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17 compete for SGA, Honor Council posts

by Brad Jenkins
SGA reporter

Campaigning for Student Government Association and Honor Council elections hits high gear this week as candidates prepare for the March 27 election of SGA and Honor Council leaders.

According to Sen. Ann-Marie Phillips, Elections Committee chairwoman, polls will be open 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on the commons and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Lakeside area. Phillips said the polls are open later than in the past to attract more voters.

Communication, experience level and keeping SGA disciplined in spending money are the most widely discussed issues in this year's race.

Candidates are paying the most attention to student apathy toward SGA and communication. From newsletters to homepages to door-to-door visits, candidates have proposed several ideas to improve communication between SGA and students.

Presidential candidate David Baker doesn't think newsletters or any other kind of paper product will increase communication.

"People don't read them," he said. "If elected, I will encourage door-to-door visits. There are not enough senators who sit down and have discussions with constituents."

The number of student forums should increase so students can have more outlets to express their opinions on issues, he said.

Max Finazzo, presidential candidate, said SGA is "a tight-knit group," which can be intimidating to students. "My plan, if elected, is not to stop campaigning. We should talk to people."

Finazzo also commented on some of his opponents' platforms. "Dave Baker and Cory Anderson are on Executive [Council] and are running for another executive position," he

said. "They have some great ideas, but why haven't they been implemented?"

Baker's platform is based on issues that are already being resolved, Finazzo said. "He's running on platforms that exist." Baker wants vending machines university-wide to accept FLEX, but according to Finazzo, "they're [administration] working on that now." Much of Baker's platform, he said, "is not fully implemented, but exists."

According to Baker, "FLEX is being resolved in the Village, but the administration has talked about resolving issues before. It is the job of SGA to follow up on those issues."

"We're all dealing with issues that are worked on every day. But we're working to improve those."

Experience level has also become an issue in this year's race among the candidates for SGA vice president.

Vice presidential candidate April Roberts said she doesn't think her opponent, non-senate member Daniel Salehi knows enough about the operations of SGA to be vice president. "In regards to Salehi, I have experience. You can't go in blindly," she said.

Salehi is not concerned about his own experience, but rather with Roberts', who is the sophomore class president. She hasn't communicated enough with the class, he said. "I have never heard from her. Many people in SGA are the same. They say their own ideas, not the ideas of their constituents."

Specific to the office of treasurer is the issue of tightening SGA's purse strings. Candidate Richard Jenkins said SGA has gone against established rules in the funding of groups this year.

Funding for food or transportation costs for conferences were some examples he cited. If elected, "no bill would leave [the Finance] Committee" if it contradicted SGA rules, he said.

According to Phillips, about 1,700 people voted last year, or 12 percent of the student population. Despite the seemingly low turnout for a campus of almost 11,500, this is one of the highest percentages in the nation, she said.

"Honestly, I think the low numbers are due to student apathy; no one cares," she said. "Many don't realize what SGA does."

Baker said students need to use voting day to speak out on issues. Many people don't feel SGA is relevant to them, he said, but "when anything happens, the administration calls on SGA for input. We have a say in the issues."

One problem is SGA tends to look at itself in an egotistical way, he said. "We're not viewed as an almighty group as some senators tend to think. We're like any other students, but we have a voice for them [other students]."

To claim victory, a candidate must receive more than 50 percent of the votes in the initial election. If no one receives a majority, a runoff election will be held between the top two candidates April 3. Phillips said she expects a runoff due to the large number of candidates running.

"We've had a good response for candidates, and hopefully, we'll have a good response in voting, too," she said.

All full-time students, including seniors, are eligible to vote. Students must have their JAC cards to vote, Phillips said.

Election results will be available at <http://breeze.jmu.edu> after 10 p.m. March 27.



Radford deaths lead schools to examine alcohol policies

by Jeremy Ray
staff writer

Alcohol consumption is a problem extending farther than the boundaries of JMU, and two recent deaths related to alcohol consumption at Radford University has schools statewide taking note of the seriousness of the issue.

Two Radford fraternities were suspended by the university and their national chapters in February for violating university alcohol policies after 18-year-old student Valerie Cole died from alcohol poisoning, according to the *Roanoke Times*.

Alcohol consumption contributed to the death of 21-year-old Christopher T. Mirch, another Radford student Feb. 24 when he passed out from drinking and was left unconscious in a burning house, according to the *Roanoke Times*.

Although his actual cause of death was smoke inhalation, had he not been drunk, the student probably could have escaped the fire, according to published reports of the incident.

Because Radford's alcohol policy follows Virginia state law, Radford administrators don't predict a change in the school's alcohol policy, according to Jim Hicks, assistant dean of students.

However, Radford administrators are in the process of reviewing the university's risk policies regarding fraternity and sorority policies governing alcohol and drug use, sexual misconduct and hazing.

Radford's risk management policy, enacted in 1994, maintains certain guidelines, such as warnings that kegs are not allowed on campus.

Other warnings include that alcohol is not permitted at any official Greek function, and organizations cannot purchase alcohol with state funds.

But Hicks said he predicts these guidelines will ultimately stay the same after the review, even after the

Virginia university keg policies

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William & Mary

no noted regulations regarding kegs

Radford

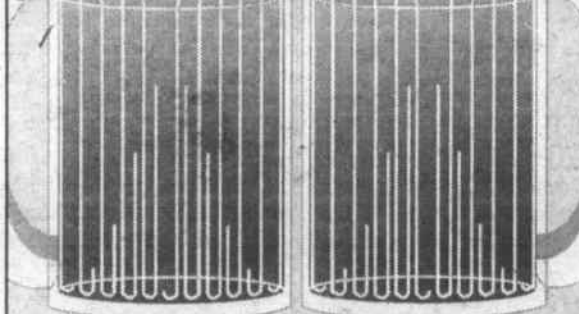
prohibited in student rooms

George Mason

only permitted for university dining services

JMU

prohibited in residence halls



information compiled from university student handbooks

Logic of admissions a mystery to students

Qualifications for admission not limited to academic factors; gender balance plays a role

by Sally Clarke
staff writer

This article is the second in a two-part series investigating admissions procedures at JMU.

The justifications for admissions decisions are a mystery to many students who apply to college each year, and the guidelines that JMU follows are no exception.

For the incoming freshman class, there have been many factors other than simple academic qualifications that affect who is accepted.

One much-debated issue is that the percentage of male applicants JMU accepts is usually much higher than the percentage of females accepted.

According to the Office of Institutional Research's Statistical Summary, during the past five years, JMU accepted an average 10 percent more male applicants than female applicants.

For the fall of 1995, 4,758 males applied, and 2,865 were accepted. In comparison, 7,556 females applied, and 4,124 were accepted.

Roxie Shabazz, director of admissions, said the aim every year is to have an equal balance between the number of men and women. As less men apply, there is a concerted effort to increase the number of men at JMU. "The goal is always 50/50, but it never seems to work out that way. More women apply, and there are more qualified women," Shabazz said.

Females constitute 55 percent of JMU's student population, according to the Office of Institutional Research.

JMU has been accepting more applicants in an attempt to increase the population of the school. However, the percentage of students who accept admission to JMU has dropped.

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CORRECTION

The story "Faculty Senate endorses post-tenure review recommendations" on page 5 of the March 18 Breeze should have stated the Faculty Senate unanimously passed a merit pay resolution. Also, the senate passed a revised proposal presented by the Post-Tenure Review Committee, but not unanimously. The Breeze regrets the error.

Admissions

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Although the Office of Admissions is receiving more applications, the percentage of accepted applicants who choose to enroll has steadily declined during the past few years, based on information from the Office of Institutional Research.

According to Fred Hilton, director of Media Relations, the positive image of the university is growing and spreading, which is clear from the growing number of applicants.

According to Mike McDowell, spokesman for the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, the system of higher education has been attacked for many reasons lately.

Tuition hikes, tension between public and private institutions, and how much control the state can have over the admissions policies of state-funded schools have been issues under consideration.

When asked if the decline in percentage of enrolled students at JMU compared to those who are accepted is influenced by JMU's reputation, Hilton said, "That's ridiculous."

The school's record number of applicants this spring is enough evidence that the perception of JMU is positive, he said.

Shabazz agreed there is no indication the attempts to balance the student body or the restructuring efforts are affecting prospective students' perceptions of the school in a negative way.

Another issue concerning admissions is the number of students accepted and the university's ability to handle even more freshmen this fall.

According to Shabazz, campus offices have held many meetings to



UNFAIR ADMISSIONS POLICIES BETWEEN THE SEXES?



	Fall '92	Fall '93	Fall '94	Fall '95
MALES applied	4,546	4,424	4,550	4,758
percent accepted	49%	53%	62%	60%
FEMALES applied	7,286	6,799	7,162	7,556
percent accepted	41%	43%	47%	55%

source: Office of Institutional Research Statistical Summary Feb. 1996

ALICIA HOOD/contributing artist

ensure the facilities are adequate. "The school is planning for the higher numbers." According to the Feb. 26 issue of *The Breeze*, JMU will have about 2,850 freshmen next year.

However, according to Shabazz, the number of additional students expected to enroll next year is anticipated to be less than 200.

Students had varied reactions to the admissions increase.

"I think the university is getting better as a whole, but that doesn't mean it's getting better for us [the students]," undeclared freshman Paris Sisamos said.

"Of course, it's better for the school. More students, more money," Sisamos added.

Senior Muggsie Marini, an English major, said he questions the amount of money JMU is spending and will have to spend on the increase in students.

"If they are making cuts in funding [to some colleges and faculty], the money should be going to help the students and to make JMU a better school," he said.

Marini also questioned the way JMU chooses to spend the money it has.

"When applicants are increasing, why are they putting money into some places where it's not needed? We don't really know where it's going."

Demographics is one element of the admissions process that concerns some students.

Kosta Alexis, junior anthropology major, said he thinks admissions should be based on how qualified the student is, not on what the university decides the demographics of the student body should be.

Junior English major Ginger King said she prefers admissions broaden the factors for acceptance than go to JMU with a homogeneous group of students.

"People get upset about them [admissions] basing it [admissions decisions] on things other than [academic qualifications], and I understand that."

"At the same time, there needs to be some balance. I wouldn't want to be at this school if it was based too much on one group."

Alcohol

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two recent deaths due to alcohol abuse.

Some believe the deaths have made Radford students more aware of the dangers of alcohol, Hicks said.

"I have heard some students say that [the deaths] have had a positive effect" on student awareness, he said.

Residence hall and campus programs expose Radford students to alcohol and drug education. But Hicks said the recent tragedies are evidence that some students don't know enough about the dangers of alcohol.

"It's surprising and shocking that with the amount of education that is done, so many students don't know" that alcohol can kill, he said.

Radford officials plan to continue the alcohol education programs already in place and don't foresee adding more to the list.

"It's our challenge to educate those students and make them more aware" of the seriousness of alcohol abuse, he said. "It's a responsibility to provide [alcohol and drug] education, but it ultimately falls on the shoulders of the students to go and learn it."

"I don't know how much more we can do," he said.

Some members of the JMU community believe drinking is a problem on campus, but many students are not able to make the connection with students at other universities, according to Randy Haveson, JMU counselor and substance abuse specialist.

"It's a matter of luck that [a death due to alcohol consumption] hasn't happened here," this school year, Haveson said.

"Students don't connect with the tragedy," he added.

Mike Way, JMU judicial coordinator, said the university's judicial process focuses on education and awareness, especially for first-time offenders of the alcohol policies.

According to the alcohol policy listed in the 1995-'96 Student Handbook, any person under age

21 who purchases or possesses alcoholic beverages is in violation of the law and will be exposed to a misdemeanor conviction punishable with up to 12 months in jail and a fine up to \$2,500.

Selling alcohol, purchasing it for other individuals under 21 and consuming alcohol in unlicensed public areas is also a violation of the law.

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Jim Hicks

assistant dean of students at Radford University

Fines for this violation range from \$250 to \$2,500, with confinement in jail for up to 12 months.

A three-tiered graduated level of punishment is used for offenders of the alcohol policy, Way said.

First-time offenders are seated at a round table with university judicial officers and discuss the consequences and effects of alcohol.

Second-time offenders go through a similar process for a longer period of time and third-time offenders are required to attend a six-hour course called, On Campus Thinking About Alcohol.

OCTAA is designed to serve as an educational session to teach students about the effects of alcohol, and help them make better choices in the future about responsibility.

"It teaches people to be accountable," for their actions, Way said.

"I don't know about the effectiveness [of the

process], but it's fair," he added.

A lot of responsibility is placed on the university to secure a safe living environment, but it is everyone's responsibility to enforce the law, Way said.

"It's our responsibility to maintain safe residence halls and maintain an appropriate environment to be educated," he said.

Other universities in Virginia have alcohol policies similar to JMU's, with the exception that JMU is the only school that allows kegs on campus.

Haveson said he objects to the clause that permits beer kegs on university grounds.

"When a person is drinking out of a keg, it's a free flow. It's harder to monitor than out of cans or bottles," he said.

The alcohol policies at Radford, the College of William & Mary, University of Virginia and George Mason University are all similar to the policies at JMU, with few adjustments.

All policies comply with state laws, but some schools have different approaches to individual punishment.

At GMU, students who use false identification to purchase alcohol, such as a false driver's license, can lose the false ID for up to one year. At UVa., neither the university dining service nor the university union have an ABC license.

Some students said they feel underage drinking is not a problem as long as students are responsible for their behavior.

"I think that underage drinking is not a problem if students drink responsibly," said junior Jeannine Ruggiano.

She added, "People on college campuses are old enough to make their own choices."

Sophomore Christina Neill said she thinks most people are not familiar with the health risks involved with alcohol abuse.

"A whole lot of girls diet, then go out and get wasted on the weekend," she said.

News editor Cristie Breen contributed to this article.

Students aid in cleanup of Arboretum

Volunteers lend a hand in repairing winter flood damage in preparation for spring

by Mitzi O'Rear
staff writer

The Flood of '96 not only damaged homes, cars and manmade structures; but also damaged some natural habitats.

The JMU Arboretum sustained extensive damage due to January's flood, requiring a large cleanup process to repair the outdoor living plant museum in preparation for spring.

Two cleanup days were held last month during which more than 20 students volunteered their time and energy, according to Norlyn Bodkin, Arboretum director.

According to Ron Brown, an Arboretum volunteer, the flood washed out all bridges, including the main bridge in the Wood Memorial Garden. At its height, the water was about four feet high, covering the main bridge and most of the garden up to University Boulevard. Flood waters carried away benches and picnic tables.

Bodkin estimated the cost of repairs at \$20,000. According to a news release, the Arboretum is operated on funds raised by the John Clayton Society, admission fees to special events sponsored by the Arboretum and grants. Some individual members of the society have contributed more than \$3,800 to assist in flood damage repairs.

Arboretum volunteers have worked daily since the flood to return the area to its previous condition, Bodkin said.

Eleven dump trucks of dirt were needed to fill in the ground around the pond so it could drain properly, he said. The area has been reseeded,



A pile of dirt and pieces of wood show signs of spring cleanup in progress at the Arboretum, Saturday afternoon. Repairs are a necessary chore after the damage this winter's flood inflicted.

JENNIFER BAKER/staff photographer

and the trails have new mulch.

Most of the damage was aesthetic, and though time-consuming to repair, was really only minor. The major damage, Bodkin said, is what people can't see — sedimentation in the pond.

The sedimentation, part of the continuing erosion process, was sped up by the flood, meaning the pond will have to be dredged earlier than usual, he said.

The flood did have one positive effect it drew special attention to

matters that already needed repair, including tighter water control measures in the area, Bodkin said.

"As a result of the flood, some of the water management problems have now been addressed that should have been fixed at least eight years

ago," he said.

The student and community interest in protecting the Arboretum as a natural environment has increased as a result of the flood, according to Bodkin.

"The interest in rebuilding [the Arboretum] was rekindled," he said.

Members of some student organizations showed up on two volunteer days, Feb. 17 and 24, to help clean up debris and recondition trails, according to Bodkin.

Senior Sarah Schreib volunteered to clean debris that had gathered around trees. She said there was a lot of work to be done, and it took a lot of time, but student support was helpful. "It made the cleanup a lot quicker."

Sophomore Brian McKone was one of 15 members of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity who volunteered to help.

He raked out flower beds around the gazebo and remulched them. The group joined in the effort because "that's part of our school, so we just went over and gave them a hand," McKone said.

Bodkin said the Arboretum is a favorite place for many students, and the student response to the flood showed this.

"The flood intensified everyone's efforts. It's heartwarming to see that happen," he said.

The Arboretum is preparing for a plant sale April 6 and an "April Walk" April 7, in addition to other activities offered this season.

Bodkin encourages the JMU community to visit the Arboretum and, being optimistic, said, "We promise you a beautiful spring."

Carrier encourages student action in the community and university

by Mike White
staff writer

JMU President Ronald Carrier urged community action at a speech Thursday titled "You Can Make a Difference" in Taylor Hall, rm. 404.

"Inaction causes some of the misery, some of the pain and some of the suffering in our society," Carrier said.

The program, sponsored by the LEAD Center, was open to students and faculty.

Carrier began by discussing how action, not luck, determines one's fate. "The fault lies not in our stars but in ourselves."

Intellectual capacity and will are two important qualities for an individual who wants to make a difference in the community, he explained.

Carrier described examples of how he has positively impacted the community. "A few years ago, I looked at the downtown [Harrisonburg] area and became concerned."

He said the area "becomes a source of decay on the entire community" if it is not improved, and urged the community to take action to avoid this decay.

To illustrate this, Carrier described a situation at Trinity College, where a fence was built around the campus to protect it from a decaying community.

Explaining he didn't want the same situation at JMU, Carrier said he expressed his concerns to the Harrisonburg City Council a few years back and has

cooperated with the council to work on a revitalization plan for downtown Harrisonburg.

The plan for downtown includes a theatre, a museum, shops, restaurants and a micro brewery. JMU offices and student housing will occupy some downtown space as well, he said.

Carrier's next example of making a difference in the community was his ongoing work to make sure new highway plans are friendly to JMU. He said the state plans to widen Interstate 81, which will eventually affect the stretch through Harrisonburg. As chair of a transportation committee in charge of this part of I-81, Carrier said he is using his role on the committee to influence decisions on this issue.

