

Soak up the sun

The Spring Break countdown begins, and there is still time to book the perfect package.

Upsetting your stomach

Richmond's 'Ravenous Munkz' put on a tummy-turning performance at Mainstreet Bar and Grill Tuesday night.

JMU student enjoys life in the fast lane

Senior Erin North displays her passion for bicycle racing in local and national races, including the world famous Cyclocross.

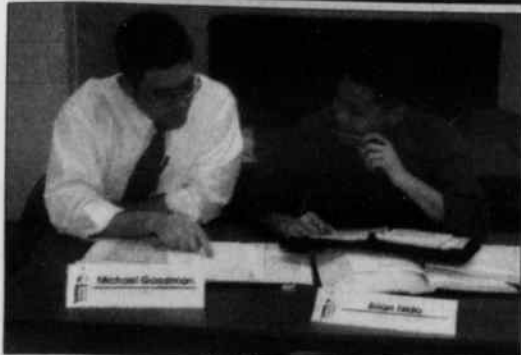
THE BREEZE

James Madison University

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Today:
Partly cloudy
High: 38°
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Thursday, January 30, 2003



BETHANEE WILGOCKI/contributing photographer
Senators Mike Goodman (left), and Brian Nido attended Tuesday's meeting in which SGA discussed asbestos in Warren.

SGA discusses Warren hazards

Breeze ad rates, Brown Bag program discussed at Tuesday's meeting

BY SARAH SHAHMORADIAN
SGA reporter

The Student Government Association discussed asbestos in Warren Hall and the cost of advertising in *The Breeze*, at its weekly senate meeting Tuesday night in Taylor 202.

According to Dave Barnes, director of university and college centers, the area in Warren Hall which formerly housed the campus bookstore, has asbestos. Known as "Transitions," it current-

ly is being used as an open space for students to lounge and study and for clubs to hold fund raisers.

Asbestos is a fibrous mineral which was found commonly in insulator material because of its strength and heat resistance. "It was standard procedure [to use asbestos-containing insulator] in the early '70s," Barnes said. "It wasn't discovered to be harmful until much later."

Warren Hall was built in 1971, undergoing renovations

on different floors throughout the years. "For each renovation, asbestos had to be removed," Barnes said. "Since no renovations have been done on the second floor yet, the asbestos has not been removed."

Since, according to Barnes, the asbestos is not being disturbed in Warren Hall, this should not be a hazard to students. "No one's in any threat, unless someone tries to remove it," he said.

When asbestos is cleared it will have to be removed with special care, according to Maxwell.

"The project has been delayed while the budget is figured out because the removal of asbestos is very costly," Maxwell said. "It will probably be in the neighborhood of a year or so."

According to Barnes, "I'm sure the cost will be a factor in how soon it'll be renovated."

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Students attacked in Commons

BY TONI DUNCAN
contributing writer

Two male students were assaulted Sunday Jan. 19 about 1:30 a.m. while walking down the main hill in The Commons apartments, adding to the number of assaults that have been occurring recently.

"We were coming from the bus stop and we were close to the top of the hill," said one of the victims, who wished to remain anonymous. "Then out of nowhere two ... guys jumped us, and I got hit a few times. At the same time my friend was getting hit and then he fell down flat on his face."

"I was not able to get a good look at them," the victim continued. "I saw them run away and then jump into a silver car." Robbery does not appear to be a motive in the attack because as the victim said, "They didn't even say anything to us, they just came up and started hitting."

Both victims are sophomores and reside in The Commons. They said they did nothing to provoke the attack.

According to the other victim, who also spoke on condition of anonymity, "I don't remember anything about the assault. I completely blacked out." He said he sustained many injuries from this incident

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Stores report two robberies Monday night

A robbery reportedly occurred at approximately 11:45 p.m. at the 7-11 store on Chicago Avenue Jan. 27, according to a news media release from the Harrisonburg Police Department.

