mark. Going back to the sweatshop labor issue, people on this campus have crusaded against selling JMU apparel made in domestic sweatshops, yet seem to check their political conscience at their closet

door when slipping into clothes that were made in foreign sweatshops.

When flag burning came to JMU, we saw the American flag burned by demonstrators who offered little explanation for their actions, prompting many to ask why they burned an American flag in the first place. Some of those asking why pushed to have a bill passed by the Student Government Association to prohibit flag burnings on campus. Perhaps had they researched this issue more, these people would have discovered that there is a federal concession that allows for the burning of the American flag (read: Bill of Rights) that would have superseded any law the SGA passed against burning the flag, thereby making the SGA's bill moot.

Others who asked why were those who were ready to go to war against the flag burners, claiming that their fathers and grandfathers had fought and died for the very flag they had burned. To those people, I say perhaps had you thought about it a little more, you'd realize your fathers and grandfathers actually fought and died for our right (read: Bill of Rights) to burn that flag peacefully, and that the American flag, in its simplest form is only a representation of those freedoms.

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A "that's-so-darling" pat to K.C. for having the AKL pledge class serenade us with "Pretty Woman" on Valentine's night.
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Dart...

A "you-should-be-proud-of-that-class-average" dart to a certain professor who thinks that just because his class average is "only" in the 80s he should make his quizzes harder.
From a student who thinks your quizzes are hard enough and would think more of you as a professor if you placed your importance on making sure your students learn, rather than making sure their grades are low enough to satisfy you.

Pat...

A "thanks-for-the-support" pat to the cappella groups who donated their time and wonderful talents to SOS and helped us spread the word that we will not go down without a fight.
Sent in by an avid SOS supporter who came to JMU for the diversity and not for the "revenue" sports.

Dart...

A "thanks-for-making-my-Valentine's Day" dart to the scum who smashed in my car window and stole my entire CD collection.
Sent in by a senior who really hopes that what goes around comes around.

Pat...

A "thanks-for-noticing" pat to the grateful junior who was kind enough to acknowledge the JMU grounds department's efforts of keeping our campus beautiful.
Sent in by the grounds department flower crew who really appreciated your morale-boosting compliment.

Dart...

A "shut-your-darn-mouth-and-pay-attention" dart to the loud-mouthed bus driver who shut my foot in the door Monday, then started driving away.
Sent in by a ticked-off sophomore with torn pants who is thankful you almost hit another car so he had time to get free.

Pat...

A "you-rock" pat to Erin, the faculty and staff and all the Eta Sigma Gamma members for all your hard work and extra hours to make this week's Health Career's Forum a huge success.
Sent in by all the Dukes who are trying to decide what they want to be when they grow up and appreciate your efforts.

Dart...

A "you're-not-a-Harlem-Globetrotter" dart to the really cool kid who feels the need draw attention to himself and put on a show by hazardously and obnoxiously spinning trays on his finger at D-hall. We counted last Friday — you dropped it three times, and caused people to dodge flying objects twice.
Sent in by a few ladies who have volunteered to represent the general public on this one.

THE GLASS IS HALF FULL

STEVEN GLASS

University education isn't all there is to it

UNIVERSITY, from page 8

I'm not suggesting that I am the quintessential enlightened scholar by any stretch of the imagination. All I am sug-

gesting is that when we sit through lectures and read our textbooks we think about what all this knowledge means to us, and not just what it means. What does gaining this knowledge make us as individuals? How

does it influence our thoughts? Perhaps we should all put down the Nintendo joysticks and read the newspaper every once in a while before we try to have a discussion or demonstration about something we're all

pretending to know something about.

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FROM THE WIRE

Iraq up to its old tricks again, and Bush responds

BENJAMIN THOMPSON

Last Friday the United States and Britain staged air strikes against radar stations and air-defense command centers in Iraq, including targets around Baghdad, in what President Bush called a necessary response to Iraqi provocation.

To many countries around the world, including France, Russia, China and many Arab states, Iraq is being perceived as a victim. Who do the big, bad United States and Britain think they are? All the poor Iraqis want is a little food — they would not harm a soul.

The facts say the opposite. In the last six weeks, Iraqi forces have fired anti-aircraft artillery at American and British aircraft 51 times and, more significantly, launched more dangerous surface-to-air missiles on 14 occasions. Although none of those attacks succeeded in hitting any of the allied jets, commanders were concerned enough to seek permission to widen their retaliation.

Officials said they believed the firings were a deliberate attempt by Hussein to test the new administration's resolve, since these six-week totals are more than the previous six months combined. President Bush's stern response was an appropriate one, for the United States cannot afford to show any weakness in dealing with Hussein. But this action does not address the primary problem presented by the Iraqis.

Hussein is winning the war of world opinion. The uproar caused by last week's air strikes is only the latest example. More generally, the current sanctions against Iraq are depicted as starving the Iraqi people. Once again, most of the

world is quick to blame the United States, without considering Hussein's role in the sanctions and starvation of the Iraqi people.

No one considers the U.S. argument that, by complying with U.N. resolutions, Hussein could get those sanctions lifted at any time. And most of the world fails to realize that from June 2000 to December 2000, despite all the hunger among the Iraqi people, the United Nations reported that Hussein bought only \$4.2 billion worth of food and medicine for his people — even though under the U.N. oil-for-food program he had \$7.8 billion to spend.

Furthermore, in the last few months it has been Iraq who has taken on a threatening and belligerent tone, not the United States. Just last month Hussein's son proposed that Iraq establish a new emblem that showed Kuwait "as an integral part of greater Iraq." Tariq Aziz, Iraq's deputy prime minister, recently declared, "Kuwait got what it deserved."

Hussein's victory in the court of world opinion has resulted in a rapid deterioration in the array of sanctions imposed by the United Nations in the early 1990s. Commercial flights to Iraq with uninspected cargo have resumed and Saddam has obtained billions of dollars in revenue from illicit oil sales that he can use to start rebuilding his capacity to develop nuclear, chemical and biological weapons. Furthermore, no arms inspectors have set foot in Iraq since 1998.

It is this last fact that is most alarming. Some accounts say that Iraq's nuclear program has exceeded pre-Gulf War levels. Were Iraq to develop nuclear weapons, the entire region could be cast into chaos. Iraq has made its contempt for Israel clear over the past weeks, calling on Hussein's 6.5 million people to prepare for a jihad on Israel, and preparing what he calls a "Jerusalem army" from an Iraqi military brigade and other volunteers. While these may be idle threats, if Hussein were willing to invade another Arab state, he is certainly willing to attack Israel. And were he to use nuclear weapons to do so, there is no doubt that Israel would retaliate in kind, and that is a reality none of us wants to imagine.

These reasons are why Iraq was the center of foreign policy in the first Bush administration and the first foreign action of both the Clinton and George W. Bush administrations.

But the current Bush administration should break with the last two in its approach to Iraq sanctions. The Clinton administration was preoccupied with the peace process, and thus neglected to even fight Hussein in the court of world opinion, allowing Hussein to dominate the issue. The result is that the current sanctions are unworkable. Too many countries blame the sanctions for the difficulties facing the Iraqi people without considering Hussein's defiance and military

buildup. Therefore, those countries break the sanctions with the intention of helping the Iraqi people but with the unintended side effect of allowing the smuggling of military materials to Iraq.

The United States should therefore work to transform the current embargo into a new weapons ban in Iraq. This action would alleviate the difficulties placed on the Iraqi people and relieve the consciences of those who are willing to break the current sanctions. It should be much easier to convince Iraq's neighbors to crack down on the smuggling of weapons when they know that food and medical supplies are readily available to the Iraqi people.

The new weapons ban should be a central component to a strong military shield around Iraq. The most recent air strikes are a good example of the action required for this shield. This is the only way to keep Iraq from rebuilding both its army and its large-scale capabilities to develop weapons of mass destruction.

Hussein has (wrongly) convinced the world that the current sanctions are unfair. Unfortunately, the damage sustained in world opinion and especially Arab opinion may be irreversible. Therefore, the United States should seek to transform the current sanctions into a strong ban on military weapons and military industry, for the limitation of Iraq's military power is essential to the security of one of the most strategic regions of the world.

This column appeared in the Feb. 20, 2001 issue of The Badger Herald, the University of Wisconsin's student newspaper.

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FROM THE WIRE

Heed Greenspan on tax cuts, debt payment

Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan does not embrace excessive tax cuts. Neither should Americans. When Alan Greenspan speaks, everybody listens.

That's why such a furor erupted when the Federal Reserve Board chairman suggested recently that some tax cuts might help the U.S. economy through a slow period.

Before the day had passed, tax-cut cheerleaders were declaring that Greenspan had come around on the issue. Some even suggested that he had endorsed President George W. Bush's \$1.6 trillion tax-cut proposal. Wrong.

Greenspan had not — and still has not — embraced such excessive cuts. If anything, he has remained remarkably on

message, which he repeated several times last week: Pay down the national debt.

Minus the prodding from virtually every direction to bless tax cuts, Greenspan might have stayed neutral. But with an unrealistic sense of panic about the economy rising among Americans, he felt obligated to do something beyond cutting interest rates. So he gave tax cuts a small nod.

Tax-cut supporters argue that it's only right to give the money back to American taxpayers. It belongs to them, after all. Agreed. But so does the national debt of approximately \$5.6 trillion. People aren't as eager to

claim that.

“Greenspan has held the right ground all along. The nation's debt deserves ... attention.”

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some of its income? Would a business impulsively hand out bonuses? A nation wallowing in the excessive

Still, average Americans have demonstrated more sense in dealing with the debt than many elected officials in Washington. The people would rather pay it down before receiving tax cuts — for good reason.

Would a family anticipating a huge credit-card bill give up spending of previous years similarly can't afford such a prodigal gesture.

spending of previous years similarly can't afford such a prodigal gesture.

Greenspan has held the right ground all along. The nation's debt deserves primary attention. Although he hasn't strayed from his mild backing of some tax cuts, he has reminded Americans that his support was heavily qualified. For example, he has advised the federal government to approach tax cuts cautiously and to factor in some kind of trigger to reduce those cuts or slow spending if anticipated budget surpluses fail to materialize.

If everyone believes so strongly in what Greenspan has to say, why do some insist on listening so selectively?

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4. Who took my hammer? Geez, I'm always losing that thing!
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5. I admit it, I really didn't want to come here today. I only did it because otherwise I couldn't graduate.
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6. Hey, what if everybody here just got up and left? Whoa, that would be pretty cool.
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7. Hey, where are you going? Sit down! That's better. Come on, just do the test. We need to be able to prove that we don't raise dummies here.
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8. If a boat and a swimmer leave a dock at the same time at different but constant speeds, how long before the swimmer finds out he left his wallet in his bathing suit?
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Thank you for your participation. As you leave, pull your pants down and roll on the ground (Heh heh). Okay, now hum the Fight Song. Cool.

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Are there people who have had leasing problems with property management companies, specifically, getting bound by a lease they didn't agree to? -A. 2003

Dear A, We would need more information about the specifics of your case. Basically what it comes down to is if you sign a lease then you are committed to the length of the lease. That's it. Done. Locked in. Held to it. Legally binding. If you just put your name on a "I am interested in your place please contact me when you open your place up to lease for next year" list then you are not obligated. This is why we teach (preach?!): Do not sign anything until you: 1. Read over thoroughly anything that you are asked to sign (take your time) 2. Talk the lease over with your parents. 3. Already have enough roommates that you are sure that you get along with. 4. Do not feel overly pressured. If you did not sign a lease but moved in and paid rent, you are

still obligated because you accepted the place and the money shows you decided to rent. If you did not sign a binding agreement then you should not be held to anything. If this is the case we suggest writing the company, follow up with a phone call and a meeting. If you do not get any satisfaction then maybe a lawyer is what you need.

Dear OCL,
Will the buses run this summer? I am staying in the 'Burg for May session and just chillin' in June but I need transportation. -Mikey 2003

Yes, Mikey the buses run throughout the summer. Their routes and times do change, and they do not run as frequently because the demand and numbers are not there. They will publish a summer schedule. As for May they run a regular schedule and they will have the times, dates and routes available nearer to May.



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

Aries (March 21-April 19)

Today is a 6 — You may feel like somebody's looking over your shoulder. You're being pushed to try something new. What you've been doing hasn't worked as well as you'd like.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Today is a 5 — You'll get stronger as the day goes on. That will be quite helpful since you're running into trouble. This is not all your fault, so don't take it on the back. Stand up for your rights, nicely.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)

Today is a 6 — Are too many demands being put on your time? You need a partner. Somebody who's willing to take a risk. Somebody who'll draw attention away from you while you figure out what to do next.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)

Today is a 6 — You're anxious to get out of town. A serious bout of spring fever hits hard. Soon you'll be unable to ignore it. Get as much finished as possible now so you can try something new tomorrow.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Today is a 5 — Begin popular is wonderful, but you might start to feel hassled. Be careful with your resources, such as time, money and energy. Don't make promises you can't keep. Some of your admirers will just have to wait until later.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Today is a 5 — You've been working your fingers to the bone for the past few days. Are you getting burned out? If you get somebody to help, take care.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

Today is a 7 — The day is long, but the night is worth the effort. You used to think you were pretty smart, but today you might wonder. Making mistakes is normal.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

Today is a 7 — You'd like to stay home and fix up your place, but first you have to do the homework. Don't get bogged down in papers, but get a good start on them.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Today is a 6 — You're contemplating great philosophical truths. You may even be in an argument with another person. Why not take the night off and let your subconscious work on the problem? You may find the answer in your dreams.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Today is a 7 — Money's been on your mind, with good reason. You have money coming in, but it's not steady. If you add a couple of new skills to your repertoire, you might make your life easier. It's OK to do that, by the way.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Today is a 6 — You're going from analytical to emotional. That could explain your strange mood swings. You're not losing any powers; you're actually gaining some. You're learning about nonverbal communication. Keep listening.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

Today is a 6 — You're gaining in strength, and not a moment too soon. You may have to stand your ground against a direct assault. Don't let others control you. Let them know you can only be pushed so far. That may surprise them, so be patient.

—Tribune Media Services

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Some leaders are born WOMEN

Story by contributing writer Katie Holt
Photos by Windy Schneider

The lawyer who argued on the winning side in the infamous 1973 case of *Roe v. Wade* spoke on leadership to a packed house in Chandler Hall on Tuesday night.