I-81 is overburdened in this area and the on-ramps are dangerous, according to Carrier. Widening of I-81 to six lanes would force the installation of sound walls between the highway and campus.

He has suggested rerouting I-81 through Keezletown and leaving the old highway as a main street for Harrisonburg. He said even though it will be difficult to accomplish this, it was also very difficult to get a bridge built over I-81, and that project was accomplished.

Carrier explained how he has sought to make a difference within the community.

Changes in the telecommunications industry create a need to change curricula to better prepare students for that industry,



KYLE BUSS/senior photographer

Carrier talks about plans to rejuvenate downtown Harrisonburg.

according to Carrier.

"There's a revolution taking place in learning," Carrier said. College courses may soon be offered over the Internet and that those courses may lure students away from a traditional college.

Carrier went on to say that the administration will soon make a number of proclamations about things JMU will do to

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POLICE LOG

by Greg Froom
news editor

Campus police report the following:

Possession of Stolen Property

• An individual allegedly was found in possession of a stolen gray Toshiba laptop computer in Wine-Price Hall March 20.

The stolen property was recovered. An investigation continues.

Petty Larceny

• Unidentified individuals allegedly stole a Sony Walkman and a gold diamond-cut bracelet in a pink velvet bag in Wayland Hall between March 1 and 14.

The Walkman is valued at \$45, and the bracelet is valued at \$100.

Fireworks Violation

• Unidentified individuals allegedly ignited a fire cracker smoke bomb, activating the fire alarm system in the A-section of the basement in Hanson Hall at 3:13 a.m. March 21.

The system was reset.

• Unidentified individuals allegedly ignited a smoke bomb, activating the fire alarm system in the B-section of Weaver Hall at 3:20 p.m. March 22.

Fire Alarm

• A punctured pipe reportedly sprayed water on a fire alarm panel box, activating the fire alarm system in the Convocation Center at 9:51 a.m. March 20.

The Harrisonburg Fire Department responded to the incident.

Number of drunk in public charges since Jan. 11: 29



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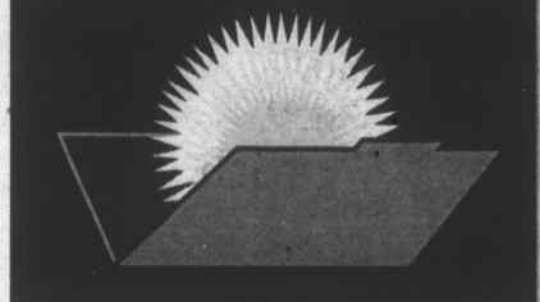
Social Work Organization holds its annual conference

JMU's Social Work Organization will host "The Power of Social Work: Creating a Future for Diversity," its seventh annual conference, in Phillips Hall Ballroom, March 29. The conference will bring together social work students as well as professionals from the surrounding area to learn from one another about the profession and its future.

This year's conference will focus on topics such as affirmative action, violence in public schools, and feminism and social work. Workshops will be led by both professionals and students in and outside of social work.

Contact Liz Chakmakian at 574-3437 for more information.

Newsfile



G. Gordon Liddy to lecture on perceptions of government

The University Program Board will present G. Gordon Liddy at the Convocation Center, April 2, 7 p.m.

Liddy will speak on "Government Perception vs. Reality." A question-and-answer period will follow the lecture. Admission is free to JAC card holders, with a two-ticket limit, and \$10 for the general public and at the door. Contact UPB at X6217 for more information.

Applications due today for new members of Outriggers

Outriggers, a student leadership organization, is accepting applications for new members until 5 p.m. today. Applications may be turned in to Taylor Hall, rm. 205. Contact Annemarie at X6538 for more information.

Community service reps will sponsor Village blood drive

Community service representatives will be sponsoring the Blood Wars blood drive for the Village area March 26. The drive will take place in the TV lounge in Dingleline Hall. All students are welcome to donate blood.

Madison Mediators provides students with experience

The Madison Mediators is an organization that provides students with a background in mediation for future use in the job market and in one's personal life.

Students interested in gaining experience in the mediation field and contacts for internships should join.

An organizational meeting for Madison Mediators will take place March 27 at 4 p.m. in Anthony-Seeger Hall, rm. 28. Contact Tammy at X7744 for more information.

How do we tip?

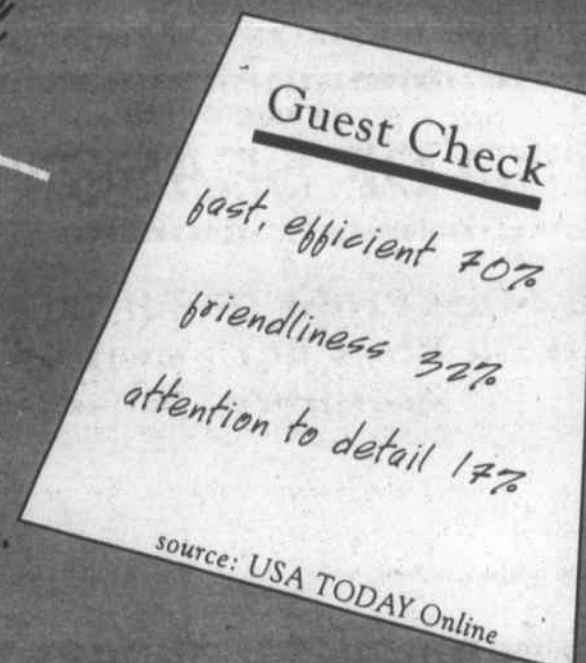
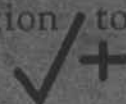
An April 1995 poll found fast, efficient service is

the No. 1 reason we give



big tips at restaurants.

Friendliness is also important, followed by attention to detail.



CATHERINE MATTINGLY/contributing artist

WEEKLY EVENTS

Monday

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- Little Grill Soup Kitchen, meet at CCM house, noon.
- Cycling Club/Team meeting, Taylor Hall, rm. 404, 5 p.m.
- EQUAL meeting, Taylor Hall, rm. 305, 5 p.m.
- Romanian Club meeting, Taylor Hall, rm. 404, 6 p.m.
- "Reproductive Technologies and Women's Rights," Women's Resource Center, 6 p.m.
- Science Fiction/Fantasy Guild, Taylor Hall, rm. 306, 7 p.m.
- Animal Rights Coalition, Keezell Hall, rm. 310, 7 p.m.
- "African and Islamic Revival: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives," Miller Hall, rm. 101, 7 p.m.
- College Republicans meeting, Taylor Hall, rm. 404, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday

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- Pre-Physical Therapy Society meeting, Burruss Hall, rm. 238, 5:30 p.m.
- Circle K meeting, Warren Hall Allegheny Room, 6 p.m.
- Students for Camp Heartland meeting, Warren Hall Allegheny Room, 7 p.m.
- AED meeting, Burruss Hall, rm. 31, 7 p.m.
- "Unzipped," sponsored by UPB, Grafton-Stovall Theatre, 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., \$1.50.
- Young Democrats meeting, Warren Hall Allegheny Room, 8 p.m.
- Movie marathon featuring "On Being a Universal People," CCM house, 9 p.m.

Wednesday

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- Junior Class Council meeting, Warren Hall Piedmont Room, 5 p.m.
- Habitat for Humanity meeting, Taylor Hall, rm. 402, 5:30 p.m.
- Caving Club meeting, Jackson Hall basement, 6 p.m.
- Outing Club meeting, Keezell Hall, rm. 310, 6:30 p.m.
- Baptist Student Union Revival Core prayer, BSU House 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- Harmony meeting, Taylor Hall, rm. 302, 7 p.m.
- "Unzipped," sponsored by UPB, Grafton-Stovall Theatre, 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., \$1.50.
- Sophomore class meeting, Warren Hall Massanutten Room, 7:15-8:15 p.m.

Thursday

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- Clothesline Project, Warren Hall Post Office, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- EARTH meeting, Taylor Hall, rm. 404, 5-6:30 p.m.
- Baptist Student Union Fellowship, BSU House, 5:30 p.m.
- BOND meeting, Warren Hall Piedmont Room, 6 p.m.
- Fellowship dinner at the Wesley Foundation, JMU Methodists, 6 p.m., and the New Life Singers Rehearsal, Wesley Foundation, 6:45-7:45 p.m. Call 434-3490.
- Asian-American Association meeting, Taylor Hall, rm. 404, 7 p.m.
- International Affairs Association meeting, Maury Hall, rm. 101, 7 p.m.
- "Double Happiness," sponsored by UPB, Grafton-Stovall Theatre, 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., \$1.50.
- Campus Crusade for Christ, "Prime Time," Miller Hall, rm. 101, 8 p.m.
- Muslim Coalition meeting, Warren Hall Allegheny Room, 8-9:30 p.m.

National News

Clinton gains support from African-American community

President Clinton's support in the African-American community has soared in the past year, and he enters his reelection campaign as popular among black voters as any president in modern history.

This assessment, based on polling data and interviews with black elected officials and researchers, is one indication of how well Clinton has shored up key elements of his core constituency in advance of the probable fall contest with Senate Majority Leader Robert Dole.

In one striking example of Clinton's standing in the black community, a recent survey by the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies showed African-Americans rated him more favorably than either two-time presidential contender Jesse L. Jackson or the Republicans' dream candidate for vice president, Colin L. Powell.

In fact, Clinton's 88 percent favorable rating among blacks rivals that of Lyndon Johnson in 1965 — the year he signed the Voting Rights Act.

State News

Fairfax County teen-ager invents visual field analyzer

The idea came to 17-year-old Ian Hagemann in September after a visit to his eye doctor. He had seen the machine his doctor used to diagnose eye diseases and brain disorders, and he wondered why it had to be so large, nearly the size of a telephone booth.

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Using about \$100 worth of computer chips, speakers and other supplies, Hagemann designed and built a briefcase-sized version of the \$20,000-plus device, known as a visual field analyzer.

Ophthalmologists say the teen-ager's creation is more than a nifty science project. If put into mass production, it would allow glaucoma testing in places such as supermarkets, homes and public health clinics, doctors said, making it easier to screen poor people, rural residents and elderly shut-ins.

—L.A. Times/Washington Post news service

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SGA Election '96 Preview

President



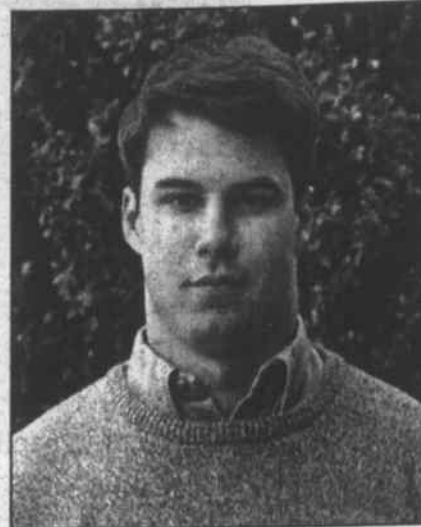
Cory Anderson

- Improve student communication with faculty and administration through SGA Week and open forums.
- Try to cure student apathy.
- Increase the number of students who vote in SGA elections.



David Baker

- Institute a Safe Rides program.
- Improve computing services for both on- and off-campus students.
- Design an absentee ballot and representation program for students studying abroad.



Max Finazzo

- Improve transportation by working with the Harrisonburg Transit system.
- Work with Harrisonburg to improve the surrounding areas of JMU.
- Bring SGA and students together.



Moira McCaffrey

- Introduce a voter registration drive for the 1996 presidential election.
- Work to extend the add/drop period at the beginning of each semester.
- Work with UPB to ensure student input is considered when developing programs.



Vice President



April Roberts

- Send students to Faculty Senate meetings.
- Have senators give surveys to halls and COCL to make them more accountable to constituents.
- Work to improve lack of communication.



Danny Salehi

- Make senators more accountable to constituents.
- Get more styrofoam recycling containers.
- Have informal SGA events to increase student interest in SGA.



Kim Wilson

- Send an SGA newsletter to all organizations.
- Improve relations between JMU and the community through outreach programs.
- Have students who sit on commissions and committees report at SGA meetings.

Treasurer



Gary Basnett

- Personally contact administrators to address student concerns.
- Hold forums to improve student involvement.
- Will be on call 18 hours a day to hear student suggestions.



Richard Jenkins

- Fund within SGA and state rules.
- More communication with front-end budgeted organizations.
- Improve internal cohesion through more social events.



Matthew Montgomery

- Better integrate class councils with SGA.
- Better communication on the SGA budget with students.
- Improve communication with faculty on money matters.

Secretary



Misty Benna

- Diversify the Senate.
- Create SGA newsletter for all organizations and clubs.
- Use the VAX to as a means of hearing student opinion.



Michelle Carlisle

- Make SGA minutes accessible by putting copies in Warren Hall and the commuter lounge.
- Get more guest speakers.
- Publish a monthly newsletter.



Tony Madsen

- SGA bulletin board to improve communication with students.
- Orientation program for SGA newcomers.
- Improve VAX use to save paper.



Justin Voshell

- Inform students of upcoming bills in SGA.
- More student voice in faculty and administrative decisions.
- Begin SGA newsletter.

Honor Council President



Michael Keens

- Inform students of the role of Honor Council.
- Let students know the Honor Council serves them.



Patrick Wyman

- Change eligibility for a student to run for Honor Council offices.
- Increase student knowledge of Honor Council.

Honor Council Vice President



Tristie Reed

- Promote Honor Council awareness.
- Improve internal and external communication by restructuring the committees within Honor Council.

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College rape case sparks debate on national law

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ROANOKE — An individual rights group and a national women's group are taking opposite sides in a Virginia Tech rape case based on a federal act that lets victims of sex-based crimes recover damages in federal court.

The Center for Individual Rights co-authored arguments made Friday on behalf of Tony Morrison, a football player accused of raping a woman in his room.

The National Organization for Women sided with Christy Brzonkala, who is seeking \$10 million from Morrison for the alleged rape and is advocating changes in campus sexual assault policies.

Morrison and Virginia Tech have asked U.S. District Judge Jackson Kiser to dismiss the lawsuit without a trial. Friday was the deadline for filing related arguments.

The federal Violence Against Women Act, which Morrison claims is unconstitutional, provides that violent crimes motivated by the victim's gender are discriminatory and violate her civil rights under federal law.

Morrison claims Congress exceeded its power by passing the law. The act does not substantially affect interstate commerce and therefore is a state, not a federal, matter, his attorneys wrote.

But Julie Goldscheid of the NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund argued that many individuals who commit gender-motivated violent acts cross state lines. In addition, she wrote, many women cross state lines to escape gender-motivated violence.

"Congress found that the states have failed to provide equal protection of the laws to victims of gender-motivated violence, who are usually women," she argued.

The law was enacted a few days before the September 1994 encounter between Brzonkala and Morrison, who said the sexual intercourse was consensual.

Brzonkala is the first woman to file a civil case using the act. A Connecticut woman who claims she was battered by her husband for years subsequently filed a lawsuit using the act, Goldscheid said. Other women have filed criminal charges based on the federal law.

Federal civil rights laws previously applied only to sex discrimination in the workplace and racially motivated acts of violence, Goldscheid said.

Many allegations of sexual assault at Virginia Tech and at most other colleges are routinely handled by school disciplinary panels and not

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Abortion speaker takes secular angle

by Jason Brockwell
contributing writer

A Washington & Lee University law professor created a philosophical task for himself Wednesday night at a forum about abortion, sponsored by InterVarsity Christian Fellowship. Using only "secular reasoning," he wanted to prove pro-life is the correct stance on abortion.

Sam Calhoun, who teaches an ethics course on abortion at W&L, said the pro-choice movement dismisses the rights of the unborn, and current laws have caused a "radical devaluation of fetal life."

"Is Roe vs. Wade morally correct?" Calhoun asked his audience of about 50 students. "How do you value pre-born life? Do the unborn have rights-deficiencies?"

Though Calhoun believes the Bible supports his view that abortion is morally wrong, he concentrated on finding non religious reasons for his pro-life stance.

He proceeded by attacking "misconceptions" and "inaccuracies" which, he said, have caused mis-thinking on the subject of abortion. Calhoun blamed the media for spreading inaccuracies.

The first misconception he attacked was that pre-born life is part of a woman's body and a woman should have the right over her own body. He believes this is a false description on two counts.

Calhoun referred to ultrasound images as detecting the "fetus in the woman's body, not part of her body." Holding up the tip of a pen to represent the size of an 8-week-old



JAMES MORRIS/staff photographer

Sam Calhoun addresses the pro-life stance at an abortion forum sponsored by InterVarsity Christian Fellowship Wednesday night.

fetus' foot, he said it defied "secular logic" to hold the fetus is a part of the woman's body in the same way as her liver or heart. "When a woman's pregnant, does she suddenly have four feet, two heads or four arms?"

Genetic findings give conclusive evidence the pre-born baby is a distinct entity in a woman's body, he said. "The fetus is totally distinct as far as genetics are concerned."

Calhoun believes human life begins at the moment of conception, and therefore, so should human rights. The fertilized egg has a

separate genetic identity from the mother. At this point, the differences between a fertilized egg and human baby "have to do with maturity," he said. "We were all once zygotes and fetuses and matured and developed into the human beings we are today."

Calhoun said pro-choice rights upheld by *Roe v. Wade* are destructive to the value of human life.

Calhoun also attacked the idea if abortion is outlawed, the equality and freedom of women will be denied.

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Carrier

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try to get into the forefront of higher education.

He divulged that one of the proclamations will be to change the name of the financial aid office to something that reflects more positively on the students who receive it. The financial aid programs will not be changed.

Another change Carrier said he is making for JMU is his campaign to get funding for JMU by meeting with state legislators.

"You can't do it unless you're there," he said, adding that when he is present at meetings, the legislators are more likely to feel the effects of their actions toward him and the university.

Carrier said people criticize him for not being visible on campus. He said his absence is due to his fund-raising work for JMU.

"I should spend more time where I have the greatest impact," he said. "If you don't see me, realize I'm out in someone's pocket."

After his speech, Carrier answered questions from the audience.

Kinesiology Professor John Hanes asked Carrier about his values, how he handles compromise and how he feels about being called "political."