An unknown white male, described as tall, thin and wearing a green army jacket with a hood pulled over his face allegedly approached the clerk requesting change and took an undisclosed amount of money from the register when the drawer was opened. The clerk was assaulted during the encounter and suffered minor injuries, the release said.

In a similar incident that has not yet been determined as related, a larceny occurred at approximately 1:11 a.m. at the Neighbors Exxon store on Virginia Avenue Jan. 28, according to the same HPD release. An unknown white male allegedly approached the clerk requesting change and reached into the register drawer when it was opened, taking an undisclosed amount of money. The clerk was unharmed. The suspect is described as possibly 18 to 25 years of age, clean-shaven and wearing a brown, fuzzy hooded jacket and green jogging suit pants.

Anyone with information regarding these incidents is asked to call the HPD at 434-2545 or Crime Solvers at 574-5050.

— compiled from staff reports

Professors sick of Burruss Hall



MELISSA CRAWFORD/contributing photographer

Associate professor Caroline Smith reported developing fungal pneumonia from the hazardous ventilation in her Burruss Hall office. Smith switched offices in Burruss and eventually moved her office to Nicholas House. According to a fellow associate professor, Smith is still sick.

Bad air in Burruss?

Professors report falling ill from unsafe ventilation

BY KAREN KELLY
contributing writer

At least seven professors who have offices in Burruss Hall have taken ill with pneumonia due to what they say may be a hazardous ventilation system.

"It got to the point where I was coughing up fluids, so they rushed me to the hospital, and I spent three days in intensive care there," said associate mathematics professor Jim S. Sochacki, whose doctors advised him to switch offices in Burruss.

"My blood oxygen level had dropped to below 65 percent," he said. His doctor told him that 65 percent was dangerously below normal, Sochacki said.

In the last four years, seven

teachers in the math department have developed pneumonia, either in the fungal or viral form, according to associate professor George W. Marrah. This makes up 25 percent of the department, he said, which draws attention to the health of those in Burruss Hall.

According to assistant professor Laura A. Taalman, the hall used to be U-shaped until renovations were made from 1989 to 1991, including an addition onto the front of the hall as well as a new ventilation system with energy-efficient air handlers. The health of professors whose offices are in Burruss Hall has appeared to deteriorate since the renovation, which may or may not be a coincidence.

Sochacki said he moved

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— Jim S. Sochacki
associate math professor

into Burruss in the fall of 1992 and fell ill in the spring of 1993. After bouts of depression, hospital doctors discovered that Sochacki's blood oxygen level was so low that he was lucky to be alive. His doctor then advised him to switch offices.

Sochacki's office was inspected after he fell ill, fungal growths were found on the ceiling and a high mold count was found in the carpet. These problems were taken care of, and all carpeted offices on the lower two floors of Burruss Hall were taken out and changed to tile, according to the Dean of the College of Math and Science David F. Brakke.

Associate professor Caroline Smith was next to reside in Sochacki's former office, and according to Marrah she developed a fungal pneumonia and also eventually was moved out of the office.

Assistant Professor Jeannie W. Fitzgerald was the most

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Burglary suspects arrested

BY KELLY JASPER
contributing writer

Two JMU students were arrested last week in relation to four reported campus burglaries, allegedly stealing \$75,000 in computer equipment.

Junior John M. Borge was arrested Jan. 21, and sophomore Ian R. Houston was arrested Jan. 23. Both were arrested by the JMU Police Department and both were charged with four counts of breaking and entering, four counts of grand larceny and four counts of conspiracy to commit grand larceny, according to Director of University Communications Fred Hilton.

In addition to the 12 counts that each face, Houston faces five counts of credit card fraud, according to a Jan. 23 article in the *Harrisonburg Daily News-Record*. "The investigation is still continuing," Hilton said. "There's a good likelihood that additional charges will be raised on this case."

More arrests are possible in connection to the burglaries, Hilton added.