Sarah Weddington presented her speech, "Some Leaders are Born Women," focusing on the issue of women in leadership. A main concern behind her address was the continuing inequities between men and women.

"What I wish I could tell you is that we have solved the issues that pertain to women," Weddington told her audience, "but we haven't."

Some of the issues she mentioned were pay inequities and poor female representation in corporations and government.

Weddington began her speech by presenting articles from various news sources. She discussed how the articles demonstrated both how far women have come in their battle for equality and the distance they still have to go. She also discussed her own experiences struggling to overcome the social and professional stereotypes that surround women.

"[When I was growing up it was always said] women don't, women can't, women shouldn't," Weddington said. With a touch of humor, she went on to talk about her role in a male-dominated legislature.

She discussed her position as an assistant to former President Jimmy Carter and her part in the *Roe v. Wade* case. "The day *Roe v. Wade* passed, I thought it was set in granite," Weddington said, "but [today with the Bush administration already making changes] it's more like sandstone. We need your help."

Weddington was 26 years old during *Roe v. Wade*.

Weddington claimed that college students and members of future generations still have a battle to fight. Young Americans must learn how to be leaders, she said.

"You don't have to know what you want to be a leader about," Weddington said. She explained that one part of leadership is simply finding something you care about.

Weddington said that people can develop their leadership skills. People need to learn to use a critical eye and to watch leaders in action. She also said that the best way to become a competent leader is to begin practicing at a young age.

Weddington quoted Congresswoman Barbara Jordan saying, "To be a leader, you must be comfortable feeling different."

Weddington's lecture was well accepted by the audience, which was almost evenly divided between men and women.

Despite the tension that surrounds the topic of abortion, Weddington's remarks about the importance of upholding a woman's right to choose were met by energetic applause.

"I am anti-abortion," junior Mandie Costley said, "but she really made me think."

Junior Kirstin Reid was equally as impressed by Weddington. "I can't even put it into words ... I couldn't believe all [Weddington] had done in her life and the difference she made for women," Reid said.

As a writer, lecturer, teacher and lawyer, Weddington serves as an advocate for women as well as for the development of leadership skills.

After a brief question and answer period, President Linwood Rose thanked Weddington and advised students to appreciate the opportunity they had to see her.

"[Few people fall] into the category of hero or heroine ... we think you do," Rose said. Rose also thanked the JMU Faculty Women's Caucus for organizing Weddington's visit.

According to Judith Flohr, professor of Kinesiology and President of the Women's Caucus, Weddington's visit was crucial in order to showcase the abilities and accomplishments of women. Weddington's appearance at JMU was also significant because men currently make up 75 percent of the invited guest speakers on campus.

The President's office and the University Program Board also sponsored the event.

Upon closing, Weddington said true leadership is "caring about the principle of choice and willing[ness] to save it."

“What I wish I could tell you is that we have solved the issues that pertain to women, but we haven't.”

— Sarah Weddington



Sarah Weddington, who argued the winning side of *Roe v. Wade*, spoke of her career, leadership and the role of women in her speech last Tuesday, to an audience that included Linwood Rose and his wife, Judith.



Packing in Chandler Hall to fill the chairs and the floor, students and faculty listened as Sarah Weddington spoke about leadership.

Roe v. Wade — an overview

410 U.S. 113

Dates Argued: December 13, 1971, October 11, 1972

Opinion Date: January 22, 1973

The Court heard arguments twice. Sarah Weddington argued the cause for *Roe* twice. Jay Floyd argued the cause for Texas in the first argument. Robert C. Flowers argued the cause for Texas in the second argument.

Roe, a Texas resident, sought to obtain an abortion. Texas law prohibited abortions except to save the pregnant mother's life.

The Constitutional Question

Does the Constitution embrace the right of a woman to obtain an abortion, nullifying the Texas prohibition?

The Conclusion

The Court held that a woman's right to an abortion fell within the right to privacy (recognized in *Griswold v. Connecticut*) protected by the Fourteenth Amendment. The decision gave a woman a right to abortion during the entirety of the pregnancy and defined different levels of state interest for regulating abortion in the second and third trimesters. As a result, the laws of 46 states were affected by the Court's ruling.

The Vote

Majority: Blackmun (for the Court), Brennan, Powell, Marshall

Concurring: Burger, Douglas, Stewart

Dissenting: Rehnquist, White

— Source: <http://www.roevwade.org/court.html>

Both sides of abortion issue increase activity

BY CLAUDIA KOLKER
Los Angeles Times

As the abortion issue takes center stage in the new Bush administration, family planning clinics across the nation are spotting a curious dual trend — more assertive anti-abortion protesters and more willing abortion-rights volunteers.

In official Washington, the climate on abortion unquestionably has chilled. Since taking office, President Bush has voiced opposition to research on aborted fetuses, banned funding for family planning groups overseas that promote or perform abortions and nominated abortion foe John Ashcroft as his new attorney general.

Away from the capital, however, family-planning workers are reporting contradictory trends. Workers in smaller, Bible Belt communities such as Bryan, Texas, say they've seen an increase in peaceful protesters — and in some cases, emboldened vandals. But at larger, urban facilities, such as Planned Parenthood centers in Houston and Nashville, Tenn., officials say contri-

butions and volunteerism have jumped noticeably since the first of the year.

Chris Charbonneau, president of Planned Parenthood of Western Washington, is seeing both phenomena at once. Abortion opponents, she said, clearly have been more active since Bush's inauguration. On the recent anniversary of the *Roe v. Wade* decision, which legalized abortion 28 years ago, a protest was held in the state capital of Olympia with some legislators calling for abortion restrictions.

Then, on Thursday, for the first time, Charbonneau said, "We had an anti-choice group advertising in the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer* that they are planning a rally at one of our clinics."

But Charbonneau said her chapter also has experienced an upswing in positive e-mail, volunteerism and donations. "People are outraged about the international planning order and the Ashcroft nomination," Charbonneau said. "Anyone who believed that Bush would be a moderate president now knows they

have been deceived."

In Tulsa, Okla., vandals in December slashed the tires of cars belonging to two Planned Parenthood nurse practitioners. The facilities there also have been the target of threatening phone calls and minor forms of vandalism. It's the first damage since the clinic was burned to the ground four years ago, Chief Executive Nancy Kachel said.

And she worries it may signal a trend.

"Of course, we are going to see an energizing of the far right," she said. "You're going to have not only political action, you're going to have other forms of action to support that."

Ann Glazier, Planned Parenthood's national security director in Washington, D.C., said the organization has heightened its security.

And although there has been a spike in clinic vandalism since Jan. 1, she said, that is in keeping with a pattern. Historically, Glazier said, abortion opponents, both peaceful and violent, are most active in the period that includes Christmas and

the Jan. 22 anniversary of the *Roe v. Wade* ruling.

At a Planned Parenthood clinic in Amarillo, Texas, that doesn't perform abortions, several supporters in the past two weeks abruptly have distanced themselves, spokeswoman Elaine Green said. She added that one major donor severed relations because of the group's opposition to Ashcroft, although the donor never had objected to Planned Parenthood's months of opposition to Bush.

Protesters also have appeared for the first time at an Amarillo satellite clinic and massed at a fund-raising tea, security director Donnie McFarland said.

And in Midland, Texas, the tiny Planned Parenthood clinic got a comparative flood of mail after it came out against Ashcroft's nomination in a local newspaper. The office rarely gets letters of any sort, and the dozen angry ones it received last week were more than it had received all last year, spokeswoman Carla Holvea said.

Although the political frost has touched some smaller clinics, sever-

al larger urban facilities seem to be benefiting from the climate in Washington. Although the evidence is mostly anecdotal, support seems to have jumped since the beginning of January, according to officials in Houston, Chicago and Nashville.

"We've actually had an increase in financial and physical volunteer support," said Kathleen Altman, a spokeswoman for Planned Parenthood of Middle and East Tennessee, based in Nashville.

"People have specified the reason is the more conservative president." And in Lubbock, Texas, where protesters pray each Friday in front of the Planned Parenthood facility, a donor wrote the clinic a \$5,000 check last week. Chief Executive Joe Love Nelson said. The group rarely sees a donation of more than \$100.

Outside the clinic, the sidewalk, she said, "(has been) eerily silent. The protesters haven't shown up for two weeks." She attributed their absence to the same climate that produced the clinic's big check.

"I guess they feel their side is in," Nelson said. "They can rest."

STYLE



Art for art's sake
Artists get their time in the spotlight at the New Image Gallery and Zirkle's Artworks Gallery

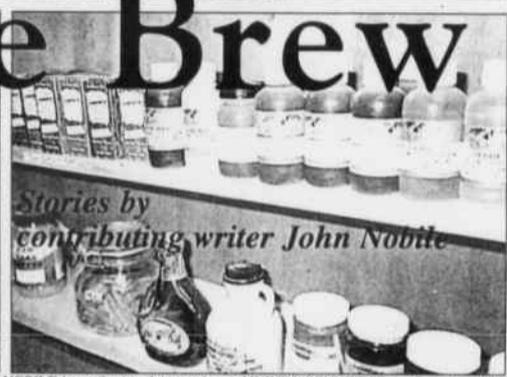
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"The past is never dead. Home is not just a place but also a time."
SHEILA MCINERNEY
professional artist
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A not so

Strange Brew.



Stories by contributing writer John Nobile

JOHN NOBILE (contributing photographer) and WINDY SCHNEIDER (staff photographer) A behind the scenes look at Bluestone Cellars Brewery. While it may seem a plethora of different ingredients are needed, owner Mike Brandt says brewing your own beer is really simple.

Whether it's a Guinness Draught, a Rogue Mocha Porter, Newcastle Brown Ale or a Sammy Smith's Oatmeal Stout, to the beer connoisseur few things are as attractive as a good brew. A simple pleasure it is, smelling the beer, holding it to the light to examine its color, finally sipping and unleashing a Homer Simpson-esque "Mmm... Beer."

But if you live in Harrisonburg, you will find that getting your hands on a quality brew may not be worth the time or money. Though the selection may not be bad at Mike's Mart or Neighbors, it's hard to find a reasonably priced six-pack of decent beer around the 'Burg.

"I came from a town that had a good selection of beers," said Mike Brandt who lived in Newport News before he came to Harrisonburg. "Around here, you want a good beer — you don't get it, you can't." He figured he might as well try making the beer come to him. The low expense of brewing and the positive results of a properly cared for batch changed his life.

"You get 48 beers for 30 bucks," Mike said confidently, "and you get to make it any way you want."

Today Brandt continues to brew on his own while owning and operating Bluestone Cellars, a mecca for brewing and wine making on East Market Street in downtown Harrisonburg.

It's easy to miss the small store with its minimal purple-and-white lettering and small sign depicting a brewer, perhaps Brandt himself. Bluestone Cellars looks more like a chemistry lab on the inside stacked wall-to-wall with tubes, buckets, thermometers, hydrometers, grains, malts — everything a brewer needs to brew whether you're new to the game or a seasoned brewmaster.

"It gets better the more you do it, especially with Mike helping out step by step," said senior Pat Rabenau. When Rabenau decided to brew an India Pale Ale (also called IPA, a bitter ale with a hoppy flavor) he went to Brandt for advice and ingredients.

Already having a basic brewing set-up, Rabenau got the ingredients to make five

gallons. Brandt also gave him a personal recipe and a time-table detailing when each ingredient should be added for flavor. Basically with the advice of Brandt, brewing is as easy as following directions.

For beginners there are some key items necessary to get started. Brandt sells an equipment kit that has "absolutely everything you need except bottles." If you drink beer like many JMU students, this last item should not be hard to come by.

The vital element of proper brewing is sanitation, Brandt said. The slightest bit of bacteria will ruin your beer, so keeping all buckets and bottles sterilized is very important. This means soaking the bucket in bleach water, and brushing out each bottle with it as well.

The second and more important factor concerning flavor is ingredients. Malts are either made from barley or sold in extract cans and will be the base of the brew. Flavor will grow from there.

Sugars will determine the alcohol content of the beer and won't affect flavor too much. Hops are added during the boiling process for bittering, flavor and aroma. Finally yeast will convert the sugar into ethyl alcohol, and the type used will greatly affect the beer's flavor.

"For a nice pale ale I'd use Cascade, the main hop they use in Sierra Nevada Pale Ale," Brandt said. "I'd put an ounce in at 15 minutes and an ounce at two (minutes)." Not only does Bluestone Cellars offer the freshest ingredients, but those used by the brewers of your favorite beers. "Any brewer you've ever heard of, you can get their yeast and yeast is one of the main factors in flavor," Brandt said.

There are many different nuances to brewing. Each beer has its own quirks and therefore the amount of grains, hops and

sugars and the times and temperatures at which they need to be added will vary accordingly. The beginners kit will fit most every need, but as brewers gain experience and crave new and wild creations they may want to expand their kits.

One of the simplest and more popular methods of brewing involves prepackaged ingredient kits. "For beginners who don't want to sit here in a four hour process ... they buy these cans of stuff where the brewer already knew what they were doing, mixed in flavors and colors and hops and different grains," Brandt said.

Senior Kyle Weingart, used a malt-extract when he made his IPA last March. "Brewing beer with extract cans is very simple," he said. "It's just like cooking."

These "cans of stuff," as Brandt technically describes them, are the easy-makes of brewing. They have ingredients pre-mixed so all a brewer does is break down the mix in water. These cans are available in almost any flavor imaginable and produce good results.

"If you know what you're doing you can make a damn good beer and no one can even tell it's from a can," Brandt said.

"One of the best beers I've ever made was this can of kit that just said 'English Porter' on it," Brandt said smiling through his thick brown beard. "All you had to do was add additional sugars to it, but I bought this can of hazelnut coffee and put it in during the last five minutes of the boil — it was so damn good."

Though home brewing is an art that is appreciated with experience, Brandt stresses that if a recipe is good the brew should be too. "You can do it the first time ... I mean, it's that simple," Brandt said.

“If you know what you're doing ... no one can even tell it's from a can.”

— Mike Brandt
owner and operator of Bluestone Cellars



ROBERT NATT (senior photographer) A hypnotized audience member gets close and personal with Tom Deluca.