Carrier said, "I don't think I've ever compromised myself in being funded." He added he has never been asked to buy a product from a company.

Hanes also asked Carrier about the level of democracy in his decision-making process.

Carrier said if he thinks a decision is right, he makes the decision and doesn't blink. "I never take anything personal[ly]," he said.

Freshman English major Evangeline Schindler asked whether

Carrier had a plan to keep the JMU community close as the campus grows.

Carrier said, "That gnaws on me every day" and said strengthening ties between the various organizations of campus was one way to help.

After the speech and question-and-answer session, some students and faculty commented on Carrier's work within the community and JMU.

Hanes commented, "I think Dr. Carrier gave some excellent case examples of a proactive type of leadership and community involvement."

Junior Matthew Beekman, public administration major, said, "It was very educational to students to see a president who works with the community as a whole rather than just the university."

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He said he believes the equality asserted by this view is sexist.

"To be accepted, women must surgically alter themselves to be accommodated by society," Calhoun said. "This demeans female biology."

The freedom asserted by the pro-choice movement is actually degrading to women, Calhoun said.

"The way you value women is to hold them to their responsibilities," he said.

"It demeans women to say they don't have to be responsible. Women want equal irresponsibility. Men and women should both be held accountable," Calhoun said.

He said he favors laws that force fathers to take responsibility for their sexual actions.

Calhoun also stressed that those in

the pro-life movement must lead with "the love of Christ" and not with anger or violence.

Freshman Chris Neff said, "I thought it was a great speech. He gave conclusive evidence in favor of the pro-life stance."

Junior Gary Marx agreed. "It's important to note that the pro-life stance can be proven by using secular arguments alone. You could use the Christian argument to augment the stance."

Sophomore Laura Bradburn responded to the message of love and reconciliation. "You don't just stick to truth and forget love. We need to be there for the woman."

Sophomore Michelle Moyer said she came into the forum with similar views as Calhoun. "Hearing his reasons made me understand more."

Rape

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reported to local police.

Brzonkala claims that during two campus hearings last summer, Virginia Tech gave preferential treatment to Morrison, who was suspended and then allowed to return to school.

Brzonkala's attorney, Eileen Wagner, argued that Morrison has expressed misogynist sentiments and conspired with others to attack Brzonkala.

The alleged rape "was a carefully orchestrated initiation rite with striking similarities to documented attacks against first-year college

women by athletic team members at schools across the country over the last five years," she wrote.

Morrison's attorney, David Paxton, denied those allegations.

Paxton argued that the Violence Against Women Act "is not intended to create a federal tort claim for every alleged sexual assault or rape against women."

Brzonkala has failed to show she was a victim of a crime of violence motivated by gender rather than a random act of violence, Paxton wrote.

Paxton and Michael Rosman of the Center for Individual Rights, a

Washington, D.C. organization specializing in civil rights and First Amendment cases, also argued that the act itself is unconstitutional.

"Congress cannot rectify state biases by entirely replicating state law," Paxton and Rosman wrote. They said the Supreme Court has taken great pains to avoid giving Congress a national police power.

"If similar acts were taken by private persons . . . Congress presumably could pass national laws covering breaking and entering [as an unreasonable search] and bar room brawls [as cruel and unusual punishment]," they wrote.

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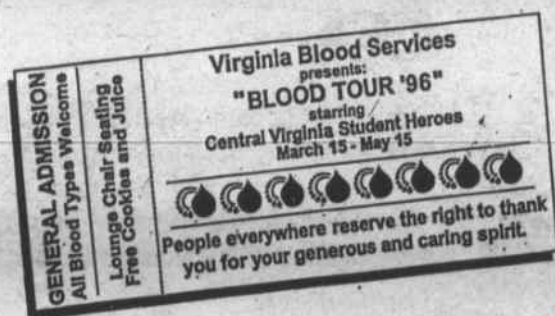
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EDITORIAL



Gambling is never a sure bet

Gambling probably starts with office pools at summer jobs, that 21st birthday celebration in Atlantic City, habitual card games with steep stakes or giving in to a pestering friend and betting a few dollars on the next game. Gambling, though often exciting, is more than just fun and games. It's addictive, dangerous even . . . and it's growing increasingly more popular on college campuses.

According to the October/November 1995 issue of *What! Magazine*, the percentage of young adults who gamble is almost double that of adults. In addition, youths experience a much higher addiction rate. *The Virginian-Pilot* in Norfolk is conducting an investigation of point shaving in high school sports, a scary indicator of the problems next year's college students could bring to campuses.

The dangers involved with gambling include possible depression as a result of losing. In addition, gambling has the potential to cause severe financial problems, especially for students, who often live on a limited income and don't have access to large amounts of money.

A variety of warning signs indicate a gambling addiction at various stages of its progression. Preoccupation with gambling and money itself can result in spending less time in class and poor grades.

Is betting really worth the risk of flunking out of school? Former University of Maryland quarterback Scott Milanovich, a player with obvious pro potential, apparently thought so when he almost gambled away his future. The NCAA suspended Milanovich for half of the 1995 season for allegedly gambling on games.

When money runs out, gamblers often must borrow and then steal to support their habit. They often lie to the people they care about to cover up this high-risk behavior. When an individual finds himself or herself unable to stop betting, the gambling has progressed far enough along to provoke concern.

For many JMU students, these may sound like unrealistic and absurd scenarios, far removed from our protected haven in Harrisonburg. But we all have to realize that for others, gambling has been very much a part of the college experience. Statistically, it's a large problem even in Harrisonburg.

Often, it's an entire group of friends who gamble together, because gambling can be an exciting, adrenaline-laden, social experience. Thrill-seekers and risk-takers, who often spend time with others who have shared attitudes and interests, are most likely to take up gambling. And, because it's so much fun, it's easy to be led astray by others.

Unfortunately, kicking a habit is always much more difficult than acquiring one. For gambling addicts, like all addicts, assistance is needed from friends and family when an individual has hit rock bottom . . . exactly when they are most destructive to themselves and others.

Refer friends with gambling problems to the counseling center or the help hotline, 1-800-GAMBLER, rather than trying yourself to solve the addiction and all of the problems associated with it.

The house editorial reflects the opinion of the editorial board which consists of the editor, managing editor and the opinion editors.

"... the percentage of young adults who gamble is almost double that of adults. In addition, youths experience a much higher addiction rate."



Dart...

A there-isn't-enough-room-in-the-parking-lot-for-the-both-of-us dart to all the students who sit and wait in the commuter lot across from Zane Showker Hall for open spaces in the afternoons. Sometimes you just have to walk a distance in order to park on campus.

Sent in by a frustrated student who gets on campus at 6:30 a.m. and wishes those students would play around with their Matchbox cars rather than the real thing.

Pat...

A huge, slap-sticking, belly-roarin' pat to the members of Cillia for the awesome performance at University of Virginia Thursday.

Sent in by some loyal roadies who would follow Cillia to the end of the earth for a good laugh.

Dart...

A why-don't-you-pick-on-someone-your-own-size dart to the intoxicated frat brother who thinks harassing a 5-foot-2-inch female guest at his house is a good way to prove his manliness.

Sent in by three women who think you should have left the bullying behind in elementary school.

Pat...

A great big pat to April Roberts, SGA, UPB and recreational services for making the April 23 Camp Heartland presentation possible.

Sent in by a student who can't wait to hear those amazing kids living with AIDS speak at JMU again.

Dart...

A have-you-ever-heard-of-a-turn-signal dart to the idiots who zoom down Forest Hill Lane and take a right at Texaco without using one. It is hard enough to go left onto Port Republic Road from there as it is.

Sent in by an advocate of yet another Port Republic Road traffic light.

Pat...

A pat to the only woman running for SGA president.

Sent in by someone who appreciates an original platform that focuses on issues of real importance.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Conference on social work to be held; career fair, workshops available to all

To the Editor:

I want to bring to your attention a conference taking place at JMU March 29. The Social Work Organization and Phi Alpha are sponsoring the Seventh-Annual Social Work Celebration Conference.

Our theme is "The Power of Social Work: Creating a Future for Diversity."

We are extremely excited to have David Bonior, House of Representatives minority whip, as our keynote speaker. He will speak on the role of social work and the profession's future. After his address, there will be time for questions.

The rest of the conference will consist of a career fair and workshops that will address topics relevant to social work, such as affirmative action, violence in public schools, feminism and social work, and working with gay, lesbian and bisexual clients.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. in the Phillips Center Ballroom. Rep. Bonior will begin his address at 8:30 a.m. and the last workshop session will be over at 2 p.m.

I encourage everyone in the JMU community to come to the conference, especially to hear such a distinguished national figure speak.

If there are any questions, feel free to contact me at 574-3437, or by e-mail at EGCHAKMA.

Liz Chakmakian
senior
social work

Finazzo best candidate for president; he stands for a positive future for JMU

To the Editor:

It is the time of year for spring break, frisbee on the Quad and the election of our student body officers. Some of us take this election with a grain of salt; others are much more involved. I am writing this letter to encourage each of you to take a moment out of your busy day and vote for the best candidate qualified for the job of SGA president.

Max Finazzo has worked hard in student government since his freshman year at JMU.

One can see his sincerity and dedication at weekly SGA meetings or in the many *Breeze* articles that mention his stance and opinions on SGA issues.

Max is determined to strengthen the student body through his involvement in several organizations at JMU. We can see his leadership qualities through his association with campus cadets, Campus Assault Response Helpline, Kappa Alpha Order and SGA.

Max can only offer leadership and direction if elected president of SGA. When others complain of the lack of a student voice or campus involvement, I gladly present them Max Finazzo as proof of a positive future for the JMU community.

It is the combination of Max's experience and personal attributes that make him the most qualified candidate for SGA president.

I encourage each student to cast his or her vote for a positive, productive future at JMU.

If this is your personal attitude for student government, then I urge you to vote for the true leader, Max Finazzo.

Matt Beekman
junior
public administration/political science

Miller's ineligibility to swim is biased; NCAA should treat everyone equally

To the Editor:

While this letter is addressed to the editor of *The Breeze*, it would most appropriately be directed to the chairman of the Enforcement Committee of the NCAA.

The recent revocation of eligibility of JMU swimmer Matt Miller is another in a long list of examples of the NCAA protecting athletes at large, high-profile, revenue-producing schools, while those at smaller schools in low-profile sports are given extreme penalties.

Miller, who does not compete at a school generating millions of dollars for the NCAA, was suspended for appearing in *Young & Modern* magazine after his girlfriend entered him in a contest. The NCAA rule governing this matter states that no athlete may appear to endorse a product while being identified as a collegiate athlete.

Miller received no monetary award for his appearance, but is referred to as collegiate swimmer in the magazine. According to the NCAA, the appearance alone constitutes endorsement and a rule violation punishable by ineligibility.

If appearance alone constitutes endorsement, imagine what the NCAA would do in the case of a more serious violation in which money actually changed hands. If recent history is to be any indicator, the answer is: not much.

Consider the following examples. In 1994, members of the eventual national-champion Florida State University football team, the Seminoles, engaged in a shopping spree sponsored by a sports agent at a Tallahassee, Fla., Foot Locker.

More directly related to Mr. Miller's case, 1992 defending national men's basketball champion Duke University starting center Christian Laettner was paid an advance by *Gentleman's Quarterly* to keep a diary of his senior season at Duke to be published at season's end.

Both of the above incidents represent severe violations of NCAA rules concerning agent interaction and athlete employment, respectively.

The only penalty handed down in either case was a limited probation for Florida State resulting in no loss of scholarships or TV privileges. The NCAA did not even open an investigation into the Laettner case.

The common denominator in both examples is the status of the respective schools and the athletes as top performers on the field. Both schools are among the top five in revenue production.

In the case of Matt Miller, as reported in the March 21 *Breeze*, the NCAA cites Miller's appearance in *YM* magazine as "endorsement of a product," and therefore, a violation of its rules, justifying the suspension.

Do profiles of NCAA athletes in such publications as *Sports Illustrated* not constitute the same violation?

Does Christian Laettner's association with *GQ* or FSU's shopping spree not also constitute violations just as, if not more serious, than Miller's so-called endorsement?

Does the fact that Miller is an athlete in a non-revenue-producing sport at a relatively small school in terms of college athletics have anything to do with his suspension?

These questions can only be answered by the NCAA, but it is time for the Enforcement Committee to stop "sending a message" through the smaller schools that never seems to reach the larger schools.

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accounting



Imani failed to interpret intentions; Carter's commentary only one view

To the Editor:

In response to Rev. Nikitah Okembe-RA Imani's critique in Thursday's issue of *The Breeze* of Christopher Carter's "Marching the Wrong Way" column, I feel Imani failed to interpret the intentions of Carter.

Carter clearly states the contents of his article are his opinions and does not expect others to embrace his beliefs. In my opinion, Carter is saying he is against following Louis Farrakhan, not against the purpose of the Million Man March. Carter is perfectly aware that "the march itself represented a unity of black men who share a common ancestry and who share common inequalities..."

Never did Carter mention he was against marching with people of other religions; he was not interested in following a Muslim leader whose beliefs do not coincide with his own.

Imani's argument is irrelevant to the contents of Carter's article. By attacking Carter, Imani demeans Carter's beliefs. Imani neglected to realize Carter's commentary was only one perspective.

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freshman
accounting

Laughing in the face of ignorance

I remember crying myself to sleep because I was one of those kids who never understood why "people didn't like me." In the first neighborhood in which I lived, all the kids collected Barbie dolls or G.I. Joes. My playmates and I would spend our days in the same school and sell lemonade in the afternoon. But then I changed schools and had to start all over again. As time went on, I found I had fewer and fewer good friends.

Guest Columnist

— Melissa Palladino

I was made fun of for lots of stupid things during my later grammar school years, constantly hurt and forced to defend myself by returning insults. I cried if I didn't get my way and was extremely hard on other people. I assumed I would be treated badly by others no matter how I acted toward them, so I angrily looked for bad in other people the same way they obviously saw bad in me.

One day, some kid asked me if my hair was brown and curly from flushing it in the toilet. I responded the same way you probably just did — I laughed. I looked my tormentor in the face and laughed. He could do nothing but ask why. After all, he was making fun of me. And I told him — because it was funny.

I started doing this each time someone insulted me, realizing I didn't need to worry about the things people said to me. I stopped looking at myself as those people made me out to be and began to see my real faults for the first time. I realized I couldn't be rude or hard on people if I didn't want them to be that way to me — the old "do unto others" principle.

Guys were a much different story. I dated my first boyfriend for three months in the winter of my freshman year of high school. I was attractive, at least to someone. During the last month of my freshman year, I met a guy named Jeff. This time around, the relationship was everything a first serious relationship should be. It was a month before he kissed me on the cheek, and two months before our first real kiss. Things progressed pretty slowly for more than a year.

The reason I have delved so far into my ancient love life here is simple, considering the effect Jeff had on my life in the long-run. He was exactly what I needed, when I needed it the most, making me feel beautiful, intelligent and worthwhile.

When we broke up, I cried for months. But I was ready to face my life with a new perspective, for the first time, able to look in the mirror and to like what I saw. I learned the importance of my friends. Although I may not have gotten along with everyone, I no longer had the "enemies" I had in middle school. I was much more considerate of others and soon found that they would return this consideration.

I can't even begin to say how important it is to believe in yourself. One of my close friends at JMU appears to be a self-confident, outgoing person, but his breakup last year upset him, and he said over and over that no one cared about him.

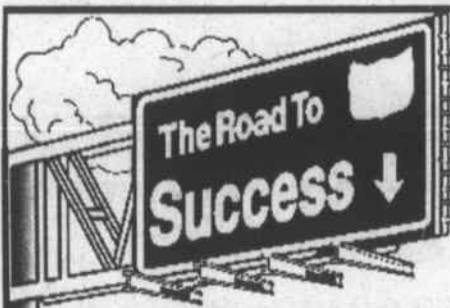
I knew what kind of pain he was feeling; I'd been there. But I also knew he was missing what he should have gotten out of that very strong, long-term relationship. To have a stable relationship, there had to have been something, a lot of somethings, that made the other person care so much about him.

I know I can't go around with a magic wand and make unhappy people happy. But I also know it is possible to turn bad situations into good ones.

Life is too precious to miss out on when you think everyone hates you. If you see something you don't like about yourself, change it. If it is something you can't change or that you see no need to change, then realize it is a trait you have to live with. According to Sally Smith, professor of education at American University, "To build self-esteem, a person has to know his or her strengths and interests, at the same time knowing what he or she has the most trouble with and what strategies help."

While it is wonderful to worry about other people, sometimes the best thing you can do for them is something you do for yourself. The most important thing I ever learned to do is to laugh in the face of anything that stands in the way of myself and my achievements. While I can't say I never cry myself to sleep anymore, I can say that at least now I know how to make the tears more productive.

Melissa Palladino is a sophomore mass communication major.



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Comet takes center stage in night sky

'... it [Comet Hyakutake] is something of an upstart in astronomical circles.'

The stargazer is a slave to the weather. The news tells us something is going to happen in the sky, and then the weather casters tell us it's going to rain. And then it's a hit-or-miss game of whether the weather will happen as predicted.



Fried Eggs

— Rick Thompson

Such is the case of Comet Hyakutake, which for much of the last week has been visible in the night sky just a few degrees away from the handle of the Big Dipper.

According to yesterday's *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, the comet is making its closest pass by Earth tonight about 2 a.m.

But when I checked with WHSV-TV3 on what the weather tonight was going to be like, I found the prospects were dim.

"We're looking at a chance for some evening showers," weathercaster Jen Lesmerises said. She was expecting cloudy skies all night, with more showers in the morning.

But weathercasters have been wrong. So if you haven't seen Comet Hyakutake yet, here's hoping.

Although the comet doesn't look like much more than a smudge of light in a sky full of stars, it still inspires a certain sense of awe. In me, at least.

I've heard here and there this comet hasn't been around this part of the galaxy since sometime before hunters and gatherers plowed up the fertile crescent and became agriculturists. To say the least, that was a long time ago.

It was discovered by amateur astronomer Yuji Hyakutake on Jan. 30 in the skies over Japan, and it is something of an upstart in astronomical circles.

Most astronomers have been focusing their attention on Comet Hale-Bopp, which is expected to make an impressive show for stargazers next spring.

