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Fire chars Hunter's Ridge apartment



LAURA L. WADE/senior photographer

Harrisonburg firefighters put out a blaze that tore through a Hunter's Ridge apartment Sunday morning. The displaced residents of the building were forced to evacuate the premises until further notice.

Cause of Sunday's fire unknown; entire building evacuated

by Laura L. Wade

senior writer

A fire in Hunter's Ridge caused residents of building 1346 to flee their apartments Sunday morning. No one was injured in a blaze that gutted at least one bedroom in 1346L, a third-floor apartment.

"We had it under control in about 30 minutes," Harrisonburg Fire Chief Larry Shifflett said of the fire that was reported at 9:53 a.m. The cost of damage to the building is estimated at \$75,000 to \$100,000, he said. Approximately 20 fire and rescue workers were on the scene.

The fire department will not know the cause of the fire until at least Monday, Shifflett said. The department did some preliminary investigating Sunday morning after extinguishing the fire and will finish the investigation today.

Joe Funkhouser, owner of Prudential Funkhouser and Associates, the company that manages most of the Hunter's Ridge property, said, "[The fire victims will] not be out in the street . . . We'll make sure that they have a place to live."

Funkhouser accompanied Shifflett on a visual assessment of damage after the fire was extinguished. "It's pretty charred," he said. "It seems most of the fire damage is limited to that unit."

Sophomore Patrick Moran was asleep in his room in 1346L shortly

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JMU to gain five minutes between classes next fall

by Julia Filz

senior writer

Students will have 15 minutes instead of 10 between classes next fall thanks to a plan the university approved Friday.

Classes will still begin at 8 a.m. and be held for the same amount of time as they now are. But because of the extra five minutes between classes, classes held after 8 a.m. will vary in their start times. For instance, classes formerly held at 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. will begin at 9:05 a.m. and 10:10 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. A 9:25 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday class will begin at 9:30 a.m. under the new schedule.

"I don't think we'll have concerns about when classes start," said Sherry Hood, the university registrar. "We got used to the Tuesday/Thursday schedule [when classes begin at odd times]. I think [students] will like that."

Before the University Council decided on the change, Teresa Gonzales, associate vice president for academic affairs, said the Council consulted many members of the JMU community.

"Folks who represent just about every

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DYLAN BOUCHERLE/senior photographer

And the winner is . . .

Members of the women's swim team accept an award for the men's and women's swim teams at halftime of the women's basketball game yesterday. See page 33 for CAA Championship coverage.

Composition classes may move out of English department

by Katheryn Lenker

staff writer

The possibility of removing composition classes from the English department and forming a separate program was discussed Friday at an open forum for students and faculty.

The Task Force on Communication recommended that ENG 101 and 102 (Reading and Composition) and several other composition classes be moved to a separate program called the Writing Program. The program would also provide students with writing tutors.

David Jeffrey, associate dean of the College of Arts and Letters and task force chair, opened Friday's meeting by explaining benefits of the recommendation.

"[The new writing program] will professionalize the composition staff," he said. "They'll have a budget and be able to develop in their own discipline. It will also reduce our reliance on part timers."

The separate Writing Program would allow a more interdisciplinary approach to composition, Jeffrey said. ENG 290 (Intermediate Composition), ENG 396 (Advanced Composition), ENG 501 (a graduate-level composition course) and



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In the Feb. 16 issue of The Breeze, the article "JMU works to recognize Black History Month throughout year" should have said Lady Smith Black Mambazo is a band.

The Breeze regrets the error.

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before the fire started. He said he doesn't know how the fire started, but he suspects heat from the sun, which shines directly through his bedroom window in the morning, may have ignited a velour window drape.

"I got home this morning and went to bed, and I realized I had left my fleece at a friend's house," Moran said. "So I got up to call him and when I got back [the room] was on fire."

The fire spread through his room very quickly, Moran said.

Sophomore Kristin Garvin, who also lives in 1346L, said,. "We went to a neighbor's right next door and asked if they had a fire extinguisher, and then we called the police. Then we went down and tried to wake up all the neighbors, and we banged on all the doors.'

The other two residents of 1346L are junior Jeff Juberget and sophomore Kathleen Cochran.

Jennifer Sajko, a sophomore who lives in the apartment beneath 1346L, said, "It was around 10 a.m. We were all getting up, and then somebody was banging on the door saying, 'There's a fire.""

Sophomore Jennifer Parsons, one of Sajko's roommates, said, "As soon as we walked out, the window [to the burning bedroom in apartment L] burst. . . . The smoke was terrible."

None of the residents of the 12, four-bedroom apartments in building 1346 could return to their apartments yesterday. Fire

office that could be touched by

some registration concern [were

consulted]," Gonzales said. The

committee also consulted the

Student Government Association

and Faculty Senate about the

course registration book, which

students receive at the end of

changes were prompted by more

use of multimedia equipment in

the classrooms and campus

expansion, which makes it harder

will help professors feel less

rushed and give students a

chance to ask professors ques-

equipment such as overhead

computer projectors, Gonzales

said the devices can't be easily set

up and taken down for the next

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Extra time between classes

Concerning multimedia

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personal items, such as wallets, from their apartments. Shifflett said, "Nobody's going

to be able to occupy the building [Sunday night] because the water and electricity will be shut off. Management will take care of a place for them to stay."

officials only allowed the resi-

dents of some units to retrieve

Funkhouser isn't sure how long it will take to make 1346L inhabitable again. "All the properties here are insured," he said. "[The insurance company] has to come in and do an assessment. We have someone in the office as we speak contacting people ... so we can move [the process along] very quickly.

"These are the types of situations no one likes to deal with, but we know we have to deal with them," Funkhouser said.

Garvin said, "I don't believe it right now. I'm still in a state of shock. We just need a place to stay tonight."

Many residents said they are impressed with how quickly the fire department made it to the scene. Non-student Matt Gifford, who was in 1346L when the fire broke out, said, "[The firemen] did a damn good job."

Parsons said, "We're lucky the fire department came as fast as they did . . . we're glad [this didn't happen] in the middle of the night when everyone was asleep."

Sophomore Meagan Voight, a resident of 1346H, said, "We really are lucky."

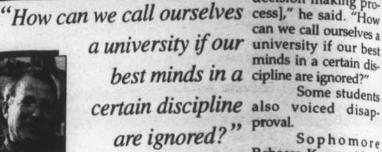
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introductory English as a Second Language classes may also move to the Writing Program. When Jeffrey opened the

floor to response, Cynthia Gilliatt, associate professor of English, spoke against the recommendations.

Gilliatt questioned the validity of removing the composition classes from the English department because she feels the two are connected.



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Sophomore Rebecca Kane said, "] feel like everything is falling apart here. I'm scared about the quali-

ty of JMU's degrees." Junior Kathleen Putnam

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which consisted of nine faculty

members and one administra-

English, also spoke at the forum,

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he thinks the English department

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is under-represented.

Ralph Cohen, professor of

Cohen said the task force's

"I can't understand why you

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decision making pro-

said, "I feel like JMU was sold to me on false pretenses. JMU was what I wanted because I would be in an environment that was congenial about learning. JMU is going to lose good students if this stuff doesn't stop."

Richard Whitman, dean of the College of Arts and Letters, created the task force in April 1997 to examine the structure of the communication programs within the College of Arts and Letters.

Students who may benefit most from more time between classes are those walking

between main campus and the

Richard Roberds, program director for ISAT, said when the ISAT program was still new, professors tried to schedule classes to

careful marshaling of evidence,"

she said. "There is a strong, logi-

cal relationship among the disci-plines of the study of language,

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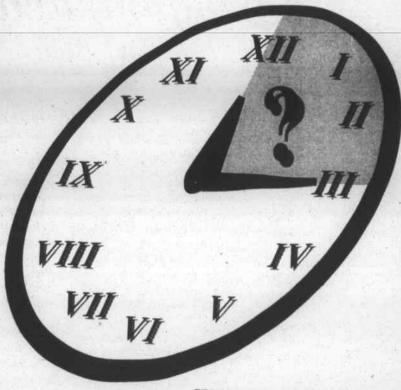
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weren't fully represented on the

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College of Integrated Science and Technology campus across Interstate 81.

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"We'd try to schedule classes so that students could take [ISAT classes] one after the other and [not have to run back and forth across campus]," Roberds said.

But now that there are 640 ISAT majors, it's impossible to manipulate so many schedules, Roberds said.

Although a bus service can transport students every 15 minutes between the two campuses, some students say walking is faster.

Sophomore ISAT major Mike Johnson said, "[The bus] is supposed to run every 15 minutes, but it runs whenever the [drivers] decide to leave. It's never there when I get out of class."

Johnson said it usually takes him about 20 minutes to walk from ISAT to the quad.

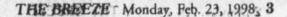
"I usually feel a little rushed," Johnson said. "I have to push it sometimes."

Gonzales said the Center for Off-Campus Living worked with Harrisonburg Transit to make sure that bus schedules will correspond with the class time changes .

"Writing in literature classes is not a narrow application of skills but fosters careful writing in a discipline that values clarity, organization, precision and the

task force.

Ralph Cohen professor of English





by Neal Crovo

police reporter

Campus police report the following:

Armed Robbery

• An unidentified male and female allegedly robbed a student at gunpoint before running toward Hunter's Ridge and leaving in what appeared to be a red Suzuki X-90 SUV at Howard Johnson's at 12:02 p.m. Feb 17.

The student is missing a personal item and an undetermined amount of cash.

Vehicle and Bicycle Accident with Injury

 A student on a bicycle reportedly struck a vehicle driven by a student and was thrown from the bike at Bluestone Drive and Carrier Drive at 6:19 p.m. Feb. 19.

After hitting the car, the rider allegedly kicked the vehicle and made a dent in its side. The Rescue Squad took the rider to Rockingham Memorial Hospital. Charges are pending against the bicyclist for destruction of personal property. An investigation continues.

Underage Consumption

 A student was judicially charged with underage consumption of alcohol after he mistook a resident's room for a lavatory and urinated on the floor of the room in Bell Hall at 3:30 a.m. Feb. 20.

Grand Larceny

 Unidentified individuals allegedly stole two Playstation games, 13 CDs, four jackets, an Adidas bag, roller blades, hockey gloves, a pair of pants and a wallet from an unsecured room in Howard Johnson's between 4:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Feb. 19. The estimated value of the ifems is \$1,187.

Petty Larceny

 Unidentified individuals allegedly stole a wallet from an unsecured locker in the University Recreation Center between 1 and 1:15 p.m. Feb. 19.

The wallet was later found in the women's restroom missing \$30.

Disturbance

 Unidentified individuals reportedly made a food order as a prank to JM's Bar and Grill that reportedly resulted in a verbal dispute and verbal assault when the JM's delivery person attempted to collect \$14.05 at Gifford Hall at 12:45 a.m. Feb. 18.

Destruction of Public Property

 Unidentified individuals allegedly broke the glass on the map display case by the Port Republic Road entrance on Bluestone Drive between 11:30 p.m. Feb. 17 and 7:30 a.m. Feb. 18.

• Unidentified individuals allegedly threw a rock through a window in Weaver Hall at 12:49 a.m. Feb. 20.

Campus police obtained a description of the suspect and the investigation continues. The estimated value of the window is \$75.

Fire Alarm

 Unidentified individuals allegedly left hair curlers with hair on them in the microwave of Huffman Hall at 1:54 a.m. Feb. 19.

The scorched hair caused the smell of smoke and activated the fire alarm.

Number of drunk in public charges since June 4: 57. Number of tickets given between Fab. 10-16: 1,061

Senate creates faculty GenEd survey

Questionnaire to determine instructors' awareness of GenEd program

by Jaime Dritt faculty reporter

A faculty survey on General Education was one of several issues Faculty Senate addressed Thursday.

The survey the Senate is now writing is meant to get faculty opinions of the GenEd Program, said Carter Lyons, academic policies committee chair.

"We're trying to get a handle on what faculty is aware of or not aware of," Lyons said.

After designing the survey, Faculty Senate will submit it to the GenEd Council with the request that the council contribute three survey questions. The survey should be written by mid-March and distributed to all faculty, Lyons said.

"The data from the survey will be turned back to the GenEd Council to look at it," Lyons said. "They may find out that a fairly large number [of faculty] are ignorant [about GenEd], and they may choose to respond by some publicity program."

One issue the survey could address is faculty opinion of whether the GenEd Program is strengthening the academic program. Another item it may address is whether the current curricular review process is adequate.

Right now, the GenEd Council reviews the groupings of courses in the GenEd program.

Bill Voige, faculty senator, said this survey is a follow-up to a one-question survey Faculty Senate distributed a year ago. Many faculty didn't respond because they felt they didn't know enough about the program.

The question was whether faculty agree or disagree that the GenEd program is academically superior to the



Teshome Abebe, a candidate for Vice President for Academic Affairs, speaks to Faculty Senate at the meeting in the Highlands room Thursday.

existing program, Voige said.

"The vote showed overwhelmingly that people as a whole disagreed," Voige said. "That survey has been criticized by the administration and people associated with GenEd because the program had not begun to operate at the time."

The follow-up will allow faculty to see how the program is continuing to evolve, Voige said.

Also at the meeting:

• Senate discussed whether to change the date of faculty retirement. The date is currently June 30. Arch Harris, speaker of the Faculty Senate said JMU should change the date to May 31.

"JMU faculty complete their academic year in mid-May," Harris said. "However, they have to delay their retirement day until June 30 if they want to be credited with 12 months of work for their retirement."

• The title of Distinguished Professor was another issue brought up. Bethany Oberst, executive director of international programs and professor of French, is listed in the 1997-'98 *JMU Undergraduate Catalog* as a James Madison Distinguished Professor.

"The Senate is trying to find out more information on the title. Is it an award, rank, or title? We're seeking clarification," Harris said.

Oberst stepped down as Vice President of Academic Affairs in January 1997. Harris said Senate will try to find out who awarded this title and the criteria for this title. "Until it was seen in the catalog, no one on the senate/was aware of it," Harris said.

Eating disorders awareness week to promote healthy self-image

by Jill Stolarik

staff writer

Do you weigh yourself every day? Does the readout on your scale determine your happiness or sadness for the day? If the answer to the above questions is yes, you may have or be on your way to having an eating disorder, according to a pamphlet distributed by Eating Disorders Awareness and Prevention, Inc.

Aiming to decrease the number of students who have an eating disorder or are "food and fitness obsessed," Eating Disorder Awareness Week will be today through Friday. It is sponsored by the Multidisciplinary Treatment Team for Eating Behaviors and Student Advocates for Body Acceptance.

"Eating disorders continue to be a major problem on the JMU campus as well as other colleges across the nation," said Senior Sara Morgan, coordinator of Student Advocates for Body Acceptance.

According to an article by Frances Berg, editor of *Healthy Weight Journal*, people with anorexia and bulimia think about food and weight 90 to 100 percent of the time. "The 'food and fitness obsessed' are terrified of gaining weight and they base their happiness and their self-worth on their food and exercise choices," she stated.

Morgan said the week will focus on the importance of each person's self-esteem based on inner beauty and personal strengths, rather than on appearance or weight.

Eating Disorder Awareness Week

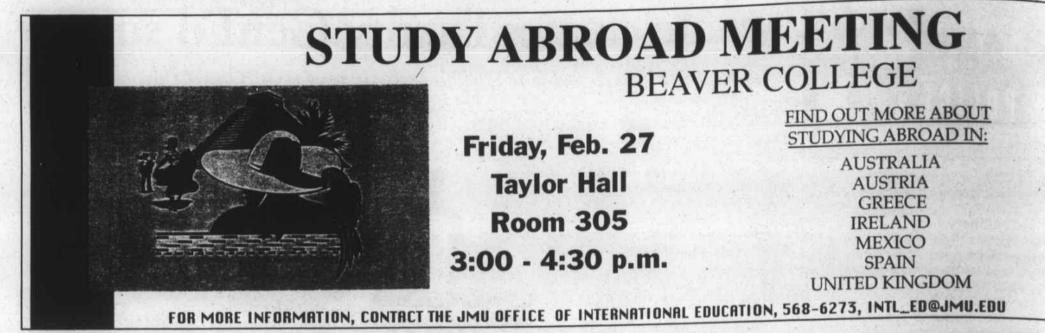
Monday, Feb. 23	Guest Speaker, Sandy Queen 7 p.m. Grafton Stovall
Monday,	Women on Weights
Feb. 23	6 p.m. Student Leadership Office
Tuesday,	The Body Shop
Feb. 24	4 p.m7 p.m. UREC Atrium
Wednesday,	Share and Support Session
Feb. 25	7 p.m9 p.m. Taylor 305
Friday,	Exercise for Body, Mind, and Soul
Feb. 27	5 p.m6 p.m. UREC Multipurpose Studio
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Kirsten Ryan, coordinator of aerobics and wellness at the University Recreation Center, said disorders can sometimes lead to nutritional deficiencies, injuries and often loneliness and depression.

"The ironic thing is that most [people] will not lose weight due to their bodies rebelling with a sluggish metabolism [because a disorder slows the metabolism]," she said.

Morgan hopes the week will attract students with and with-





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Unattended pets face possible confiscation



An anonymous dog pines for his owner outside Carrier Library. Campus police will confiscate pets left unattended.

by Corie Shomper

contributing writer

Students who leave pets unattended or tied up on campus risk having them confiscated by campus police.

Students can't bring any pet belonging to them or under their control into any universityowned or operated building or chain a pet outside any academic building where it may disrupt classroom activities through barking or other noise, JMU's Student Handbook states.

Dogs must be on a leash at all times, and owners are responsible for their pet's actions.

If an owner violates JMU's pet policy, campus police ask the owner to remove the pet immediately.

The handbook also states that if the individual refuses to abide by policy or the owner cannot be found, campus police will be called and appropriate action taken.

Campus police confiscate pets and turn them into the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in Harrisonburg, Alan MacNutt, director of public safety, said.

Anne Anderson, executive director of the Harrisonburg SPCA, said campus police only bring a few pets every year to the SPCA. "If I had

to guesstimate, it's probably 10 to 15 a "The goal is year," she said.