You are getting very sleepy

The ever popular Tom Deluca returns, transforming one student into Ricky Martin and another into the world's greatest spy

By JESS GLADIS
contributing writer

Jackie Chan's younger brother, Bud, Ricky Martin and the world's greatest spy graced the Wilson Hall stage Monday night. Actually, they were only figments of Tom Deluca's entranced participants' imaginations.

The crowd witnessed an amazing display of Deluca's hypnotic abilities, as he convinced selected volunteers that they lost muscle control of their tongues, drove \$200,000 Ferraris and competed in the "Mr. And Mrs. Body Beautiful Contest."

Deluca began the night with his natural humor and charm, warming up with a few exercises to exhibit both his mental magic tricks and his knack for intuition. After asking the audience, "Do you want to be amazed?" Deluca began the show.

He selected about 20 volunteers from an audience full of waving hands and signs bearing pleas such as, "pick me it's my birthday."

Deluca put his microphone down, and the audience hushed as he spoke to his participants amid relaxing music. In a matter of minutes the people on stage appeared to be asleep in their chairs, breathing deeply as Deluca instructed them.

Starting off with some light exer-

cises, Deluca instructed the group to imagine they were involved in activities such as fishing, speed-eating Ben and Jerry's ice cream and dodging police in their expensive Ferraris.

After these first demonstrations, a few participants awoke and were escorted off the stage, due to what Deluca explained to be "too much tension." With the remaining volunteers who were now in a fairly deep sleep, Deluca continued with his entertaining antics.

Using verbal and nonverbal cues, Deluca instructed the participants

how and when to act the roles he assigned each individual. One of the most entertaining skits was Deluca's "Mr. and Mrs. Body Beautiful Contest," starring the hypnotized volunteers.

At the sound of Right Said Fred's early 90s hit, "I'm Too Sexy," the group members got out of their chairs, flexed muscles and gyrated hips, believing they were competing for a large sum of money.

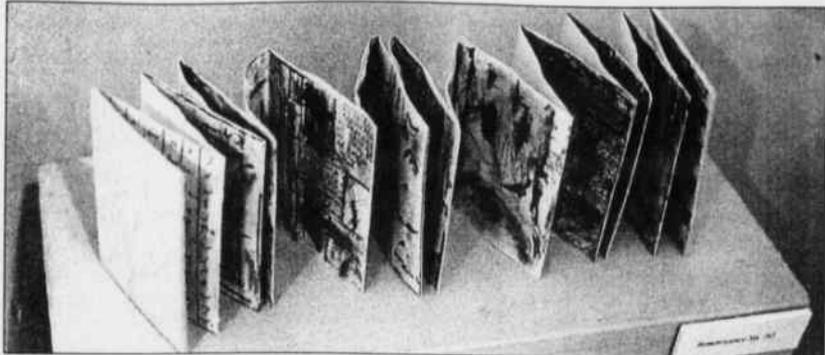
Deluca questioned the special talents of the participants, as one boy revealed that he "can tie a bow with [his] tongue" while another girl "can make [her]self burp."

When asked why he or she should win the competition, contestants' answers ranged from "Because I'm

“One of the most entertaining skits was Deluca's 'Mr. and Mrs. Body Beautiful Contest ...'”



WINDY SCHNEIDER (staff photographer) Bluestone Cellars' owner and operator, Mike Brandt stands with ingredients that allow the beer mug to runneth over.



BECKY GABRIEL/staff photographer

Professional artist Sheila McInerney used family mementos and personal writings to create her art.

Art a family matter for Zirkle artist

BY DANIELLE POTUTO
contributing writer

A layered collage of images and words revealing an unspoken family history fills the walls of the New Image Gallery in Zirkle House this week.

Professional artist Sheila McInerney uses family memoirs as well as her own journal writing and what she calls dream symbols to create her latest work "Reminiscence: Then and Now."

"I was interested in creating a series of pieces that combined both images and words," McInerney said. "So, I started to experiment with items from my family history."

Drawing on her experience growing up in an Irish-American family from the Midwest, she began to collect memoirs of her family including old photos, letters her mother had written to her and some of her own journal entries and dream interpretations.

McInerney layered them slowly, overlapping the images, texts and symbols. By using a variety of surfaces — Plexiglas, duralar, bristol board, wood panels and paper — she was able to layer the pieces multiple times, some reaching 10 to 12 layers deep.

As these haunting layers of

memory emerge, the viewer is transported back and forth in time from her mother's days in Ireland to Australia where her father's sister emigrated, and back to the United States where the family settled in the Midwest.

"Reminiscence No. 15" portrays McInerney's mother when she was 11 years old in a family portrait taken in Ireland.

"The original picture was very large so I wanted to reduce the size, repeat the photo several times, and obscure some of the images. I really like the idea of repetition," McInerney said.

McInerney also introduced into her work the idea of remembering childhood.

"Reminiscence and looking back on your childhood and realizing how different it is when you look at it in the present is something I tried to create," she said.

In creating "Reminiscence No. 161," McInerney produced a small book beginning with her mother as a young woman. She details their life together using photos from childhood and adult life every third page; she fills the rest of the pages in with words. She ended the book with a picture of herself.

"I can see so much depth in these pieces and can tell there is a

lot of history behind them," junior Lisa Moore said.

New Image Gallery Director Corrine Martin Diop said she thinks McInerney's work was an excellent choice for exhibit.

"She uses her materials in a very unique way and combines them to portray fragments of history," Diop said. "And it is also good for the students because they can get good ideas from the pieces."

Junior Megan Davis said she was moved and inspired by McInerney's work.

"I was expecting normal photos but her pieces are a lot more than that," Davis said. "They are painting and drawing and writing. Photos are just a small element. This makes me realize what I can do with my old family memories."

McInerney, in her artist statement, summarized the theme of her exhibit. "The past is never dead," she said. "Home is not just a place but also a time."

McInerney's exhibit will be on display at Zirkle House through Friday, and then from March 12 through March 23. Zirkle House Gallery hours are noon to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and noon to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Best face forward

Senior's work offers her own kind of reality with oil paint portraits

BY KAREN CASEY
contributing writer

"Facing Reality" at Zirkle's Artworks Gallery includes silk-screen prints and five oil paint portraits that face the oncoming world and gallery visitor front and forward. A group of wide-eyed, 20-year-olds, unblemished by time, weather, character or physical circumstances are portrayed as larger than life with an equal expectation of what is to come.

Senior Megan Meagher's philosophy is directly in tune with her artwork, "open and accessible to a wide variety of sensibilities," she said. Working from her own photographs, employing a realistic approach, her subjects are rendered in pale, modulated tones.

Her portraits are closely cropped with the eye or the bridge of the nose centered on the canvas. They are passive with few hints

given by the artist as to their personality or character.

The largest paintings are fully cropped heads 36-by-48 inches. The scale, lack of environment and ornamentation force the viewer to face the portrait as an object. Facial nuances become prominent elements. The reality of the subject of the painting becomes less important than the reality of the painting as an object.

“... employing a realistic approach, her subjects are rendered in pale, modulated tones.”



BECKY GABRIEL/staff photographer

Senior Megan Meagher takes a realistic approach to her portraits.

The paintings are not hung in the order that they were executed, but Meagher's progress in her treatment can be detected. The earliest painting, "Olivia," is black and white, playing on scale, lights and darks and a highly modulated surface.

The artist proceeds to add color in "Jenn," articulating volume with the layering of cool tones in contrast with the warmer tones. "Megan," a self-portrait, takes on a different compositional quality. The warm tones of the background merge with the soft edges of the body, in contrast to the definitive treatment of the facial features. The face absorbs and reflects the background color and offers a view of the subject as part of the environment. The organizational strengths of the painting are emphasized by creating an asymmetrical composition.

Finally, in "Jason" and her silk-screen prints, Meagher introduces a new concept, contrasting the person to an object, allowing the viewer to make comparisons and conjecture on the juxtaposition, introducing new problems of composition and conceptual construction, while adding another element for the viewer to reflect upon.

Students, faculty and friends of the gallery should take the time to view this show running through Feb. 25.

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MOVIES

No 'Silver' lining here

"SAVING SILVERMAN"
RATED PG-13
RUNNING TIME:
88 MINUTES

By SCOTT KING
staff writer

The problem with slapstick/crude comedy is instability.

The laughs have to keep coming and building up better and stronger than the ones before them or else they the comedy will miss and fall flat, which is exactly what happens in "Saving Silverman."

Jason Biggs ("American Pie") plays Darren Silverman, a role almost identical to his part in last summer's bomb, "Loser."

He and his two lifelong best friends, J.D. (Jack Black) and Wayne (Steve Zahn), live a happy but meaningless life in which the most exciting events include performing in their Neil Diamond-tribute band.

The Three Stooges-like 20-something trio becomes threatened when Darren falls into the clutches of the controlling man-eating Judith (Amanda Peet of WB's "Jack and Jill"). J.D. and Wayne sense the danger of losing their friend when it is brought to

their attention that Judith torched Darren's Neil Diamond collection. They then set their minds on finding a way to save Silverman.

J.D. and Wayne stoop lower than "Dumb and Dumber" standards in an Abbott and Costello kind of way as they kidnap Judith and try to set Darren up with his high school sweetheart. The dimwitted buffoons screw up in the most idiotic ways digging themselves deeper into even more trouble.

This is the kind of movie that can be classified as a "no acting necessary" movie. The actual actors serve no other purpose than star power and are given no room to shine in their flat roles.

"Saving Silverman" is a movie all too familiar to Biggs who seems to be continuously type-cast in lame roles and the movie wastes the talents of most of the actors involved.

The jokes in the movie were crude, offensive and disgusting. Some were very funny but most clearly missed the point. It was as if director Dennis Dugan was attempting Farley brothers' ("Fargo") humor without a sense of style or timing.

A Rock to lean on

Chris Rock stays 'Down to Earth' with remake

"DOWN TO EARTH"
RATED PG-13
RUNNING TIME:
87 MINUTES

By SCOTT KING
staff writer

Until now Chris Rock has only played supporting cast roles in movies. He has proven that he can do a great job by keeping a film's pace in motion. Not surprisingly, though, is that this talent to keep a movie moving holds strong as

Rock takes on his first leading role in "Down to Earth."

In the movie, Rock plays Lance Barton an up-and-coming comedian who is hit by a truck late one night while admiring a beautiful young lady (Regina King) walking down the street. Taken to heaven, Lance finds out from the powers to be that he was not supposed to die. Offering Lance a second chance, they suggest the loaner body of a dead man who happens to be an overweight, rich white senior citizen. Lance does not hesitate to accept the body, setting out immediately to win the

heart of the woman he fell in love with only seconds before he died.

Rock is not the only one who shines in "Down to Earth." The supporting cast does an outstanding job and often steals scenes from Rock.

Considering "Down to Earth" is a remake of the 1978 Warren Beatty movie "Heaven Can Wait," which is a remake of 1941's "Here Comes Mr. Jordan," it's impressive that Rock and his writers managed to turn an already-used story line into something funny.

What makes this movie fresh in comparison to its two prede-

cessors is its comedic style. Rock is best known for his stand-up routines, which often aren't successful in the transition to film. Yet since Rock brought his writers from his HBO vehicle "The Chris Rock Show" to work on the script, the dialogue flows perfectly to match with Rock's satire.

Most surprising about "Down to Earth" is the fact that it is a wholesome movie. Rock and his jokes never once come off as offensive. The plot flows and the laughs keep coming. If you want a good comedy, this one is definitely not a waste of money.

'Hannibal' blockbuster status a no brainer

By ANTHONY MARCHEGIANO
senior writer

The first blockbuster of the year is evident after this weekend at the box office. "Hannibal" raked in \$33.5 million, the largest President's Day weekend film earnings in history.

The remarkable thriller easily became the first \$100 million film of the year, bringing in an impressive \$107.4 million in only 11 days at the box office.

The Ridley Scott gorefest has been soaring in overseas markets opening with a commanding number one in Australia, Germany and the United Kingdom.

Chris Rock fell from heaven into the number two spot this weekend when his new comedy, "Down to Earth," debuted at second this weekend. A remake of the 1978 "Heaven Can Wait," the film earned \$20 million over the holiday.

Rock's comedy, in which he plays a man reincarnated as an

older, heavier, white man, averaged a solid \$7,944 per screen.

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Disney brought its new animation to screens this weekend. The kiddie flick, "Recess: School's Out" which is based on the popular television series, averaged \$5,128 from 2,624 venues, earning a total of \$13.5 million.

The new romantic drama, which finds Keanu Reeves in love with a dying Charlize Theron, debuted in fourth spot this weekend.

"Sweet November" earned a

decent \$11 million. The outlook doesn't look good for this flick, however. It has been plagued with critical bashing and bad word of mouth.

The Oscar nominations came out this week and many films got a boost at the box office.

"Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" got the biggest boost after it was honored with 10 nominations. Ang Lee's Mandarin-spoken masterpiece jumped to \$10.5 million, pushing its total gross to \$73.2 million.

"Traffic" and "Chocolat" were both helped out by their respective Oscar nods, bringing in \$7.5 million and \$5.7 million respectively, which both increasing from the week before.

Kurt Russell and Kevin Costner invade theaters next week as Elvis bank robbers, who are out to make a big score in Las Vegas. They have a supporting cast of Christian Slater, Jon Lovitz, Courteney Cox and the always-impressive Howie Long.



Face the music tomorrow

By JENN SIKORSKI
contributing writer

The Masterpiece Season Box Office will combine star power and song for a night of comedy this Friday in "They're Playing Our Song." The musical, starring Erin Moran of television's "Happy Days," will be performed at 8 p.m. in Wilson Hall.

The play is a comedy about the pairing of Vernon Gersch, a neurotic, sarcastic composer who takes his music seriously and Sonia Walsk, an offbeat, witty lyricist of pop music. Joined to create music together, their relationship becomes more involved and the strains of the entertainment business put their feelings and their music to the test.

"They're Playing Our Song" is a richly funny and romantic story about a couple who make beautiful music together, but have a difficult time making their lives as harmo-

nious as their songs," according to a press release from The Alkahest Agency.

The musical is based on the real-life relationship of its composers, Marvin Hamlisch and Carol Bayer Sager. Among the songs featured are "I Still Believe in Love," "Workin' It Out" and "Just for Tonight."