Since the first alleged burglary in November 2001, the men have been accused of stealing \$75,000 in equipment in Spotswood Hall, Showker Hall and the campus post office, according to the *News-Record* article.

The first burglary occurred the weekend of Nov. 30, 2001 at the Showker Hall computer lab, Hilton said. A second burglary occurred at the Showker Hall lab during the weekend of Jan. 12, 2002. Three data projectors were stolen from the first Showker break-in, and four more projectors were stolen during the second burglary, Hilton said.

Computer equipment was stolen during a third burglary Aug. 28, 2002 at JMU's post office. Because a private company is hired by JMU to run the post office, the break-in is not a federal case, Hilton said.

The fourth burglary occurred

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Students showcase organizations

Student Organization Night provides info on campus groups

BY KENDRA FINK
contributing writer

Student Organization Night served as a source of entertainment and an informational session for students Monday evening in the College Center Grand Ballroom.

While most S.O.N.s have been held along the Warren Hall patio and on the commons, this year's was different. "We decided to use the College Center, and that's the biggest difference between this student organization night and others," said senior Ashley Morris, program assistant for the University Program Board. "It opened recently and we were hoping to bring students over into the new building."

According to Darci Contri, a

“This is ... the biggest Student Organization Night ... thus far.”
— Darci Contri
graduate student

graduate student who helped organize S.O.N., "This is by far the biggest Student Organization Night that we have had thus far. There are 113 clubs registered to be here this evening."

Many oddities attracted people to student group booths. While picking up information on the Tae Kwon Do Club, sophomore Raleigh Marshall said he

was more than willing to take pictures with students since he was dressed up in a Darth Vader costume. While the Tae Kwon Do Club used a Darth Vader costume to attract students to its table, sophomore Keith Riley, the vice president of the Science Fiction Fantasy Guild, held a large sign while handing out flyers.

The Paint Ball Club sported packs that carried paint and masks while a video played. Student clubs decorated their tables with posters, figurines, books, pamphlets and candy.

"I noticed the balloons," freshman Kristine Morton said, explaining what caught her attention at the event.

"I saw the people and heard the music," freshman Kristen Mirm said.

These groups have successfully completed the club recognition process and were recognized in December.

driving up 'til dawn
phi beta lambda
JMUADDS (James madison against drunk driving)
economics club
national residence hall honorary
skyline winterguard
society of hosteurs
paintball club
phi sigma tau
JMU crew club
JMU flight club
brass band club
ACLU-JMU chapter
society of philosophy and religion
roop group: past and present

SARAH STANITZ/graphics editor

Thursday, January 30, 2003

DUKE DAYS EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30

• Praise & Worship will be held at 5:30 p.m. at the Baptist Student Union House on the corner of Cantrell Avenue and South Main Street, a block from campus. All are welcome to attend. For more information contact Lynn Allgood at allgood@allgood.com.

• The JMU chapter of the Society for Technical Communication will hold the first meeting of the semester in Keezell 303 at 6 p.m. For more information, e-mail shackel@jmu.edu.

• The Shenandoah Minefield Adoption Project is sponsoring a charity banquet dinner to help eliminate the threat of landmines. It will take place at 7 p.m. in the Sheraton Four Points Hotel Ballroom in Harrisonburg. Cost is \$25 per person, and all proceeds go towards demining efforts in Bosnia. Additional events include live music, guest speakers and a Chinese auction. Contact Susie at sprinkles@jmu.edu or x8-2810 or go to www.geocities.com/shenandoahmap for more information.

• Club tennis will be holding a mandatory meeting for all team members from 7-8 p.m. in Taylor 400. Among items on the agenda are upcoming tournaments, changes to the constitution and volunteer projects this semester. Contact Khalil at garriokp@jmu.edu if you cannot attend.

• Professional Business Fraternity Council information night is tonight in HHS 2301 at 7:30 p.m. Come find out more information about JMU's professional business fraternities.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

• Men's basketball hosts Hofstra University at 7 p.m. in the Convocation Center.