The SPCA to get every checks all animals for identification and whether the owner has reported the pet missing. The SPCA receives six to 10 lost pet director, Harrisonburg SPCA

reports daily from the Harrisonburg community, Anderson said.

If the SPCA identifies an animal, it notifies the owner, but some owners don't claim their pets even after the SPCA contacts them. The SPCA will hold pets brought in without identification for five days and will hold pets with identification for ten days. If the animal remains unclaimed at the end of the holding period, the SPCA decides whether to put the animal up for adoption or have it euthanized.

"The goal is to get every animal adopted," Anderson said

SPCA bases its decision to put an animal up for adoption or have it euthanized on the ani-

mal's health, temperament and the number of animals currently in the shelter.

al pet from the SPCA, the owner must come to the SPCA with personal identification and proof of

Arrisonburg SPCA ownership. Owners can present a picture

of their pet to prove ownership. They must then pay a reclaim fee of \$8 per day for every day their animal was in the shelter.

Anderson said she encourages all students to put identification on their pets.

The SPCA issues owners identification tags free of charge and keeps a record of the pet so if the pet is lost and turned in to the SPCA, the SPCA can notify the owner.

Clinton loses staunch ally in Faculty Senate screens continuing Lewinsky scandal first VPAA candidate

AP/newsfinder

news service

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Monica Lewinsky, advised by police and her lawyers against an afternoon stroll, appealed through a friend Saturday for "a little bit of room just like Mr. Starr and Mr. Clinton get."

While the young woman at the center of the White House firestorm craved freedom, White House officials signaled alarm over a published report in which President Bill Clinton's longtime friend, Vernon Jordan, appeared to be distancing himself from the president.

Independent prosecutor Kenneth Starr's investigation of whether Jordan and Clinton conspired to cover up the president's alleged affair with Lewinsky, 24, has put the former White House volunteer under intense scrutiny by prosecutors and the news media. While in Washington, she has been confined to shuttling — under the watchful eye of staked-out news cameras — between her lawyers' offices and her mother's apartment in the Watergate complex.

Both Jordan and Clinton have publicly denied any effort to get Lewinsky to lie about her relationship with the president.

On Saturday, she had hoped to take a walk in downtown Washington for coffee and maybe some window-shopping along Connecticut Avenue, but her lawyers said "no" after a deluge of calls from media outlets and District of Columbia police.

"The police picked up rumors and wanted to know where she'd be walking, whether there would be crowd control," said a close adviser in daily contact with Lewinsky who spoke on condition of anonymity.

"She's not hiding from the media, but she does want to have some degree of privacy. We would like her to have a little bit of room just like Mr. Starr and Mr. Clinton get."

William Ginsburg didn't return calls for comment. Another lawyer knowledgeable of Lewinsky's legal strategy said her testimony before Starr's grand jury remained uncertain but wasn't expected this week.

Ginsburg wants Lewinsky to testify to the grand jury only in exchange for immunity from prosecution.

Jordan, the president's close confidant and friend, also has been subpoenaed by Starr. But Jordan has yet to appear before the grand jury to explain why he met several times with Lewinsky and helped her find a job after she was named as a possible witness in Paula Jones' sexual harassment lawsuit against Clinton.

The New York Times, citing an unnamed lawyer who knows Jordan's version of the story, reported Saturday that Jordan kept Clinton personally informed of the help being given to Lewinsky and has since complained to associates that neither the president nor his lawyers on the Jones case told him that Lewinsky could become a witness.

After learning that she was subpoenaed by Mrs. Jones' lawyers, Jordan confronted Clinton and was assured that he "never, no way" had a sexual relationship with Lewinsky, the *Times* reported.

White House aides said Saturday that they still believed Jordan has no contrary information that could be damaging to Clinton — and no reason to turn on his long-time pal.

by Jaime Dritt

staff writer

The first of three candidates for vice president of academic affairs met with Faculty Senate after Thursday's Senate meeting.

Teshome Abebe, Ferris State University's former VPAA, discussed the roles of the faculty and the administration in the government of the university.

"I believe very strongly that it's very important and essential that the faculty have meaningful input into the operations of the university curriculum and what it ought to look like and be," Abebe said.

Abebe also discussed his commitment to students and institutions of higher learning.

"I think the institutions exist because the institution exists for the students," Abebe said. "The faculty emphasis and focus is to serve students and the responsibility of the vice president for academic affairs is to make sure that the programs offered at this institution are of the highest quality. This is one of the most important contributions that the vice president, along with the faculty, can provide to the students."

Abebe said he has high energy, the ability to advocate for faculty and a willingness to consider other interests of JMU, such as its political and legislative aspirations.

Roger Soenksen, VPAA search committee chair, said Abebe no longer holds the position of VPAA at Ferris State University because the university appointed a new president.

"He thought it would be easier for a

new president to choose a new vice president [of academic affairs] so he graciously stepped aside to allow the president to do that," Soenksen said.

After speaking to Senate, Abebe answered questions from senators and visiting faculty.

After the meetings, some senators said they found Abebe very articulate.

"I find myself in accord with many of the ideals he stated," said Bill Ingham, faculty senator. However, Ingham said he's concerned about challenges for a person coming into an environment where the university president has been in charge for 26 years.

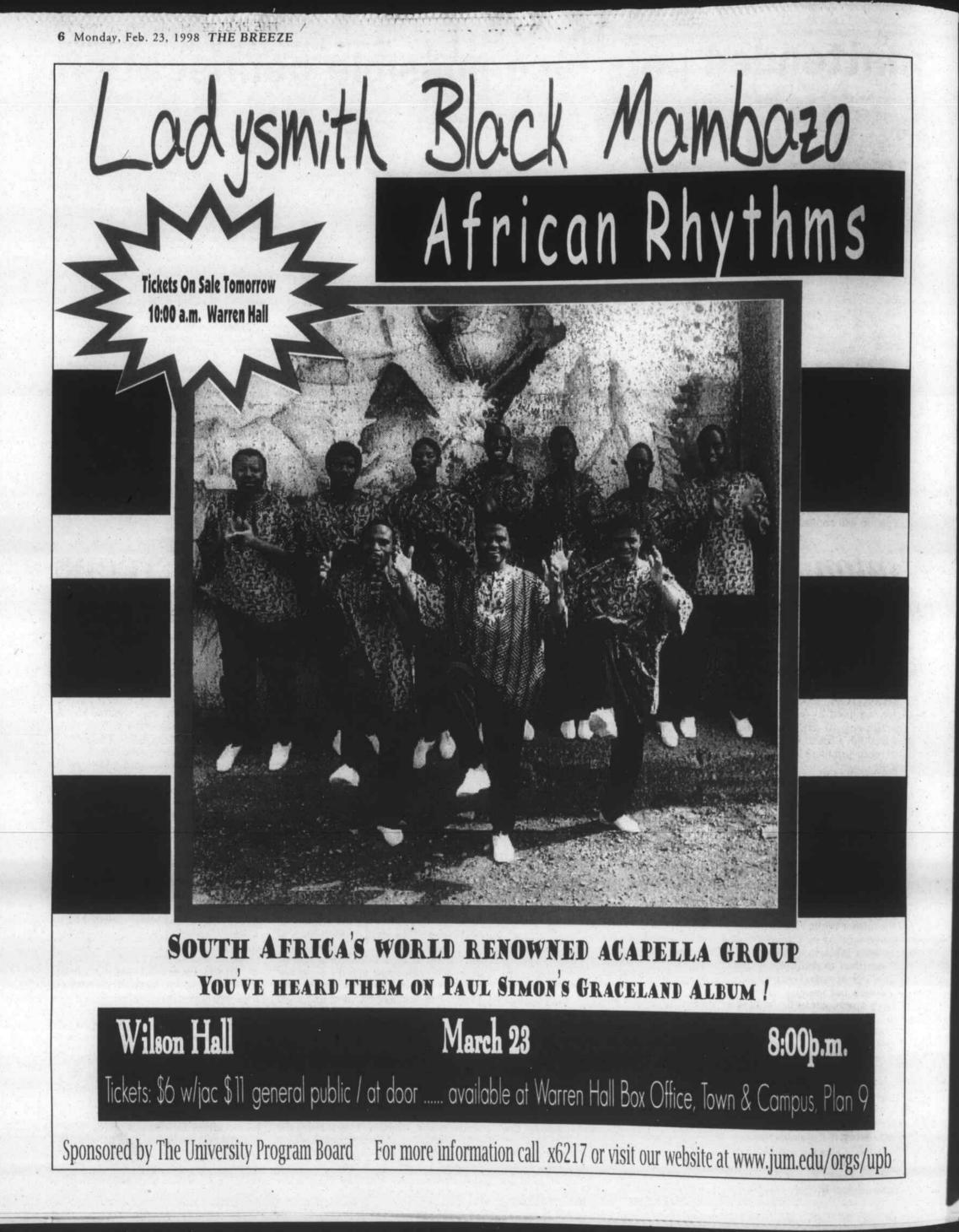
"Persons tend to become less flexible the longer they're in positions of authority," Ingham said. "This is not a specific ad homonym about Carrier. But how many 26 year presidencies have ended well?"

For some, the book is still out on Abebe. Carter Lyons, academic policies chair, said he can't yet form an opinion about Abebe.

"I'd rather wait until I see all the candidates," he said. "I've observed him twice in presentations, and I've read his résumé. I feel I shouldn't make an opinion. I'd rather wait and see all [the candidates] before looking at the strengths and weaknesses [of each]. It's going to be a comparative sort of game."

Diane Fuqua, member of the VPAA search committee, said Abebe impressed her.

"He has an academic background. He's an economist. He's been a professor so he understands the classroom. That's crucial," she said.



Women's Studies Reading Group discussion of Oranges Are Not the Only Fruit, Warren Hall, rm. 406, 4:30 p.m. Details: Mary Lou Wylie, x6213.

Club Latino meeting, Taylor Hall, rm. 311, 5:30 p.m.

Madison Marketing Association meeting, Zane Showker Hall, rm. 108, 6 p.m.

Students for Camp Heartland meeting, Taylor Hall, rm. 306, 7 p.m. Details: Celeste, x6887.

College Republicans meeting, Taylor Hall, rm. 306, 8-9 p.m. Details: Stephanie, x5560.

TUESDAY

Assessment Day — all students with 45-70 credit hours are required to attend. Details: Assessment Office, x6706.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Brunch and Supper, sponsored by Bridgewater Home Auxiliary, Bridgewater Church of the Brethren, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; 4 p.m.-7 p.m.

EQUAL meeting, Taylor Hall, rm. 402, 5 p.m.

Young Democrats meeting, Maury Hall, rm. G-5, 7 p.m. Details: Carrie, breigcm.

WEDNESDAY 25

Phi Chi Theta Executive Council meeting, Zane Showker Hall, rm. 108, 5:30 p.m. Details: Dave, 433-7231.

Evening prayer, sponsored by CCM, CCM House, 9:30 p.m. Details: Mimi, 433-8059.

THURSDAY 26

EARTH meeting, Taylor Hall, rm. 305, 5 p.m.

Fellowship and dinner, sponsored by Wesley. Foundation, Wesley Foundation, 5:30 p.m. Details: Ben, 434-3490.

Fellowship and praise, sponsored by Baptist Student Union, BSU Center, 5:30 p.m. Details: BSU Center, 434-6822.

Business symposim featuring Robert Reid, dean of College of Business, Zane Showker Hall, rm. 105, 6 p.m.

Madison Mediators meeting, Taylor Hall, rm. 402, 6 p.m. Details: Jessica, x7557.

* NAACP meeting, Taylor Hall, rm. 306, 7 p.m.

* New Life Singers, Wesley Foundation, 7 p.m. Details: Ben, 434-3490.

Folk Group practice, sponsored by CCM, CCM House, 7:30 p.m. Details: Christina, 564-0871.

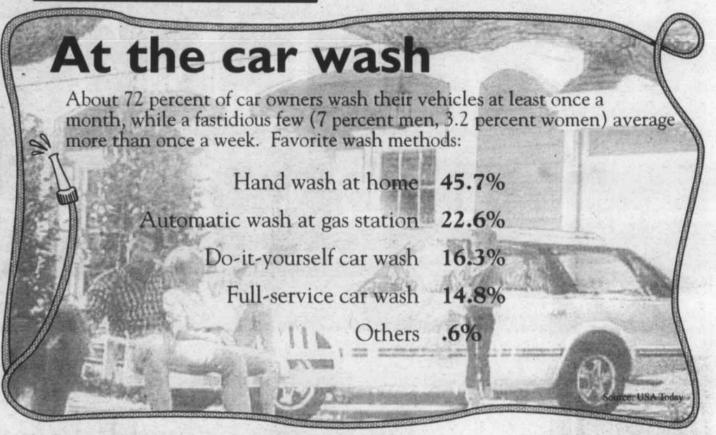
Prime Time, sponsored by Campus Crusade for Christ, Harrisonburg Baptist Church, 7:45 p.m.

Bible Study, sponsored by Wesley Foundation, Wesley Foundation, 8:15 p.m. Details: Ben, 434-3490.

> Send Duke Days information <u>in writing</u> to Andi Metzler, assistant news editor, *The Breeze*, G1 Anthony-Seeger MSC 6805 JMU Harrisonburg, VA 22807. Drop it off at *The Breeze* office or fax it to 568-6736. Information is run on a space-available basis.

IN BRIEF

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Nation's college students describe hopes, fears for future in new book

NEW YORK, N.Y. — College students in the '90s fear crime and economic insecurity but believe their generation can turn things around, according to a new book based on surveys and interviews with students around the country.

The book, When Hope and Fear Collide: A Portrait of Today's College Student, paints an often contradictory portrait of a generation that distrusts the government and other powerful institutions while expressing high hopes for personal success.

Authors Arthur Levine, the president of Teachers College at Columbia University, and Jeanette S. Cureton, an independent scholar, based their study on a 1993 survey of 9,100 undergraduates as well as hundreds of interviews with individual students, campus newspaper editors, student body presidents and student affairs officers.

"Belief in the American dream is stronger than ever," the authors write. "Students want good jobs, financial success, meaningful relationships and a family. Although they are optimistic, they are also scared."

Among the book's findings are: • Students in the 1990s are confused and divided over race. In focus groups, students described campus race relations as "scary," "angry," "embattled," "divided," "heated," "explosive" and "a mess."

• Students don't trust social institutions, with large majorities agreeing that "Private corporations are too concerned with profits and not enough with public responsibility" and "Newspaper and TV journalists provide biased accounts of news events" • — AP/newsfinder news service

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THOMAS SCALA/graphics editor

UPS converts cargo planes to allow passengers to fly the friendly skies

NORFOLK — For your next vacation, why not fly . . UPS?

The biggest name in package delivery wants to deliver you to Mexico for a weeklong vacation in Cancun.

Yesterday, UPS Airlines began shuttling passengers on a converted cargo plane between Norfolk and Cancun through its partner Vacation Express Inc., which has sold vacation packages in Hampton Roads for four years. All flights are nonstop.

The 727 jets are the same ones UPS uses to haul overnight bundles Monday through Thursday. They are converted on Fridays — in less than four hours — from cargo to passenger.

The bare metal floor with rollers is covered with a blue carpeted flooring. Overhead storage compartments, 113 seats and catering-flight attendant stations are moved in and locked into place.

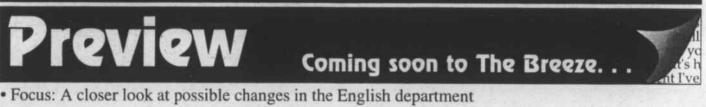
Then, from Friday afternoon through Monday morning, UPS runs charters to the Caribbean, Mexico and other destinations. The planes are converted back to cargo on Monday.

UPS began flying passengers on weekends last March. UPS uses five jets from its fleet of 214 for the weekend charters.

"We're looking for ways to better use our assets," said Brad J. Eyster, UPS aircraft charter sales manager. "Most of our aircraft sit unused all weekend long. And an airplane sitting on the ground is not doing anybody any good."

Eyster said UPS Airlines has carried 54,000 passengers in the last year.

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News: Business symposium featuring Robert Reid, dean of the College of Business

ATTENTION FRESHMEN

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Disorders

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out eating disorders so people can recognize symptoms in others.

"Do not automatically close your eyes and ears to this week, claiming it has nothing to do with you," she said. "Everyone on this campus, including men and women, can gain something from this week."

Morgan said she thinks Monday's speaker, Sandy Queen, will play a large

VPAA

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Fuqua mentioned qualities she thought a candidate should have.

"They need to be able to listen well and bring different points of view together," she said. "Someone who will work closely with administration and faculty. A good decision-maker and listener. A mediator, a person who relates well to others and expresses themselves. So far, I think Abebe has demonstrated these qualities to us."

Senator William Voige also expressed his opinion on the qualities of a good candidate.

"I think a good vice president should be capable of leading by example," he said. "The individual should be a scholar with significant experience in the classroom. Someone capable of articulating to many different audiences the special responsibilities the faculty members at universities have."

Soenksen said the search committee

role in promoting awareness. Queen will conduct a workshop called "Lighten Up, This is the Only Life You Have" at 7 p.m. in Grafton-Stovall Theatre.

"This warm and wonderful workshop helps participants take a better look at their lives, attitudes and feelings," Queen said. "[It will help them to] find places to 'lighten up' and take a different look at their humanness."

read more than 80 résumés and narrowed it down to three candidates. Two other candidates who will interview at JMU are Michael Marsden, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Northern Michigan University, and David Magidson, former dean of the College of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts at Wayne State University in Detroit.