Erin Moran

The play has become a beacon for former television stars. Previous cast members include Barry Williams, Greg of "The Brady Bunch" and Dawn Wells who played Mary Ann on "Gilligan's Island."

Moran's career began at the age of 6 when she appeared in the film "How Sweet It Is" with James Garner and Debbie Reynolds. Several movie and television roles followed, and she eventually landed the part of Joanie Cunningham

on "Happy Days." She played the role of Joanie for 10 seasons and starred in her own spin-off show, "Joanie Loves Chachi," with Scott Baio.

The spin-off series detailed the lives of the two characters as they attempted to break into the musical world. Included in each episode was a duet, giving Moran an outlet to showcase her vocal talents. The series was short-lived, and she returned to "Happy Days" for the final season.

"They're Playing Our Song" will be performed on Friday, Feb. 23, at 8 p.m. in Wilson Hall. Tickets are available through the Box Office in Harrison Hall lobby. Tickets are \$24 for adults, \$22 for senior citizens, and \$12 for children and students with a JAC card. A free bus shuttle will run from CISAT Lot C-10 and the Convocation Center, starting at 7 p.m. For more information call Masterpiece Season Box Office at x7000.

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Genesis 2:001

BY ALEX VESSELS
senior writer

The JMU Breakdancing Club (BDC) will compete against other break dancing crews at 8 p.m. tomorrow at Genesis 2:001. Genesis 2:001 is the second annual hip-hop battle, which will again be hosted in the Student Activities Building at the University of Virginia.

Emcees, deejays and breakers will compete for cash prizes. Celebrity judges that will be present are The Neptunes (producers of Mystikal's "Shake It Fast" and Jay-Z's "I Just Wanna Love U"), Mad Skillz, Danja Mowf, deejay Imperial of The Turntable Technicians and others.

"This is our strongest squad we've ever had at JMU, so it'll be interesting to see how we do against the other crews in the state," senior Chris Martin, a member of the BDC, said.

This will be the second time the BDC competes at Genesis.

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Genesis 2:001

When: 2/23

8 p.m.

Where: Student Activities Building (UVA.)

Cost: \$5

Dare to dance

BY JERI MOSER
contributing writer

Gotta dance? How about some salsa or merengue? Club Latino will provide the opportunity to put on your dancing shoes at Salsarengue Friday night.

"Salsarengue gives the JMU community more cultural awareness of the Latino students at the school," junior Rosie Ortiz, recruiter for Club Latino said. "By bringing these dances from our culture we're giving the community a way to experience [our culture]."

Participants will learn basic merengue and bachata as well as a more complex salsa in the first hour, according to club recruiter sophomore Juan Kuilan. Then participants will test their new dancing skills until 2 a.m.

"Salsarengue started out as free dance lessons where Club Latino would teach the JMU community how to dance merengue and salsa. The event later progressed to \$1 dance lessons and then to the party that has become

now," Kuilan said.

Club Latino puts on Salsarengue at least once a semester. Music is usually provided by a deejay from Washington, D.C. or Northern Virginia who plays the latest salsa, merengue, bachata, hip-hop, reggae and more.

Ortiz said Salsarengue is one of the club's biggest fund raisers with most of its profit going toward the community service ventures the club provides.

"We use the money to fund club events, give to charity or use in programs like Shadow-for-a-day, where we bring Latino high school students to JMU for a day to get a feel for college life," Kuilan said. "This event is one of Club Latino's most popular activities, we have people from all over the community that support this festive event. Come out and dance the night away to the hottest Latino party of the year."

Salsarengue begins at 10 p.m. with informal dance lessons in PC Ballroom. Entrance to the event is \$5 at the door and \$3 with JAC.

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Hilarious hypnotics

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hot," to statements like, "Ask the ladies." And with just a snap of his fingers, Deluca sat his volunteers down and put them back into a sedative state.

Other performances by the hypnotized participants, sometimes even with open eyes, included hiding behind chairs, believing they were only wearing their underwear, and embracing each other as the weather supposedly changed from scorching hot to bitter cold. The show ended just as the group was fully awakened, all looking

very disoriented.

"I remember some of the stuff but I have no idea why I was doing it," said senior Daniel Cardona, who believed while hypnotized, that he was the world's greatest spy.

Junior Jason White, also known as Bud Chan to the audience, said he didn't remember much about his Kung-Fu moves, but said the experience was "really energetic and adrenaline-rushing."

Both participants conveyed a sense of refreshment, saying they felt as though they had gotten a few hours of sleep.

Monday's show impressed hard-core Deluca fans as well as newcomers to the skilled and hilarious hypnotist.

"I was skeptical about hypnotism before, but after seeing how out of it the kids onstage were, I am now a believer," said first-time audience member, freshman Allison Richardson.

Meeting Deluca's demand that "You gotta be amazed when you leave this joint," the audience members, after witnessing alphabet rapping and aliens speaking in a different language, certainly left the show nothing less than astonished.

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The men and women begin their transition from indoor to outdoor seasons.

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"To tell you the truth, I wasn't sure how we'd do."

JEFF 'PEANUT' BOWYER
wrestling coach
see story below

SPORTS B·E·A·T

Lombardo joins U.S. Soccer staff for Algarve Cup

Women's soccer coach Dave Lombardo has been named to the coaching staff for U.S. Soccer for the upcoming Algarve Cup in Portugal.

Lombardo will serve as an observer coach for the U.S. women's team during the seven-day tournament being played at various sites across Portugal on March 11-17. Lombardo will be responsible for scouting opposing teams.

The Algarve Cup involves teams from Portugal, Norway, Denmark, Finland, China, Canada and the United States.

The United States is the defending champion of the Algarve Cup after winning it for the first time in 2000.

Lombardo, entering his 12th season as JMU women's soccer coach, has an 11-year record of 142-83-9. His teams have competed in five NCAA tournaments over the past six years.

Lynn named "Player" of the week

Senior gymnast Lynn Player was selected as the East College Athletic Conference's Athlete of the Week for the week of Feb. 12.

Player recorded a personal best 9.700 on the uneven bars at the Towson Invitational on Feb. 17. Player was the top finisher for the Dukes on the uneven bars and finished in ninth place overall.

Player's scores on the uneven bars have steadily improved as the year has progressed. In JMU's opening meet on Jan. 14, Player scored a 8.700 on the event. On Jan. 26 she recorded a 9.100 and on Feb. 10 a 9.250.

Morgan is Player of the Week

Sophomore forward Nadine Morgan has been named the women's basketball Colonial Athletic Association's Player of the Week for the week ending Feb. 18.

Morgan averaged a double-double in leading the Dukes to conference victories over the University of Richmond and Old Dominion University.



Women's Water Polo

The women's water polo club finished second at the University of Florida's Lady Gator Spring Classic, winning their first three games over the University of Central Florida, Florida State University and the UF "B" team by scores of 8-2, 8-6 and 7-5. In the championship game the team had their nine-game win streak snapped when they were dropped by the UF club 11-3, leaving their record for the year at 7-1.

Men's Volleyball

The men's volleyball club is ranked second on the East Coast out of 63 schools. The club travels this Sunday to compete against two men's teams from the University of Richmond.

Men's Lacrosse

The men's lacrosse club will open their spring season by hosting George Mason University on Friday, Feb. 23 at 5:00 p.m. on the UREC Turf Field.

Women's Rugby

The women's rugby team defeated the University of Delaware this Saturday, 17-0. Freshman Kerry Fischer and sophomore Jen Starkey scored.

Men's Rugby

The men's rugby club traveled to Richmond to play the University of North Carolina on Saturday. They came out on top, 17-8. Freshman fly-half Chris Ball scored two tries. Outstanding defense was played by junior flanker Joe Pascarosa. This Saturday, they take on Penn State University at 2 p.m. on Godwin field.

WRESTLING

Dukes finish regular season with five-game winning streak

By CHRIS BAST
contributing writer

Sophomore David Colabella helped the wrestling team close out the regular season with wins over Appalachian State University and Howard University on Sunday at Godwin Hall. The Dukes defeated ASU 18-17 to open the afternoon and then went on to beat Howard by a score of 23-20. The Howard victory was the fifth win in a row for JMU, and it improved the Dukes' dual meet record to 9-6 this season.

"I think the Howard match was a little closer than we anticipated," coach Jeff "Peanut" Bowyer said. He also said that the wrestling program at Howard, under a new coach, has made great strides in the sport and has improved tremendously. Bowyer said that as the second match of the day, the Dukes just weren't as prepared for Howard as they should have been.

Redshirt sophomore Josh Fultz opened the match against Howard pinning Stevens Carter. Then Howard rattled off two victories in a row at 165 pounds and 174 pounds to take a 7-6 lead for the day. It was in the next bout,

at 184 pounds, that Colabella gave the Dukes the lead in the match for good. Redshirt freshman Steve Kodish made sure the Dukes didn't look back when he came back from being down 7-9 late in the next bout and scored four straight points to win 11-9 at 197 pounds.

JMU suffered a brief scare when senior heavy-weight D.J. Hockman went down 8-3 and left the gym after aggravating three herniated discs in his back. Hockman said he will be back for the conference match and he is taking this week off to help ease the pain in his back.

Bowyer said that fatigue might have played a factor in the Dukes' struggles with Howard late in the afternoon.

"The guys may have been a little tired," he said. "[Appalachian State] was a big win; it took a lot out of us."

The Dukes were in the unenviable position of having to wrestle back-to-back dual meets on the same day and Bowyer said the team had an emotional let down going into the Howard match.

Emotional let down or not, sophomore Pat Diaz clinched the match for the Dukes in the second to last bout of the day when he blanked Howard's Reginald Torrence, 8-0. That made

Howard's Aron Dorsey's subsequent pin of sophomore Brian Consolvo for naught as the Dukes closed their season with a final score of 23-20.

In the earlier match against ASU, a late surge by the Mountaineers took the competition to the last bout and put JMU's fate in the wrestling ability of Consolvo.

The match started with a 12-1 major decision of Fultz by ASU's P.J. Boccia at 157 pounds. JMU recorded three straight decisions with decisions by senior Scott Brubaker, Rickman and Colabella. After another ASU victory at 197 pounds, Hockman toyed with ASU's Daniel Salters before pinning him early in the second period by picking him up and essentially slamming him to the mat. Hockman's pin put the Dukes up 15-7. ASU then rattled off two shut outs and a major decision to take a 17-15 lead going into the match's last bout.

"I knew I was wrestling against their back-up," Hockman said. "I just wanted to get as many points as I could to help the team win."

Consolvo, at 149 pounds, started off slow and was nearly pinned by ASU's Davey Blake. However, he came on strong in the second period before finally winning his bout and the match for JMU with a 10-4 decision.

"We certainly knew it was going to be a tough match for us to win," Bowyer said. "To tell you the truth, I wasn't sure how we'd do."

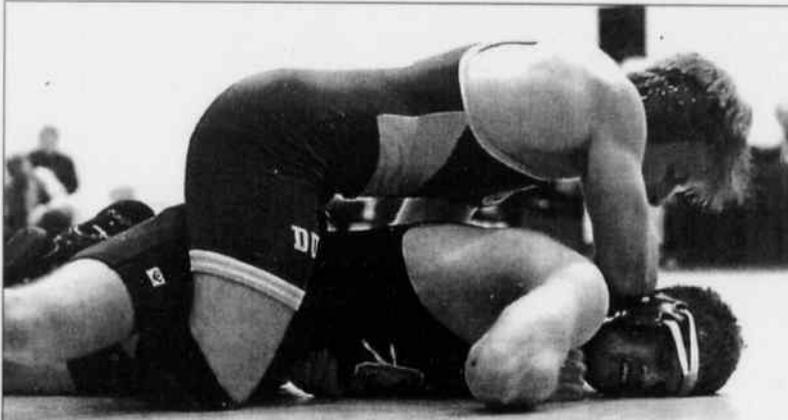
He also commented on Consolvo's victory, which won the match for JMU, was one of the biggest of the year. "Brian was our most-valuable wrestler of the match," he said.

As the Dukes look ahead to the conference meet next week Bowyer is pleased with where his team is headed.

"If you told me at the beginning of the year that we would be 9-6 ... well, I would have doubted that," Bowyer said. He also said that a third-straight CAA championship would be icing on the cake, but he cautioned that it would take a 100-percent team effort.

"We're going to have to have our best performance of the year; but we're capable of doing it," he said.

The Dukes leave next Friday for the conference championships. The match takes place on Saturday, March 3 in Chapel Hill, N.C.



FILE PHOTO

Sophomore Josh Fultz, above, was major decided by P.J. Boccia 12-1 against Appalachian State but rebounded against Howard with a pin at 4 minutes and 19 seconds.

BASEBALL

Metheny dons two hats in Diamond Dukes 4-2 win

By KELLY GILLESPIE
staff writer

The Diamond Dukes pulled off their third-straight victory Tuesday against the Colonials of George Washington University (1-3), 4-2, evening out their record at 3-3 and marking the 900th career victory in the 32-year history of the JMU baseball program (900-522-7).

Sophomore Chris Cochran struck out six in 7 2/3 innings to lead the Dukes in the win. From the last out of the fourth, Cochran did not walk a single Colonial and retired 11 batters in row until designated hitter sophomore Travis Crowder sent one out to right field. It was Cochran's first decision of the season and second consecutive victory over GW.

"I just tried to pitch my game out there, keep the ball low and let my fielders do the work for me," Cochran said. "I felt confident out there 'cause I had faith in my team."

GW struggled on the mound, walking 11 batters through three pitchers on the day. Senior Greg Miller's solid double to left field sent sophomore Mitch Rigsby, who had walked on and stolen

second, across the plate to put the Dukes on the board in the third. Colonials' pitcher junior Mike O'Connor walked two more batters before striking out sophomore Jared Doyle to end the inning.

GW responded in the top of the fourth as junior Mike Bassett doubled to right center and advanced to third as freshman Jeff Feritta grounded out to second and scored off senior Ross Smirne's single. Sophomore Tony Dokoupil doubled to left field, moving Smirne to third. Smirne scored on a balk by Cochran, giving the Colonials a 2-1 lead.