But now that Hyakutake has come along with such a strong visibility, this spring has turned out to be an impressive show for stargazers. Throughout the Northern Hemisphere tonight, telescopes, binoculars and cameras will be pointed at the sky. At the same time, it doesn't take any fancy equipment to see it.

JMU astronomy professor Jon Staib said, "It's nice that it can be seen with the naked eye." He called Hyakutake's appearance "kind of unexpected because it was just discovered in January."

Just in case the weather abates tonight, here's how to find it: start by looking for the Big Dipper, which is a group of seven stars that looks like a huge soup ladle in the sky.

You'll see the three stars that make up the handle form a sort of arc in the sky. Follow your eyes along that arc across the sky just a little, and you'll see a brighter star appropriately called Arcturus. Comet Hyakutake will be above and to the left of Arcturus, Staib said.

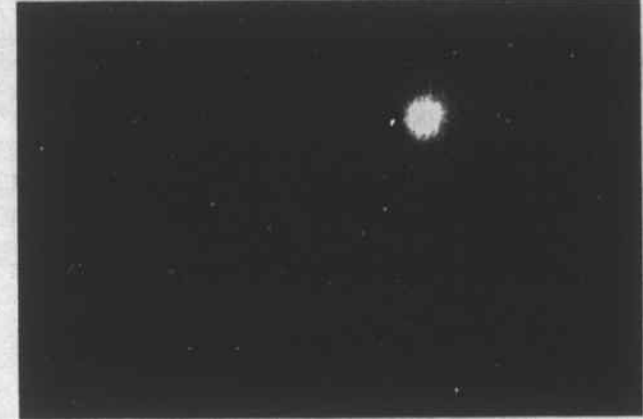
According to *Sky and Telescope*, the comet will look like "a moderately condensed fuzz ball to the naked eye." It also stated this is the brightest comet to pass this close to Earth since 1976.

Of course, to some people, a moderately condensed fuzz ball in the sky isn't terribly important. By tonight, however, this comet is supposed to be as big as or larger than the full moon, so if there's even a small hole in the clouds to see it, I'll be looking for it again.

Perhaps the tails will even be visible tonight. Two tails form as comets pass by the sun; one forms from ice particles melting and trailing off behind the comet, while another forms pointing away from the sun.

This tail is formed from the powerful electromagnetic radiation of the sun. This is referred to as the solar wind, and it carries a layer of dust and ice with it as it blows by the comet.

Seeing a comet with its tail streaming through the sky would definitely be impressive. I've always enjoyed staring at the sky,



RICK THOMPSON/staff photographer

Comet Hyakutake as seen in the skies over JMU.

in fact. I remember once being awakened at 4 a.m. on a West Virginia mountain by dew drops falling off the trees. Through the leaves were some of the most brilliant stars I've ever seen.

Then, this past summer, while sitting on the beach in Nantucket, Mass., I looked up at the Milky Way and its hazy presence in the summer sky. I stared at that sky for perhaps a couple of hours, ignoring the surf not far from me.

So when something like a comet comes along, I pay attention. I went so far as to set up a tripod and a fancy camera lens on Thursday night and take a series of pictures, with enough fortune to have the one appearing with this column turn out.

Of course, taking pictures of the sky takes powerful lenses and tripods and timed exposures, but it's definitely up there, and if the clouds abate you'll definitely be able to see it.

Rick Thompson is a senior mass communication major who wants to be outside tonight if it isn't raining.

Casting a vote to change our ballot habits

Throughout the 1960s, 18-year-olds could fight the physical battles of Vietnam, yet they were precluded from waging their battle of choice at polling booths. Students were old enough to die in national "conflict," yet they were not considered old enough to vote.

The power to vote, now considered the cornerstone of any modern democracy, was finally conferred upon 18-year-olds with the ratification of the 26th Amendment in 1971. The 26th Amendment marks the victorious efforts for enfranchisement.

We have seen a dramatic shift in paradigms since 1971. The 26th Amendment is now viewed as a pleasant historical memory rather than the efficacious conclusion to an ardent battle for youth enfranchisement.

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Following the 26th Amendment, the tone of the 1972 presidential election was dictated by the swell of young voters.

According to MTV's "Choose or Lose" homepage, young Americans were armed with a cause and empowered with a

voice. Policy makers assumed once youth achieved the right to vote, they would exercise it fervently.

Guest Columnist

— Moira McCaffrey

We have failed to satisfy their reasonable expectations. In the last 25 years, we have debased the power of the ballot as the turnout of 18- to 24-year-olds at the polls has steadily diminished. In the 1992 presidential election, 57 percent of individuals aged 18 to 24 never registered to vote.

The homepage states we have failed to adequately represent ourselves at the polls, and we are easily ignored as a consequence.

We have been labeled as apathetic, irreverent, "Generation X-ers" and, given our track record, who are we to say this brand is inappropriate?

We often look down Interstate 66 to the nation's capital and see a political minefield littered with special interests and political action committees.

We see ourselves as penniless students who simply do not belong in the city where lobbyists line congressional corridors and money lines congressional pockets.

As we become disheartened by Washington, D.C.'s, draconian demeanor, we are implicitly undermining ourselves and our power as voters. Collectively, our votes do make a difference.

Moreover, by remaining silent each November, we have none other than ourselves to blame for the encroaching politics of Washington.

Steve Forbes illustrated to the American public that money

can get you pretty far in this society, but not far enough. Since the passage of the 26th Amendment, five of the six victorious presidential candidates have won, due to the firm support of voters under 30.

"Choose or Lose" says we have the power to determine the course that issues confronting our country are going to follow.

As educated students concerned about the future, we are united in many of our passions and concerns. It is our responsibility to exercise our vote and influence the political agenda of this nation.

We are faced with an avalanche of challenging issues. The corridors of Washington hum with balanced budget rhetoric and continued government shutdowns.

It is our responsibility to ensure our voices are heard and our issues addressed.

In the 1991 Louisiana run-off for governor between Edwin Edwards and David Duke, nearly 70 percent of college-aged individuals cast ballots — one of the highest popular turnouts in U.S. history. We have the ability to exercise a voice, take a stand and make a difference.

We cannot repudiate the potential we represent as voters. We must vote to protect ourselves and our futures.

We must vote to protect quality jobs; good jobs are scant.

We must vote to ensure a quality and affordable education — tuition costs are soaring, and grants are plummeting.

We must vote to protect affordable health care; 85 percent of people who do not have health insurance have full-time jobs or live in a household headed by a full-time worker.

We must vote to help save our environment because rivers are dying and acid rain is falling.

Finally, we must vote to ensure we, as citizens, preserve participation as the quintessential element of democracy.

Moira McCaffrey is a junior political science major who would really like to see a good voter turnout in this year's elections.

Making the case for term limits

'More than 75 percent of U.S. voters support term limits for Congress . . .'

Despite losses in the Supreme Court and on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives, the issue of term limits is one that will not go away. The two candidates who most effectively chased Bob Dole for the GOP presidential nomination, Steve Forbes and Pat Buchanan, are both major proponents of term limits. So is Lamar Alexander, who plans to remain active in politics even though his presidential bid failed.

Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kan.) has been capably ambivalent about term limits. This comes as no surprise because he was first elected to Congress while Dwight Eisenhower was president. His tepid support for the most popular political reform measure of this century may be perilous for him.

Nationwide polls taken as recently as January show that Americans support term limits for Congress (and other offices) by large majorities, and this support comes from across the board, regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation or political affiliation.

Democrats, Republicans, Libertarians and independents all support term limits. Only three identifiable groups oppose term limits: incumbent politicians, their staff members and professional lobbyists in Washington and the state capitals.

Virginia's congressional delegation has, regrettably, shown little enthusiasm for term limits.

Professional politicians like Senators Chuck Robb (D) and John Warner (R) and Representatives Herb Bateman (R-1st District) and Frank Wolf (R-10th District) are hostile to the concept of a citizen legislature.

The contrast with Virginia's founders is remarkable. Thomas Jefferson criticized the U.S. Constitution because it lacked a provision for mandatory rotation in office, saying, "Whenever a man has cast a long eye on them [public offices], a rottenness begins in his conduct."

Virginia's founders praised the principle of rotation in office

described by classical political philosophers. Jefferson and James Madison often pointed out that Aristotle felt that rotation in office was a crucial principle of representational democracy, the idea of "ruling and being ruled."

Guest Columnist

— Richard Sincere

Why is this so important? Legislators must always be aware they have to live under the laws they write; the laws they apply to us should also apply to them.

George Washington, who expected frequent rotation in office, assured his fellow Virginians under the new Constitution: "Nor can the members of Congress exempt themselves from consequences of any unjust and tyrannical acts which they may impose upon others. For in a short time, they will mingle with the mass of the people. Their interests must therefore be the same, and their feelings in sympathy with those of their Constituents."

The expectation of Washington, Madison and Jefferson has been perverted and corrupted. Rather than the 50 percent turnover at each election, which was common until 1900, we now have elections in which 90 percent of incumbents win. Rather than statesmen who move frequently between the private sector, state government, Congress and the cabinet, we have long-term professional politicians who stay in one lifetime job.

More than 75 percent of U.S. voters support term limits for Congress, and of those, 82 percent favor three terms in the House and two in the Senate.

Election returns from 1990-1994 show more than 25 million people have voted for these limits in their states, and they will not stand idly by if the Republican Congress overturns their decisions.

The current strategy of the national, grass-roots term limits movement is for the states to call for a constitutional convention to propose a term limits amendment.

This method, developed by Madison and George Mason, is described in Article V of the Constitution.

Although no convention has been held since 1787, the pressure to hold one has resulted in the proposal of two amendments by Congress: one granting women the right to vote and the other providing for the direct election of U.S. senators.

In Virginia, a key legislative player is state Sen. Kevin Miller (R-Harrisonburg), who is chairman of the Senate Privileges and Elections Committee.

Sen. Miller needs to hear from his constituents and term limit supporters from throughout the Old Dominion. Their message should be simple and clear: "We want Virginia to join the call for a constitutional convention. We want term limits for Congress."

If, ultimately, Congress does not heed the will of the people, House Speaker Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.) and his team will learn the hard way that term limits is not a partisan issue. Just as former Speaker Tom Foley and other Democrats lost their seats over this issue in 1994, so will prominent Republicans incur the wrath of the people in 1996.

Still, perhaps Gingrich wants to preside over another two-year Republican majority so the Democrats can take over for another 40 years. How will that look in the history books?

Richard Sincere is the chairman of Virginians for Term Limits.

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Griping about OSCARs 1995

Hey kids, it's Oscar night! Let's hear it for the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences! Booooooooooooo!



**Snake
Oil**

— Chris Klimek

Against my better judgment, I'm going to watch the broadcast. I do not own a television set; I regularly miss the one or so shows I actually like, and I've pretty much kicked the TV habit altogether since coming to college. I've never seen "Friends," never watched a full episode of "ER."

But I am taking time out of my schedule to watch the Oscars. In the words of one of the most deserving recipients of that august award, "Who-waah!" This is not to say I give a duke doggy doggggg about who wins, as long as they are not in any way connected with the obscene propagandistic training film "Apollo 13." It is an extraordinarily rare thing when the academy actually chooses the "best" film (an ambiguous, highly subjective accolade, of course) to honor in a given year. This year's nominees suggest this is not about to change.

"Apollo 13" is the 13th installment in the popular spinoff series from the "Rocky" films, recounting the story of how 108-year-old middle-heavyweight champion Apollo Creed (played by 74-year-old Carl Weathers, in heavy age makeup) befriends a visitor from another world by luring it into his bedroom with Reeses Pieces.

In "Babe," the first soft-core porn flick from the Walt Disney Co.'s new Mousey After Hours subsidiary, a bizarre love triangle between an English farmer, his wife and their wisecracking sheep-pig (the voice of Bruce Willis) threatens to tear apart their provincial village society.

Sonny Bono and Cher contribute their '70s smash single to the soundtrack, also featuring the Once And Future Artist Formerly Known As Prince, And Shall Be Known As Such Again.

Mel Gibson directed "Braveheart," a three-hour revolutionary epic in which two tough L.A. cops are transported through time to 14th century Scotland to prevent Norman King Edward of Longshanks from levying a flat tax on the Scottish people. About 32 seconds prior to his retirement, Gibson's partner is beheaded, sending Gibson on a mission of vengeance.

Hair extensions and severed limbs pile up as director Gibson answers the cinematic question, "What if George Lucas had made "Star Wars" with just the Wookies, Jawas and Ewoks?"

In the Italian production "Il Postino," Steven Seagal plays a former Navy SEAL who, cut off from his Veteran's Assistance benefits, is forced to take a job delivering the mail to exiled Chilean poet Pablo Neruda. When one fateful day the beloved Communist poet tells Seagal ponytails are only for sissies, Seagal challenges him to a thumb-wrestling contest that leaves Neruda crippled and disfigured.

Reconstructing his body from dinosaur DNA, Neruda realizes the error of his ways and devotes the remainder of his life to preventing discrimination against half-lizard,



AMY SANDLIN/senior photographer

The movie theatre at Valley Mall has offered a variety of films in the past year that have recently received Oscar nominations.

half-human exiled communist Chilean poets, while Seagal opens a successful fast-food restaurant called "Burger Slam."

In "Sense and Sensibility," lovingly adapted from Jane Austen's novel, two

sisters are evicted from their dead father's home by his sole heir, their selfish half-brother. Pooling their dowries, the two sisters buy revolvers and a white Caddy convertible and set off on a savage journey across the United Kingdom, leaving mayhem and destruction in their wake. At the end of the movie, they drive the Caddy off the edge of a cliff.

As you can see, this is no Rainbow Coalition of winners. Theories abound about why the same mediocre crop of films are nominated for Best Picture year after year.

Probably the most sensible answer is the nomination process itself. Actors, directors, screenwriters, special effects wizards and all the other categories of movie people nominate and select the winners in their own profession. This means a modicum of expertise informs their choices.

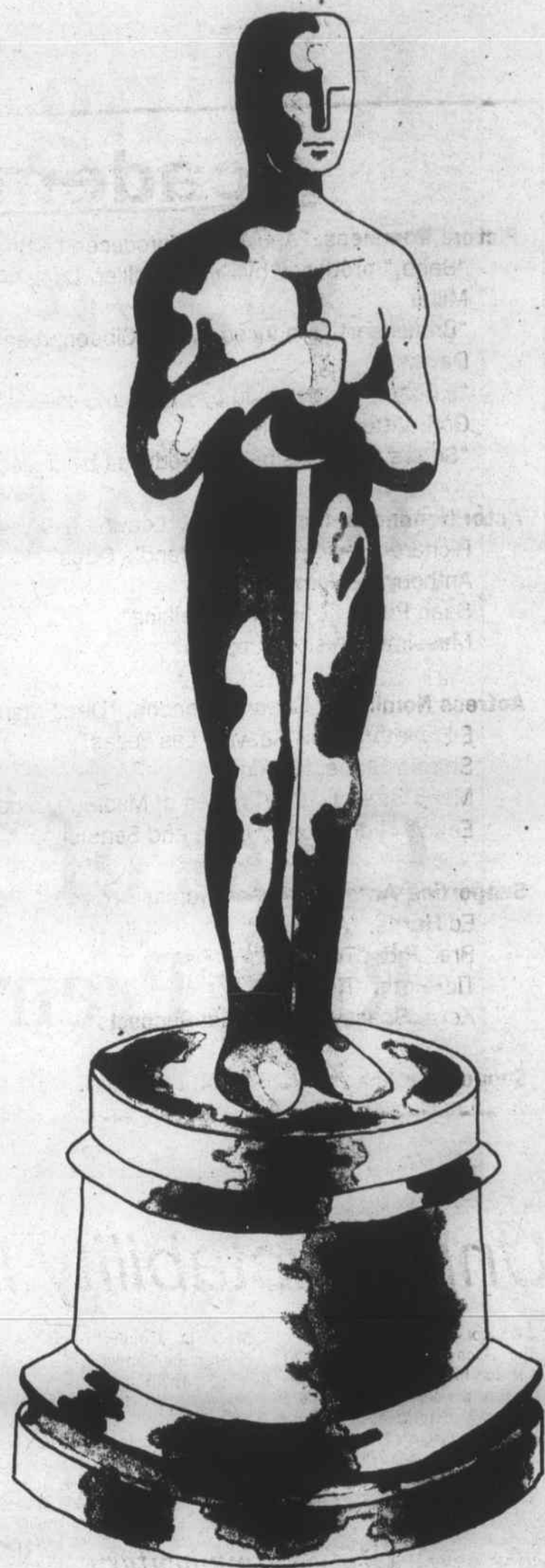
Unfortunately, the entire academy gets to vote for Best Picture, which explains why crummy movies like the Bill Gates biography "Forrest Gump" get the award every year.

For the record, here's my short list of worthy films from 1995 that have been ignored by the academy:

You'll never see a more gripping chronicle of the rise and fall of a rock band than "12 Monkeys," a stunning documentary tracing the downsizing of the original 12-piece new age jazz combo, the Hep Monkees, into the uninspired, cloyingly commercial four-piece that found its way to American TV sets in the late '60s. The most shattering scene comes when Peter Dinklage holds out his bass to Mickey Dole and says, "Tell me what to play and I'll play it. Or play it yourself; I don't care."

Quentin Tarantino's "Heat" unites the formidable acting talents of Al Pacino and Robert DeNiro in a piercing slice-of-life exploration into the cutthroat world of air-condition repair. Tarantino's ear for colorful dialogue fuels his deceptively intricate screenplay, in which these two titanic thespians gab about french fries and foot massages while racing to fix climate control systems in a Los Angeles barrio on the hottest day of the year. Edward James Olmos and Lou Diamond Phillips co-star as a pair of kindly high-school music teachers who help them complete their holy mission.

Oscar, are you listening?