TO SUBMIT A DUKE DAY EVENT:

E-mail Kyra of *The Breeze* at papafike@jmu.edu with the information (event, date, location, contact info, etc.)

Please submit by Friday for a Monday issue and Tuesday for a Thursday issue.



POLICE LOG

By SHARON BLEAKNEY
police log reporter

Carlos J. Novak, 20, of Mechanicsville, was arrested and charged with attempting to elude police, driving while intoxicated and property damage at the Warren Hall service drive Jan. 26 at 2:36 a.m. In connection with the same incident, Daniel C. Tomlin, 18, of Mechanicsville, was arrested and charged with attempting to elude police and possession of marijuana at the Warren Hall service drive Jan. 26 at 2:36 a.m. The subject's vehicle reportedly struck a light pole in the northwest corner of Warren Hall, and the subjects allegedly fled the scene.

In other matters, campus police report the following:

Grand Larceny

A JMU student reported the larceny of a vehicle in R-1 lot between Jan. 20 and Jan. 24.

Petty Larceny

A JMU student reported the larceny of a parking hangtag Jan. 27.

Property Damage

Several subjects were observed beating the James Madison statue with their skateboards in the statue courtyard Jan. 25 at 1 p.m. The subjects fled the scene and one subject was later identified and issued a trespassing notice.

A JMU student reported an unknown person cut two rear tires of a vehicle in R-1 lot Jan. 24.

A left front marker lens was broken on a vehicle in R-1 lot between Jan. 23 and Jan. 24.

An unknown subject discharged a fire extinguisher in the basement of Logan Hall Jan. 25 at 3:45 p.m.

An unknown subject broke a glass pane protecting a fire extinguisher in Eagle Hall Jan. 25 at 4:30 a.m.

An unknown subject broke out the window glass on the north side of the power plant building with a piece of limestone Jan. 26 at 12:02 p.m.

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WEATHER



Today

Partly Cloudy

High 38 Low 25

		High	Low
Friday	Partly Cloudy	42	33
Saturday	Mostly Cloudy	48	30
Sunday	Partly Cloudy	50	37
Monday	Mostly Cloudy	55	28

MARKET WATCH

As of close on Wednesday, January 29, 2003

DOW JONES

2.03

close: 2,286.82

NASDAQ

15.88

close: 1,358.06

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6.49

close: 810.03

S&P 500

5.82

close: 864.36

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Cost: \$3.00 for the first 10 words, \$2 for each additional 10 words; boxed classified, \$10 per column inch.

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Classifieds must be paid in advance in The Breeze office.

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NEWS

Local boy drowns at RMH

Suman, 8, was a familiar face at his parents' Harrisonburg restaurant and will be missed by many in the community.

see story below



"With the university entrenched as one of the nation's best, it's about time we began to act like it."

EDITORIAL
The Cavalier Daily
see story below

Local boy drowns 8-year-old was easily recognized at parents' cafe

BY KYRA PAPAFIL
assistant news editor

A familiar face at a popular restaurant among JMU students will no longer be there to greet customers when they come in the door.

Suman, the 8-year-old son of Indian & American Cafe owners John and Rameshwori Palikhe Shrestha, drowned Saturday while attending a birthday party at the Rockingham Memorial Hospital Wellness Center in Harrisonburg.

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A lot of JMU students
knew that little boy ...

— Kenneth Kyger
owner, Kyger & Troubaugh Funeral
Home and Crematory

he would be there," Kenneth Kyger, owner of Kyger & Troubaugh Funeral Home and Crematory, said.

About 3:26 p.m. Saturday, Shrestha was pulled from the pool by the lifeguard on duty, but he was unable to be revived at poolside, according to RMH spokesperson Deb Thompson. She said approximately 10 to 12 children were still in the pool at the time, while about five adults were chaperoning the party. Shrestha was pronounced dead at the hospital.

Thompson said, "[RMH] is currently getting comments so that we can piece together the whole picture of the event. When something like this happens you want to take a look and make sure that you know exactly what happened."