In the seventh, the Dukes regained their lead when junior catcher Dustin Bowman drew a bases-loaded walk to tie the game. Junior third baseman Brent Metheny started off the inning with his single up the middle followed by Rigsby getting walked and Miller advancing to first after he was hit by a pitch. Junior outfielder Steve Ballowe's sacrifice fly sent home the tie-breaking run.

"We know we can score and win games if we stick to our game plan," senior Jeremy Hays said.

Sophomore shortstop Nathan Doyle's single in the eighth inning

sent sophomore first baseman Eddie Kim home, insuring the Dukes victory.

Sophomore reliever Travis Ebaugh stepped in for Cochran in the eighth inning, striking out one Colonial and walking another and bringing the potential tying run to the plate. Metheny stepped on the hill for Ebaugh to retire the final three batters, earning his first save of the season.

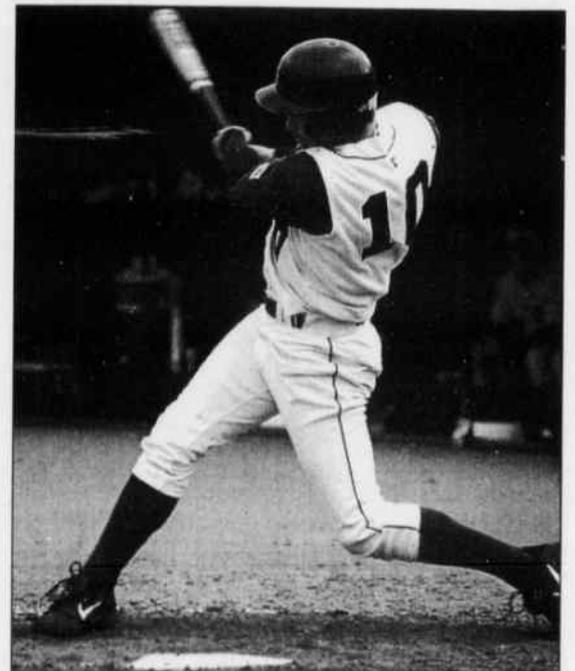
"I felt a little pressure since the last time I pitched at UNC I didn't do real well," Metheny said. "After I got the first guy out I felt comfortable and kinda rolled from there on."

The Dukes have now won 11 of the last 13 meetings against GW. The Dukes host Rider University this weekend in a three-game series.



SARAH HERZ/contributing photographer

Junior Pat Cunningham went 1-3 against George Mason Tuesday.



SARAH HERZ/contributing photographer

Sophomore Brent Metheny went 1-5 with a stolen base and the game-winning run Tuesday in the Dukes' 4-2 victory over GMU.

Dukes warming up

By KATHLEEN REUSCHLE
staff writer

As it starts to get warmer out and the afternoons of frosty runs and workouts in the Convocation Center come to a close, the women's track team takes one look at their spring outdoor schedule and decides just how far they want to go.

They take into consideration how much progress they have made since last summer, through cross country and this indoor season, and they set their minds in progress for more goals, better times to be had, more meets to qualify for. In the end, track and field is one of the few sports where you can compete with the elite athletes of the nation no matter what school you go to. To say you ran with the very best is why these women log up to 90 miles a week.

Last outdoor season, JMU sent two women to the NCAA Championship meet. This year they hope to send more. Having a sort of unprecedented depth in their middle distance and distance events, the team is looking exceptionally strong and versatile.

The distance medley relay is their most stacked event and will have a shot at qualifying for nationals. In the individual events, senior Heather Hanscom is looking to run fast in races from the 1,500 meter on up through the 10,000 meter.

"This is my last outdoor season, so every meet will be exciting for me," Hanscom said. She will focus mainly on the 5,000 meter, and said she hopes to qualify for nationals.

"We have a lot of volume this year and we're all doing well, knock on wood," she

said. "We did a workout today and we had a strong lead pack; at least five girls were up in the front together, so it's looking good for us."

Junior Michelle Smith said, "A lot of seniors have improved, which will be a strong factor in our team's success. Last year we had a couple people injured, and a couple people redshirt, but this season everyone is back and has been improving so much."

Some of the team goals for the season are to place in the top five in the ECAC and qualify as many individuals as possible for that meet and put forth some competitive relays. Another big meet for the Dukes will be the Penn Relays, which will take place in late April, at which both collegiate and sponsored runners compete. In May, JMU will host its only home meet at Bridgeforth Stadium, which will be of special importance to those seniors getting ready to move on.

"When we're getting ready for these meets it gets pretty competitive to see who is going to get on the relay team and have a chance to qualify in a race," freshman sprinter Jackie Bryan said. She hopes to qualify for ECACs in the 400 meter and in the 4x400 meter-relay.

"I want to set a personal record, and help out the team in any way I can this outdoor season."

As a freshman, it is hard to adjust to the intensity of collegiate track

workouts, but Bryan has developed greatly this season under coach Gwen Harris.

"[Harris has] made me into a better sprinter than I thought I'd ever be," Bryan said.

"She's very helpful and listens to any problems we may be having."

A lot of the younger sprinters look to junior Maria Thomas as their model, and are eager to work with her on the track.

"She is our best sprinter, and she really has been so helpful to us," Bryan said.

Freshman distance runner Kelly Baker said, "We have had a lot of people on the team have huge breakthroughs already this indoor season, which is actually pretty unusual. I think we are going to run real fast. We'll just have to wait and see and enjoy the ride," she said. "The upperclassmen set a good example for us in terms of dedication, so our goals are high."

Another strong relay this season will be the 4x800 meter. Seniors Keisha Banks and Sarah Burkett and juniors Alisha Lewis and Waynitra Thomas have provided a consistent relay that is eager to run even faster and demonstrate they can race with just about anybody.

Banks will run a fast 1,500, as she has knocked considerable time off an already fast personal record. Senior Bridget Quenzer said she will work hard to qualify for either the 3,000 meter or 5,000 meter as well.

"Other teams will see that we are competitive on any level; that when we step to the line, we are going to give them a good race," Hanscom said.



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Junior Roscoe Coles (left) will compete for the Dukes in the 200-meter dash at the IC4A championships.

JMU is sprinting into spring

Walton continues 17th season as Dukes' track coach

By KHALIL GARRIOTT
staff writer

The men's track and field team is starting the spring season, with high hopes of finishing atop the Colonial Athletic Association and advancing to the NCAAs. Several of the team's runners are optimistic about their chances this season.

"We've been training since September, so I think that we'll do well come spring," said freshman sprinter Byron Dunham, who competes in the 100-meter dash, 200-meter dash and 4x100 relay.

As the indoor track season winds down — the NCAA indoor championships are March 8-10 in Fayetteville, Ark. — the same group of runners, plus a few additional track-only athletes, will look to lace up their cleats once again and take to the track. Three weeks lie in between the last indoor meet and the first outdoor meet, meaning the runners must adjust quickly at practices. Because many of the athletes participate in both indoor and outdoor track, they can use

the indoor season as a way of tuning up the skills they will need in March.

If the indoor season is any indicator of how this year's outdoor track and field season will go, the coach Bill Walton and the Dukes should have no

“
We've been training since September, so I think we'll do well come spring.”

— Byron Dunham
freshman sprinter

trouble dealing with what has proven to be some stiff conference competition. At the squad's most recent indoor meet, two runners won their events, while two others were runner-ups in the same events. At this weekend's meet at George Mason University, senior Jason Long finished atop the pack in the mile run, clock-

ing in at 4:05.63. Fellow senior Ben Cooke also placed first in the 3,000-meter run, finishing with a time of 8:05.92.

Just behind Cooke in this event was junior Eric Post, whose time of 8:06.01 was only nine-tenths of a second behind his teammate. Finishing up with another excellent time, sophomore John Fraser's 4:15.84 time was good enough for second place in the mile.

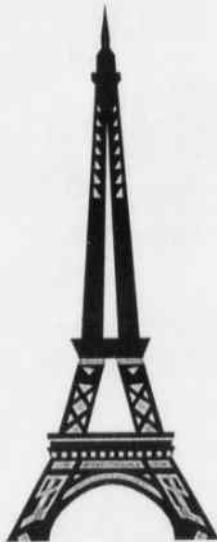
The team boasts a superior balance of success between sprint and distance runners. Four sprinters have already qualified for the IC4A championships, to be held over spring break in Boston, Mass. Joining Dunham in the 60-meter dash are sophomore Phil Acosta and junior Anthony Wallace, who will also compete in the long jump. Junior Roscoe Coles will represent the Dukes in the 200-meter dash, and the team's 4x400-relay runners will also compete.

At the helm for the Dukes will

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NASCAR

Marlin dodges blame



Dale Earnhardt's car (#3) is pushed along the wall at Daytona.

BY LIZ CLARKE
The Washington Post

MOORESVILLE, N.C. — NASCAR driver Sterling Marlin, accused by angry fans of causing the wreck that killed Dale Earnhardt, came to his own defense Tuesday, saying he didn't believe he did anything wrong in what he described as "just strictly a racing accident."

While Marlin acknowledged that his car hit Earnhardt's more than once entering the final turn of Sunday's Daytona 500, he suggested it was just as likely that turbulent air created by the onrushing car of Rusty Wallace caused Earnhardt to lose control and hit the wall at Daytona International Speedway. Marlin also suggested that Earnhardt "over-corrected" after losing control of his car.

"I don't know if it got him loose or what," Marlin said in a conference call Tuesday. "All I know is Dale came down, just barely a little bit. We touched, and it sent my car to the apron and Dale's too. He over-corrected his car and went back across the track. That's the last I saw from where I was sitting."

Earnhardt, 49, a seven-time NASCAR Winston Cup champion, died instantly from massive head injuries suffered in the crash, which occurred on the last lap of race.

Since then, Marlin's race team has been besieged with angry phone calls and faxes from irate Earnhardt fans. After the team received at least one threatening call, a police officer was stationed at the shop, where he'll remain throughout the week. Marlin said he took his phone off the hook Sunday night and refuses to look at his own Web site, where NASCAR fans are

Grand National driver, Kevin Harvick, 25, a native of Bakersfield, Calif., to take over beginning with Sunday's race at North Carolina Speedway, according to sources close to the situation. In deference to Earnhardt's memory, the car will be re-numbered-most likely to No. 30. And it won't be black, at least for Sunday's race.

GM Goodwrench officials fully support Childress's decision, sources said, and will remain the team's sponsor.

Harvick, whom Childress planned to elevate to the Winston Cup ranks in 2002, was informed Monday night and spent Tuesday testing his new ride at Atlanta Motor Speedway. The test session, which had been previously scheduled for Harvick's Grand National car, was closed to the media.

Earnhardt's family remained largely sequestered Tuesday. His wife, Teresa, completed funeral arrangements; son Dale Jr., who trailed race-winner Michael Waltrip over the finish line in Sunday's Daytona 500, spent some time at his race shop.

Earnhardt's immediate family will hold a private funeral service at an undisclosed location Wednesday morning. Thursday at noon, another private service will be held at Charlotte's Calvary Church.

"We touched, and it sent my car to the apron and Dale's too."

— Sterling Martin
NASCAR driver

voicing opinions on his role. He also said he had received numerous supportive calls from fellow racers, as well as NASCAR officials and crew members who worked with Earnhardt, telling him they believed he had done nothing wrong.

Meanwhile, Richard Childress, owner of the black No. 3 Chevrolet that Earnhardt made famous, completed the delicate process of naming a replacement driver for the balance of the season.

Childress will tap his

MEN'S TRACK

Track races into spring on the way to the NCAAs

Young squad returns home for JMU Invite May 11-12

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be Walton, a JMU alumnus ('75) is in his 17th coaching season. He is assisted by JMU alumnus Dave Rinker ('77) the men's and women's cross country coach, who is in his second season of coaching.

Under Walton's extensive tenure, the program has produced 36 NCAA qualifiers. One of these was the 1998 indoor distance medley relay team, which reached the NCAA championships and was the first All-American relay squad from JMU. Long was a freshman then, and his experience has definitely been an asset for an otherwise young group of runners.

"He (Long) gets everyone's minds together and

keeps us on 'track' before meets; I think he's a good leader and sets a good example," said Coles, a member of the 4x100-relay team.

"The young guys are definitely stepping up so far. The upperclassmen need to continue to lead by example so the younger guys will follow."

The Dukes' distance medley relay was again an All-American unit in 1999, when it placed seventh at the NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships. Perhaps the program's most successful campaign thus far was the '98-'99 season, when a program-best seven athletes were named All-Americans.

Senior Mike Fox, who holds the outdoor 3,000 Steeplechase school record, was one of the All-Americans in cross country, and Long was the other in the 1,500-meter. Walton has twice been named CAA cross country coach of the year, in 1987 and 1992, before handing over the fall season reins to Rinker.

"Coach Walton has very high expectations for all of us, and he makes you strive to be the best you can be," Coles said. "It's always nice to meet and exceed the success of previous year's teams."

Fox, Long and Spiller hold all-time school records in different events: The program has sent NCAA qualifiers to the NCAA Indoor and/or Outdoor

Championships the past three years and 11 of the past 13 years. However, if the streak is to be continued,

a couple things must first happen. The six seniors and 12 juniors must step up and prove worthy leaders, and the team's talented but inexperienced younger runners need to gain experience and confidence with every meet.

"I'd say that right now, about six have a real good chance of making the NCAAs, if they perform like they should and step up," Dunham said, citing distance runners Cooke, Spiller, Coles, Fox, Long and Wallace.

Of the 39 total members on this year's outdoor team, more than half — 21 in all — are either freshmen or sophomores. Walton said that he and his staff hope that inexperience won't be a major factor, and the runners are confident that they'll be just fine.

"In a way [it could be a factor], but because track is so team-oriented, if we all step up, we should be fine," Dunham said. "Our sprint team (4x100) is pretty young this year, with one freshman (Dunham) and one sophomore (Acosta)."

The team's first meet is March 30-31, at the Raleigh Relays in Raleigh, N.C. Their one and only home meet of the season, the JMU Invitational, will be held May 11-12.



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Reaching Out For Victory

RYAN PUDLOSKI/graphics editor

BY MATT BROWNEE
contributing writer

Getting high will take on a whole new meaning this Saturday as the JMU Adventure Program and Mountain Trails puts on the second annual Reach Out Climb (ROC) event.