BRYAN KNIGHT/staff artist

Academy Award Nominees

Picture Nominees: "Apollo 13," produced by Brian Grazer
 "Babe," produced by George Miller, Doug Mitchell, Bill Miller
 "Braveheart," produced by Mel Gibson, Alan Ladd Jr., Bruce Davey
 "Il Postino," produced by Gaetano Daniele, Mario Cecchi Gori, Vittorio Cecchi Gori
 "Sense and Sensibility," produced by Lindsay Doran

Actor Nominees: Nicolas Cage, "Leaving Las Vegas"
 Richard Dreyfuss, "Mr. Holland's Opus"
 Anthony Hopkins, "Nixon"
 Sean Penn, "Dead Man Walking"
 Massimo Troisi, "Il Postino"

Actress Nominees: Susan Sarandon, "Dead Man Walking"
 Elisabeth Shue, "Leaving Las Vegas"
 Sharon Stone, "Casino"
 Meryl Streep, "The Bridges of Madison County"
 Emma Thompson, "Sense and Sensibility"

Supporting Actor Nominees: James Cromwell, "Babe"
 Ed Harris, "Apollo 13"
 Brad Pitt, "Twelve Monkeys"
 Tim Roth, "Rob Roy"
 Kevin Spacey, "The Usual Suspects"

Supporting Actress Nominees: Joan Allen, "Nixon"

Kathleen Quinlan, "Apollo 13"
 Mira Sorvino, "Mighty Aphrodite"
 Mare Winningham, "Georgia"
 Kate Winslet, "Sense and Sensibility"

Director Nominees: Chris Noonan, "Babe"
 Mel Gibson, "Braveheart"
 Tim Robbins, "Dead Man Walking"
 Mike Figgis, "Leaving Las Vegas"
 Michael Radford, "Il Postino"

Writing, Screenplay Written Directly for the Screen Nominees:
 Randall Wallace, "Braveheart"
 Woody Allen, "Mighty Aphrodite"
 Stephen J. Rivele, Christopher Wilkinson, Oliver Stone, "Nixon"
 Joel Cohen, Peter Docter, John Lasseter, Joe Ranft, Alex Sokolow, Andrew Stanton, Joss Whedon, "Toy Story"
 Christopher McQuarrie, "The Usual Suspects"

Writing, Screenplay Based on Material from Another Medium Nominees: William Broyles Jr., Al Reinert, "Apollo 13"
 George Miller, Chris Noonan, "Babe"
 Mike Figgis, "Leaving Las Vegas"
 Anna Pavignano, Michael Radford, Furio Scarpelli, Giacomo Scarpelli, Massimo Troisi, "Il Postino"
 Emma Thompson, "Sense and Sensibility"

Unpredictability is clearly the only sure thing

As someone who looks forward to the Oscars as some kind of reassurance his film picks and pans for the year are somewhat justified, I find myself quite ambivalent and frankly a little disgusted at this year's nominees.

First of all, let me state for the record "Braveheart" deserves every one of its 10 nominations.

It is quite shocking that Gibson did not receive a Best Actor nod. But neither did Clint Eastwood for "The Bridges of

Madison County" nor Morgan Freeman for "Seven."

And speaking of "Seven," let's bemoan the Best Picture category, shall we?

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences is obviously quite afraid to take any sort of risk in its nominees, because all of this year's were, with a few exceptions, gratuity nominations.

"Braveheart" is the clear winner, and

"Apollo 13" was expected (and deserved) because the academy looooooves shameless flagwaving.

The other three nominees should have been replaced by other, more deserving pictures: "Sense and Sensibility," "Babe" and "Il Postino" should have been replaced with "The Bridges of Madison County," "Seven" and "The American President."

"Babe" seems to me the academy's choice for the "let's nominate a G film so Bob Dole will get off our backs" category.

Likewise, the late Massimo Troisi's Best Actor nomination for "Il Postino" seems like a sympathy vote; Troisi died 12 hours after shooting was completed.

Despite the close running offered by

Nicolas Cage for "Leaving Las Vegas," Richard Dreyfuss, whose performance in "Mr. Holland's Opus" was the most brilliant of his career, is the clear frontrunner. Ignore the fact that Dreyfuss is my favorite actor.

Several directors were also gypped from nominations well deserved: Eastwood for "The Bridges of Madison County," Ron Howard for "Apollo 13," Rob Reiner for "The American President" and David Fincher for "Seven."

Michael Radford, the director of "Il Postino," probably received his nomination just because he has directed an Italian film with a plot.

And just to make sure the evening goes on a little longer, the academy has divided the Best Original Score

category into Best Original Musical or Comedy Score and Best Original Dramatic. Good, that way John Williams will have a chance to compete with himself. Sheesh.

So unless you're watching for the pretty dresses, Whoopi Goldberg's bad jokes (come back, Dave!) or the inevitable opening montage with Bette Midler or somebody singing the requisite Sondheim tune, you might do just as well to catch the winners in Tuesday's issue of *The Washington Post*. "Braveheart" will win everything, "Il Postino" will win nothing, and Cage will fall to Dreyfuss.

Meanwhile, I'll be looking for Jodie Foster's new dress.

Yowza.



Style Commentary

— Brent Bowles

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Singing past the stormy weather

Leslie Tucker brings her mellow songs and soulful lyrics to listeners at The Office

by Sharon LaRowe
staff writer

Her favorite color as a painter, for now, is sky blue, "the kind you see out on a Colorado ever-expanding landscape." Her favorite artistic period is Impressionism and the Spanish Picasso influence of Pierre Daura.

This is a perfect description for acoustic performing, bluegrass songwriter Leslie Tucker, whose music can be heard on WXPN in Philadelphia and AAA Americana stations, which are smaller bluegrass frequencies. She paints in words, as well as pictures.

Tucker opened Wednesday at The Office for local band favorite Fried Moose.

Chris Bishopp of Fried Moose was happy to have the bluegrass performer warm up the audience.

"I'm starting to find that a lot of bluegrass people you find around here are living room people," Bishopp said.

The outpouring of this informal bluegrass scene has brought out talented performers who started their careers in jam sessions in their own homes.

Tucker is one of them. With a look that could pass for younger, Tucker, 42, has a calming, gentle presence on stage.

Because of that calm influence, Mike



Leslie Tucker (right) sings while in soundcheck with Rob Bullington, of Fried Moose, and Jim Brown, who sat in with her for warm-up. Tucker opened for Fried Moose Wednesday at The Office in downtown Harrisonburg.

Nicolas, owner of The Office, finally left his busy station at the bar to sit down for a few moments and enjoy the music.

"It's a fresh relief to hear, with the sentimental music she plays and the heart she puts into it. Brings memories," Nicolas said. It

was the first time he had joined the audience since the club opened in December.

The calm in Tucker's music has come after the storm.

She has spent the last four years "reorganizing" her life after pulling herself and her four children out of an abusive marriage. Her music has sheltered her through the downpours.

But Tucker's style is hardly sad and stormy. "Her music seems to me like the country, like this area. Sentimental but optimistic and nothing like depression," Thomas Asendorf, a 1988 JMU graduate, said.

Asendorf reasoned Tucker's upbeat musical approach comes from the "close to nature" themes running through her music.

The naturalist touch to her songs is intentional, she said.

"I was a housewife for 14 years, but in recent years I've been involved in some wilderness survival groups," Tucker said.

Her lyrics incorporate her new-found experiences with such outdoor activities as rock-climbing and hiking.

"Many of the principles I have learned in those situations, I have been able to use in my own situation," which called for survival on the homefront, she said.

Tucker doesn't want to dwell on the struggles of her marriage. "I don't because it's wallowing in our past troubles. It's important to learn from them and move on. We need to work for resolving."

Though Tucker began playing the guitar when she was 10 and continued in college, music was not encouraged at home during her marriage.

Discovering resolution in her life brought a return to Tucker's music when she left the

troubled marriage in the Northeast and returned with her children to her hometown of Lexington, where she now resides.

"I have faced up to the trouble," she said with conviction. "Writing was an outlet to rest and think and study the problems we were going [through]."

At 39, Tucker didn't expect to make a career out of the musical therapy. But with the June '95 release of her first album, *In This Room*, by Compass Records, a new label out of Nashville, Tenn., she's proving she can have a job she enjoys.

Tucker's children, a 17-year-old daughter and three sons, ages 14, 12 and 9, "think it's really cool" their mom is a recording artist, according to Tucker.

"I was able to be home with them for 14 years," Tucker said of her support for her children. Now, the roles are reversed, and they support

"Her music seems to me like the country, like this area. Sentimental but optimistic..."

Thomas Asendorf
1988 JMU graduate

her work.

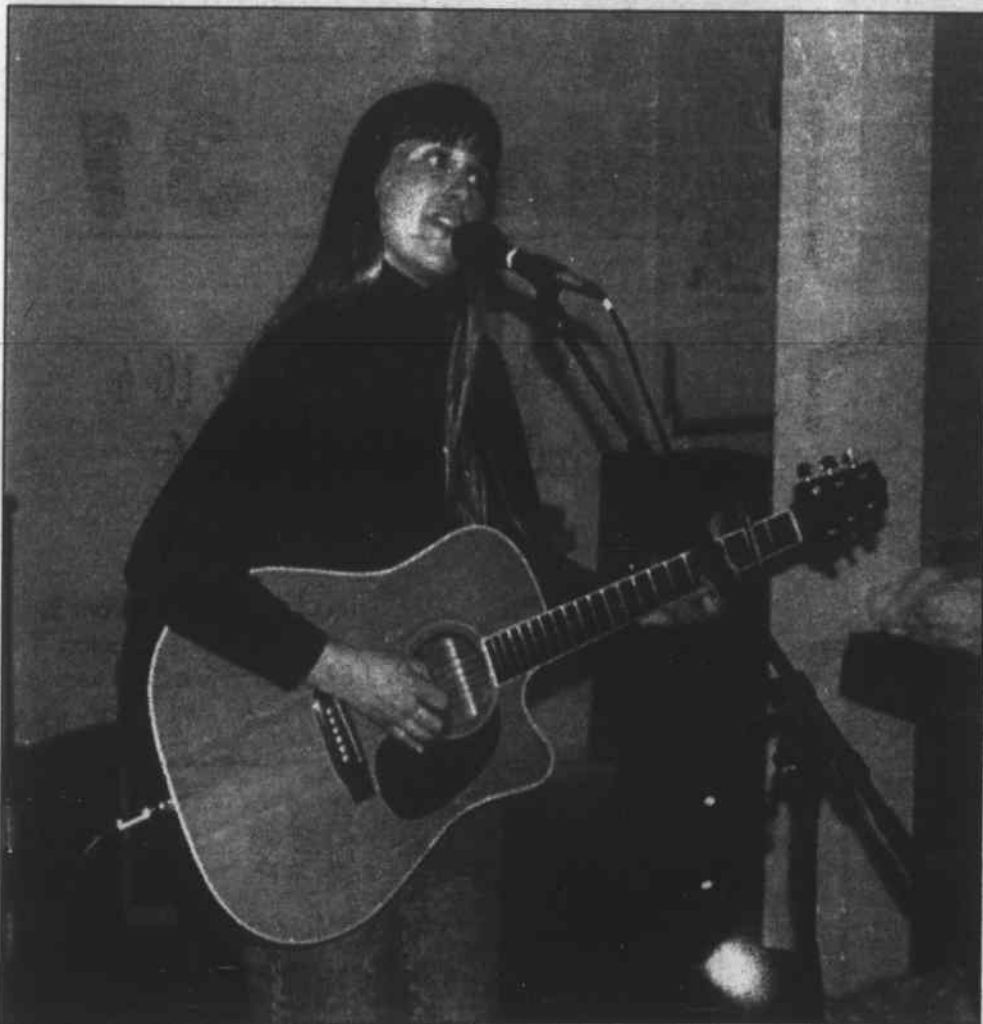
The support of her children is so strong, her daughter sings backup on the cut "Jessie."

Single parenting might prove prohibitive to a performer's life on the road, but Tucker is thankful for her fully integrated nanny who makes it possible. The nanny has become part of the family, even attending such family events as PTA meetings when Tucker is touring.

Tours take her to gigs mostly along the East Coast — to night spots in New York, Alabama and Virginia.

Music has helped Tucker rebuild her life and her family. The song "One Step at a Time" deals with Tucker's resolution of the past.

She said, "We don't know what's gonna happen. It's hard, but we have to keep believing."



PHOTOS BY RICK THOMPSON/staff photographer

Tucker looks into the audience as she sings with her bluegrass style. Her debut album, *In This Room*, was released in June by Compass Records.

THE GREEK PAGE

Greek Week is almost here! ALL are invited to participate in a week of celebrating Greek Life. Here's a list of the week's events:

Time	Sunday, March 24	Location
12:30	Sorority Basketball Begins	Greek Court
10:30	Row Clean-Up (5 members)	Meet at AST
3:30	Fraternity Basketball Begins	Greek Court
	*** Check Schedule to see when your game begins***	
	Monday, March 25	
	All Greek Letter Day	
1:00	Sorority Basketball 2nd Round	Greek Court
2:30	Fraternity Basketball Round 1 cont.	Greek Court
2:30	Sorority Volleyball Begins	Behind DG
4:00	Tray Races	Meet at AST
7:30	Greek Awards Banquet	Highlands Room
	Tuesday, March 26	
1-4	Crest Drawing	Behind DG&SP
2:00	Fraternity Basketball Round 2	Greek Court
3:00	Sorority Volleyball Semifinals	Behind DG
5:00	Food Eating Contest	Front of Chi Phi
	Wednesday, March 27 (Raindate for Crest Drawing)	
1:00	Fraternity Volleyball Begins	Behind DG
5:00	Progressive Greek Social	
	Thursday, March 28	
10-2	Community Service Project	Commons
1:00	Fraternity Volleyball Round 2	Behind DG
3:00	Fraternity Basketball Semifinals	Greek Court
5:00	Doors open for Greek Sing	Godwin Gym
6:00	Greek Sing Begins	Godwin Gym
	Friday, March 29	
1:00	Sorority Basketball Finals	Greek Court
2:00	Fraternity Basketball Finals	Greek Court
3:15	Fraternity Volleyball Semifinals	Behind DG
4:00	All-Greek Cookout	Behind DG, EPLXA
	Feature Band: Agents of Good Roots	
	Saturday, March 30	
11:00	Sorority Volleyball Finals	Behind DG
12:00	Boat Races	Newman Lake
1:30	Fraternity Volleyball Finals	Behind DG
	GREEK GAMES	

For those of you who read last week's Greek Page, you noticed that it was only half a page and only dealt with men's Greek organizations. We're happy to announce that starting today, the Greek Page will deal with the goings-on of both sororities and fraternities. The ladies of Panhellenic would like to announce the following activities for the upcoming weeks:

-There will be a scholarship banquet for women who made the President's list last semester. The banquet will take place on Sunday, March 31.

-Come see ZTA's "Don't Be a Fool" presentation on breast cancer on Monday, April 1 at 7:00 in the Highlands room.

-One in four women will be attacked by a rapist during her college career, and one in seven will be raped.

The Women's Resource Center is sponsoring a "Take Back the Night" march and rally on April 11 at 7:30 p.m. on the Commons. ALL men and women are invited to come and show their support.

Happy 20th Anniversary to the Lambda Sigma chapter of Kappa Sigma!

From Pi Kappa Phi: This is just a reminder that **PUSH Week** is coming up from Monday, April 1 to Friday, April 5. Look for the scaffold in the commons and please show your support for the severely handicapped as your donations are well directed and greatly appreciated. Any questions or comments can be directed to Vince Brigidi at x7451.

Catch the Breeze advertisements for Lombardi Gras, the Alpha Kappa Lambda fraternity and U.P.B.'s fundraiser for the Lombardi Cancer Research Institute. Lombardi Gras will take place on April 14 at Hillside Field and will feature performances from Everything, Slackjaw, J in Mary and Puddleduck. Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 the day of the show. Tickets can be purchased at Warren Campus Center Box Office or from any brother of Alpha Kappa Lambda.

At this time we'd like to encourage university-wide participation in the following fraternity sponsored philanthropies that are taking place within the next month.

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Getting a natural high

Natural Highs promotes having a good time without using drugs or alcohol

story by Robyn Fuller

photos by Rick Thompson

JMU's Natural Highs is growing by leaps and bounds. While many students are searching the phone book for things to do on the weekend, Natural Highs' students enjoy a fun-filled night of excitement and friendship.

Rather than drinking and doing drugs, group members work hard to provide alternatives to weekend entertainment.

Yet, some students still have not heard about the organization's programs.

"I have heard of Natural Highs, but I'm not really familiar with a lot of the things they do," said Kelly McFarland, freshman political science major.

In response to this attitude around campus, Natural Highs seeks to expand its horizons and increase campus awareness by reaching out to students, according to adviser and Substance Abuse Counselor Randy Haveson.

The two-and-a-half-year-old organization is actually an affiliate of a national organization called BACCHUS, which started in 1985.

The name "Natural Highs" is exclusive to JMU and was chosen to

give JMU's chapter originality and decrease negative connotations sometimes associated with BACCHUS, such as strict opposition to drinking and partying.

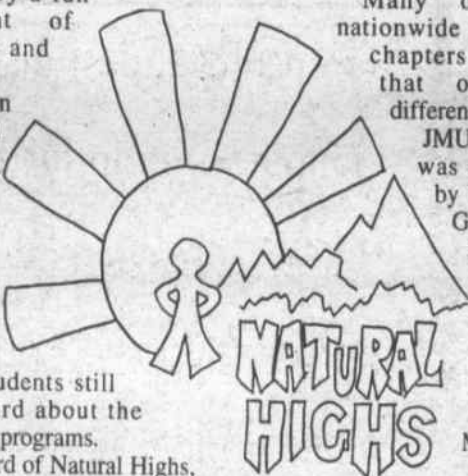
Many other schools nationwide have their own chapters of BACCHUS that operate under different names.

JMU's Natural Highs was started in 1993 by Haveson, Nancy Grembi of the Health Center, Julie Wallace of University Recreation and Rick Hill of Interfaith Campus Ministries.

Originally, the organization had only five administrators and five students.

Growth has been astounding since then, according to Haveson. The increase is related to growing student awareness and a need for such an organization on campus. Students need a place to go and have fun when partying gets old, Haveson said.

Haveson supervises a five-member student advisory council. Sophomore David Gellis, events coordinator and advisory council member, approximated attendance at a general interest meeting last semester at "around 100 to even 150



(Clockwise from top left) Junior David Baker, sophomore David Gellis, assistant adviser Andrea Safstrom, senior April Williams and graduate student Lori Pyle take a break from their Frisbee game.

students." Natural Highs also maintains a mailing list of about 700 students. Haveson said interest is definitely "the greatest ever."