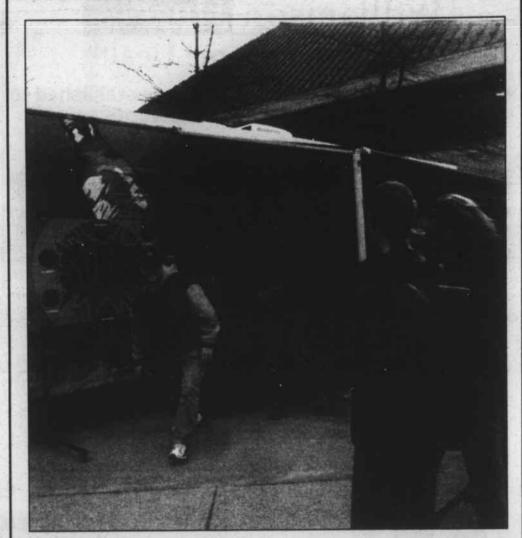
The university hasn't determined when a decision will be made, Soenksen said. "We want to have [a new VPAA] as soon as we can, but we're not going to rush," he said. "[We'll keep looking] until we find the right person for this particular crucial position."

Soenksen said the ad for the VPAA position went out in July.

Former VPAA Bethany Oberst stepped down effective Jan. 1, 1997. Since then, Doug Brown has been acting VPAA. The search committee began deliberations in September.

Anyone interested in helping to organize an SGA sponsored diversity week in April? Well then come to the multicultural committee meeting tonight at 7:30 p.m. in Taylor 402. Any questions, call Tim Emry at 433-8280 of e-mail "emryts".

SGA meetings are held each Tuesday at 5 p.m. in the Highlands Room, 5th floor of Warren Campus Center. ALL ARE WELCOME!!!

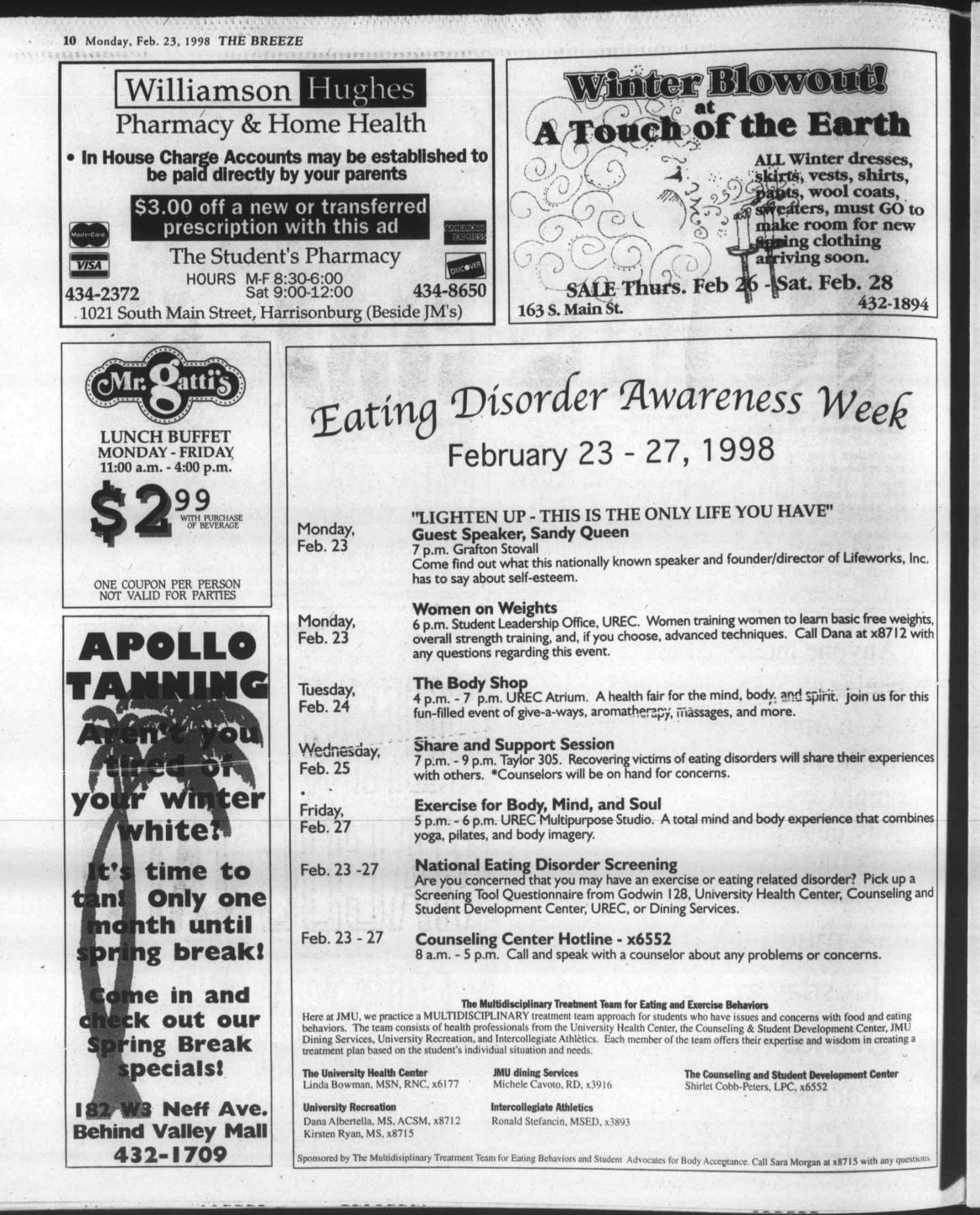


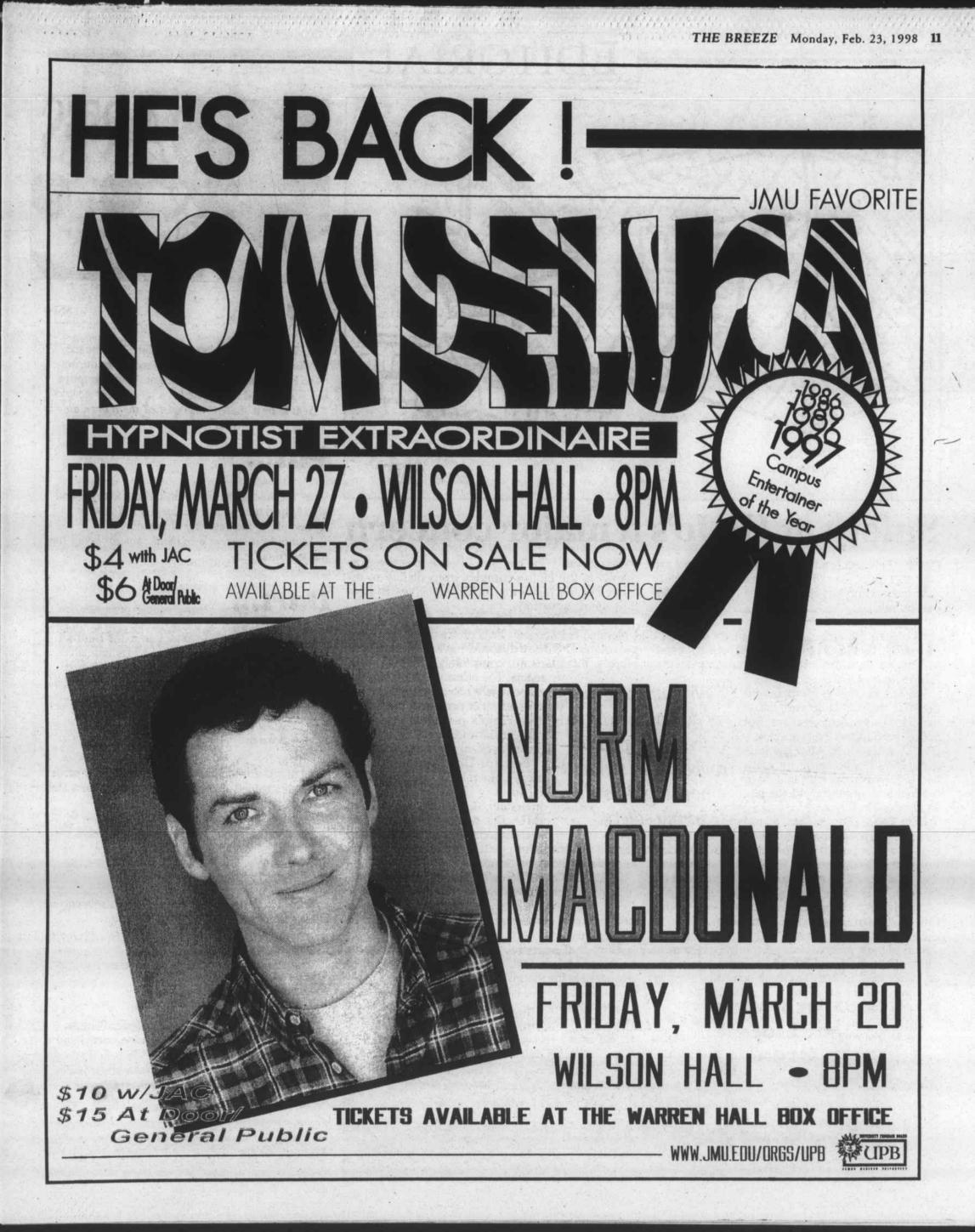
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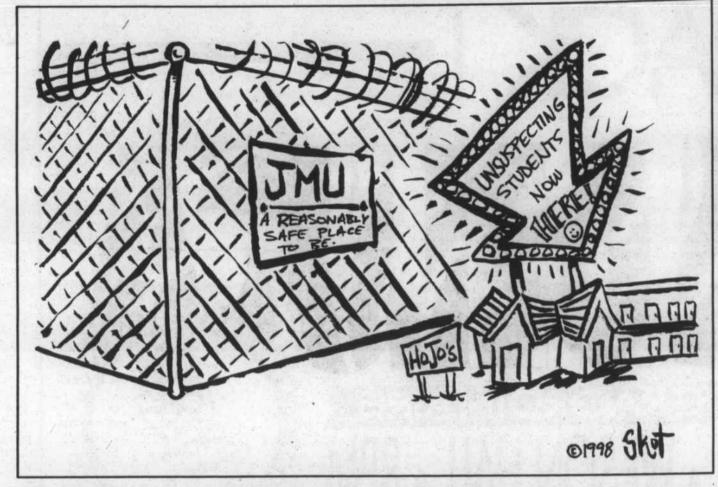
Students gather outside PC Dukes Thursday to show their stuff during the Surge Spring Break Games. Surge was at JMU until 5 p.m. as part of a promotional tour.







EDITORIAL



Safety at HoJo's a major concern

of dollars a year to

feel safe; armed

robberies in student

housing doesn't

imply safety."

The Howard Johnson's residence hall on Port Republic Road has apparently become an easy crime target with three felonies in the past month.

Pauli Fitzgerald, assistant director of media relations, called the armed robbery "really unusual" and said, "This kind of thing has never happened at Howard Johnson's before," according to the Feb. 19 issue of *The Breeze*. While robberies at gunpoint are "We pay thousands"

While robberies at gunpoint are unusual, thefts at HoJo's are not. It was HoJo's resident advisers, not police, who found the suspect in a Jan. 22 stereo theft. After the incident, JMU Police made no mention of increasing patrols in light of the incident, according to the Jan. 26 issue of *The Breeze*.

JMU Police did say they would increase patrols after a HoJo's resi-

dent was robbed at gunpoint last Wednesday inside the residence hall. But it's still disturbing that while crime is an uncommon occurrence on campus, it is an increasing problem at HoJo's, which is physically off-campus but still under JMU's Office of Residence Life umbrella.

Eagle Hall's fire alarms used to be JMU students' biggest worry. However, now we have to think about the possibility of having a gun pointed in our faces in our own residence halls. We pay thousands of dollars a year to feel safe; armed robberies in student housing doesn't imply safety.

JMU has a crime problem at HoJo's. And it isn't going to go away if the administration and police

sweep it under the rug. JMU Police must beef up patrols in the HoJo's complex immediately so no other HoJo's residents find themselves in lifethreatening situations.

According to the Feb. 19 Breeze, JMU Police Chief Lee Shifflett said JMU police plan to increase patrols and put additional backup on call for HoJo's. But plans are completely different from

reality. The administration has the responsibility to acknowledge the problem, act now and curb it to give HoJo's residents the same protection and peace of mind it provides on-campus residents.

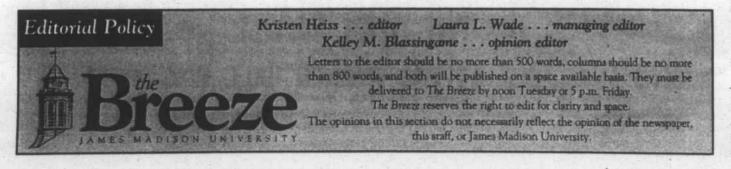
Perhaps HoJo's residents are more vulnerable to crime because HoJo's is located right off Interstate 81, outside the gates of JMU. But a lack of on-campus accommodations shouldn't keep

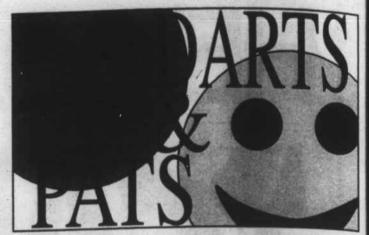
HoJo's residents from getting the same protection as students living on campus.

If JMU can't offer HoJo's residents the same protection it offers students who reside on Bluestone Drive, it should get every student back on campus and into real residence halls where they can be more secure.

Until that happens, JMU Police must be more visible at HoJo's. JMU fails its students every time a student is the victim of a crime.

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





Dart...

A "keep-your-drunkeness-at-home" dart to the people who were drinking and standing up during "The Full Monty" Thursday night. Your disruptive behavior ruined the movie for a lot of sober people. Sent in by a student who wished she'd been able to

see the movie instead of your butts in her face.

Pat...

A "thanks-for-the-silver-lining" pat to my friend who helped me find the humor and fun in what looked like a bad Saturday afternoon.

Sent in by a student who thanks you for being such a good friend.

Dart...

A "service-without-a-smile" dart to the Boston Beanery waitress who charged us \$7 for four slices of bread and then got angry when we complained.

Sent in by a student who didn't appreciate her bill or your attitude.

Pat...

A "thanks-for-the-hand" pat to the nice guy on the Quad who helped us carry a bookshelf to Maury Hall in the rain.

Sent in by two girls who probably would've dropped it if you hadn't been such a gentleman.

Dart..

A "watch-your-mouth" dart to the guy who cursed at his toddler son at Valley Mall Saturday.

Sent in by a student who's disgusted by your poor display of parenting.

Pat...

A "you're-a-trooper" pat to Stephanie Phillips, Ikenberry hall director, for all the time, energy and caring she puts into her job.

Sent in by a friend who knows what stress you're under and is proud of how well you do your job despite it.

Darts & Pats are submitted anonymously and printed on a space-available basis. Submissions are based upon one person's opinion of a given situation, person or event and do not necessarily reflect the truth.

OP/ED

Leave English classes in English department

The Task Force on Communication for the College of Arts and Letters recently submitted a report with suggestions for the future of the communication programs at the university. Section IV of this report regards composition courses, which are currently under the umbrella of the English department.

You know English. It's the *reading* and *writing* part of the three Rs. But the task force decided JMU should develop an "autonomous writing program, separate from the department of English placed in the College of Arts and Letters . . . [with] its own director, its own budget and its own governance structure," according to the report. This makes about as much sense as starting a new, autonomous lower math program.

The idea of moving composition out of the English department is ridiculous, but let's examine the task force's reasoning anyway.

The report says, "The Task Force believes that an Independent Writing Program in the College of Arts and Letters would: 1.) Advance, through the allocation of resources, an interdisciplinary mission for composition, which would include promotion, coordination and supervision of activities tailored to the needs of JMU faculty and students across the disciplines."

Here, the task force assumes the types of writing required by different disciplines are so different that they need a body within the university to organize different forms of composition. Of course, this program needs money formerly allocated to the English department to perform these services.

The error in the task force's assumption is that composition doesn't vary drastically between disciplines. A student should be able to read a biology text or a business text the same way as they would read *The Great Gatsby*. All of the books are written in the same language, only the jargon is different.

The report goes on to say an independent writing program would "deepen the course offerings in rhetoric and composition to reflect the richness of this discipline." That means they could form a bunch of classes like GENCOMP 202: The Art of Letter Writing, which would devote a entire semester to teaching students that letters begin with *Dear* and end in *Sincerely*. An honors class might go on to examine *PostScript*.

The report also says, "The task force believes that the development of a writing program in the Department of English would, at most, result in a minor concentration in composition designed primarily to serve English majors/minors and the department's fundamental interests in literary study."

It seems to me that the program would,

at the very least, create a redundant concentration. As an English major, my basic diploma requirement would then simply be to read, and then if I choose to concentrate in composition, I might learn how to write.

My argument is that composition is inherent in the study of English. Every class in the English department requires sub-

mitting carefully written, intelligent papers based on observation and evidence. That sounds like a course objective for any writing requirement in any discipline.

The task force's report is bureaucratese — heavy with goals and objectives, but short on explanations for conclusions. Underlying the task force's suggestions is the request to move a lot of money, but not given are the real reasons why the current composition classes aren't satisfactory.

Surrounding the task force's suggestions is a false rumor that tenured English professors aren't interested in teaching basic composition. The report implies that a new writing program would unburden professors who only care about literature and not composition, as if literature and composition are opposite poles in English.

The most telling feature about the task force is its membership. Of the 10 mem-

bers, only two represent the English department, one being the associate dean but the other is untenured. Untenured professors have little job security and appointing them to such a committee is

Breeze Reader's View

- Gabriel Uhr

like putting a gun to their heads.

It looks like the task force was trying to go behind the back of the English

department. The English department received no real representation in a decision that would radically change their department, which is unjust.

Students should be concerned because such reorganization within the university affects the quality of education and the value of a degree. Faculty should be outraged because the same type of reorganization could happen in their departments.

Anyone who wants to voice their concerns or get more information can attend a forum tomorrow at 4 p.m. in Taylor Hall, room 404.

I hope the university will realize the task force's recommendations are only about creating a smoke screen to move the composition course and are not a real effort to advance the quality of learning.