The event will take place on the towering wall of UREC and is open to anyone interested in climbing, regardless of experience. Participants can sign up between now and Saturday morning before 9 a.m., at which time the events will begin.

The cost for JMU students is \$10 before Saturday, and \$15 on the morning of the climb; \$25 for non-JMU participants.

Climbers will test their skills on eight different courses, with the top climbers advancing to the finals. In the finals, contestants will get a chance to maneuver up the entire wall, to earn a chance at prizes.

The key to this ROC competition is the fact that it's not competitive. While winners will be recognized at the end of the day, the main theme is just having fun and learning about the sport of rock climbing.

"It's all about having fun," sophomore wall instructor Susanna Simpson said. "Everything is pretty laid back, and there's free food too."

To keep things fair, climbers will be divided into advanced, intermediate and beginner groups according to previous experience. Prizes such as T-shirts and other climbing paraphernalia will be awarded to climbers in each difficulty level as rewards for their hard work.

"The climbers here are a very tight knit community," sophomore wall instructor Carly Veditz said. "There's

really no competition, and we're all supportive of each other, especially new climbers."

With a sport such as rock climbing, new membership is always encouraged, and the ROC program could be the perfect opportunity to get their feet wet for all those who have ever considered getting into the sport.

"It's a great chance to meet the rest of the rock climbing community," Simpson said. "We just want everybody to get better and have fun."

Last year 18 people participated in the event, but numbers are expected to be much higher this year.

"We've already had around 16 people sign up," wall assistant Chris Fields-Johnson said. "There should also be a lot signing up this week and on Saturday."

According to sophomore Matt Carasella, a UREC Adventure Program marketing assistant, climbers are expected to come in from as far away as the University of Virginia and Radford University to participate in the event. Carasella also mentioned that there will be yoga activities in between climbs and Blimpie will provide the food for the event.

"We're already doing better than they were at this time last year," Carasella said. "It looks to be a total package this year."

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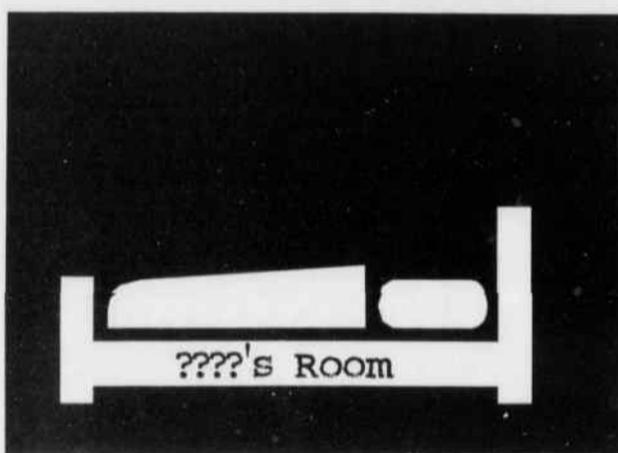
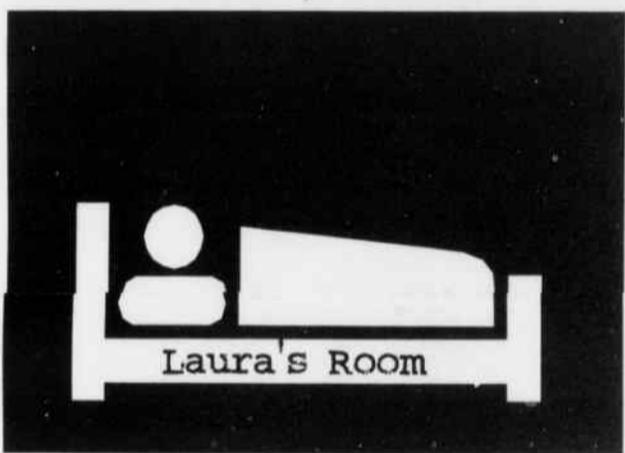
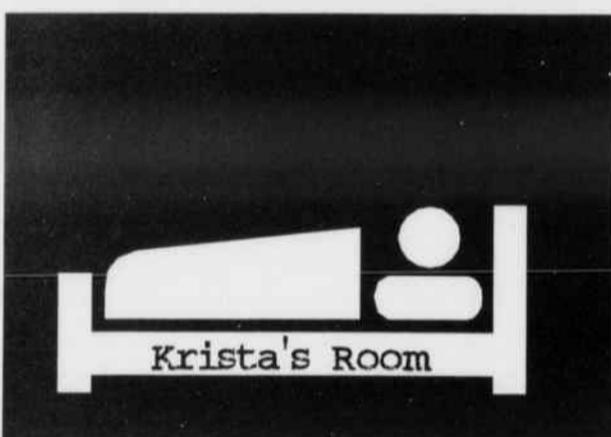
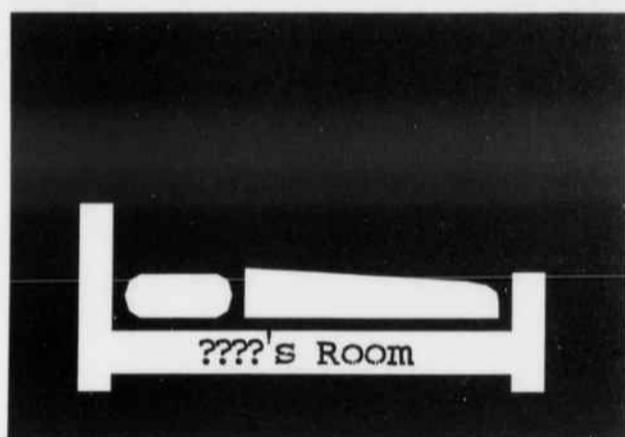
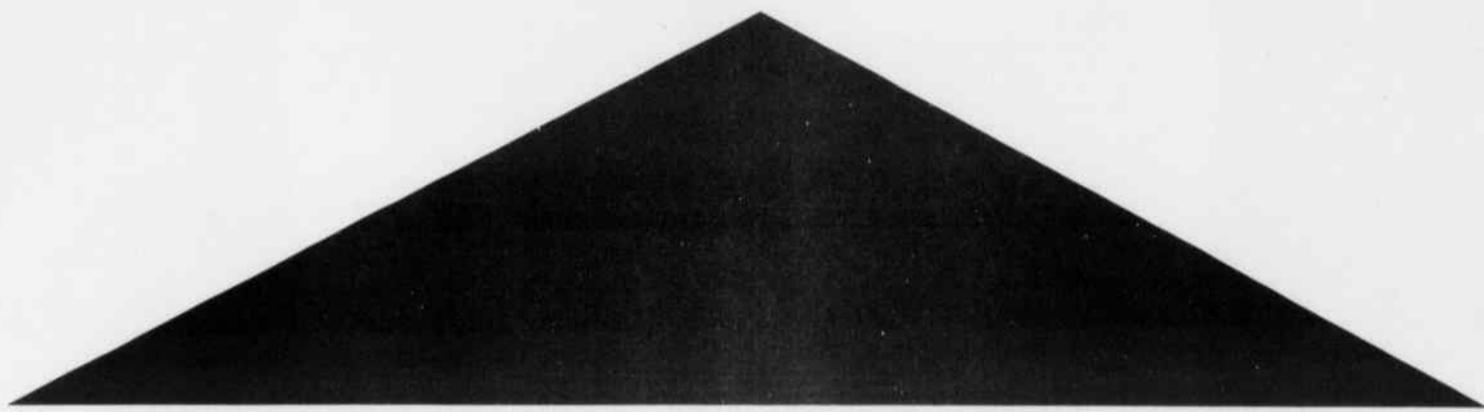
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Paul Oakenfold

British DJ/producer storms the States

By Douglas Desmond

Anyone who's into dance music has heard of Paul Oakenfold. One of the most successful DJs alive, he's spun his melodic progressive trance all over the planet. Although he's been popular in Europe and Asia for years—he opened some European dates of U2's ZooTV tour and plays for thousands of fans every weekend—it wasn't until the 1998 release of *Trancesport* (Kinetic Records) that he became known in the States. Now he's mixed a new double-CD specifically for the American market, *Perfecto Presents Another World* (London/Sire), to showcase more diverse material. It moves smoothly from underground trance hits to a brilliant remix of Led Zeppelin's "Babe I'm Gonna Leave You" to music from *Bladerunner* over the course of two superbly programmed sets.

Born in London, Oakenfold first gained exposure to DJ culture in New York, where he danced at trendsetting early '80s nightclubs like Studio 54 and the Paradise Garage. He then returned to England—where he popularized acid house and early techno after hearing it on a holiday trip to Ibiza—before embracing trance in the mid-'90s. He has enjoyed a second career as a producer, working with or remixing acts as diverse as U2, Snoop Dogg and the Rolling Stones.

Meet Paul Oakenfold

STS: You said several years ago that America lags behind Europe in the appreciation of dance music. Has America caught up?

PO: Absolutely. It was behind in the sense that dance music actually came from America, America started it—the English just took it and gave it a twist. Then dance culture became youth culture in England, whereas in America it was obviously more driven by rock and R&B and hip-hop. Now I actually think it's better here. It's fresh, it's exciting, it's fun—that's why I got into this business. In England it's very political, because it's a billion-dollar business. Here it's really young and exciting. In England they want to be a DJ because of the money. Here you're all into it for the love of the music.

STS: Do you have any advice for someone interested in getting into the industry either as a DJ or in promotions?

PO: Just focus on what you're doing, and try to be as original as possible. From a DJing point of view, get demos out. If you want to get into the record business, write loads of letters and follow them up. Be as professional as possible. And for producers, these days it's much easier because you can just burn a CD-R. So make it, and then burn it onto CD, and then give it to the DJs you want to hear it.

STS: What are you working on at the moment?

PO: I'm working on the score for a summer blockbuster called *Swordfish*, a \$90 million John Travolta film. And I've just done the remix for a Darren Aronofsky movie called *Requiem for a Dream*. I'm layering dance beats and various different things. At the moment we're using Pro-Tools [a computer-based studio]. I like to get in as many live musicians as possible, record what they're doing, then put it in Pro-Tools and start editing it. I also have a show that will be on university radio. It's going to be a mix show, not just underground dance stuff, but bands that I've worked with. I've just finished the dance mix of the new U2 record.

STS: How do you think that the Internet will affect the development of dance music?

PO: It's a very good medium for dance, and it becomes like an underground network. Brazil's a perfect example. I was actually in Brazil a month-and-a-half ago. I doubt if there is a single club that will be playing, say, speed garage, in Brazil. People in Brazil would never be able to listen to speed garage unless it was through the Internet. So that's why it's important. •

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Favorite food: "Anything from a cafeteria to a plush restaurant. From Cuban food to Japanese, I like all kinds."

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Forget Daytona

Excellent spring break alternatives

By Laura Jungman

Does the idea of spending your spring break drinking beer with thousands of mostly naked people on the beaches of Daytona sound unappealing to you? Don't sweat it, there are plenty of other things you can do, like cruising America's back roads or counting sea turtle eggs in Brazil. The first place to look for ideas is your own school's web site. Many universities now have alternative spring break web pages with loads of programs available for you to make the most of your time and possibly give something back to the community.

Volunteer Vacations

One of the most popular spring break causes is Habitat for Humanity (habitat.org). Founded in 1976 with a mission to eliminate substandard housing and homelessness from the world, they have built over 100,000 homes and provided low-income families with interest-free mortgages on their new houses. You can take part in Habitat for Humanity's Collegiate Challenge and learn construction skills while helping to build a new home for a needy family. There are many warm locations available, including Florida!

For those of you with a few extra bucks, you can spend your week in an exotic location while donating your time. Global Volunteers (globalvolunteers.org) offers short term "volunteer vacations" like teaching English in Greece or planting trees in Costa Rica. EcoVolunteer (www.ecovolunteer.org) specializes in matching volunteers to international wildlife conservation projects such as wildlife rescue in Thailand or collecting and hatching sea turtle eggs in Brazil. Program fees range from \$600 to \$2,000 per week, plus the cost

of the plane ticket. If you'd prefer to volunteer your time locally, VolunteerSolutions (volunteersolutions.org) has a huge searchable database of ongoing volunteer opportunities in select cities.

Political and Spiritual Retreats

For all you campus activists, check out the Ruckus Society (ruckus.org/spring-break.html), which offers an Alternative Spring Break Action Camp for Student Activists. You can sign up for a week of workshops designed to perfect your rallying and consciousness-raising skills. If you are more spiritually inclined, there is the Mepkin Abbey Retreat (selfknowledge.org/events/springbreak.htm). Spend your spring break at this monastery in South Carolina, working hard, meditating and experiencing life as a monk.

Hit the Road

If you prefer to set out on your own path, there are several web sites to feed your wanderlust. Alternative Routes (alternative-routes.com) is dedicated to insider travel information, a place where people can share their travel knowledge. Also, GoNOMAD.com (gonomad.com) offers resources and information for adventurous travelers. If you want the security of a guided tour, but with an unusual twist, consider Green Tortoise (greentortoise.com), a bunk-bedded bus that offers structured tours of America, complete with gourmet vegetarian food.

Spring break is a wonderful opportunity to forget the stress of the semester, meet interesting people and get a taste of something new. •

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There are plenty of other things you can do over spring break, like cruising America's back roads or counting sea turtle eggs in Brazil.



From top: Global Volunteers in Arcola, Miss.; a Ruckus participant during a climbing exercise; the Ruckus Democracy Action Camp in the Santa Monica Mountains, July 2000.



Photos courtesy Global Volunteers and Ruckus

Baby You Can Drive My Car

It's hard—but not impossible—for college students to rent

By Douglas Desmond

If you've ever tried to rent a car and been turned down, you're not alone. Most rental companies will reject anyone under 25 years old for insurance reasons. The incidence of accident or theft is far higher for our age group, and most companies are simply not willing to shoulder the risk.

But you don't have to hitchhike; there are firms out there that will rent to students for a higher price. You'll pay an additional \$5 to \$30 per day—or more—in some states. Also, watch out for insurance coverage that you might be

pressured to buy. Damage to rental cars is already covered by certain homeowner or automobile insurance policies. MSNBC (msnbc.com/news/305444.asp?cp1=1) has information about avoiding hidden fees or overpaying for your car.