Senior April Williams, secretary of Natural Highs, said, "Many have shown an interest. We just need to get our name out there and let people know we exist."

Haveson and several students want to point out there are alternatives to drugs and alcohol. Haveson and the members of Natural Highs are on a mission to offer such

alternatives to the JMU community.

"I am here to help solidify things. I don't really do much," he laughed. "Ninety-nine percent of the work is done by the students."

Natural Highs seeks to provide sober entertainment on the weekend. By sponsoring and co-sponsoring events with other organizations and residence halls, its ultimate goal is to offer "ways to have fun without getting wasted," Haveson said.

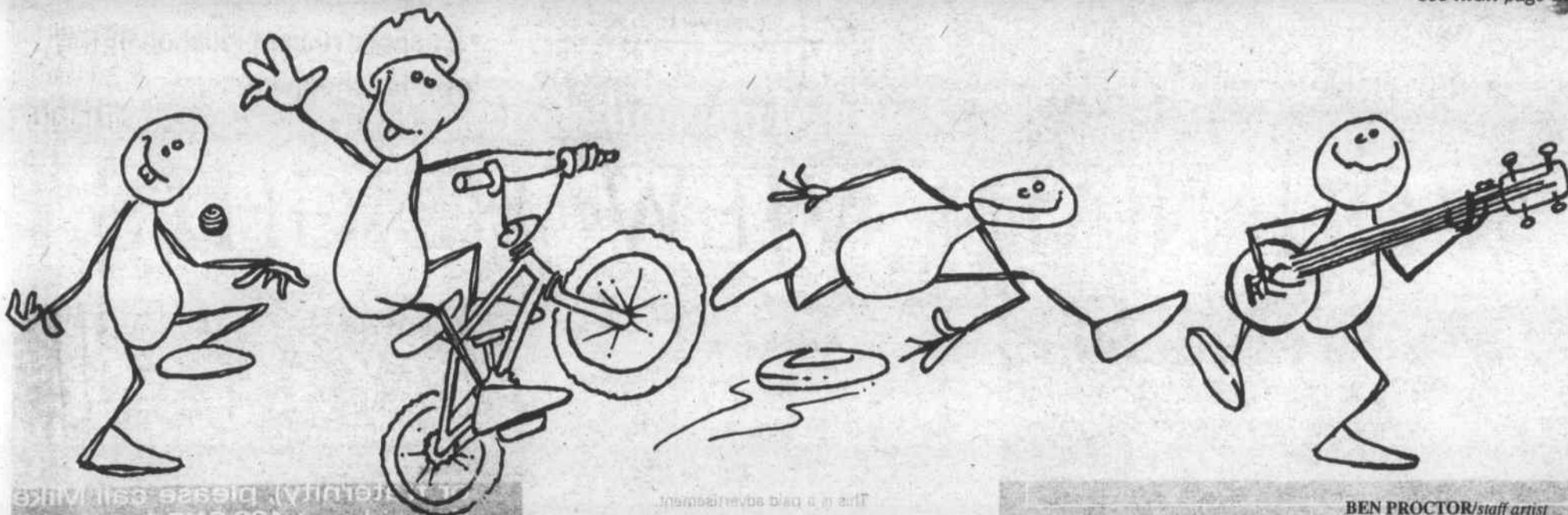
But Natural Highs is not anti-alcohol, anti-partying or anti-

anything else that is a part of college life, Haveson said.

The members do not want to preach to their peers, spout statistics or condemn students for just wanting to have fun. They are there to provide other options — and nothing more.

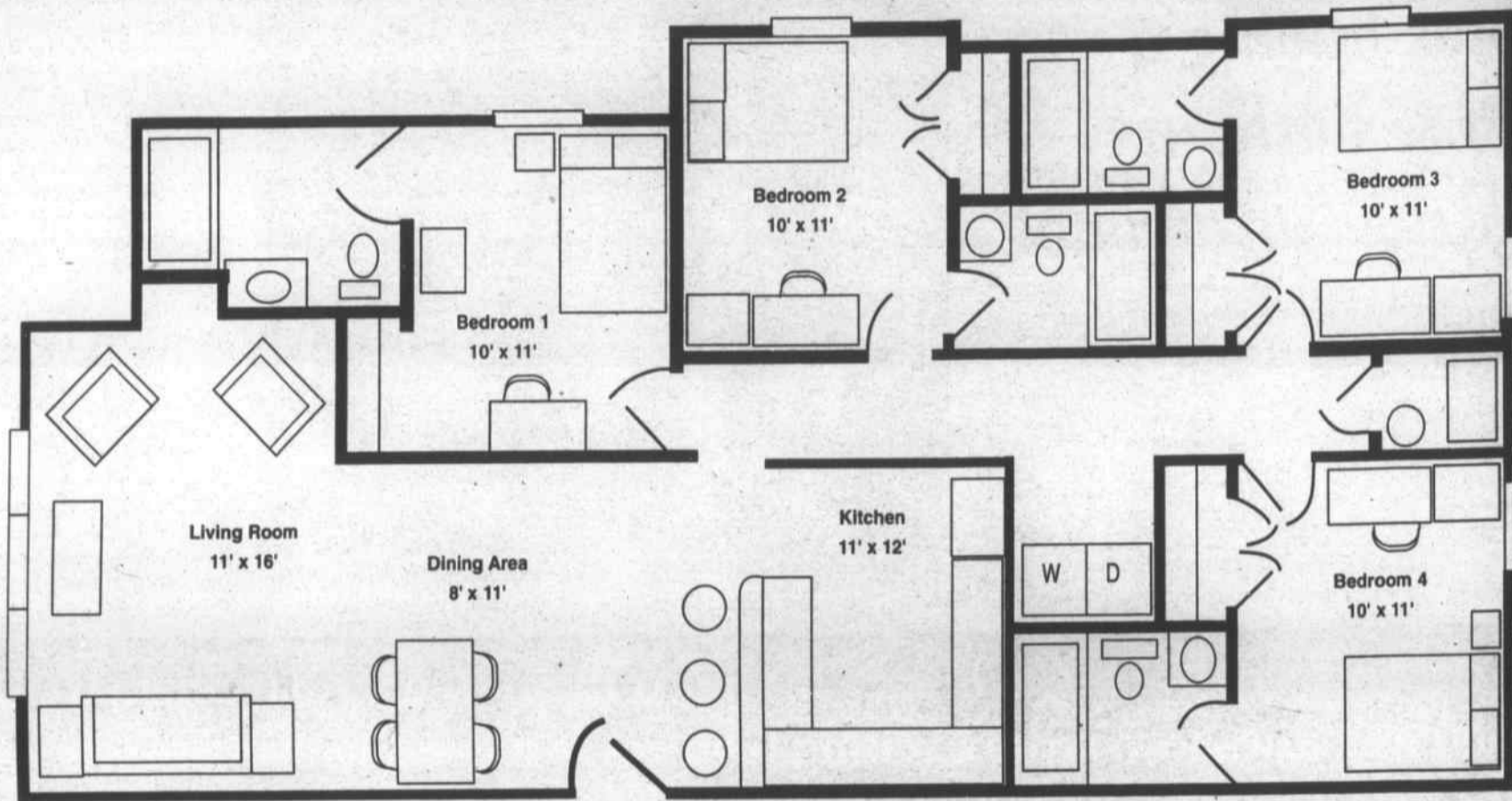
"We are not against partying," Haveson said. "Go out on Friday, have fun, party. But on Saturday, if that's not what you want to do, come to us, and we will provide for you a

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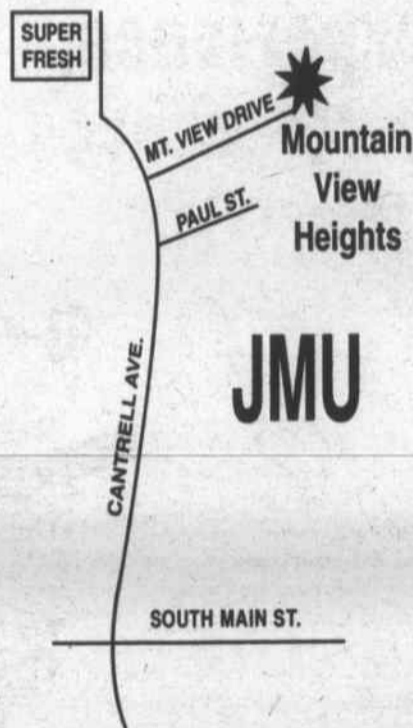
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safe, fun alternative."

Natural Highs sponsors a variety of activities to involve all types of students. Dances, a trip to a local pumpkin patch on Halloween, a

campuswide Super Bowl party and a "Whine and Cheese Party" during finals week are some of the activities the group held this year.

Group members are also trying to expand into education. Freshman

Kara Couch, a member of the advisory council, is one of nine Natural Highs members who is a part of this expansion.

Couch said the group is being called Student Alcohol Educators.

She said a need has been made evident for this branch of Natural Highs, and the members are responding with actions to meet this need on campus.

They will soon sponsor round-

table discussions within residence halls and other organizations which might have a growing need for further alcohol abuse education.

Even though Natural Highs is constantly growing, it still has some goals to accomplish and always welcomes new members, Haveson said.

"We are an open, diverse group. We have freshmen to seniors, SGA members, resident advisers, and we'd like to open the program up to attract others, like athletes and Greeks," he said.

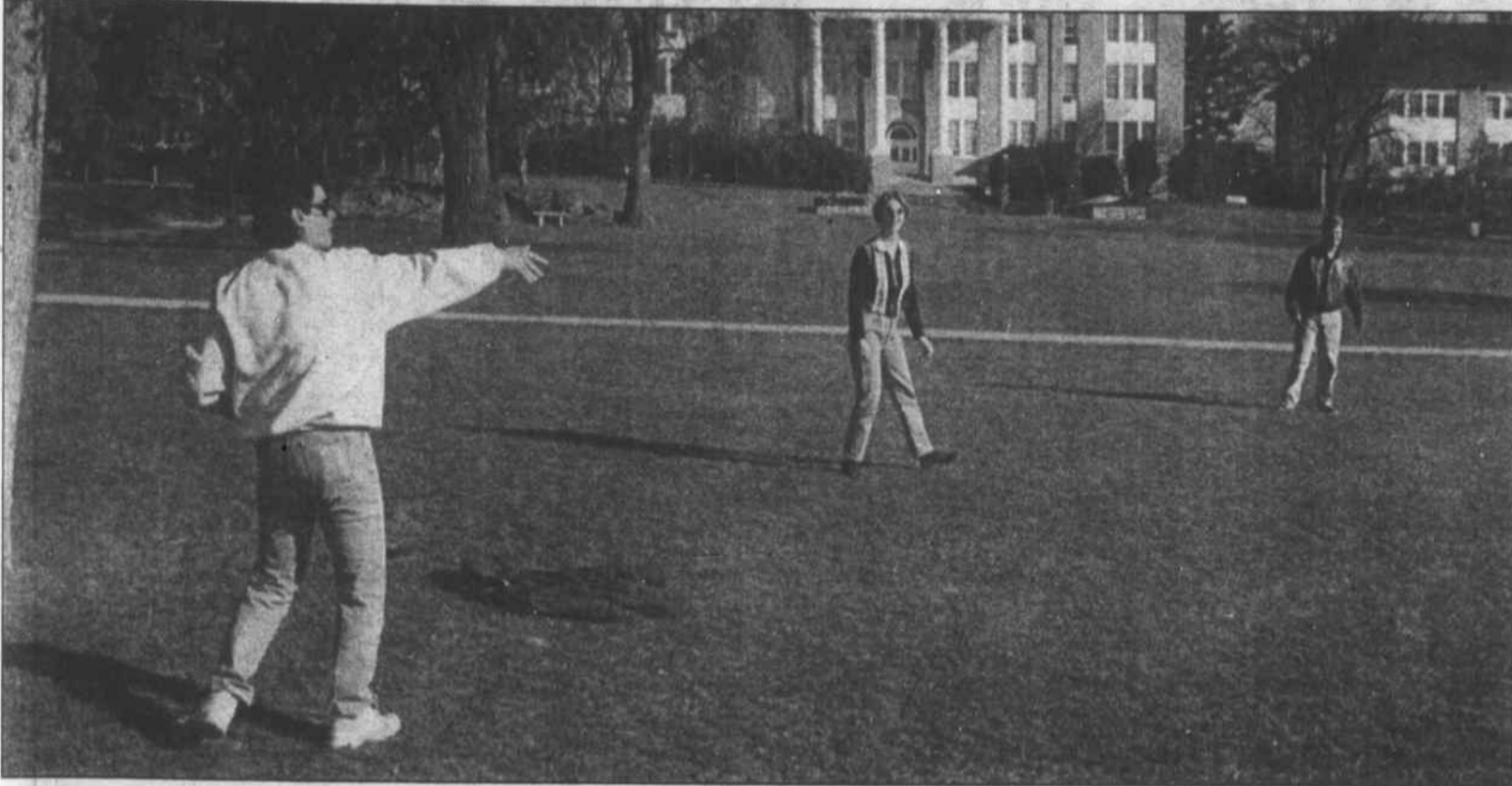
Upcoming Natural Highs events include a Cartoon Lock-In in McGraw-Long Hall, a general interest meeting and ice cream social and a Natural Highs JMU Skate Night at Skatetown USA.

The group is planning a frisbee golf tournament and a picnic for the end of the semester. Haveson urged the JMU community to come to these events.

According to Haveson, students on campus have a choice. If they do not wish to drink, Natural Highs is there to provide alternative ways of having a good time.

"We have shown a need for Natural Highs, now we need involvement."

Round-table discussions can be set up by calling Brian Hughes at X4486. For further information on upcoming events, contact Randy Haveson at X6552.



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JMU Substance Abuse Counselor Randy Haveson follows through his Frisbee toss while Andrea Safstrom and David Baker look on.

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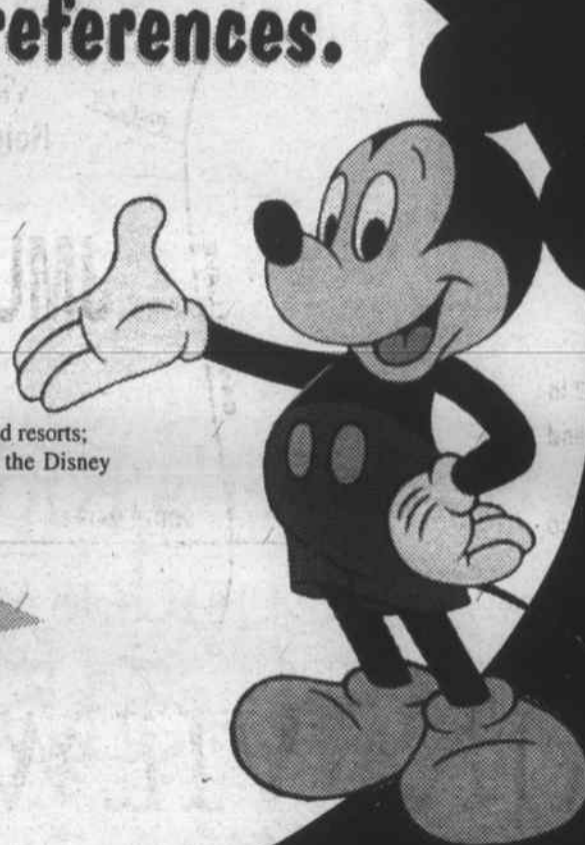
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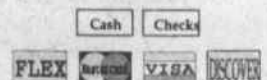
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2. Who was the first woman to be depicted on a U.S. coin?
3. What Cuban born woman served as a spy and blockade runner in the battle of Bull Run in July of 1861?
4. Who is the woman credited for inspiring the modern feminist movement because of the book she wrote in 1963?

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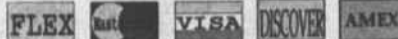


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SPORTS

Second-half rally propels Loyola past Dukes

by Tricia Liles
contributing writer

After taking a commanding 7-4 lead in its match against Loyola (Md.) College, the No. 4 JMU lacrosse team fell apart at the seams late in the second half en route to an 8-7 loss to the Greyhounds Saturday at Reservoir Street Field.

"We got nervous with the lead," JMU head coach Jennifer Ulehla said. "Loyola came back hard and capitalized on our minor mistakes."

Loyola (Md.)	8
JMU	7

With 17 minutes remaining in the contest and JMU holding a three-goal lead, Loyola head coach Diane Aikens asked for a timeout to alter her team's strategy.

"We wanted to go at [JMU] hard and get possession of the 'gut balls,'" Aikens said.

The seventh-ranked Greyhounds responded by scoring the next four goals of the game and eventually tied the score at 7 on a goal by junior Erica Attonito with 10:43 remaining.

Attonito wasn't finished, though. With 1:32 left on the clock, Attonito gained control of the ball, spun around a couple of JMU defenders and fired the Greyhounds' game-winning goal into the back of the net.

"We were neck-and-neck coming



IAN GRAHAM/senior photographer

Sophomore Lindsay Manning makes a pass in Saturday's match at Reservoir Street Field. Manning finished with one assist in the Dukes' losing effort.

into this match," Aikens said, "but we gained control during the second half. We gutted it out and got the break."

But the Dukes still had a chance to tie the score before the end of regulation. In the game's final seconds, the referee called a penalty

on Loyola that gave the Dukes hope, but freshman attack Megan Riley's shot wasn't good enough to beat Loyola goalkeeper Erika Schaub.

Ulehla said, "We broke down during the last 10 minutes. We didn't play like smart lacrosse players."

Senior defender Lellie Cherry

agreed with her coach, but believed the Dukes were still in a position to win after losing the lead.

"There were some miscommunications in the midfield," Cherry said, "but we stayed positive, and never gave up."

Throughout the first half, the lead

switched hands several times, and the teams went into halftime tied at 3.

The Greyhounds came out of the break to take a 4-3 lead with a goal off a penalty shot by junior co-captain Kerri Johnson.

The Dukes responded by scoring four unanswered goals to take a 7-4 advantage over the Greyhounds.

Riley scored the Dukes' final goal by scooping the ball past Schaub with 17:03 on the clock.