Gabriel Uhr is a junior English major.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CD review doesn't do band justice, group is 'artistically, lyrically brilliant'

To the Editor:

I'm writing in response to Jim "Vegas" Terp's review of Yield, Pearl Jam's newest CD, in the Feb. 9 Breeze. Although it was a commentary and Terp is entitled to his opinion, I feel another, this time correct, review should be given.



The music world's most misunderstood band, Pearl Jam, has done it once again. *Yield* mixes the best of vintage Pearl Jam with the same hard-rocking sounds everyone knows and loves. With tracks like "Do the Evolution" and "Brain of J," the old band is shown. But Pearl Jam's new sound emerges in songs like "Low Light" and, my personal favorite, "In Hiding."

Terp's main claim (it served as his opening) is that Yield is much like *Ten*, Pearl Jam's debut CD. There's nothing that could be further from the truth. Pearl Jam has come a long way from the streets of Seattle, and this CD indicates that. Lead singer Eddie Vedder's voice no longer has front stage. The majority of the songs are much more laid-back and free-flowing than in the first three albums.

If Terp would like to compare Yield to any other Pearl Jam CD, it should be No Code, Pearl Jam's fourth CD. Both CDs share a more relaxed tone in Vedder's voice and the laid-back sound Pearl Jam has now perfected. Vitalogy, its third CD, is the last in which the old Pearl Jam, with its hard sound, could be classified as grunge. Now Pearl Jam is more of an alternative band.

Terp also complains there is no essential track. This has become a Pearl Jam trademark. Not that there are no good songs on the CD — all songs are equally great. But for those of you who liked "Jeremy" and listen to Pearl Jam mostly on the radio, you probably already know "Given To Fly" is the premier track. But in my opinion, there are better tracks than that on the CD.

According to Terp, Yield is also formulaic. One reason Pearl Jam does well in many songs on the CD is that it changes the words so even if they follow the same beat they have a different meaning and convey a different image.

All of Pearl Jam's CDs are artistically and lyrically brilliant. They are simply the number-one band in the rock 'n' roll world. But if you don't believe me, just ask "Rolling Stone," who gave Yield four stars, something virtually unheard of. For more information, type in "Given to fly" on any web browser and listen to Pearl Jam songs for free.

> Peter Colosi freshman physics

BYOB won't solve drinking, liability problems; policy loopholes still exist To the Editor:

This is a response to the letter to the editor in last Monday's *Breeze* by Doug Popik. His letter champions JMU's new BYOB policy. He talks about the choice we have to make as men and women, Greeks and non-Greeks.

But haven't we already made the choice? Don't underage students go out drinking every weekend? If they're willing to violate a federal law, do you really think they'll abide by a school policy? I don't think so.

We don't advocate JMU's new alcohol policy.

However, we don't dispute that the previous policy wasn't working very well and something needed to be done. Change can be a good thing. But the new BYOB policy is not the answer. It's not going to change the massive consumption of alcohol that takes place here every weekend.

The possible results of such an obsolete policy are: a) everything works like clockwork, and the policy is a complete success (a doubtful outcome), b) pre-partying occurs (this is consumption of alcohol before going out so one is already intoxicated before entering a party) and c) exploitation of loopholes occurs (a typical outcome).

Pre-partying took place under the keg policy, and it will take place under the BYOB policy. The only difference is that people will be drinking enough to keep them drunk the entire night instead of starting out only a little intoxicated. Exploiting loopholes to avoid following the policy — whether you want to admit it — will happen. It's a part of human nature to find ways around unfavorable policies. BYOB won't be the exception!

As for liability, the new policy is great for insurance companies but not for individuals and chapters. Now kegs can't be traced back to a specific person in a fraternity chapter, but just because we don't have kegs anymore doesn't mean the fraternity or sorority isn't liable.

If a minor is served alcohol at a fraternity house and alcohol is considered a factor in that person's death or an accident, that fraternity is liable. An insurance company won't bail them out because they've broken the contract.

Our point is BYOB can't work. It attacks the symptoms of a growing problem but not the problem itself. Somewhere we've all gotten the idea that the more we drink and the drunker we get, the cooler we are and the more fun we'll have. We're not sure where we developed this idea, nor how to reverse it, but we do know BYOB isn't the answer.

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Heather Timm junior international affairs The Counseling & Student Development Center is offering the following workshops as a part of our Interpersonal Skills Certificate Program. We invite you to register for the program or e-mail KARRKM to sign up for individual workshops. We are located at Varner House at x 6552

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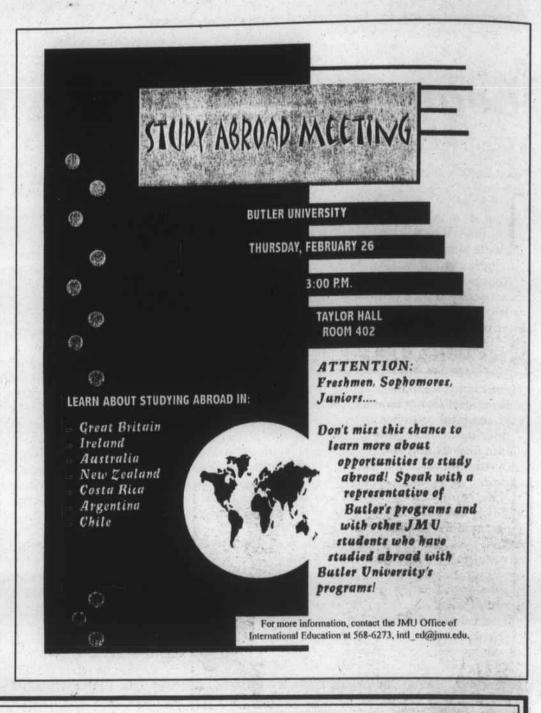
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STYLE Musical 'Mikado' visits Duke Hall

by Garret Piekney

staff writer

o flirt is a capital offense in Tinpu. But how can Yum-Yum and Nanki-Poo obey this law when they are so much in love? Does this sound absurd? Well, it is. It's often hilariously absurd. Welcome to the theatrical playground of Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Mikado," where maidens frolic in kimonos and where pride and love are equally lampooned.

Review

Employing a Japanese motif, "The Mikado" is less about cultural exploration and more about entertaining songs, beautiful costumes and handsome sets. Above all, it's amusing from beginning to end. English playwright William Gilbert and composer Arthur Sullivan were a highly successful comic team in the late 19th century.



Their 25-year collaboration with the the creation of 14 comic operas, included "H.M.S. Pinafore" (1878), "The Pirates of Penzance" (1879) and "The Mikado" (1885). The enduring popularity of these plays has been ensured by other factors beside clever dialogue and infectious songs - namely, the ability to tailor lyrics to each individual venue.

'Because the material is in the public domain and the work is not protected, people are free to rewrite the lyrics," director John Bell said. "Often a verse is rewritten to make reference to the local area or town in which it's being performed. In fact, we've done that in one instance."

To describe the plot of "The Mikado" would only serve to mislead and confuse. The loose plot is connected by a string of musical numbers. This is not "Death of a Salesman" or "Waiting for Godot." There is not depth, sustained dramatic pauses or existential angst. This production is a flurry of movement and song. Characters are caricatures and the piano's melody directs their voice and gestures; for "The Mikado's" two acts, reality is happily put at bay.

The exaggerated costumes, bulbous wigs and stylized make-up all serve to pleasantly distract. The play is a whirlwind of motion and music where schoolgirls coquettishly prance and gaily sing. The songs are as clever and catchy as they are ridiculous. Word play and puns mix with hyperbole and nonsense. The audience should be too entertained to mind any far-fetchedness.

Director John Bell should be credited for exacting wellchoreographed and well-timed deliveries from the cast. He was also lucky to find such talent as sophomore Robert Johanson, whose portrayal of Poo-bah is nothing short of comic brilliance. He manages to provoke laughter with the movement of his fingers.

Another standout is senior Hunter Hanger, who plays Ko-Ko the High Executioner with a squeaking, cowardly vindictiveness. The whole cast performs with energetic and comedic aplomb and their collective efforts make



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PHOTOS BY ANGELA COSTANZO/staff photographer (Above) Nanki Poo (Nehal Joshi) plays a stringed instrument.

(L) Ladies in Mikado pester Yum-Yum (Hunter Hanger).

"The Mikado" spectacularly fun theater. "The Mikado" runs at Latimer-Shaeffer Theatre Tuesday-Saturday, 8 p.m., and Sunday, 2 p.m. Tickets are \$6 w/JAC

Regal Cinemas plan 14-theatre complex in 'Burg

by Celeste Legg

staff writer

s early as the beginning of next year, Regal Cinemas Inc. of Knoxville, Tenn., plans to build a theatre complex off University Boulelvard, according to Phil Zacheretti, Regal's vice president of marketing and publicity. A specific date has not been announced. This expansion will triple the number of theaters in Harrisonburg.

Regal chose Harrisonburg as the site of a new complex mainly because the company felt that there was a need for an updated facility.

The complex will have a total area of 66,000 square feet including 14 theaters, a lobby with a large concession stand and a café for coffee and snacks.

When told about the future theatre complex, junior Dan Hale said, "I don't even have that near where I live in Northern Virginia. I guess this really shows how Harrisonburg is growing - now if only they can do that for the downtown area."

Each of the auditoriums will have wall-to-wall screens and will feature all three digital-

sound formats - Digital Theater System, Dolby Digital and Sony Dynamic Digital Sound. These sound systems reproduce the film's soundtrack, dialogue and sound effects in digital sound, providing a better sound quality. In addition, all of the theatres will be equipped with listening devices for the hearing impaired.

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The auditoriums will all have stadium-tiered, high-back plush seats with retractable cup-holder arm rests, according to a press release. A stadium seating arrangement is designed so that each row of seats is a foot lower than the row behind it, allowing for an unobstructed view of the screen from every seat in the theater, Zacheretti said.

"Stadium seating is the hottest new wave in the motion picture industry, and Regal is proud to be able to bring this amenity to Harrisonburg," Zacheretti said in the press release.

The lobby of the complex will house the one large concession stand and express counters serving fresh popcorn, a variety of soft drink products, candies, hot dogs and nachos. There will also be a small video arcade.

Additionally, the box offices will feature computerized ticketing with 2-day advance sales and will accept credit cards for ticket purchases

Included in the theatre complex's design is a cafe in the lobby, which will offer espresso, cappuccino, flavored teas, hot chocolate, pretzel bites and other snacks, Zacheretti said.

According to the Regal Cinemas website, "cafes attract the older, more upscale moviegoer and offer a healthier more sophisticated menu." Regal Cinemas was one of the first to open a lobby cafe alternative to the standard concession, the website stated.

Feedback from students has been mixed regarding the new theaters. "I think it's going to stick out like a sore thumb in Harrisonburg, but it will be nice to have," sophomore Kylie McKeag said. "I wanted a dance club." Senior Amy Thomas said "I think Harrisonburg will benefit from the new complex there's nothing else to do in this town!"

According to Zacheretti, Regal Cinemas is one of the premier theatre companies in the United States at this time and has about 50 new theatres underway across the country. Information gathered from the company website stated that at the end of 1996, Regal was the sixth largest theatre company in the United States.

card, \$8 general admission.

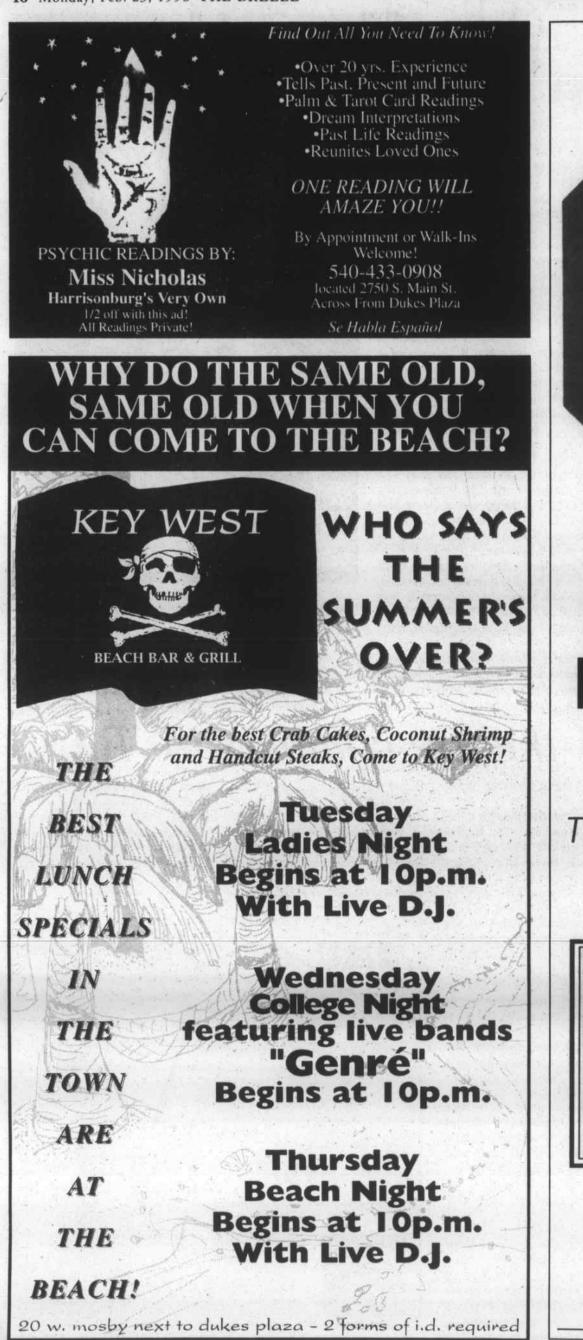
The new theatre complex will also provide job opportunities for JMU students and community residents. The complex will need between 50 and 75 employees to

open with, Zacheretti said, and all of the employees will be hired locally.

Regal plans to keep the seven screens it now operates in Harrisonburg open until the demand for movies can be assessed, Zacheretti said.



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Student photo exhibits visit Zirkle House's Artworks and Other galleries this week

by Andy Cross contributing writer

hotographic images bombard Zirkle House this week. Manipulated photography by junior Jamie Wood and senior George Allen occupies the Artworks Gallery, and in the Other Gallery senior Mary Pontillo displays a variety of collages.

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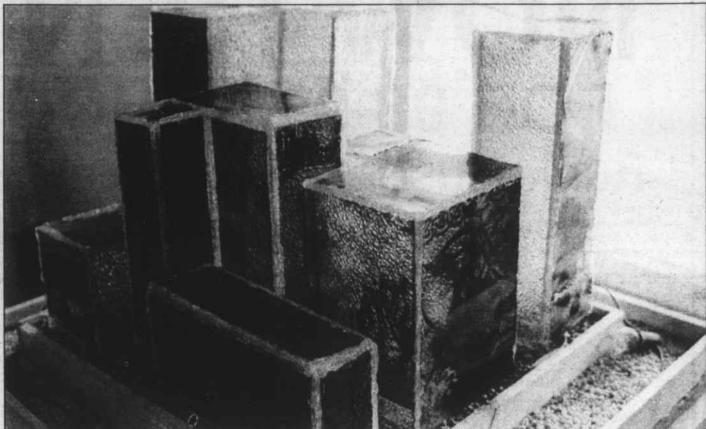
Wood and Allen use bright neons to electrify their photographs. At first, it's hard to tell their work apart because of this similarity, but a closer look reveals individual tastes in subject matter. Wood's photos focus on objects a person finds in either a pantry or medicine cabinet including containers of pizza sauce, Tang and petroleum jelly. Allen's imagery consist of scenes from outdoors featuring pictures of trees, rocks and the sky.

The artists also differentiate their photographs by their



presentation of subject matter. Wood successfully changes common everyday objects by altering the color scheme and by chemically discoloring the surface of the photograph as in "As U Said Earlier." By doing this she leaves thin lines that bring the image as a whole to life.

Allen, on the other hand, plays with the color schemes of a variety of images resulting in a fractured appearance. This



LINDSAY MANN/staff photographer

(Above) George Allen's "City Scape" and several photographs occupy Zirkle House's Artworks Gallery this week along with photography by Jamie Wood. (Left) Jamie Wood's "Butterworth," an example of a chemically altered photograph, is on display at Zirkle House.

technique leaves some of the original subject in tact, while in other areas, it transforms the image into a variety of colored swirls and shapes. Allen's photographs cause viewers to turn their heads from side to side in order to discover all the combinations of the images. Allen's creative titles, such as "Mr. Hanky's Magic Garden or (Untitled # 187,569,12)" and "Captain Fellatio and his travels through innerspace," only add to the confusion.

Pontillo's exhibit, "Once again Flying," fills the Other Gallery. Three silk paintings tell the story of a WWI fighter pilot. Along with these images of old planes, the soldier and his wife, is a newspaper article titled, "As Housewife Scans the Skies - Local Man first Officer on Disabled Airliner." The other collages around the room mount old photographs onto clipboards rather than silk. Pontillo's use of different colored clipboards gives the collages a less professional look than the silk paintings. Although the idea of representing the impact of this soldier's life is creative, the ambiguous presentation of the material on the clipboards competes with the rest of the exhibit.

Artwork by Jamie Wood, George Allen and Mary Pontillo is on display until Saturday.

Student accepted for Kennedy enter internship

by Jackie Cisternino

contributing writer

t the Kennedy Center for the performing arts, JMU's music program has recently made a name for itself. The JMU Jazz Ensemble performed there last week, and senior music major Rosalind Morris is currently interning there. Morris is one of seven interns in the Kennedy Center's development department.

"I was very excited," she said after she learned she had been selected for the competitive internship from a pool of over 100 applicants. "I guess I probably told everybody I saw [about the internship]."

Morris found out about the internship opportunities at the Kennedy Center from the World Wide Web and also from the internship coordinators at JMU. Location ous donors, Morris attends weekly semiand prestige attracted her to the internship.

"The D.C. area is a great arts area to be in, and it's close to home," said Morris, who is commuting from her home in Midlothian. "It also has a stipend."

Morris' duties in the development department at the Center include correspondence with donors. She works on a public membership campaign for the Kennedy Center Star, a program which seeks corporate and personal donations.