The best place to find rental cars online is bnm.com/uage.htm, which lists student-friendly companies in 36 major cities. If your location isn't included in their list, try Alamo (alamo.com) or Dollar (dollar.com), although both have a minimum age of 21 at most branches. Two

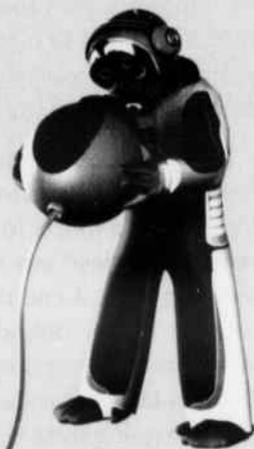
other sites

worth checking out are *Smarter Living's Rental Guide* (smarterliving.com/travel_guides/cars_overview.html) and cars-rentals-discounts.com. Another thing to keep in mind is that the state of New York passed a law to allow anyone over 18 to rent there, although companies are free to charge as high a premium as they wish. Budget, for example, will add an additional \$65 per day. •



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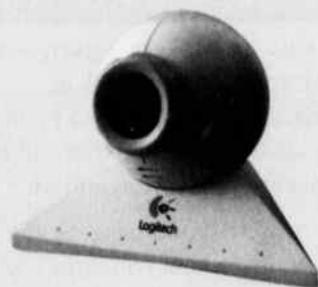
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Spring Break SCAMS

How to avoid turning
your break into a bomb

By Erin Dionne

Every year thousands of students head for sandy shores and warmer climates for spring break. And every year, some get scammed. Companies appear on campus as early as October touting deals to places like Mexico, the Bahamas or Florida. They offer low rates on brightly colored flyers claiming that \$399 will get you to places like Jamaica with airfare, hotel and some meals included, for a five-night stay.

Sounds too good to be true? It probably is.

We've all heard horror stories from students who were stuck in airports for days, or whose hotel room "water view" was really an algae-filled swimming pool. A couple of people I know had their rooms robbed, and their cash and cameras stolen, on spring break in Jamaica.

But how to know what deals are real and which ones are going to turn your dream vacation into a nightmare?

The Federal Trade Commission (ftc.gov), a governmental organization dedicated to helping consumers avoid being victims of fraud or deception, has created a plan called "Operation Trip Trap" specifically geared toward travel-related fraud. It's a combined effort between law enforcement and consumer education groups targeting companies that misrepresent vacation packages. You can go to ftc.gov/os/1999/9908/statecases.htm for a list of travel companies that the FTC has filed action against. Be sure to check out any company that you're working with before you hand over your cash.

If you do get scammed, or want to find out more ways to protect yourself, visit the American Association of Travel Agents web page (astanet.com) and check out the "traveler's rights" and "alerts for consumers" sections. •

Keep these tips in mind when planning your trip:

- Be wary of charter flights. They can change their departure times and don't have to provide an alternate means of transportation to your destination. When paying them, your check should be made out to an escrow account (required by federal law). Contact the Dept. of Transportation (dot.gov) to check if the charter company is legit.
- Pay by credit card. You have more consumer protection if things go wrong when you use plastic over cash or checks. A no-brainer: stay away from companies that say they'll send a courier over to pick up your cash or check.
- Avoid making a quick decision. Some companies try to pressure you into signing on right away—"good deals go quickly," etc. Don't fall prey to it. Check out the names of satisfied customers first. If the company can't provide you with any, don't get on board.

Have a Healthy Spring Break

- In Mexico and Central America, never drink the tap water. That means no ice in drinks, keeping your mouth closed in the shower, and brushing teeth with purified water. In the same countries also avoid raw foods, salads and milk products.



- In Mexico and Central America, pickpocketing is rampant. Men: Put wallets in your front pocket, or wear a money belt. Women: Wear purses with the strap running across your chest.
- Cancun has tight hotel security. If a hotel requires a waterproof wristband, wear it. If you have a guest in your room, let the hotel know—you could be kicked out otherwise.
- Use the hotel safe deposit box for valuables. And carry a photocopy of your passport somewhere in your bags.
- To get the best price while bargaining, walk away when the vendor quotes a price. Keep doing this until you get the price you want.
- Nobody (except tourists) wears shorts in Mexico City.
- Bring your own toilet paper—a couple rolls will get you through a week. It's worth it. —Gina Fraone

NEAT NET TRICKS

Advice for savvy computer users By Jack Teems

Never miss a class—or a party—with your own computer clock at timeanddate.com. Choose up to 16 time locations, customize a calendar and use the meeting planner to stay organized.

- Enter the digits found beneath the barcode of audio books, computers, DVDs, music, software, videos, paperbacks and so on at BarPoint (barpoint.com) and you'll get specs, places where you can buy the products and price comparisons.
- A free service at pcpitstop.com examines your computer's configuration, performs benchmark tests, and offers tips on solving problems and improving performance. You'll get data on the system, memory, disk, video, Internet, Windows, security and other useful stuff. Needs Internet Explorer 4.0 or higher to work.

- Until your PC has a better way of handling images, WinGrab will help fill the gap. It's a free utility for Win 95/98/NT/2000 (<http://w1.2518.telia.com/~u251800188/wg/>). It captures a full screen or active window with the touch of a hotkey, and saves the image in .jpg, .png, .tif or .bmp format. It also creates index pages with thumbnail images, prints a series of images or multiple photos on one sheet, serves as an image viewer, and more.

Munge Those Spammers

It's interesting that some dictionaries have not yet picked up the word "munge." One source says it was in use in Scotland in the 1940s and in Yorkshire in the 1950s to denote munching something up in a masticated mass. These days the word has evolved

into altering one's email address as a defense against spam. Give it a try, particularly if you post a lot on newsgroups (Usenet) where your email address can be easily harvested. Simply change the last part of your address so that it becomes worthless to the spam harvesters. For example, if you are JoeJones@mindspring.com, post your messages as JoeJones@_NO_SPAM_mindspring.com. A bonafide correspondent will note the need to remove [_NO_SPAM_](mailto:_NO_SPAM_mindspring.com) from the address; a bot will not. You should take care to munge the portion of the address after the @; otherwise, your service provider will still get the spam. •

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Majorly Techno

The tools—or toys—you need for school

By Shani Fisher

Keeping on top of emerging technology is a lot more fun than keeping up-to-date with your World Civ professor's demanding reading assignments. From Psychology to English, from Marketing to Architecture, no matter what your major, you'll want the best tech tools available. Below, *Steamtunnels* rounds up the gadgets that will help you get ahead.

High-tech pen scanners for overlooked English majors. Multi-language dictionaries for language majors. Voice recorders for budding journalists.

In Sync

Personal information management (PIM) is the key to success in the fast-paced business world. Stay on top of appointments and keep your contacts handy with the Royal Vista, a complete personal digital assistant (PDA) that will fit in your business-card holder. Vista's features include an address book, calculator, schedule function, metric and currency conversions, and an expense manager. Breakthrough pricing is just right at \$60 (royal.com).

You Can Count on It

Monitor the great returns on your investment in college using your BA II Plus calculator from Texas Instruments. Perfect for applications in finance, accounting, economics, investment, statistics and more, you can solve time-value-of-money calculations such as annuities, mortgages, leases and savings. The BA II Plus also generates amortization schedules, performs cash flow analysis and advanced statistics. A prompted display guides you through financial calculations, math functions including trigonometric calculations, natural logarithms and powers (\$34.95; ti.com).

Say What?

Used by journalists, doctors and medical transcriptionists, voice recorders make dictating and transcribing a snap. The Olympus DS-150 Digital Recorder is the perfect tool.

With 8MB of built-in memory, the DS-150 offers 160 minutes of recording time, with impressive Variable Control Voice Actuator (VCVA) technology that optimizes built-in memory by ceasing record functions when the microphone senses silence. The DS-150 also comes with automatic speech-to-text document creation—including IBM ViaVoice speech-to-text software and a headset that lets you dictate into your PC (\$230; olympusamerica.com).

Speak Easy

A must-have for Spanish or Latin American studies majors—the electronic Franklin Spanish-English Dictionary DBE-1440. Complete with 2 million Spanish-English translations with advanced verb conjugations, 2,000 travelers' phrases and learning exercises, the easy-to-read five-line display has a grammar guide, spell correction and seven games. When you're unsure of the spelling of a word, spell it like it sounds and the corrected word will appear with instant access to definitions (\$59.95; franklin.com).

High-Tech Highlighting

Political Science and English majors will love Wizcom's QuickLink Pen to scan and excerpt information from textbooks, legal documents or other print media. This portable optical scanner has an electronic eye at the tip of the pen that lets you scan printed text and then easily download to a PC into a desktop application; or scan in a business card and upload directly into MS Outlook, and beam it to your PDA. Or capture, store and edit URLs and then transfer them directly to your favorite browser's bookmarks (\$179; wizcomtech.com).



Savvy Camera

Presenting your work in an electronic portfolio is the perfect way to get an edge on other candidates in any job search. The Philips' Vesta Pro Scan camera can capture high-quality video at up to 30 frames per second at a maximum resolution of 640x480. Using PageCam software developed by Xerox, the Pro Scan makes scanning pictures and text very easy—a great alternative to conventional flatbed scanners. Scan in your photos, documents, published works and even



record a personal message to send along with your resume using the built-in USB microphone. Can you believe these features are all available in one device? (\$129; philipsusa.com).



10 Worst Colleges for Laptop Theft

Over 319,000 laptops were stolen in 1999.

1. Massachusetts Institute of Technology
2. Stanford
3. Georgetown
4. Purdue
5. Southern Illinois—Carbondale
6. South Florida
7. Georgia
8. Illinois—Urbana
9. North Carolina—Charlotte
10. Duke

Source: Kryptonite Corp. (kryptonitelock.com)

Going WiFi Building your own wireless network

By Alice Hill

My favorite early home-networking product was "LAN in a Can," which gave home users a basic peer-to-peer network nearly a decade before Napster made the term "peer-to-peer" cool. But there was no market for it, and it bombed. Today, the wired home is more likely to contain one if not two PCs, a printer and possibly a laptop borrowed from the office—yet few people know how relatively painless it is now to set up a wireless network. If you want to make a little extra cash this summer, or upgrade your dial-up digs at home, read on.

The next trend in home networking is the wireless LAN—or "WiFi." No one wants to run cable between rooms and add new wall jacks to share a few files, so wireless is the smarter alternative. To succeed where previous products failed, the WiFi home network not only enables multiple PCs to share files and printers, it also supports multiple and simultaneous Internet connections, including broadband cable or DSL. That means Dad can be checking his online portfolio on his laptop while you and a friend play a little multiplayer Quake III. Try that with LAN in a Can!



Linksys wireless network

What's in a Standard?

Get the propeller hat on for this next part. The official WiFi standard is called 802.11b—small wonder someone came up with snappier-sounding WiFi instead. Apple pioneered 802.11b, then it was adopted by Toshiba and Compaq. It's likely to be widely used in businesses.

To get that power into the home, Lucent technologies recently unveiled an 802.11b line of products called the Orinoco Residential Gateway

(wavelan.com/products/product_detail.html?id=29) specifically for broadband connections. An Orinoco setup will run you about \$400 for a desktop and laptop kit, and you can

buy components at www2.warehouse.com/kiosk/Lucent/default.asp?source=xLucent.

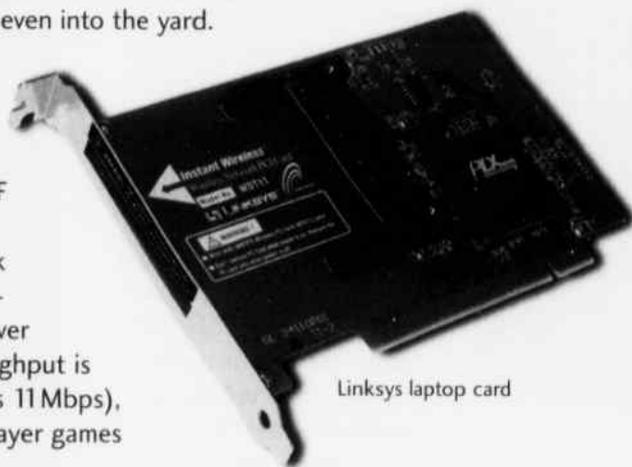
Linksys, known for great inexpensive home routers (wires required) has a new wireless network for broadband connections that also adds a firewall for security. You can pick up a Linksys solution for under \$500 at provantage.com/scripts/go.dll. For Mac users, Apple has the Airport, a futuristic-looking wireless transceiver that delivers 11Mbps of networking power up to 150 feet away. Developed in conjunction with Lucent, an Airport hook-up runs about \$299 (\$99 for the laptop card version).

Laptops can roam freely throughout the house and even into the yard. Connections are always on and always high speed, no matter what PC you're using or where.

Plug and Go

Setting up a WiFi LAN is fairly simple. You connect your cable modem or DSL line to the transceiver, plug the transceiver into your PC's USB port, and then add a transceiver to every PC in the home. Laptops use a PC Card version and can roam freely throughout the house and even into the yard.

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Linksys laptop card

If your budget is tight, or you have a dial-up connection, a wireless RF (radio frequency) network may be the ticket. Intel's AnyPoint Wireless network will work with dial-up connects or high-speed DSL or cable modem. A transceiver costs about \$100 (intel.com). Throughput is slower (1.5Mbps as compared to WiFi's 11Mbps), but it's still fast enough to play multiplayer games and access MP3s all over the house. •

Coldplay

Parachutes

(Nettwerk America)

With *Parachutes*, their first album, arriving somewhat belatedly on these shores (it was released in their native England last July, where it debuted at No. 1), Coldplay now has to face an American audience. Two principal Yank objections to the London-based quartet are likely: 1) They're merely the latest band to be megahyped by the notoriously overenthusiastic U.K. music press, and 2) their sound is slavishly imitative of two Brit influences du jour, Jeff Buckley and Radiohead.