Riley's goal was made possible by a lob pass from senior midfielder Caryn Habay that went to senior midfielder Jen Gicking, who relayed the ball to Riley for the score.

Junior attacker Shelley Klaes led the Dukes with two goals to increase her season total to 12, while freshman defender Rebecca Tweel, freshman midfielder Jenn Ball, sophomore midfielder Aimee Vaughan and Gicking each added one goal.

Senior goalkeeper Meg Cortezzi had 10 saves for the day, including several in the second-half.

Schaub recorded five saves for the Greyhounds.

For the game, the Greyhounds outshot JMU 24-19.

The loss, which snapped a four-game win streak for JMU, dropped the Dukes to 4-2 overall and 1-1 in the Colonial Athletic Association.

"This is a match to learn from and move on," Ulehla said.

The Dukes next face CAA-rival Old Dominion University on March 27 in Norfolk.

Men's gymnasts place second in state

Tribe beat JMU by .075, earns 22nd-straight state title

by Jerry Niedzialek
staff writer

The JMU men's gymnastics team will have to wait at least one more year.

A win over the College of William & Mary March 17 gave JMU confidence that it could break the 21-year dominance of the Tribe in the three-team Virginia State Championships.

But that was not the case, as JMU's fate was in the hands of the judges. As a result, the Dukes lost to W&M by less than one-tenth of a point Sunday at Sinclair Gymnasium, 219.150 to 219.075.

Radford University finished a distant third with 138.050 points.

"We gave it our best effort today," JMU head coach Roger Burke said, "but today it just wasn't enough. We train to achieve our best overall effort. Today it happened, but we just happened to fall .075 short."

JMU was led by sophomore Randy Frederick, who won the Virginia State Championship top scorer's honor with a combined score of 54.900 points.

Frederick also qualified for the finals in all six events. His top finish on the day was a second-place finish in the floor exercise, scoring a 9.45.

He finished in a tie for third on the parallel bars, fourth in the vault, tied for fifth on the still rings, sixth on the horizontal bar and seventh on the pommel horse.

"I'm very pleased with everyone's effort today," Frederick said. "We simply fell short, with William & Mary pulling it off in the end."

W&M was led by senior Ben Auzenne, who finished the competition second overall with a score of 54.750, and sophomore Jeff Hitner, who totaled 53.700 points.

JMU junior co-captain Chris Golden also contributed a fine performance, compiling 54.375 total points.

The highlight of the day for Golden came on the still rings, when he put in a near-perfect performance, receiving a 9.825 from the judges.

Freshman Tim Bulleri received a 9.400 in the floor exercise en route to a quality effort, in which he compiled 50.450 points for the day.

Sophomore Greg Bosch finished third for the Dukes with 52.800 points.

Bosch put in a quality effort in each event, with his best coming on the still rings, for which he was awarded a 9.4.

"Everyone was very consistent today," Bosch said. "We knew it was going to be tough, but if we just did our thing, we would be all right. This was the biggest meet of the season for us, and not coming away with the win is disappointing. What a heartbreaker."

It was such a heartbreaker, in fact, that the Dukes were leading going into the last event but couldn't hold on for the victory.

The event that proved to be the Dukes' Achilles heel was the highbar, which was the competition's final event. In this event, the Tribe gained nearly an entire point on JMU, to move in front of the Dukes.

"It was a great meet today," Burke said. "To have everybody work that hard and have the score that close was exciting."

W&M head coach Cliff Gauthier also commented on the anxiety and anticipation of the outcome, which wasn't known until after the competition had ended.

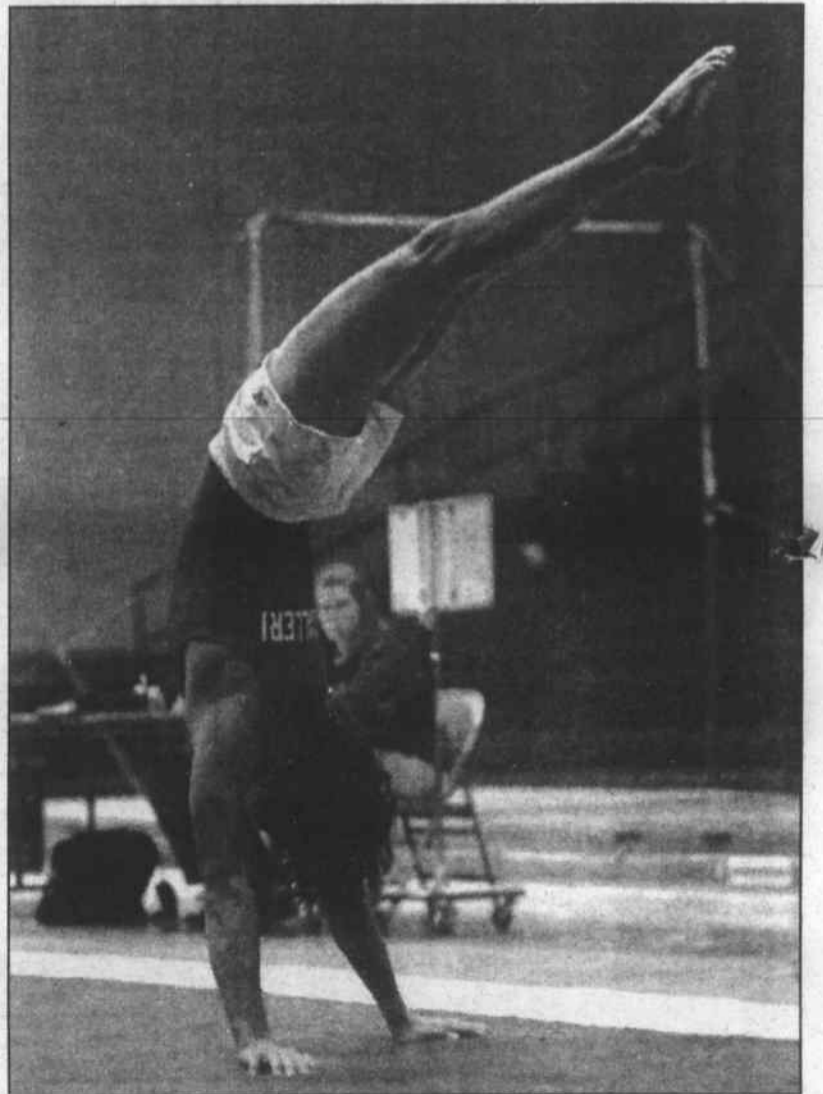
"You can't get any closer than that," Gauthier said of the final score. "It was an exciting meet, and I'm pleased with our performance. We competed as a team and didn't worry about anything as individuals."

The victory extended W&M's state championship win streak to 22 years in a row, allowing the Tribe to hold the honor for at least one more year.

"This was our major goal of the season," Gauthier said. "We did what we wanted to do, but not without a very fine performance from JMU. They have a well-coached, young team and have come on strong."

The meet looked as if it could have gone either way, but the Dukes just did not get the nod from the judges.

"I am disappointed with the outcome today because I thought we won," Golden said. "The effort was there, and I thought we did our best."



IAN GRAHAM/senior photographer

Freshman Tim Bulleri performs his floor routine yesterday at the state championships in Godwin Hall. Bulleri finished fourth.

An open letter to the JMU Community...

Recent events at JMU demand an explanation. It seems that Ron Carrier has decided to reward and possibly mimic the outrageous behavior of groups like the Northern Virginia Business Roundtable, multimillionaire businessmen, and other college presidents.

Some may say that Northern Virginia developer "Til" Hazel deserves much praise for his efforts to torpedo our Governor's efforts and for his demands to raise our taxes in the Valley to finance new road construction up North; but few of those delivering the praise live in our Valley.

Does Ron Carrier support the goals and objectives of Hazel's Northern Virginia Business Roundtable? Why did he provide a platform for Hazel to deliver a speech at JMU's opening day events last year? Could it be that Ron Carrier has lost touch with the concerns of the average citizen of the Valley? Does he really support higher taxes? Does he repeat the mantra of wealthy businessmen who have personal fortunes to amass at taxpayers' expense? Does he believe that we must pay higher taxes locally to support growth in Northern Virginia?

George Johnson (president of George Mason University) spent more than \$100,000 of our tax money to ensure his leadership in the Northern Virginia Business Roundtable - a role where he wielded tremendous political power and reportedly called your elected officials sheep and goats. Maybe spending more than \$100,000 of the taxpayers' money to manipulate the state political process for the direct benefit of GMU is just fine with the taxpayers. But when a state auditor says "the impression is the University is funding and endorsing the actions of a group of private, corporate officials, organized to develop a political platform," what is the average citizen to think about that institution's leader?

Is Ron Carrier providing space, money, danish, etc., for his own version of the roundtable? Last week a group of local business executives met at JMU to discuss the future. In a newspaper article, Carrier was careful to mention that JMU had no intention of controlling the meetings. Right! I would suggest to local businesses that JMU is a state agency and when a state official says, "Hi, we're from the government and we would like to help," business leaders should think twice. Now if your business is on the gravy train and being paid by JMU for goods or services, none of us citizens will think less of you for joining. However, when this self-anointed local business group starts making demands and pronouncements in a political fashion, the citizens should remember George Johnson and his roundtable agenda. Could it be that our local version of the roundtable will send demanding letters to our local politicians as the one did at GMU - on university letterhead? Will we hear rumblings from Wilson Hall about the braying and bleatings of our local politicians?

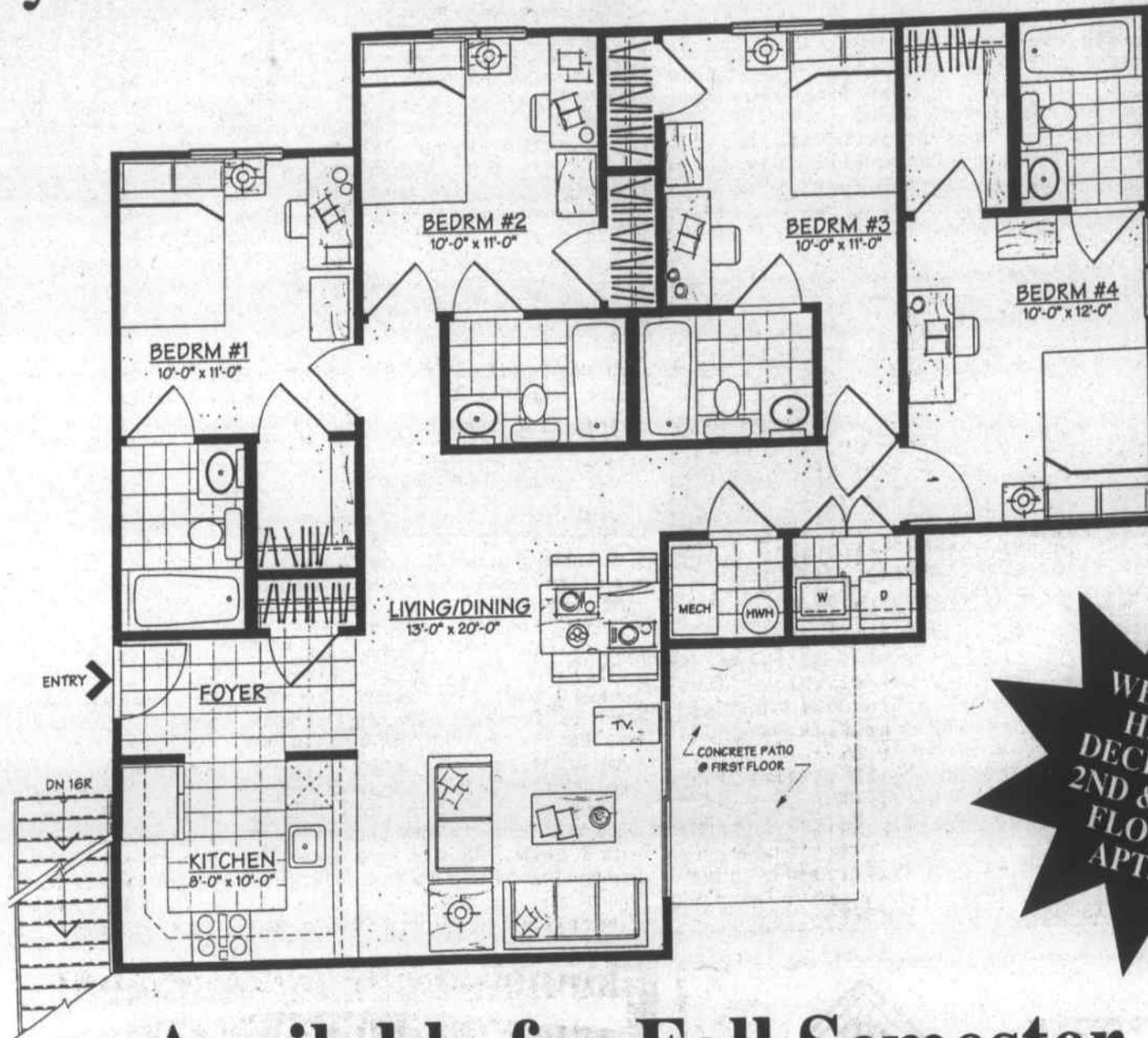
More questions. Why would Ron Carrier give outgoing GMU President Johnson a platform to speak at the JMU Founders Day event? Does Carrier admire Johnson for his crafty ways of mispending tax dollars? Did he want to hold Johnson up to the assembled faculty and students as the ideal college president? Does Ron Carrier want to set up the same sweetheart deal for his exit that Johnson has? How about a Patriot Services Corporation for JMU ... with Ron Carrier as its CEO. With none of the strings normally attached to the spending of our hard earned dollars by the state. With no Freedom Of Information Act, and no safeguards concerning personnel, procurement, or conflict of interest. What a deal! Why we would even guarantee sole-source procurements for anything through the new corporation.

It is obvious that a surrealistic alliance has developed between some business leaders and our University presidents. The University leaders spend our tax dollars and the businessmen benefit. In hours of transcripts of Johnson's Roundtable meetings, reporters found few if any discussions about academic standards or quality. The talk focused on money, our tax dollars, and how to spend it. There was little discussion of faculty, research, students, or parents. My concern is that the lack of interest in real education at the top will eventually filter its way down to the faculty. We could see entire areas of thought banished for trivial reasons and start the demolition of higher education in Virginia.

When our institutional leaders have forgotten the sacred trust granted to them by the taxpayers to lead, when they believe that spending billions in taxpayers dollars with no personal risk establishes their credentials as fortune 500 executives, when they enter into the political debate as state employees, when they live as multimillionaires with servants, chauffeurs, cooks, photographers, and resort homes, and when they forget that educational quality is all that really matters ... it is time for them to go.

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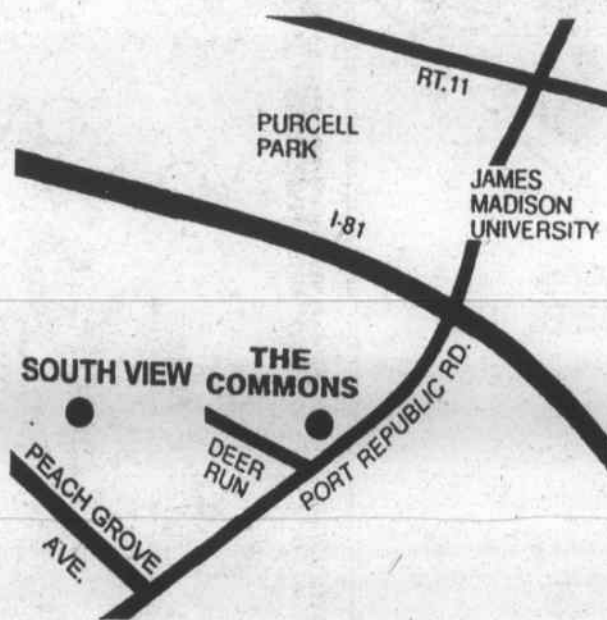


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Sports Highlights

MEN'S TENNIS

ODU snaps JMU's streak

The Monarchs blanked the Dukes 7-0 Saturday in Norfolk, halting JMU's winning streak at three matches. The Dukes, whose record fell to 6-6 with the loss, will look to rebound with a home match against University of Richmond March 28 at 2:30 p.m.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Singles

Valor, ODU, d. Dewindt, JMU, 6-3, 6-2
 Ross, ODU, d. Rowe, JMU, 6-3, 4-6, 6-4.
 Varverud, ODU, d. Lisack, JMU, 6-3, 6-3.
 Novoseletsky, ODU, d. Faigl, JMU, 6-4, 6-0.
 Kohler, ODU, d. Nelson, JMU, 6-0, 6-1.
 Tadayon, ODU, d. Harper, JMU, 6-0, 6-4.

Doubles

Valor-Ross, ODU, d. Dewindt-Rowe, JMU, 8-1
 Varverud-Kohler, ODU, d. Lisack-Harper, JMU, 8-3
 Novoseletsky-Tadayon, ODU, d. Nelson-Bartlett, JMU, 8-6.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Dukes split weekend matches in Blacksburg

JMU rebounded from a 7-2 loss versus Virginia Tech March 22 with a 7-2 win at the expense of Furman University

Saturday. Both matches took place in Blacksburg, and the Dukes returned home with a 3-5 record going into Sunday's clash with University of North Carolina.