According to Mary Johnson of the Kennedy Center Press Office, donors in this program receive special privileges at the center including advance purchase on tickets and invitations to special events. Major contributors include the D.C. Commission on the

Arts and Humanities and the National Endowment for the Arts.

In addition to corresponding with varinars where the executives of the Center give presentations. Darrell Ayers, the senior program manager of the education department, says this "Senior Executive Seminar Series" gives the interns a chance to meet with executive members including

the president, director of production and director of marketing services.

"During the three to four months that [the interns] are here, they meet with 16 to 20 executive members of the Kennedy Center," Ayers said.

Along with getting the chance to "I was very excited. I meet with the head honchos, the the internship]. **Rosalind Morris**

Kennedy Center Intern and JMU senior few shows free of charge.

"We try to encourage [the interns] to take advantage of the wide variety of national and international artists who perform at the Kennedy Center," Ayers said.

Morris has taken advantage of the free performances. She has been to the American musical "Dreamgirls," the National Symphony Orchestra and jazz shows.

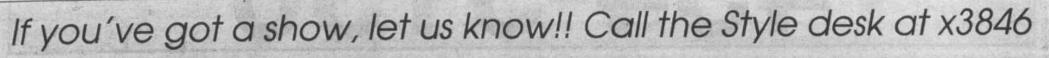
The Kennedy Center, which is in its 27th year, presents more than 2,800 performances each year for audiences approaching 2 million. Over the past 25 years, the Center has co-produced over 100 theatre productions including "Annie" in 1977, "Guys and Dolls" and "The King and I." The Center and its affiliate, the National Symphony Orchestra, have commissioned ballets, operas and musicals.

In an attempt to make the arts more accessible to the general public, the Kennedy Center created the Millennium Stage which began in the Grand Foyer on March 1, 1997.

The Millennium Stage has hosted artists from all over the Washington Metropolitan Area and the nation for free, hour-long performances.

Groups including award-winning tap dancers and dance troupes celebrating the arts of countries such as Korea and Spain have performed on the Millennium Stage. The Millennium has also hosted the JMU Jazz Ensemble.

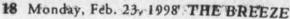
Morris hopes her experience as a Kennedy Center intern will open doors at other cultural centers after she graduates.

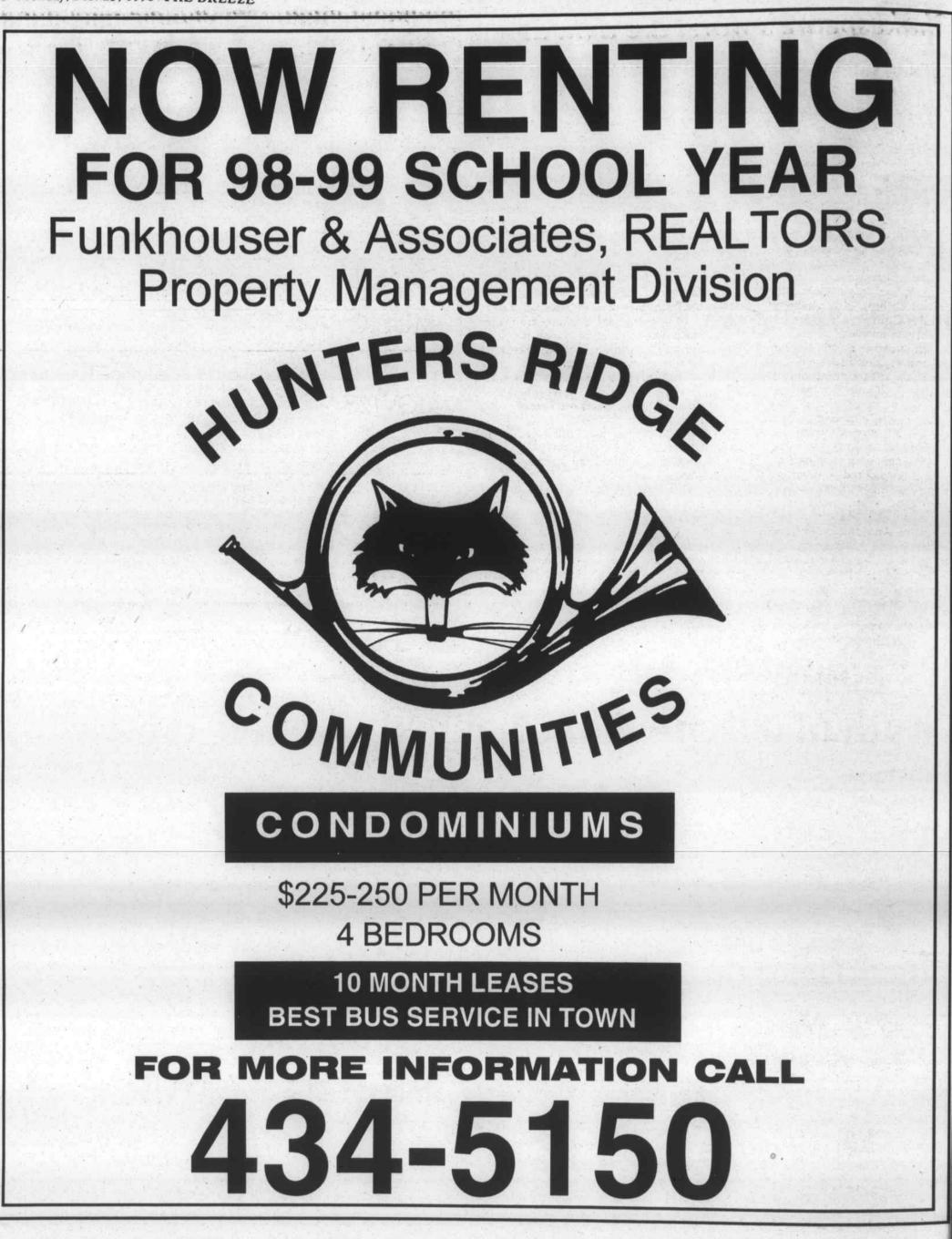


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other major perk - free performances. Morris has seen quite a

Kennedy





Shakespeare's worst are a hit at Rhodes College in Memphis, Tenn.

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MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Struggling writers take heart. Even Shakespeare had rough times with the critics. Take "The Tragedy of Titus Andronicus."

"It was considered for many years so bad that people said it couldn't possibly be by Shakespeare," said Cynthia Marshall. "T.S. Eliot said it was one of the stupidest and most uninspired plays ever written." Marshall knows these kinds of things.

Marshall knows these kinds of things. She's an English professor and teaches a course called "Bad Shakespeare" at Rhodes College, a private liberal arts school in Memphis.

Her students, mostly English and theatre majors, already are well-grounded in the Shakespeare commonly taught in schools — "Hamlet," "King Lear" and the like.

Now they're finding that even one of the world's most celebrated writers produced some clunkers.

"It's interesting to think that someone who is considered so great could write things that are not just universally considered good stuff," said student Alice Scarpinato of St. Louis.

"Titus Andronicus," a tragedy set in ancient Rome, has been criticized as disjointed, confusing and gratuitously violent.

"It includes a gang rape, cannibalism, lots of mutilations," Marshall said. "If you take Shakespeare to be the standard for what high culture should be, clearly this play doesn't fit the mold."

In the play, a mother is fed a pie made from the ground-up bodies of her two sons, who had raped and mutilated the title character's daughter.

Marshall, who developed the course last year, said her students don't seem overwhelmed by the violence. After all, many of them are accustomed to movies like "Natural Born Killers" and "Pulp Fiction."

"They always compare (Titus) to 'Pulp Fiction.' They say (director) Quentin Tarantino should do a film of this play, and I think they're right," Marshall said. In fact, she said, Shakespeare pretty

In fact, she said, Shakespeare pretty much was on the same course as people like Tarantino, making a living by creating the entertainment of the day.

Shakespeare's plays were written for the stage. If some of his work is boring or distasteful now, that doesn't mean it was when he wrote it, she said.

"Titus Andronicus" still is performed occasionally and works fairly well on the stage, though it's not too pleasing to read, Marshall said.

Marshall uses the course to free her students from the traditional study of Shakespearean technique.

"They're already programed to respond in certain ways, she said. "But when they're reading these works that don't have the label of great and important, they can exercise their critical faculties more freely."

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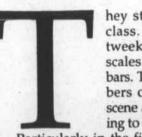
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Burg Sounds

From guitars and drums to turntables and microphones JMU's got it all. Join JULIAN WALKER and R.C. WOODALL on an exploration of the local music scene.



hey study. They go to class. They spin, they tweek. They climb the scales and they fill the bars. They are the members of JMU's musical scene and they are starting to become noticed.

Particularly in the field of music, colleges and universities have been responsible for the unification of some of the most famous contemporary popular artists. Including bands such as the multi-platinum R.E.M. (the University of Georgia) and Hootie and the Blowfish (the University of South Carolina) and a plethora of other musicians.

Not to be outdone by any other school, JMU has tossed its hat into the musical arena. JMU now boasts two alumni bands that have gone on to win recording contracts: e: (everything) and Puddleduck. JMU's current crop of students includes many aspiring musicians and producers from a multitude of musical genres.

Aside from musicians, colleges are also the bread and butter of many popular recording artists on tour because students in this age bracket are large consumers of recorded music. Also, college radio, sometimes referred to as part of the underground radio network is the launch pad for many hit singles from previously unknown artists.

Chris Stup, University Program Board coordinator, has noticed the increased musical activity at JMU and encourages it.

"The main thing people should under-stand is that it doesn't matter where you're located," he says. "Nowadays, the big markets are saturated, and artists are

beginning to pop up out of nowhere. It's important to develop a following because college breeds musicians and music buyers.

For DJ OMAN, a senior economics and history double major, combining a variety of musical outlets has been the path to growth and success. The alias used by Omari Sanders has been his calling card during his entire musical excursion.

"I've been a DJ on the radio for five years, and I've been spinning vinyl for over three years," he says. "And radio was

a stepping stone for me. "I always wanted to do radio in high school, and when I came here . . . I fell in love with it," Sanders says.

His affiliation with campus radio (WXJM 88.7 FM) led him into other avenues including DJing and production techniques.

"Being involved with the radio station opened up other possibilities for me," he says. "When I first came to JMU I met DJ Honeylove [a former JMU student]. I used to watch him and other DJs at the radio station. Now I feel there has been a dropoff in DJing here."

Since those early beginnings DJ OMAN has expanded his repertoire.

"My first mix tape came out in the fall of '96, and I have 13 tapes total now," he says. "I push tapes in a lot of East Coast states, but the best response comes from New Jersey, Virginia and Georgia.

"Eventually, I 'd like to have my mix tapes distributed worldwide and I want to found a production/management company," Sanders says of his musical aspirations.

He stresses the importance of artistic integrity within musical disciplines.

"You have to have a love of your art," he says. "I practice 2-3 hours every day; you can't just get up and DJ a party. It comes to a point as a DJ, or any artist, you become so confident in yourself you earn the name [DJ] and you can walk into a club anywhere and rock the turntables. It's not egotistical, it's confidence."

For senior marketing major Charles Lewis IV, his name says it all. As the head of C4 Productions, based in Charlottesville, he has already produced one full-length CD. Scrimmage is the debut CD from the company's first hip-hop group. C4 doubles as the company name and the name of the group, which is also known as the 4th Battalion, according to Lewis.

"The name Scrimmage comes from the fact that this was our first time doing all of this," he says. "It was a learning process making the beats and writing the rhymes for the songs."

Lewis started his musical career from humble beginnings.

"One of my boys used to rap, and we got a four track and got into it together, making songs," Lewis says.

The 4th Battalion currently has "mainly six members, but with all of the affiliates the number is 13," he says. "Eventually I want C4 Productions to become a major



MEREDITH MANSFIELD/staff photographer

PERPETUAL MOTION: DJ OMAN spins records in the confines of ing to Clark. his home, continually striving to hone his skills.

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independent label, but for now I just want to get everybody on our roster a record deal."

Scrimmage is on stock at all PLAN 9 music stores and has "done well in Georgia and Colorado," he says.

Lewis says his most important objective is to "be original, I want to hit people from

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> **Chris Stup UPB** coordinator

a different angle."

C4 Productions' next CD will be in stores soon according to Lewis. The group is currently working on two music videos. Lewis says his philosophy includes the

desire to help new performers establish themselves. "I like to help out people who want to get in the studio, any brother off the street that wants to get down."

Another group of JMU students who have a CD is the band Full Circle. The band's membership has yet to be completely defined duet the fact they are trying to add a few more members.

Comprised of senior kinesiology major Ramel Clark (lead vocals), senior marketing majors Johnny Garvin (guitarist), and Brian Sperberg (keyboard), senior CIS major Jason Posey (bass) and junior finance major Brad Murphy on the drums. Clark classifies the group's music as, "easy alternative, but we're not sure about it ourselves."

The name Full Circle signifies the fact that everything comes around in a full circle, things don't change that much over the course of time, accord-

According to Clark

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Where are all the clubs?

by Julian Walker and R.C. Woodall

senior writers

Making music takes more than just inspiration and instrumentation: Performers need an audience, and it is precisely this final element that many aspiring musicians find most difficult to locate. Harrisonburg's meager smattering of bars and clubs makes finding a stage from which to play their music a constant struggle.

"We need more outlets — true clubs to showcase the talent," senior DJ Omari Sanders says. Senior Ramel Clark, lead singer of

Senior Ramel Clark, lead singer of Full Circle, says that just being from JMU often seems to place young bands at a disadvantage.

"There isn't a place you can name outright that people associate with bands around here," Clark says. "We need to reach larger audiences."

Particularly troubling, Clark says, is the inaccessibility of students under 21 to local bands. "Younger students are just as appreciative of music, but they are denied access because drinking surrounds these venues," Clark says. "Bars book bands to sell beer

especially now with the demise of the Greek Row — so it's hard for original music to get out there."

Al Sorichetti, lead singer of Ten Cent Wings, shares Clark's concern that the more restrictive rules for oncampus fraternities hinder bands in their efforts to find listeners.

"Most people come down to fraternities around 11:30 p.m.," Sorichetti explains. "And [inter-Fraternity Council rules say] bands need to be done by midnight, so it's pretty tough."

Chris Stup, University Program Board coordinator, also laments the lack of venues for up-and-coming musicians. "There's a lot of talent at this school, and it's a shame it doesn't get marketed right," he says.

But Stup maintains that JMU's would-be pop stars shouldn't feel discouraged. They have easy access to recording facilities through the university, Stup says, and can obtain radio airplay on WXJM.

"Artists pop out of nowhere," Stup says. "Even though the club scene may not be great, it's still important to develop a following in order to make it as an artist." He points out that JMU attracts visitors to Harrisonburg from all over, giving young artists a much larger potential audience.

Don't just focus on Harrisonburg,"* he advises performers. "But there's nothing wrong with focusing on IMU."

(Above) Full Circle jams during a recent practice session in the basement of Pi Kappa Phi fratemity house on Greek Row, (bottom left) C4 PRODUCTIONS' first CD, Scrimmage, (bottom right) strangest days, Full Circle's debut CD.

room for another band to take a piece of

As the scene expands, it also is making

the group originated as a three man cover band playing shows at the former Gus's

Taverna. From there they moved on to writing and recording original music on a four track by the spring of '97.

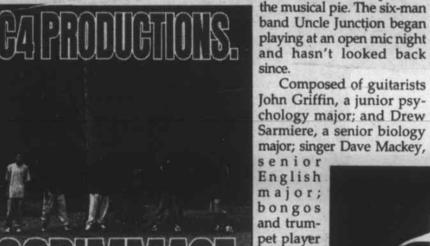
However, the band is still a few c o m p o nents away from being complete "We'd like

to add an electric guitar for a fuller sound and a saxophone for uplifting tones that can be substituted for.

harmony lines in some places," he says. Upon the graduation of most of the band's members in the spring, the band will be based out of Richmond.

"It's becoming a hot spot for music, and it's in the midst of a lot of colleges, and it's a good location for traveling to other East Coast cities," Clark says.

As for JMU, Clark says, "the music scene is getting better but it still needs improvement. It has grown, and it will continue to grow."



COURTESY OF C4PRODUCTIONS munica-

t i o n s major; bassist Adam Melton, senior chemistry major; and drummer Ryan Bonser, junior CIS major, the members still laugh about nights at the Blue Foxx.

"They wouldn't let us get down [off the

stage]," Mackey said. "I mean, even the townies were having a good time.

Jeff Clark,

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Although no one in the band has had any formal training, Mackey said he has been "singing since '867-5309." This, however, has never been a problem for the group.

"Everyone in the band has a real good ear for stuff, which is what makes things so interesting," Sarmiere said.

The group performs cover songs, but they create some of their own music with words from "the lyrical genius" of Mackey. The group touts its best tune as "Mister Green Jeans."

"Our music appeals to all ages, races and sexes," Sarmiere says with a laugh.

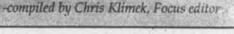
Melton claims the Uncle Junction sound is "fun — with a 'k,'" though the band is in disagreement over what it truly sounds like.

That is the exact reason the band recorded a performance at JM's Grill last week, to begin listening to their sound and to start COURTESY OF FULL CIRCLE e v aluating

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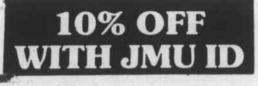
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what the future holds, right now Uncle Junction is concentrating on performing while still having fun.

"When we're here and something comes together, it is just a cool, cool feeling," Sarmiere said.

Another band, Ten Cent Wings, knows that feeling almost as well as anyone. A recent band to crawl out from the woodwings one night. After everyone laughed, they decided to keep the name as their own.

"At first [the name] was Alapalooza and I hated it because I don't want to be the focus at all," Sorichetti said.

Even though they had problems with their name, the band members do not have a problem playing any kind of music. drummer, and senior management major John Ryan on guitar.

Ryan is also a member of the band Suspended Kettle. Although the five-member group has only started playing in the past four months, violinist Conor Smith, a senior economics major, said he is no stranger to music. He also plays banjo and percussion and is a member of the JMU



work, the group has begun to see what all the fuss is about.