Re: objection number one, well, sometimes those crazy English adjective-mongers can be right, and this time they are—Coldplay is very good indeed. As for objection number two, yes, the spacey guitar tones of Chris Martin and Jonny Buckland do recall Radiohead's *The Bends* and *OK Computer*, and there's more than a hint of Buckley in Martin's tremulous vocals on tracks like "Shiver" and "High Speed." But let's be fair: His nasal timbre is just as capable of evoking Dave Matthews ("Yellow"), Beck ("Don't Panic"), and even, on quieter moments like "Spies" and "Everything's Not Lost," the spirit of the late Nick Drake. In truth, Coldplay is their own band. Predominantly acoustic but not afraid to rock; partial to melancholy drift but buoyed by graceful melodies, their sound may not be unique, but once you've heard it, chances are you'll want to hear it again and again. —Mac Randall



Stereo Systems Isn't it time you had some new gear? By Genevieve Robertson

All the buzz about the latest developments in handheld devices, laptops and digital imaging has overshadowed tremendous advances in an old-school consumer product: stereo systems. Stereos are becoming works of art that add class to a room as well as great sound. New features that let you play digital files as well as CDs, cassettes and even LPs will quickly turn you into an audiophile.

The first thing to decide is what features are most important to you. Do you need a cassette deck? Will a single CD player be enough? Is radio reception an issue? Do you really need surround sound? Also consider the space you have. Then pick a price range and stick to it.

Most people can find something for between \$200 and \$600. Keep in mind that you do get what you pay for; if sound quality and power are your biggest issues, you may need to lean toward higher-end systems.

Space Savers

The JVC MX-J500 (\$280; jvc.com) is a great mini system with all the basics and enough power to drown out any roommate. It features a dual cassette deck, three-CD

changer and 120-watt three-way speakers. And with a programmable timer and an optical digital output that

allows you to dub to an external minidisc or CD burner, you really can't go wrong.

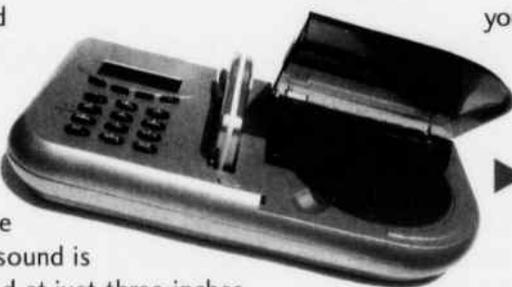
If you have less-than-adequate space for a bookshelf system, Nakamichi has a solution. The SoundSpace 5 (\$800; <http://nakamichi.com/soundspace>) is a three-part system that mounts on the wall



and resembles framed pictures. It definitely grabs your attention, with its sleek silver exterior and blue or orange LCD that allows you to see the CDs inside. The sound is just as impressive, and at just three inches thick, clears your space for better things.

Burner Included

Now that most of us have been weaned off of cassettes and are able to create our own CD compilations on the computer, Philips has brought mix-making back to your home stereo. Philips FWR8 (\$599; philips.com) is a compact system with a CD burner. As a stereo it holds its own with a three-CD changer, 200 watts of power, surround sound and three-way speakers, not to mention great radio reception. Plus it has the added bonus of a quality double-speed burner with text editing. It's also



CD-R (write-once CDs) and CD-RW (rewriteable) compatible so you can listen to all those CDs burned on the computer. And did we mention the karaoke mike input, so you can sing along?

your computer to download already stored files or you can transfer to and from with a portable player that has a non-expandable 48Mb memory. Samsung makes a similar product, the Wingo (\$399; samsung.com), with a bit less memory.



Hard Core

The next step in home audio is the digital audio server (DAS). AudioRequest (\$799; request.com) by Request Multimedia seems to be the best of this emerging category. DAS is a CD player, MP3 Player and cassette player all in one. It's designed to play back and organize digital music files through your home audio system. AudioRequest has a 17.3Gb hard drive, single-disc CD player and a Celeron

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MP3-Friendly

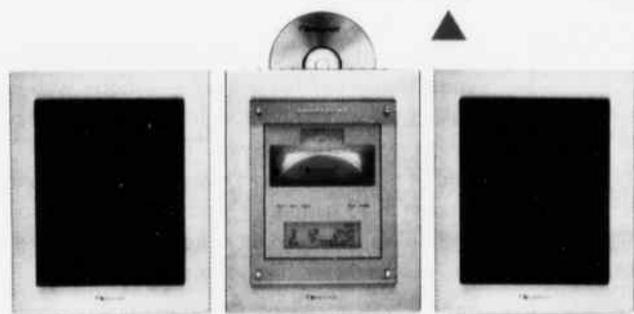
Electronic music files are here to stay, and consumer electronics manufacturers are creating add-on devices to play MP3 files on your home stereo without having to boot up. DigMedia has made a combination CD/MP3 (\$499.95;

mp3shopping.com) player that will connect to any home stereo for listening without a computer. Digisette's Duo-Aria (\$199; digisette.com) is a new portable MP3 player that plugs into any cassette drive.

The MusicStore has a 5GB hard drive capable of storing 84 hours of music ripped at 128Kbps. It can be connected to

processor along with software to convert CDs into MP3s.

It can also connect the Internet through your home computer, allowing you access to online music files. However, since these are digital files they aren't the same quality as the original CDs, but you do have the option to rip at 320Kbps, which is almost CD quality (you just can't store as many hours). The best thing about it is the ease with which you can sort through all your digital music files. The player reads artists, song titles and album titles to help you create and store your own playlists. •



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Special Feature: Get out of Dodge

Online travel for college students

As college students, you've got a step up on every other would-be traveler out there—airlines and travel agencies are falling all over themselves to offer you special deals. The travel industry realizes that between spring break and semesters abroad, college students comprise a major sector of their business, and they want to entice you with discounts and packages.

Spring break is an industry in itself. There are tons of companies that specialize in getting you and your buddies to the heart of the week-long ritual of drinking, tanning and clubbing. But beware: If you haven't booked your trip for this year already, you're too late. You'd be better off checking out sites like springbreaktravel.com for planning Spring Break 2002. This site specializes in the top four destinations for students: Jamaica, Cancun, Florida and the Bahamas. Their package trips include just about everything you'll need, including, in some cases, wrist bands for easy access to popular clubs.

The best part of the site is "Spring Break Exposed," a section with reviews and tips from students who have actually taken their trips. They'll tell you things like how much spending money you'll need, and that you're better off leaving your shoes behind for the midnight Foam Party in Cancun.

Students heading for Europe or any of the other continents for study or travel should investigate mainstays like counciltravel.com, studentuniverse.com and studenttravelnet.com. Counciltravel.com is one of the biggest and oldest out there: this is your source for quick searches on airfares, buying ID cards (which you should have, especially

if you're going to Europe), rail passes, info about hotels and hostels, student travel insurance, gear, and tips for living and working abroad.

Studenttravelnet.com is one-stop shopping for travelers, especially those bound for Europe. The site offers a voucher system for travel that allows you to choose a level of comfort ranging from basic to top price, and they'll give you vouchers that you can use at Ibis hotels, which are sprinkled throughout Europe.

The site also has informative message boards where you can ask experienced travelers about the best play to stay in Prague or where the hottest nightspot is in Madrid.

The best thing about traveling as a student is the discounted rates. Many airlines offer incredible discounts for students up to their 26th birthday, provided they have a valid ID.

As for places to stay, the best option for students is often hostels: They're cheap, clean and a great place to meet people. Go to hiayh.org for lists of hostels around the world and specific information on each location.

Another site to check out before you buy tickets is lsecard.com/studentflights, the headquarters of the International Student Card.

They offer travel rebates for people who purchase the card, which costs less than \$30. The ISE card is not just for identification; it also gets you discounts at hotels, museums, rail systems and more. The ISE site also has special airfare deals and student flights.

Remember to always check your ticket price in several places to make sure you're getting the best deal. Once you find a package, try out regular travel sites like travelocity.com and lowestfare.com to see what kind of a student discount you're really getting. •



ACADEMIC

Literary History Online

literaryhistory.com

English majors wanting to do research on the web will love this directory of online literary articles, journals and resources. The focus is mainly 19th century British lit., but there are several other areas, like Postmodernism, that are also covered, and there are links to other literary research sites.

Content: A- Usability: A

Travlang's Translating Dictionaries

dictionaries.travlang.com

If you've come across a strange word in your modern languages course, try this vast dictionary site that can translate between English and all major and minor European languages, including Latin. It also works between other languages, so if you're dying to convert some Portuguese into Dutch, today's your lucky day.

Content: A Usability: B+

The Yahoo Directory of Engineering

dir.yahoo.com/Science/Engineering

This comprehensive list of engineering and engineering-related sites and links offers an excellent resource for all your engineering needs. From aerospace and geography to a Usenet listing of science message boards, even a non-techie could find something of interest.

Content: A- Usability: A-

COMMUNITY

Tabletalk

Tabletalk.salon.com

For intelligent discussion and useful advice, try *Salon* magazine's discussion rooms at tabletalk.salon.com. There are a large variety of categories, including sports, health, education, house & garden, movies, music and technology, with multiple discussion threads in each. There's everything from freelance writing and spiritual health to role playing. You can view the discussions as a guest, but to participate you need to register, which is simple and will also provide you with a record of what you've read.

Content: A- Usability: B+

Geocities

geocities.com

So you want to build a web site, but HTML gives you a headache? No problem—Yahoo's Web Page Builder will walk you through the whole process (works best with Windows). The templates are kind of dull, but you can have a web site up and running in 10 minutes. Thumbs up on the help section; you can add on more as you learn. If you're a beginner, this is the place to start.

Content: B+ Usability: A-

Epinions

epinions.com

On this site you'll find reviews on everything from colleges to movies to pet carriers. Some sections have more opinions than others, but you can choose between professional reviews and those of your fellow web surfers. Register for free and you can pen your own opinions, earning cash for the number of readers who trust your advice. Keep an eye on this site—it's got a lot of potential.

Content: **B** Usability: **A**

CURRENT AFFAIRS

The New York Times

nytimes.com

Get the Gray Lady without the cumbersome page turning, ink and Macy's sales you have no use for; the *New York Times*' full daily edition is free online. An optional free email service will put the top stories in your box each morning. Searching the *Times*' archives is free, although you'll need a credit card to buy more than the summary paragraphs at a couple of bucks a pop. Or just look them up online then find the microfilm copies at the library and put that money to good use, like for munchies or beer.

Content: **A** Usability: **A-**

The screenshot shows the front page of The New York Times website. The main headline is "High Court Agrees to Hear Case on Cigarette Ad Limits". Other headlines include "American Airlines Reported Near a Deal to Buy TWA" and "In Speech to U.S. Jews, Clinton Details His Mideast Plan". The page layout includes a search bar, navigation links, and several columns of text with accompanying images.

News Synthesis

newssynthesis.com

When your mom makes her weekly call boasting half-memories of last night's newscast: "The anchorman said you can go to jail for stealing music with that Napper thing..." get onto newssynthesis.com and set her straight in record time. There's a lot of searchable news databases these days on the web, but this also has links to things like nationally syndicated columns and think-tank web sites. Make your professors think you're super smart.

Content: **A-** Usability: **A-**

The Global Town Hall

globaltownhall.com

You've got an opinion, dammit. About politics, the environment, or simply how annoying your friends are for not having any opinions. Word to the wise: Said friends are getting sick of hearing about their pathetic lack of interest. Save your friendships and expand your audience exponentially at Globaltownhall.com, where anyone can

Editor's pick

The Scout Report for Science and Engineering

scout.cs.wisc.edu/report/sci-eng

This site hosts the biweekly Scout Report for Science and Engineering. Its list of Internet resources is meticulously compiled by discipline-specific librarians and content specialists. Wondering about atmospheric disturbance climatology? Look no further. The chosen content meets very specific criteria to weed out any unnecessary or useless links, and the site is kept clean and up-to-date. Topics appeal to students, professors and researchers alike.

Content: **A** Usability: **A**

The screenshot shows the Scout Report for Science and Engineering website. It features a header with the title and volume information (Volume 4, Number 9, December 30, 2000). Below the header, there is a search bar and a list of featured articles or resources. The layout is clean and professional, with a focus on providing high-quality, curated information.

write an opinion piece on their pet topic. Educate yourself with various articles culled from major news outlets. Then jump to a forum to blow off some steam on the matter. And before you know it, your op-ed piece might just end up on the front page.

Content: **A-** Usability: **B+**

DIVERSITY

Netnoir

netnoir.com

Looking for updates on your favorite black stars? Or news on African-American issues? Netnoir.com has it all and then some. This black-oriented web site offers news, shopping, email and advice on a range of issues. Check out their section for women and read up on money matters or women's history, or click on their Gospel Chapel and read about the Pastor of the Week and reviews of the latest spiritual music, books and web sites.

Content: **B+** Usability: **B**

The screenshot shows the Netnoir website. It features a prominent search bar at the top. Below the search bar, there are several featured articles or sections, including "What's Hot?" and "The book lover's community". The website has a dark theme and a focus on African-American content.

DVstreet

dvstreet.com

Point your web browser to Dvstreet.com, a multi-cultural web portal that allows users to personalize their own start page with channels, chat rooms, job information and more. Dvstreet's Career Center lists job postings and resume and interview tips. Their Marketplace includes over 300 online stores offering products from ethnic foods to airline tickets.

Content: **B+** Usability: **A-**

VOLUNTEERING

The Virtual Volunteering Service

serviceleader.org

It's a new world of philanthropy! Virtual or online volunteering enables generous, busy individuals to perform volunteer tasks, in whole or in part, via the Internet at their home or work computers. VVS provides cyberservice, online mentoring, teletutoring, research work and various other jobs. It also allows agencies—such as the American Lung Association and Starbright World—to expand their volunteer programs and networks by allowing more participants, and using volunteers in new areas.

Content: **B** Usability: **A**

Volunteer America

volunteeramerica.net

If you have some spare time, and want to do something you'll feel good about, find a volunteer opportunity or vacation through volunteeramerica.net. This site, organized by state, connects individuals, families and groups with volunteer opportunities across the U.S. Many of the vacations/opportunities are sponsored by the Sierra Club and are a bit out of the ordinary, such as removing old ranching fence lines in Texas so that wildlife can migrate freely. Opportunities are listed up through October of next year, so you still have plenty of time to make plans.

Content: **B+** Usability: **A-**

The screenshot shows the VolunteerAmerica.net website. It features a header with the site name and a navigation menu. Below the header, there is a list of volunteer opportunities and a section for sponsors. The website is designed to be user-friendly and informative, with a focus on providing a wide range of volunteer options.

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