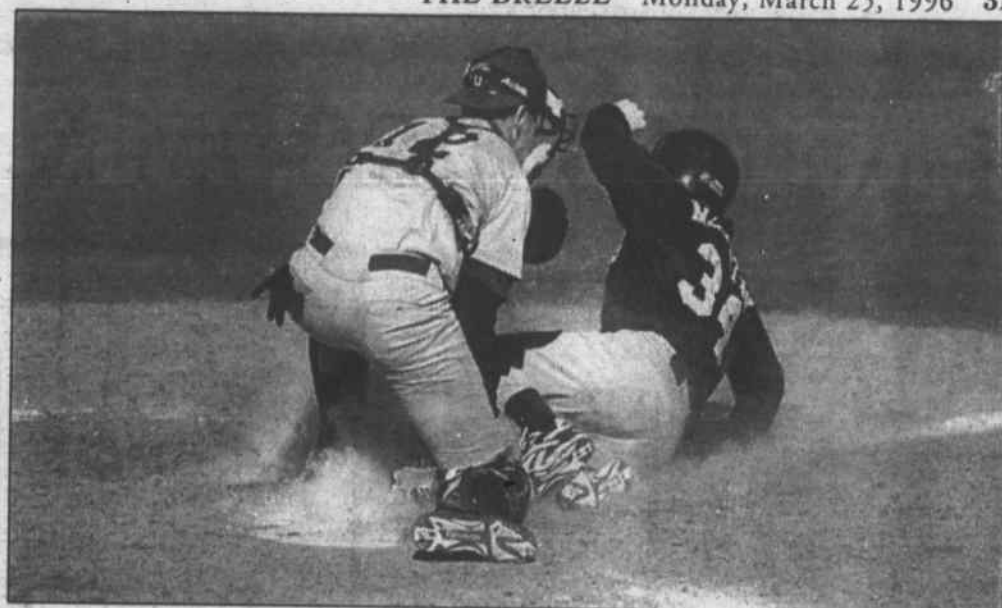
The Dukes got quality results from the play of their doubles teams. JMU's No. 1 team of Junior Tory Schroeder and sophomore Karen Piorkowski went 2-0, with a 9-8 against the Hokies' No. 1 doubles pair and 8-6 against their Palladins' opponents. The Dukes' No. 2 team, seniors Meredith Jamieson and Katie Piorkowski, also won both their doubles matches by scores of 8-4 and 8-6. Sophomores Dawn Jessen and Jaime Marlowe registered an 8-2 win Saturday.

JMU's singles winners against Furman were Schroeder (2-6, 6-4, 6-1), Jamieson (6-1, 6-2), Jessen (6-1, 6-4) and freshman Chrissy Travios (6-4, 6-1).

WRESTLING

JMU reps suffer defeat in NCAA first round

The Dukes three wrestlers who qualified for the NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships — juniors Doug Detrick, Doug Batey and Pat Coyle — lost their respective first-round bouts March 22 in Minneapolis. Because the championships are run in a double-elimination format, each JMU wrestler had a second match Saturday night. Look for results in the March 28 issue of *The Breeze*.



FILE PHOTO

JMU sophomore catcher Bob Smoker blocks the plate successfully as a Villanova runner is gunned down on the way home in a game earlier this season.

Dukes swept by Rams in weekend series

from staff reports

JMU's eight-game winning streak came to an abrupt halt this weekend, as Virginia Commonwealth University swept the Dukes to win its first-ever Colonial Athletic Association three-game series.

Sunday, the Rams completed the sweep by downing JMU 6-5 in an 11-inning contest.

The Dukes (14-9 overall, 3-3 CAA) took a 5-3 lead in the top of the seventh inning when senior Juan Dorsey and sophomore Greg White both drove in runs. VCU (19-9 overall, 3-0 CAA) tied the score in the bottom of the ninth when junior Cordell Farley hit a two-run single.

The game stayed tied until the 11th inning, when VCU junior Anthony Linhardt led off with a single, followed by a double by freshman Brandon Inge that drove in the game-winning run.

Inge picked up the win for the Rams in relief

and improved his record to 2-0. In the series, Inge notched two saves, a win and a game-winning RBI.

Dorsey led the Dukes, going 3-for-5, with two RBI.

Saturday, the Rams won both games of the doubleheader by defeating JMU 6-2 in the first game and 6-4 in the second game.

Rams senior Mike Ketterman, who started and pitched eight innings of the first game, surrendered only two runs on four hits, while seven VCU players recorded at least two hits apiece. The Dukes were led by junior Macey Brooks, who was 2-for-3 with two RBI.

In the second game, VCU freshman Matt Burch pitched five-and-one-third innings of the seven-inning contest to improve his record to 5-3 for the season. Brooks was again 2-for-3 with two RBI to lead JMU.

The Dukes return home to face Georgetown University March 26 at 3 p.m.

Calendar of Events

March 25 - March 31



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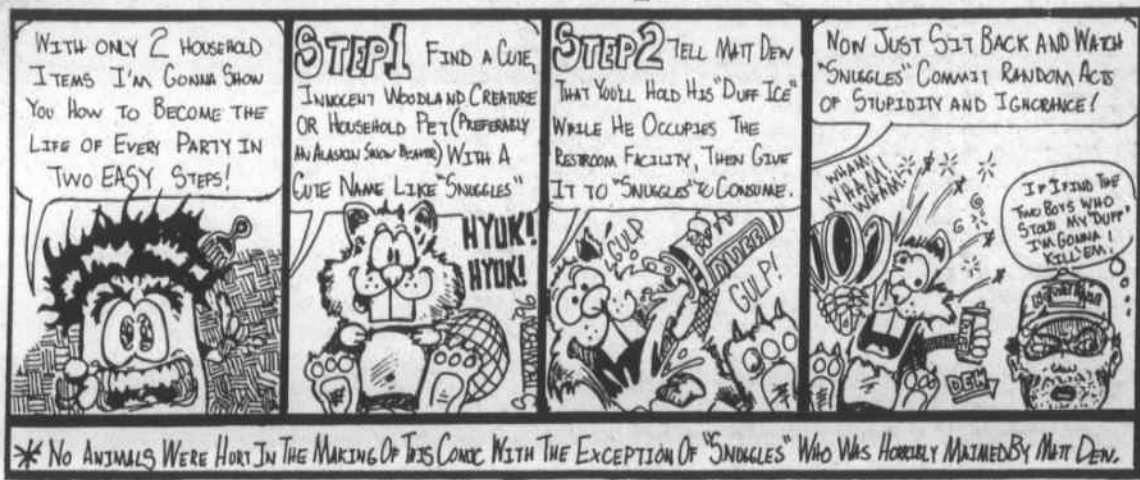
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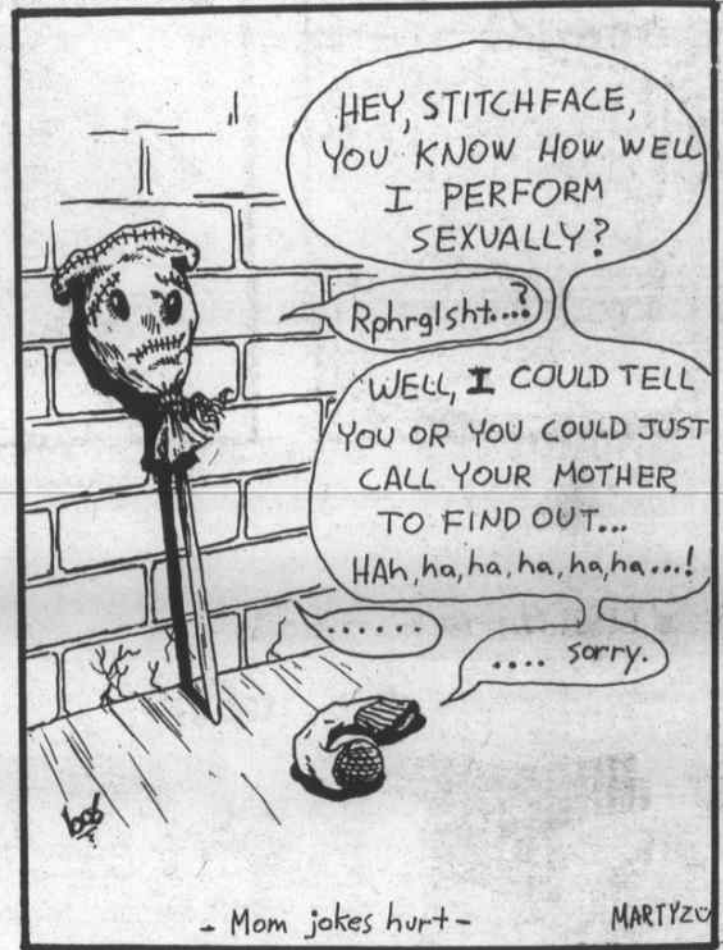
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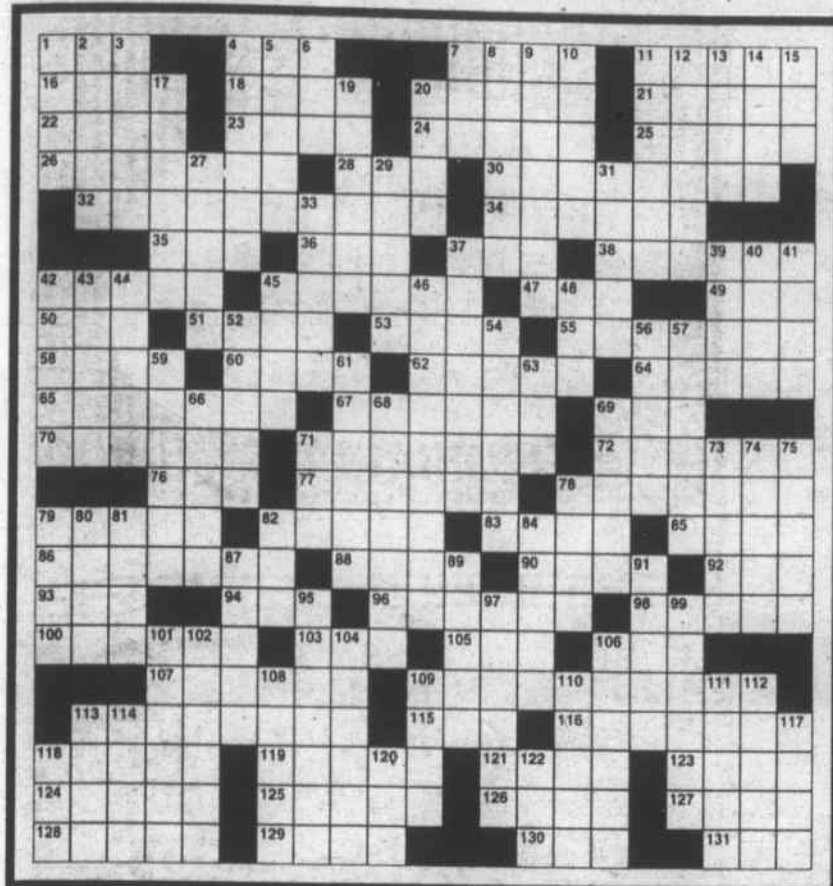


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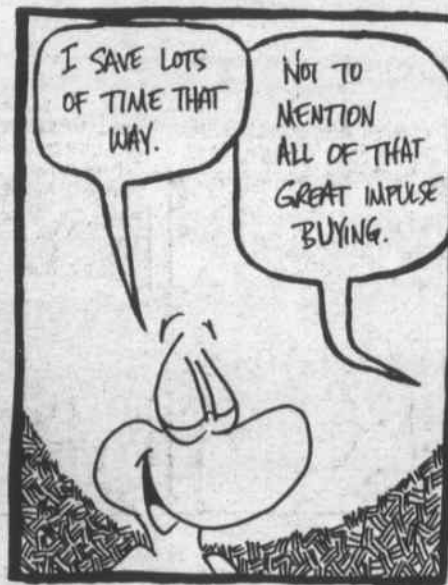
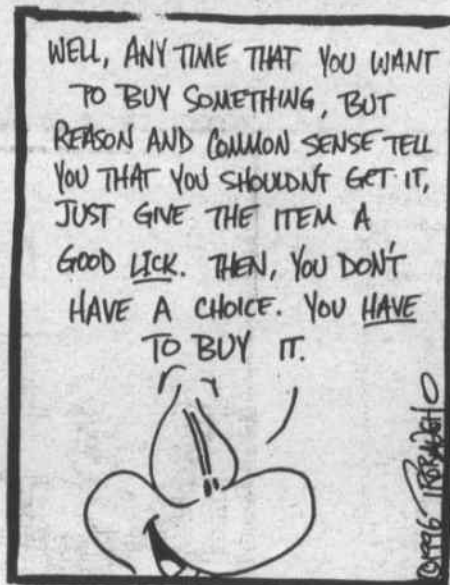
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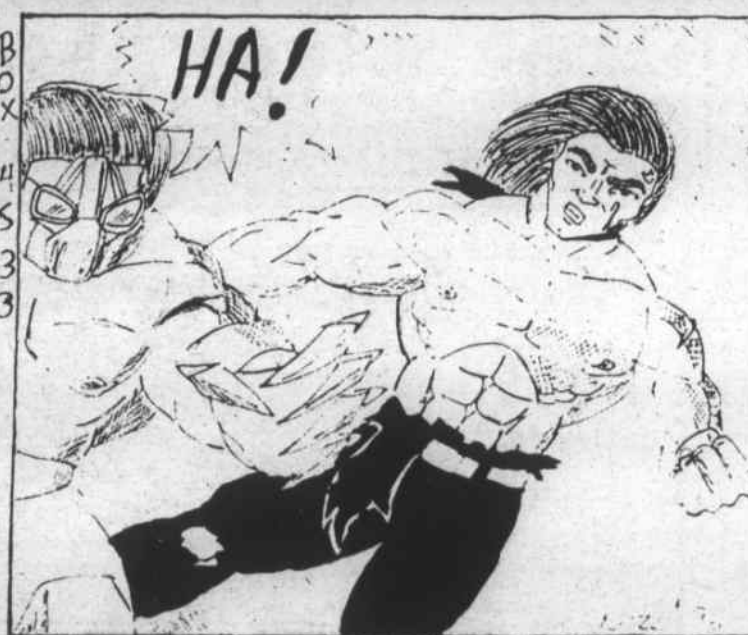
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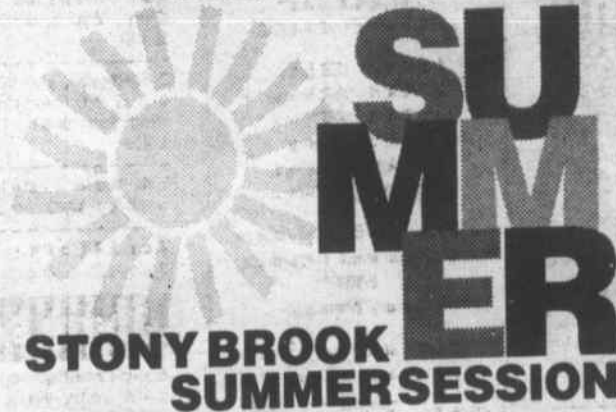
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room, dining area, W/D, DW, A/C, \$430-\$470. Rent includes water, sewer & trash. 85 North High St. June or August leases. 564-0056

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1, \$250/person. Excellent condition, close to campus. 433-1569

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Home-brewing supplies - Kits,
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'94 Ford Escort LX - New
condition, manual transmission, many features, factory & extended warranty. \$8,400/obo. Call Chance, 568-7599.

Alesis SR-16 Drum Machine,
great condition, \$350 new, \$175 obo, crate half stack, 60 watt head, 4x12 slant cabinet \$425. 434-5070.

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\$1,750 weekly possible mailing
our circulars. For info call (202)393-7723.

\$7/hr plus \$150/mo. housing
allowance - Largest rental service on the Outer Banks of North Carolina (Nags Head). Call Dona for application & housing info, (800)662-2122.

Outer Banks largest watersports
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Fishing industry. Earn up to \$3,000-\$6,000+/mo. Room & board! Transportation! Male/female. No experience necessary! (206)971-3510, ext. A53253.

English teachers needed abroad!
Teach conversational English in Prague, Budapest, or Krakow. No teaching certificate or European languages required. Inexpensive room & board + other benefits. For details, (206)971-3680, ext. K53252.

National Parks hiring - Positions
are now available at National Parks, Forests & Wildlife Preserves. Excellent benefits + bonuses! Call (206)971-3620, ext. N53254.

Cruise ships now hiring - Earn up
to \$2,000+/mo. working on cruise ships or land-tour companies. World travel. Seasonal & full-time employment available. No experience necessary. For more info call (206)971-3550, ext. C53255.

Earn \$500 or more weekly stuffing
envelopes at home. Send long SASE to Country Living Shoppers, Dept. M18, PO Box 1779, Denham Springs, LA 70727.

Student Assistant positions
available in Sports Media Relations for 1996-'97 school year. Successful applicants will assist in covering the 27 NCAA sports. Weekend & night work required. Writing experience preferred but not necessary. Applications available in Sports Media Relations, Godwin Hall room 220. No phone calls. Deadline is March 29.

Video Assistant position
available in Sports Media Relations for next school year. Successful applicant will assist in video coverage of NCAA sports. Weekend & night work required. Video experience preferred. Applications available in Sports Media Relations, Godwin Hall room 220. No phone calls. Deadline is March 29.

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Other Areas: (800)568-2656

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Teach English in Korea - Positions
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Summer jobs - University Painters
is offering \$6-\$9/hr. for responsible & hard-working students. Business will be in Arlington, VA. Interviews will be in Taylor 402 on 3/25 between 6-9p.m.

The Mimslyn Inn - Looking for full-
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Wanted-Cars for parts. 867-5871

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with sampler, turntables, etc. Call J.J., x4925.

Artists needed - Exhibit at Zirkle
House in Fall 1996. Sign-up for reviews in Duke across from A100.

PERSONALS

CPR classes - Heartbeat, Inc.
432-1770. Recertification only \$15.

Vote DANVILLE
(Matthew Montgomery)
for SGA Executive Treasurer
Wednesday, March 27
on the Commons 9-7
and Lakeside 9-5

Come see the official JM's home
page
http://shencomp.com/jms/

Honor Council Investigator
Applications for next year
are available in Taylor 228.
Applications due
Friday, March 29
in Taylor 228 by 4p.m.
Call x6383 for more details.

Donate your vehicle to the charity
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Movie & Munchies Friday Night
Cartoons & Breakfast Saturday
Friday, March 29 at 10p.m. in
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The King of all lions, Disney - Will
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Monday, Moriah, 8-10:30
Tuesday, Open Mic, 8-10
Thursday, A Play by Students for
Minority Outreach, 8-10p.m.
Friday, Acoustic Entertainment
by Justin Smith, 8-9:30p.m.
Taylor Down Under-See you there!

Vote Moira McCaffrey for SGA
President March 27th!

Delta Sigma Pi

would like to encourage the Alpha Phi pledge class to get **FIRE UP!**
You did a great job this weekend & hopefully learned a lot.
Remember...
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Good luck in these final weeks.
The Brothers

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