"I like it when two weeks later someone asks when we're going to play again," said lead singer Al Sorichetti, a former JMU student.

The name "Ten Cent Wings" actually began when a fellow fraternity brother told the group JM's was having 10-cent Although they have written originals, they play mostly cover songs, which include anything from ska to '80s to country music.

"If we played what I wanted to, people would leave," said junior finance major/ guitarist TJ Fitzpatrick with a smile.

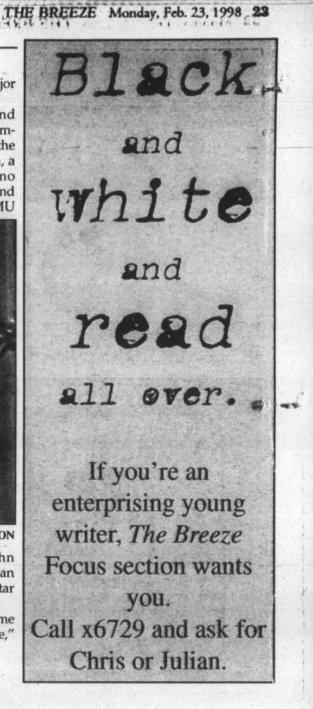
Other members of the band are senior psychology major Adam Scheinberg, Orchestra. COURTESY OF UNCLE JUNCTION

Joining Ryan and Smith are John Andersen, senior biology major and Sean McCarthy, junior English major, on guitar and Bob Burke, a JMU alum on drums.

"We enjoy having all our friends come out drinking and just having a good time," Smith said.

Isn't that what school is all about?

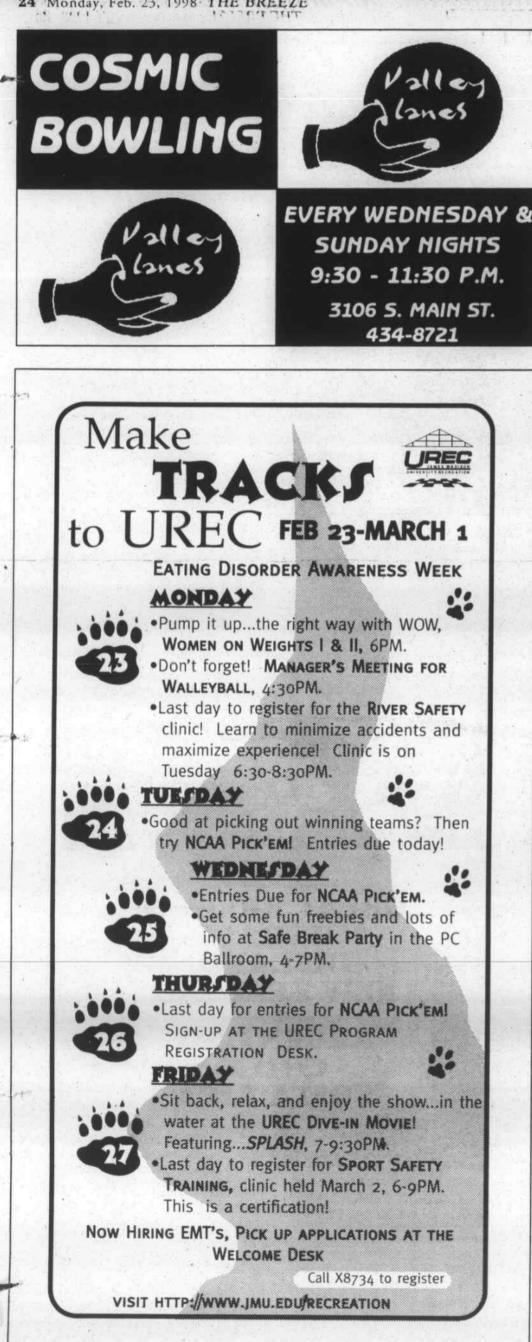
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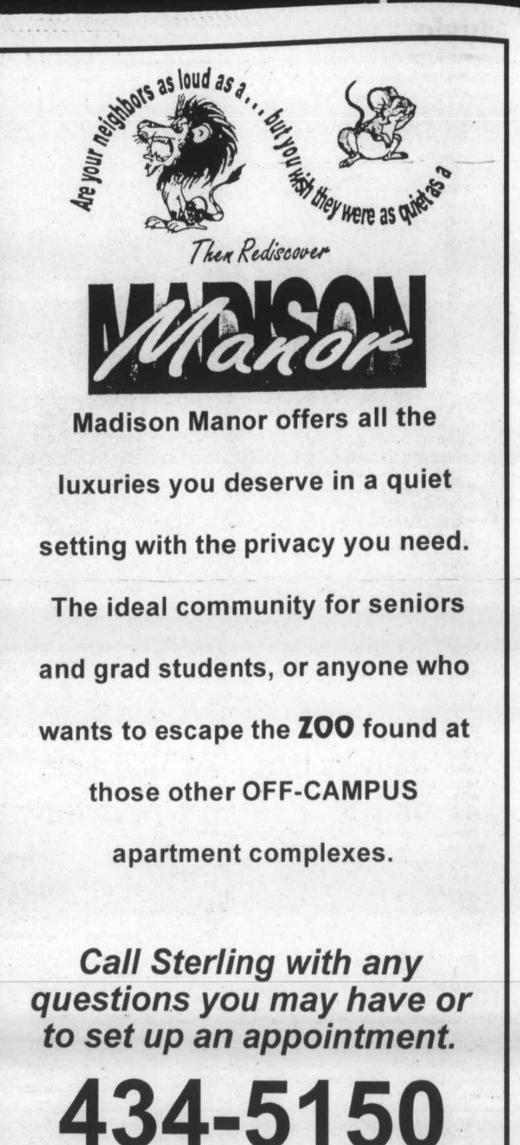




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SPORTS

JMU beats GMU, earns No. 3 seed

by Nick Langridge

staff writer

The JMU women's basketball team closed out the regular season with a 60-53 victory over the visiting George Mason University Patriots. The win was important because it ensures James Madison the third seed in the CAA tournament. The Dukes (16-10, 10-6) should face sixthseeded Richmond in the first round and avoid a possible second round match-up against topseeded and third in the nation Old Dominion University.

The seven-point margin of victory is deceiving in that the Dukes had a 19-point lead late in the game. From the start, George Mason struggled to move the ball against a JMU defense which created turnovers, forced low percentage shots and controlled the tempo of the game. It was not until the second half that the offense came alive and helped the team pull away for good.

"We had good defensive energy the entire game," assistant coach Russell Sarfaty said. "In the first half, the offense struggled, but in the second half we were able to take turnovers and capitalize on them."

The team shot only 32 percent from the field in the first half but came back in the second half at 46 percent, hitting 12 shots in 26 attempts. In the second half, JMU played inside the lane instead of forcing their perimeter game and found success.

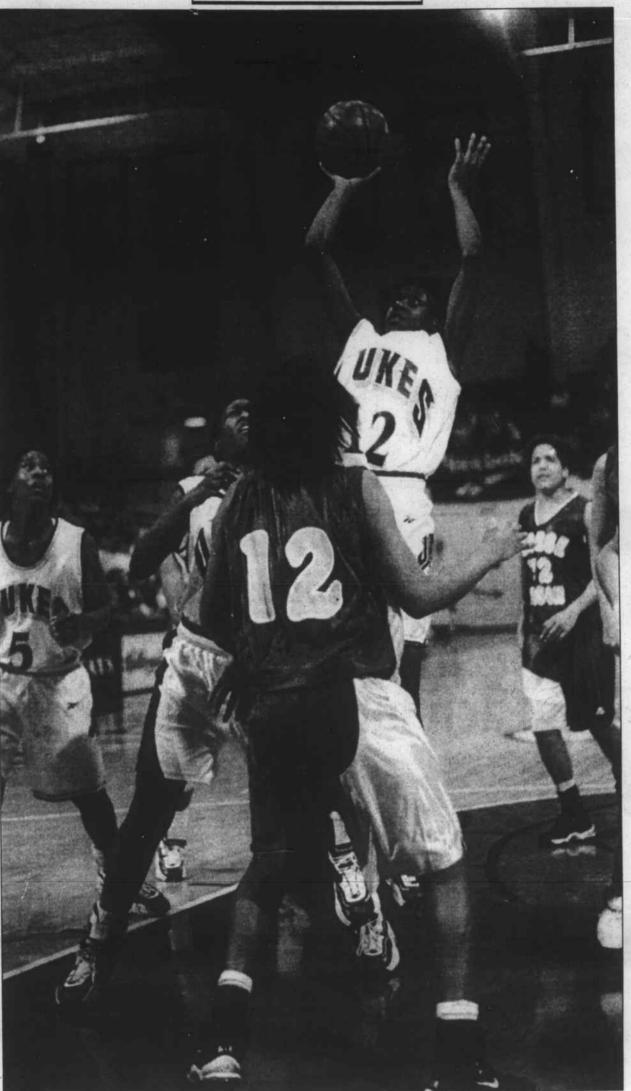
Junior Shirlence Archer said, "George Mason was in a zone defense, so we tried to work inside by penetrating or dishing the ball off instead of just shooting from the outside."

Junior Kish Jordan and sophomore Misty Colébank led the team with 13 points each, while juniors Akosua Demann, Hope Cook and Archer all contributed nine points to the effort.

The team, which has been hampered by injuries this season is down to nine players in uniform.

"Everybody has stepped it up since we're down to nine, instead of just relying on our leading scorers," Colebank said. "Now other teams can't just stop Becky [Wollenberg] and Kish [Jordan], we have other threats."

Lone senior Nyesha Basey and freshman point guard Kia Cole are among those injured. Basey, sidelined with a knee



Junior guard Shirlence Archer goes for two of her six points in yesterday's six-point victory over the

tion for the postseason.

injury, was honored after the

game for a solid four-year career.

the playoffs is young, but surpris-

ing. Preseason rankings picked

the Dukes to finish a distant

sixth. But with a strong new

coaching staff at the helm, JMU

fell just short of second and now

The team that JMU brings into

Patriots. JMU takes on the University of Richmond Thursday in the first round of the CAA Tournament.

find themselves in a prime posi-

Basey, head coach Bud Childers

said, "We're proud to see our

freshmen and sophomores excel

in the last five or six games. I'll be

surprised if we don't make some

noise in Richmond next week."

In a post-game reception for

Men's streak goes on

by Seth Burton

assistant sports editor

Yes, the JMU men's basketball team is on a roll. Yes, the Dukes 72-68 win over American University Saturday at Bender Arena was JMU's fourth win in the last five games. But no, the plain fact that the Dukes notched another victory in the win column was not what this game will be remembered for.

It may be remembered as the game where junior swingman Eugene Atkinson reasserted himself as an offensive leader, but it will definitely be remembered as the game which exemplifies just how far these Dukes have come this season.

"We have made some giant strides," JMU head coach Sherman Dilliard said. "A month ago, I don't think we would have won this basketball game. In fact, we may have gotten blown out. It shows that we have grown."

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The mere fact that the Dukes had a chance to pull out the win after blowing a 13point lead and trailing by one with five minutes to play is not only a testament to the Dukes improved style of play but improved attitude as well.

Atkinson, who finished with 31 points on 10 of 15 shooting said, "Right now we're more confident. The whole team is confident. We just overcame adversity."

The Dukes had to overcome a fired-up American crowd and the absence of junior point guard Ned Felton for half of the game due to a cut over his left eye.

Felton left the game after just four minutes, but he returned to the court at the 16minute mark of the second half with four stitches.

With Felton out of the lineup, Atkinson and sophomore Jamar Perry took turns running the offense and led the Dukes to a 30-27 half-time advantage.

DYLAN BOUCHERLE/senior photographer

The Dukes will begin the

CAA tournament in Richmond

Thursday with the No. 3 seed

and a meeting with the No. 6

season series with the Spiders,

most recently losing by 19 on

The Dukes split the regular-

seed University of Richmond.

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As he did all game, Atkinson seemed to score at will in the first half, but it was the startling, intense post play of sophomore Rob Strickland and senior Lamont Boozer which propelled the Dukes.

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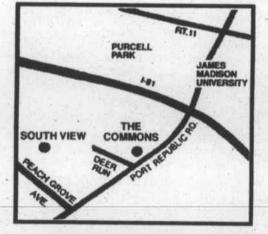
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Deaths haunt the wrestling community

by Mike Gesario

staff writer

There is no college sport under more public scrutiny for the way athletes prepare themselves for competition than wrestling. Over the past six months, there has been tremendous concern for the well-being of the college wrestler. Heated discussions have taken place concerning the workout programs and weight-loss tactics used by college wrestlers.

The public outcry began in November 1997. In just over a month, three college wrestlers died while training for upcoming matches. All of them were trying to lose weight.

The first fatality occurred Nov. 7 at Campbell University in Buies Creek, N.C. Freshman Billy Jack Saylor was trying to qualify for his first college wrestling meet. Saylor wanted to lose six pounds in a single night in order to qualify as a starter in the 190-pound class. He began his workout at 2 a.m., worked himself to the point of exhaustion and refused liquids, collapsing around 4 a.m.

"That was definitely an eye-opening experience," JMU head coach Jeff "Peanut" Bowyer said. "When something like that happens so close to home it certainly draws concern." Bowyer's team faced Campbell only weeks after Saylor's death. The unfortunate experience forced the Dukes to question the importance of the competition as well as their own personal well-being.

Unfortunately, not everyone learned from Saylor's death. On Nov. 21, only 14 days after Saylor's death, tragedy again, struck — this time at the University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse. Joseph LaRosa died of heat exhaustion while training for an upcoming match. LaRosa was wearing a rubber training suit while riding an exercise bike. He was trying to lose four pounds.

The third and most recent death occurred Dec. 9 at the University of Michigan. Wrestler Jim Reese reportedly

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ALLYSON HOFER/senior photographer

JMU freshman Nathan Rickman appears to have the upper hand in his 158-pound bout during Friday's one-point loss to American University. Rickman won his bout 9-2, improving his record to 14-8.

U wrestlers fall to Eagles

by Mike Gesario

staff writer

The JMU wrestling team ended its home season Saturday with a disappointing 17-16 loss to the Eagles of American University. The Dukes had a 16-6 lead going into the final three matches of the evening, but they lost all three and let the win slip right through their fingers.

The Dukes fell to 7-5 overall and 2-3 in the CAA. American, who is unbeaten in its last 10 matches, improved to 11-3-1 overall. The Eagles remain a perfect 4-0 in the conference.

The night started off well for the Dukes, as Makaan Taghizadeh easily won the opening bout. Taghizadeh, a 118-pound freshman, was all over the Eagles' Victor Acquaah-Harrison. By the time the final whistle blew, Taghizadeh boasted an 18-6 major decision victory.

"I got to catch him on a couple mistakes," Taghizadeh said. "In the first period I didn't look too good. But, I think overall I am gradually getting better and better and wrestling a little tougher and tougher."

Dave Vollmer, one of the most consistent Dukes, won the next match at the 126pound weight class. Although it was a close match, in the end Vollmer picked up AU's David Lombardy and threw him on his back for two crucial points. The crowd cheered loudly as the buzzer sounded and Vollmer was declared the winner by a score of 8-3.

After American's Aaron Watters edged JMU freshman Eric Miller in the 134pound matchup, the Dukes' Doug Batey took to the mat in Godwin Hall for the last time of his career. Batey trailed throughout the match. He remained poised though and took down Marc Hoffer (24-12) with only 20 seconds left in regulation to tie the bout at five. Overtime was equally as thrilling as Batey, this time with only 2 seconds left in the period, took down Hoffer to win the match 7-5. Batey received a standing ovation for winning his final home match. The win, his 19th, also ties

him for the team high with Vollmer.

"I wanted to win," Batey said. "It's a lot easier to win matches at home. Everyone comes out to see you wrestle, and you have a lot of friends in the stands."

The Dukes splif the next two bouts as senior Chip Cochran lost to Warren Stout in the 150-pound fight 5-0. JMU freshman Nathan Rickman then defeated Denis Alamplyev 9-2 in their 158-pound contest. Rickman's record is now 14-8.

Co-captain Chris Vidak (18-8) gave the Dukes a 16-6 lead by defeating Bret Ruth, last year's CAA champion in the 167pound weight class, 7-3. Vidak injured his knee with 12 seconds left in the second period, and although he finished the bout, the Dukes fear he may be finished for the season.

"Vidak beat a two-time NCAA qualifier in Ruth," JMU head coach Jeff "Peanut" Bowyer said. "That likely put him in the NCAA championship. Unfortunately I think he may have torn something in his

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wanted to get this win." The start

Boozer finished with a double-double, recording 11 points and 11 rebounds while Strickland finished with five boards and seven points.

The second-half saw the Dukes utilize a 12-2 run to leap out to a 13-point lead. American would not go away however, and led by Jarion Childs and Dave Small, the Eagles seized back the lead, 57-54 with 4:37 left in the game.

It was at this point of the game where the Dukes of earlier in the season would have folded, but against the Eagles, JMU dug-in for some huge defensive stops and

of confidence," Strickland said. "I really received big baskets, courtesy of Atkinson, when they needed them.

"We never faltered at the end," Dillard said. "I'm really proud of the effort we've been giving. Our defense has really picked up. They've finally bought into the fact that they can play good solid defense."

Junior forward Fred Boyd was direct about the Dukes' attitude down the stretch. "We were going to get it done," Boyd said.

After Atkinson tied the game at 57, AU senior guard Nate Smith buried a threepoint shot with 2:37 left to put the Eagles back on top by three.

JMU quickly responded, as Atkinson

came off a double pick on the low-post pleased Dillard said. "The players decided and nailed a three-point shot from the top enough is enough. They decided that of the key to tie the game and silence the roaring crowd.

"It was a big shot," Atkinson said. "I was feeling it, so in crunch time I wanted to be the player to take that shot. It felt good when it left my hand."

After several AU misses, the game evolved into a free-throw contest as the Eagles continued to foul in a desperate attempt to stop the clock and creep back into the game.

Down the stretch, the Dukes hit 11-13 foul shots to close out the game.

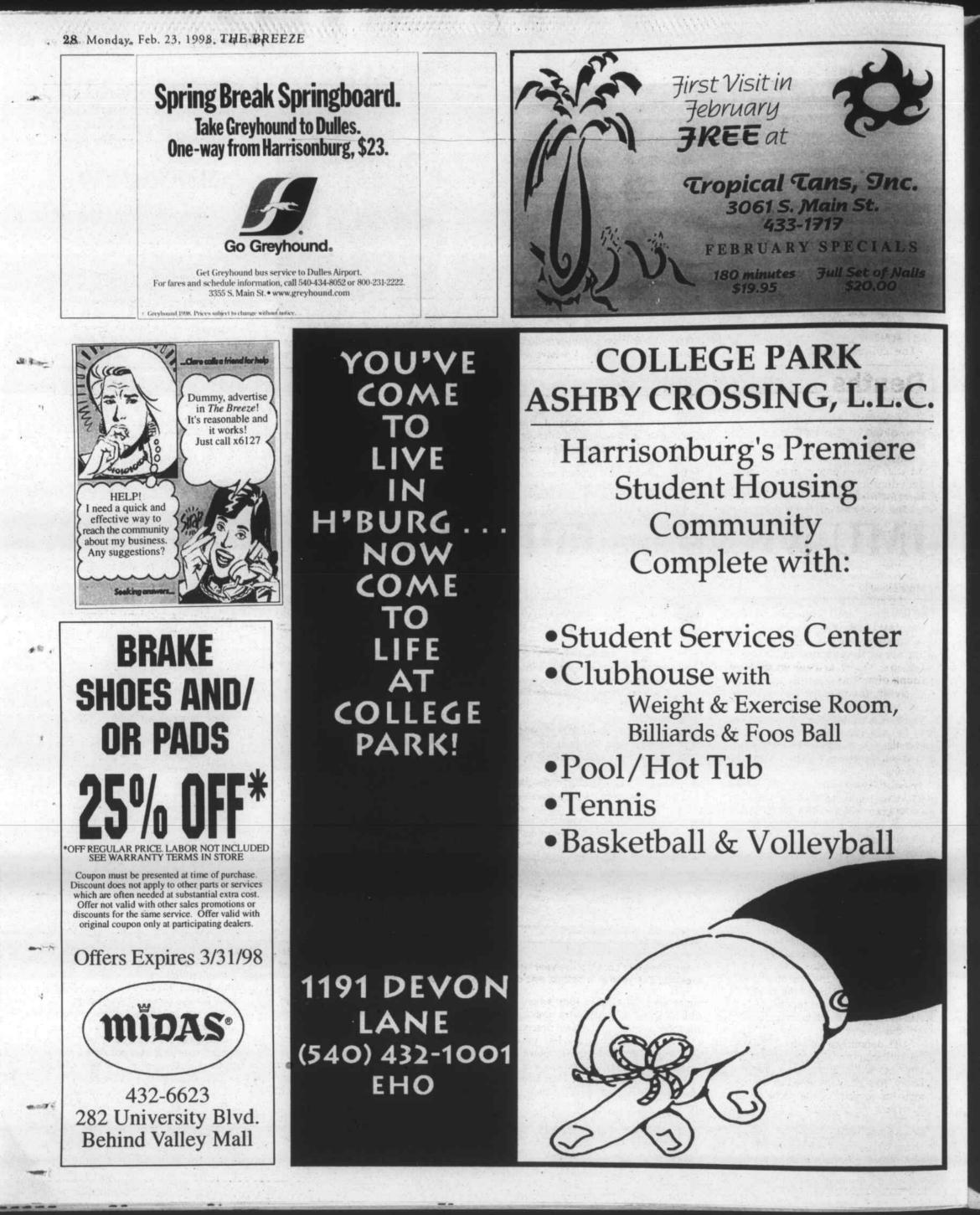
"The credit goes to the players," a

we're a better basketball team than that. I think the guys were embarrassed by their play [earlier in the year]. We've tried to put the past behind us and move forward."

JMU plays tonight in the regular season finale against George Mason University at the Convocation Center. A win would secure the fifth seed in the CAA tournament. A loss would relegate them to the

play-in game. "We're on a roll," Perry said. "We're going into the tournament as maybe the hottest team ."

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knee, and he may be done for the year. The last week has been devastating to us as far as injuries. We are just going to keep plugging away and see if we can make it through the next two weeks."

The Dukes fell apart after Vidak's match up, despite their seemingly insurmountable 16-6 lead.

The Eagles' Matt Esposito won his match against junior Chad Kuhn via major decision 21-7. Esposito upped his record to 23-8 with the win. It also cut the Dukes' lead to 16-10.

AU's Josh Schroeder then upset Elliot Williams in the 190-pound match. Williams had defeated Shroeder in the finals of last seasons' CAA championship, but on Saturday, Williams looked sluggish and lost 8-2.

The collapse continued as JMU's

heavyweight, DJ Hockman, was outmuscled by Robert Puzio. Puzio, the defending CAA champion, won 19-5. The major decision victory

improved Puzio's "Until we can get a total gave the Eagles a effort from everybody, we It was the Dukes' second are going to keep coming one-point confer-

ence loss in four up short." days. After the match, Bowyer talked about the

17-16 victory.

Dukes' letdown. "I thought our kids wrestled hard and wrestled well," Bowyer said. "I think there

work to do in the next two weeks. I think the people who are getting the job done are the guys that are working hard.

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Unfortunately, we don't have everybody on the team on the same page. Until we can get a total effort from everybody, we are going to keep coming up short.'

At the same time, Jeff "Peanut" Bowyer Bowyer praised the JMU wrestling coach seniors.

'Certainly, they will be missed," he said. "Vidak has probably been the most consistent performer for us all year. Hopefully it's nothing serious and he will get a chance to go to the NCAA championships (March 19-21 in Cleveland). Batey did a great job. He showed poise getting the score with two seconds to go in sudden death. [Cochran] has been wrestling hard every year. He's probably one of the hardest workers we have in the room.

The Dukes will now have to get back on track for the CAA championships. The championship is March 7 in Norfolk. Last season the Dukes were runners up, finishing behind three-time defending champs George Mason University.

"I think we have a good chance at the CAA title," Batey said. "We have three or four guys that can win it. I think if I wrestle [well] I can maybe win my weight class. It all depends on who shows up and wrestles. We can have as many as five champs, or we could have zero."

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wore "sweats" over a rubber suit and worked out for two hours in a 92-degree room. The cause of death was "rhabdomyolysis," a breakdown of skeletal muscle. This, along with exercise and dehydration, led to kidney failure and heart malfunction.

The most startling fact is that, according to investigation documents released by the Department of Public Safety under the Freedom of Information Act, Michigan assistant wrestling coach Joe McFarland was with Reese when he collapsed.

"I think it kind of devastated the sport of wrestling," JMU senior wrestler Doug Batey said of the three deaths. "Everyone in wrestling was devastated by it. But, I am not totally surprised. I almost witnessed it happen to a guy on my team a couple of years ago."

By the time Reese died, the NCAA was under intense scrutiny. In fact Tom Gross, Michigan's athletic director, said he would have stopped Michigan's wrestling programs had the NCAA not cracked down on radical weight-loss training.

As a result, new rules have been implemented. For example, wrestlers can no longer use saunas as a means of water loss. Rubber suits and diuretics have also been banned. NCAA rules already bar laxatives, fluid restriction, self-induced vomiting, hot rooms, hot boxes and steam rooms for dehydration.

The rules also provide, for the rest of this season, a seven-pound weight allowance to all weight classes. This means a wrestler in the 118-pound class can weigh as much as 125 pounds.

The rules also state weigh-ins must be held within two hours before a match. This cuts down on the time an athlete has to lose weight. Under the new rules, wrestlers can only compete in weight classes they competed in on or before Jan. 7 of this season.

"It's definitely a lot safer," Batey said. "Anything that's going to help the wrestlers will help the sport." However, Batey, like most involved in the sport, feels the severity of the problem varies from program to program.

JMU's wrestling program, like almost every other college wrestling program, is trying to deal with the weight-loss problem. Bowyer watches his wrestlers to

make sure he sees no signs of drastic weight loss. He pays careful attention to the wrestlers' performances in practice.

is one match that we got out-wrestled, out-

hustled, and out-hearted. We have a lot of

"It's visible at practice," Bowyer said. "If their performance at practice is effected, you know they are not cutting weight properly."

The squad gives credit to Bowyer for keeping track of their workouts, which match] has gone on for years, but I don't think people realize how drastic weight loss was.

Lemish, who stated he is personally against the use of rubber suits and favors mat-side weigh-ins, said he does not plan to implement any further rules at JMU.

"Coach Bowyer and I have had some very good discussions, and he has made



ALLYSON HOFER/senior photographer Batey (shown in back), a five-year wrestler: "I think it kind of devastated the sport of wrestling Everyone in wrestling was devastated . . . But I am not totally surprised."

can be very difficult in a sport where the athletes spend so much extra time training outside of the regular team practices.

"He usually knows what you're weighing in at," Batey said. "Since the deaths, everyone is more conscious of it."

JMU Athletic Director Don Lemish praises both Bowyer and the new rule changes. He said he feels changes are

long overdue. "I think all of us were very concerned," Lemish said. "I think the whole concept [of losing weight to qualify for a

some suggestions to me," Lemish said. "We have concluded at this point that the rules and changes made nationally are sufficient. We don't want to create an unfair disadvantage for our own wrestlers. Coach Bowyer is very conscious of these kind of situations. I have all the confidence in the world that good judgment will prevail," Lemish said.

In the end, though, it is generally considered the athletes' responsibility to determine how far their bodies can go.

"We leave it up to the kids," Bowyer

said. "We recommend the weight class we think they can be most successful at, but ultimately it is the kid's decision. I personally don't feel that specific individuals should have control over an individual. Each individual knows what their body can and cannot do."

This approach must be working as JMU certainly has a cleaner history than other programs. Yet JMU has not been totally free of severe weight-loss cases.

'We had kind of experienced it a couple of years ago," Batey said. "Our 118pounder was trying to make weight, passed out, and wound up in the hospital."

Recalling the incident, Bowyer said, "Fortunately, the one time we did have someone pass out we had a certified trainer there, we started IV, and he went to the hospital and he was fine."

No one is sure of the effects the deaths will have on wrestling, both at JMU and at other universities. What's certain is these few instances seem to overshadow the fact that the NCAA, which has been recording deaths in college sports since 1982, reports no previous deaths in wrestling since that time.

On the positive side, in addition to protecting the athletes' well-beings, the new rules implemented by the NCAA may bring more interest to the sport. Many shy away from wrestling because of the high demand for weight loss and top-notch conditioning. Perhaps with less importance on losing weight, more people will become involved in the sport.

"The media brings to light more negatives than positives in wrestling," Bowyer said. "It's a constant struggle. We've got to try to highlight some of the positive of our sport. Unless we do something to help ourselves we're are going to have a very tough future."

Still, despite the new changes, weight loss will always be a part of wrestling.

Senior wrestler Brian Collier said in an interview on WXJM's Sports Talk Live, "Unfortunately it's something that, once we began wrestling at a miniature level, has always been part of it. It's just that first guy who wanted to go down a weight class. Ever since then, it's kind of like the domino effect. Everyone has to, do it to compete."

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JMU Water Polo

First-year women's squad hosts tourney as JMU water polo takes center stage

by Gene Holson

contributing writer

This was an exciting weekend for the JMU women's water polo club team. Not only was the team opening up its inaugural spring season, but they were doing it at home. The Dukes hosted the twoday Spring 1998 Invitational at Savage Pool in Godwin Hall Saturday and Sunday. Eight teams participated in the roundrobin tournament, including George Washington University, Virginia Tech and the University of Maryland.

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JMU had two teams competing in the tournament. The "A" team consisted of the more experienced players, while many of the players on the "B" Team were playing their first game.

"About 75 percent of the team is freshmen, so we have a lot of promise for the future," head coach Josh Tice said. "They are learning the fundamentals and really doing well."

This weekend, JMU's "A" team played well against some established teams. They opened against the University of <u>Maryland</u> and despite leading throughout the first half, lost 13-7. Senior Kelly Jensen and junior Andrea Salzer turned in strong performances — each scored two goals. Freshman goalkeeper Margaret Coleman was solid in net, making strong saves and good outlet passes.

After the opening defeat, the team finished the weekend 2-2. The Dukes had a dominating 14-4 win over Georgetown University and a thrilling 10-8 win over Cornell University.

The JMU "B" team opened up the tournament against Virginia Tech. The Dukes played hard but could not keep the Hokies from getting open in front of the goal. The young Dukes fell 14-3 but were satisfied.

"Both of the teams were really excellent," said Jensen, who is president of the club. "The young players were really good in their first games."

The women's team has evolved out of the JMU co-ed team, which existed for 20 years but usually did not include many female players. The team is led by Jensen, an accomplished player. Besides her leadership in the pool, Jensen helps Tice handle the team. Also, she handles administrative duties, such as dealing with UREC and the Sport Club Council.

Tice jumped at the chance of becoming JMU's first women's water polo coach. He played three years on the JMU co-ed team, and is looking forward to leading the first-ever women's team. He has the team working hard, practicing four nights a week at UREC.



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DYLAN BOUCHERLE/senior photographer JMU water polo member Adriane Sites takes a shot during During the states takes a shot during

JMU will participate in the Collegiate Water Polo Association and will play in three more tournaments this year. They will gain valuable experience when they play at Villanova, Princeton and George Washington.

Sunday's game against Cornell University.

The Dukes are pleased with the way the weekend turned out. "I'm so excited about the team," said senior vice president of the club Joann O'Connor. "It's our first year, but we put up a good fight and made a good showing." The Dukes are hoping that after this weekend's performance, they will be considered a force to be reckoned with in the future.

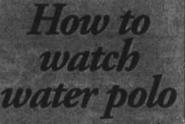
An obvious asset of the team is their enthusiasm, as it was usu-

ally the loudest team in the pool. "No one can match the enthu-

siasm of this team," Tice said. The enthusiasm and the

excitement of playing in their first season could lead the Dukes to a successful year. The squad competes March

14 in a tournament hosted by Villanova.



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Water polo can be a confusing game for spectators. The whistle seems to be constantly blowing and the players never seem to stop moving. The key to understanding the sport can best be outlined using the following guidelines:

lowing guidelines: • Field players can use one hand to touch the ball, goalies two.

• The game consists of four, six-minute quarters with no time-outs.

• Each team has six field players and a goalie.

• The object of the game is to move the ball by swimming and passing in order to get open for a shot and score.

Each goal is worth one point.
The game is played in water too deep to touch bottom. The athletes therefore tread water for the duration of the game.
Players may only receive

three major fouls before being eliminated final the game.

 The whistle blows when any infraction of the rules occurs. It can be something associated with the game itself or indicate that a foul has been committed.

• Early can be either technical or major. Technical fouls are minor fouls. The team committing the technical foul loses possession of the ball.

• Major fouls occur when a player fouls another too aggressively. Players committing a major foul are eliminated from the game for 35 seconds, or a goal, which ever comes first.

Men's squad not only fights opponents, it must also fight for respect



PHOTO COURTESY OF JOHN GREENLEAF Members of the JMU men's water polo squad celebrate an October victory over the University of Virginia.

by Steven M. Trout

sports editor

Ask just about anyone on the JMU campus how to play water polo, and odds are you won't get any kind of answer.

Just about anyone. But if you ask the same question to the members of the men's water polo team, they'll not only tell you, they'll show you.

"Water polo is a combination of lacrosse, hockey and soccer in the water," said senior Ryan Thompson, club vice president. "It's a really aggressive sport by nature."

And the JMU squad is no different. Directed and coached entirely by students, the team practices four times a week and spends countless hours conditioning.

"On average, a player will swim about two miles in one water polo game," Thompson said. "We dedicate a lot of our time to conditioning . . . usually swimming about 3,000 meters at each practice."

According to club president John Greenleaf, conditioning is one of the toughest aspects of the sport.

Overlooking conditioning, water polo is still one of the most grueling of all sports — combining endurance, strength and overall physical ability. According to Greenleaf, most of the players were competitive swimmers in high school, so the competition factor comes naturally. It's the physical nature and the strategy that comes with time.

Essentially, water polo could also be a combination of swimming and rugby. Players tangle with opponents swimming or treading water.

"The game you see above the water is only half of what's going on," Thompson said.

Greenleaf, a member of the team for four years, has seen the ups and downs that any organization experiences, but with a club like water polo, there exists some extra baggage.

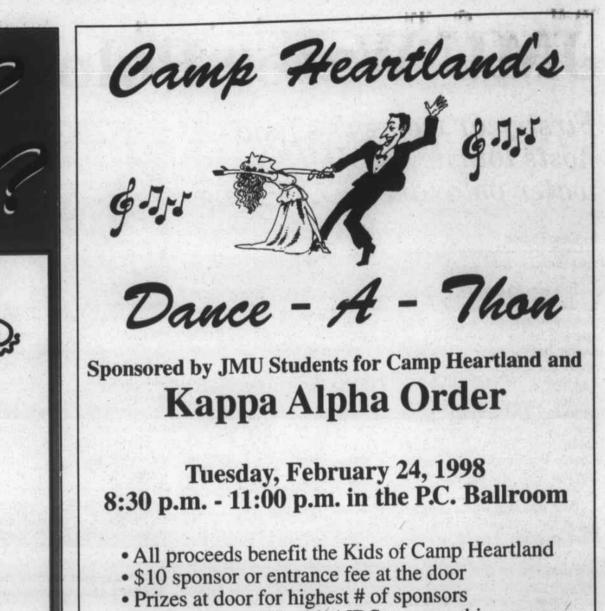
A club since 1976, the water polo squad constantly faces the struggles of fundraising and gaining respect within the world of JMU athletics.

Particularly, it's the lack of quality pool time that most haunts the team, according to Thompson and Greenleaf. Tournaments are always played in Savage Natatorium but the team must compete with other JMU squads as well as the genet-* al student body to practice at the UREC pool.

"It's really disappointing," Thompson said. "The school isn't really doing a lot to help us."

Regardless, the team is quite successful, vaulting from a 1-10 mark two years ago to last season's 6-6 record. Playing in the Mid-Atlantic Conference of the Collegiate Water Polo Association, the 24-man squad is now focused on its spring schedule — set to start March 20 at Virginia Tech.





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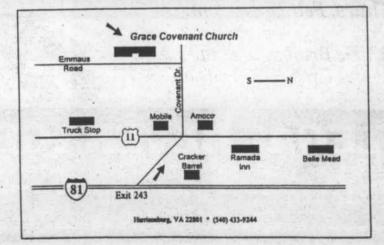


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Men fall 13 points shy of seventh CAA title; women place third

by Magda Salazar

contributing writer

After being at the helm of a dynasty for six years, the JMU men's swimming and diving team failed to win a seventh consecutive title Saturday night at the CAA championships in Chatham.

JMU finished in second place with 684.5 points while Old Dominion University finished with 697.50 and the CAA crown. East Carolina finished third with 441 points.

"We outswam [the competition] in the pool," senior Matt Miller said. "We swam fast, and we trained all year for this. It just didn't happen to go our way."

JMU competed strong throughout the meet. Going into Thursday's events, the team was in second place. By Saturday, the team had regained a 29 point hold on the top spot.

"We swam real well, but it is definitely disappointing when you lose a streak like this,"junior Justin Pudloski said. "Sometimes it takes a kick in the ass like this to solve some of the complacency that we might have come into this meet with. Hopefully, this will only be a springboard motivating us to bigger and better things in the future."

Sophomore Will Von Ohlen finished sixth in the finals of the 200-yard backstroke, Pudloski came in fourth place in the consolation heat of the 200-yard butterfly and junior Stephen Humphrey took a sixth place finish in the mile event.

Saturday's events left the team in second place and needing to win the last event of the night, which was the 400-yard freestyle relay. However, the Dukes finished third.

"We were in the same situation three years ago, and we pulled it out," freshman Patrick Lowry said. "I was thinking the same might happen again."

Junior Paul Oehling scored in the mile final, while sophomore Eric Marton and junior Keith Wagner finished in first and fourth place respectively in the 200-yard backstroke.

Junior Cliff Parker finished second in the finals of the 200-yard breaststroke. Freshman Brendan Prichard finished second in the consolation heat of the 200-yard butterfly.

In the finals of the 100-yard freestyle event, junior Adam Prem came in third place.

The women also competed at the CAA championships this weekend, finishing third with a score of 507 points.

The tournament champions were the

University of North Carolina-Wilmington women with a score of 589.50 points followed by East **Carolina University** with 563 points.

"The women's team swam really fast," senior Jennifer Scheirman said. "I've seen our men's and women's team come together."

Freshman Becky Richey finished fourth in the womens 200yard backstroke consolation event.

She was followed by freshman Molly Kirkland in fifth place.

In the 100-yard freestyle consolation heat, freshman Julie Lestyan finished in third place followed by Sarah Garro in

fourth and Scheriman Junior Adam Prem prepares to launch himself into the pool at a practice earlier this season. in fifth. In the finals of the

100-yard freestyle, junior Beth Elie finished in fifth, junior Chrisse Hassett placed seventh and senior Jenn Murach came in eighth place.

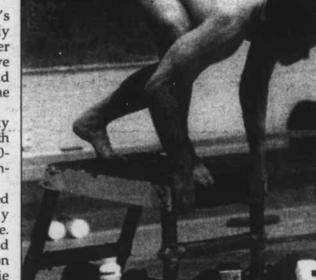
After the meet, both JMU teams convened at the post-tournament banquet, where despite the disappointment, men's

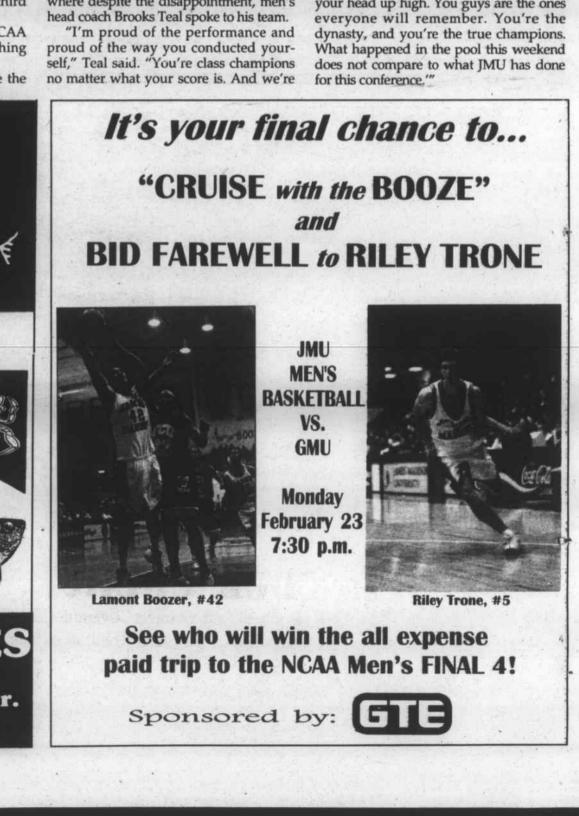


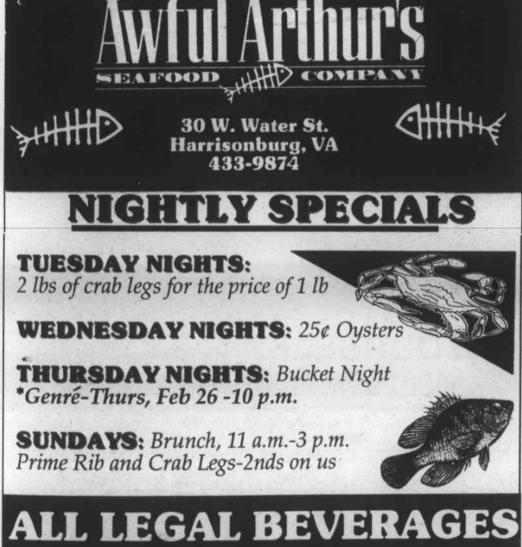
going to be back next year." Miller, who also spoke at the banquet,

referred to the status JMU had achieved over the last six years as champions. Miller said, "I congratulated Dave

Allen, head coach for Wilmington. He gave me a hug and said, 'Matt Miller, hold your head up high. You guys are the ones everyone will remember. You're the







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JMU fencers capture Va. state title

by Jason McIntyre

contributing writer

The James Madison fencing team dominated the 1998 Virginia Intercollegiate Championships Sunday at Godwin Hall, sweeping the Foil and Epée competitions.

The six-team field, which included Hollins College, Mary Baldwin College, Sweet Briar College, University of Virginia and Virginia Tech, was no match for the Dukes, who cruised to a first-place finish with 58 total points. Hollins was a distant second with 39 points.

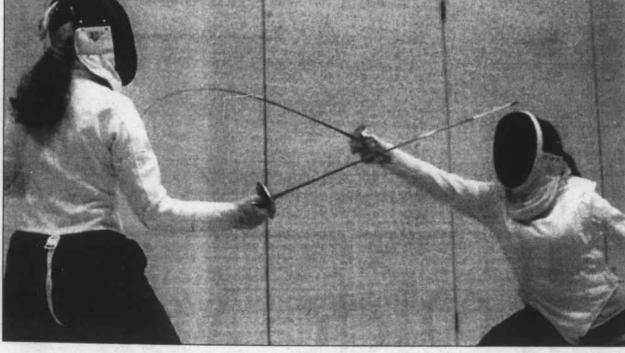
"We had a great overall team performance," head coach Paul Campbell said. "We came together as a squad to reach our common goal of winning the team events, and the girls did a great job. I am really happy for them."

Nobody could be happier than freshman Colleen Hicks, who won the individual foil competition. In the eight-girl, round-robin tournament, her teammate freshman Tiffany Little finished third and sophomore Erin Madigan sixth.

In the Epée competition, freshman Kim Roberts finished second, senior Ida Tennant placed fourth and sophomore Marcy Miller fifth.

The Dukes record coming into the tournament was 16-6, and they had secured the No. 20 national ranking for the first time in the the four years that Campbell has been head coach.

Leading the Dukes is Roberts, from Oakland, N.J. She performed well at the



Heather Robertson (left) and Erin Madigan (right) duel during a practice earlier this year. The fencing squad took home the state title yesterday, beating second-place finisher Hollins College by 19 victories.

Junior Olympics earlier this year, going 7-1 overall, and earning a ranking of 21st nationally.

"Statistically, Kim Roberts is the impetus for our Epée squad," Campbell said. "Our freshmen are making a huge difference this year. We have a very young squad (one senior and one junior), and our lone senior (Tenrant) is doing a great job of keeping the team together."

Joining Roberts at the Junior Olympics

were three more freshmen, Vicki Karousos, Hicks and Little.

"It was a great experience," Little said. "The competition was very tough, and I had a great time."

Little's fencing career stretches back five years. While fencing is not that popular a sport in the South or Midwest, it is huge in the Northeast and on the West Coast. In Little's hometown of Rockaway, N.J., fencing is a regular high school sport. "You really get used to it," she said. "It's really an interesting sport if you learn a little bit about it. I got into it because it is a unique sport, not something you see everyday."

Her career highlight was finishing sixth in the New Jersey State Championships as a senior in high school.

"I think that's the best I have ever fenced," Little said.

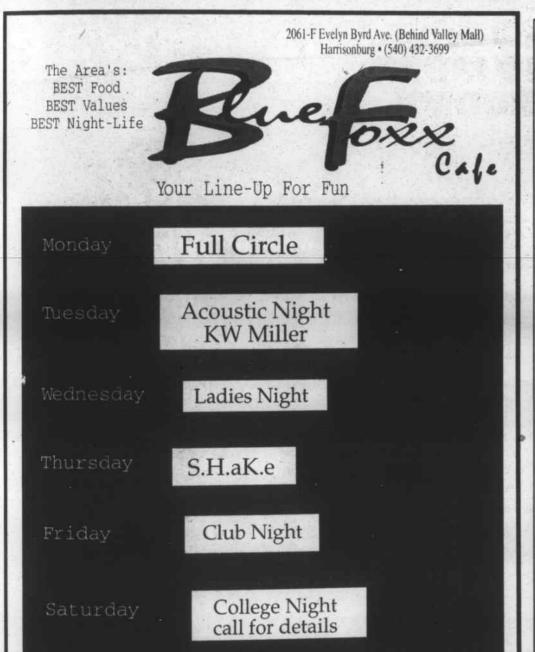
Cristine Begeman, a junior, said she thinks more people should learn about the sport that has been called "physical chess."

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19 victories. In foil competition, strategy is the key. The valid target area is the torso, which is covered by a metallic vest.

In an Epée match, there are no rules of right of way, and the whole body is a valid target. The object here is to strike your opponent first.

The season runs from October to mid-March. The team holds open tryouts in the fall. The Dukes will travel to compete in the NCAA Mid-Atlantic/South Regionals on March 7.



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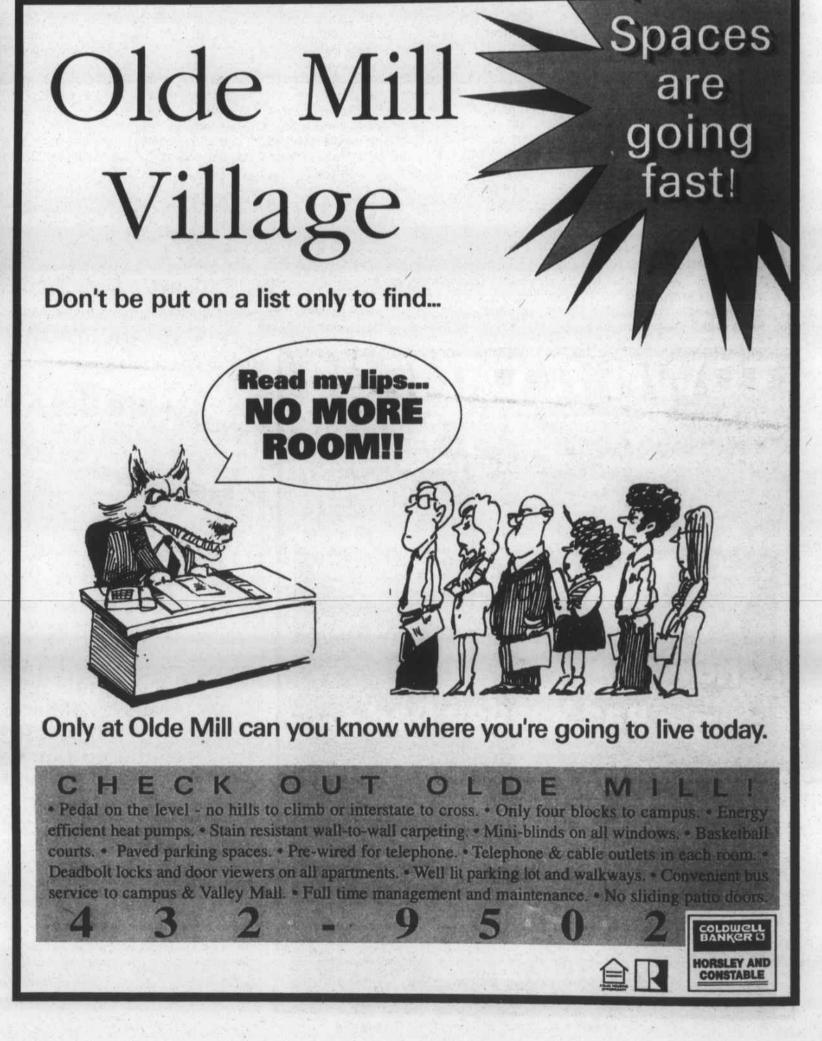
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Track

The JMU track teams appeared at the George Mason University Collegiate Invitational yesterday.

A number of JMU runners met the Intercollegiate Association of Amateur Athletes of America (IC4A) qualifying times.

On the men's side, junior Paul Lewis ran a 1:04.07 in the 500 meters, while junior Russ Coleman, freshman Jason Smith and senior Bill Lynch all met the IC4A qualifying standard in the 1,000 meters.

Senior Andy Ryba qualified for IC4A's in the 55 meter hurdles with a time of 7.47 and also notched a time of 23.18 in the 200 meters.

Senior Curtis Lassiter met the IC4A qualifying standard with a time of 1:51.54 in the 800 meters.

Several JMU women met the ECAC qualifying standards at Mason. Sophomore Shontya Bready and freshman C.J. Wilkerson both qualified in the 500 meters with times of 1:14.56 and 1:16.47, respectively.

Junior Keisha Banks sprinted to a time of 2:11.20 in the 800 meters while sophomore Heather Hanscom finished the 3,000 meters in 10:05.76. Junior Zakiya Haley met the ECAC standard in the 400 meters. Haley ran a 55.82

The Dukes distance medley relay team of junior Sara Carpenter, Banks, freshman Suzie Hutchins and sophomore Brett Romano finished in 12:22.55 while senior Sarah Matthes qualified for ECAC's in the 1,000 meters with a time of 2:57.07.

Seun Augustus finished fourth in the long jump for the Dukes, with a distance of 18'6 1/2".

Baseball

The Diamond Dukes went 1-2 in the Ralston Purina Baseball Challenge in Wilmington, N.C.

The Dukes dropped their first game to the University of West Virginia 11-3. Senior Greg White picked up the loss. White (1-1) gave up five earned runs on five hits. He walked two and struck out 11 in his six innings of work. The Dukes' defense did not help White, as they committed five errors in the game.

Senior Corey Hoch was the only JMU player to collect two hits. He hit a towering home run in the bottom of the ninth which accounted for all of JMU's scoring. The homer ended a 16-inning JMU scoring drought.

The Dukes bounced back and defeated UNC-Greensboro 6-1 on Saturday.

Sophomore third baseman Eric Bender led the way for the Dukes. Bender went 3-4 with two RBIs.

Junior Aaron Sams notched his second victory of the season. He worked seven innings and allowed only one run on four hits. He fanned eight and walked two.

Sophomore Nic Herr and junior Ryan New worked the final two innings.

JMU ended the tournament with an 11-7 loss to Navy on Sunday. Senior Chad Hartman drove in two runs for the Dukes. Junior center fielder Kevin Razler had a good day for the Dukes, as he went 2-5 with an RBI.

Sophomore Blair DeHart took the loss. His record dropped to 0-2.

The Dukes are now 3-3 in their inaugural season under Joe "Spanky" McFarland. The Dukes return home to face Georgetown University Tuesday.



The JMU women's gymnastics team finished third in its competition against George Washington University and the University of Rhode Island on Friday. GW won the event with a total of 189.500 points. URI had 188.675 points, while the Dukes had a score of 183.275.

Freshman Allyson Betar was the Dukes' highest individual scorer in the all-around competition. Betar tallied 36.425 points. GW's Alexis Hrynko won the all-around with a score of 38.225

The Dukes had individuals place third in both the balance beam and the uneven parallel bars. On the balance beam, junior Jill Hornung finished third, behind a duo of gymnasts from URI. Sophomore Kathleen Bellino led the Dukes on the uneven bars. Her score of 9.650 was only .050 points shy of second place.

Janet Palazzolo was the balance beam competition with a score of 9.750. George Washington's Siobhan Haney took home first place honors in the uneven parallel bars with a score of 9.825.

Alexis Hrynko of George Washington and Rena Ranieri of Rhode Ilsland tied for first place honors in the vault. Both scored a 9.725. The highest Duke was Hornung, who finished 11th.

Darden Wilee of George Washington won the floor exercise. Hornung was again the top JMU finisher. She placed sixth with a score of 9.550. Sophomore Rachel Malinowski finished eighth for the Dukes.

The Dukes next take on Eastern Michigan University Friday in their last home meet before the March 21 ECAC Championships.

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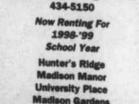
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