The article in the *News-Record* quoted Harrisonburg Police Chief Don Harper as saying the case was ruled an "accidental drowning" and that ruling means the HPD would no longer be involved in the case.

Thompson said RMH has had a wellness center for over 20 years and in that time there have been only two other deaths, both adults.

Kyger said the funeral service was held Tuesday at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church.

The *News-Record* article stated that the restaurant will be closed at least until Feb. 7.

Who needs 'American Idol'?



MORGAN RIEHL/staff photographer

Junior Kyle Busey, far right, and senior Keven Quillon, second from right, sing "What You Own" from "RENT." Madison Project, JMU's premier men's a capella choir, performed in concert Tuesday at 8 p.m. in Grafton-Stovall Theatre. At the show, Madison Project debuted its newest CD, "Rock Star." The group performed a wide variety of music ranging from doo-wop of the 1950s to hit contemporary songs, including John Mayer's "Your Body is a Wonderland."

'Peeping Tom' reported on campus last week

JMU police issued a timely notification bulletin about an act of perversion that occurred Jan. 24 behind McGraw-Long Hall.

A "Peeping Tom" possibly facilitating a perverted act was reported at 6:50 p.m. in the Hillcrest residence hall area, according to a Jan. 27 notice sent to the university community.

The complainant allegedly observed a subject looking in a window for about 10 minutes. The release said the subject began putting his hands down his pants and was described to be "doing something."

The suspect was described as a white male wearing a blue hooded sweatshirt, white hat and green shorts. Police reported the subject left the scene upon arrival of the

investigating officer.

Anyone with helpful information is asked to contact JMU police at x8-6911 or publicsafety@jmu.edu. Anonymous tips can be given through "Silent Witness," online at www.jmu.edu/pubsafety/SilentWitness.shtml.

— compiled from staff reports



UVa. pep band faces the music

BY ED MILLER
The Virginian-Pilot

An older, well-dressed man made his way down the steps at University Hall recently, intent on telling the director of the Virginia pep band what he thought of its controversial performance at the Continental Tire Bowl last month.

He stopped in front of a young man sporting a scruffy goatee, his hair in a ponytail. "Are you Adam?" the man asked inquisitively.

"Yes," Adam Lorentson said a bit warily. The third-year student studying international relations and neuroscience directs the band and has caught his share of flak recently.

"I got a lot of threats," he said. Not this time. The man was John P. Ackerly III, rector of UVA's Board of Visitors. He smiled, shook Lorentson's hand and asked, "How you holding up?"

Lorentson looked relieved. Ackerly told him to hang in there. He said that instead of apologizing for the band's performance that lampooned the

state of West Virginia, UVA President John T. Casteen should have sent West Virginia Gov. Bob Wise a one-line letter.

"Virginia 48, West Virginia 22," Ackerly said. "Signed, John Casteen."

Lorentson laughed and thanked Ackerly for his support. These days, the band could use it.

The pep band's full name is wordy: the "Award-Winning Virginia Fighting Cavalier Indoor/Outdoor Precision Marching Pep Band and Chowder Society Revue, Unlimited!!!!" And it already is a shadow of its formerly irreverent self, Lorentson said.

This past season, it was limited to two halftime football performances, not counting the Tire Bowl. The school elected to bring in outside bands for the other games. An athletic department administrator heavily censors each of the pep band's scripts.

Lorentson contends the band is a victim of political correctness and says the censorship it experiences runs counter to the principles of free expression

espoused by UVA's founder, Thomas Jefferson.

University officials say the issue is sportsmanship, not free speech. The Atlantic Coast Conference, of which Virginia is a member, has made sportsmanship a front-and-center issue in recent years.

There may be more than just sportsmanship concerns driving the debate over the pep band, as an editorial in UVA's student newspaper suggested this month.

The band was founded in 1974, and in its early years, seemed a good fit at an academically strong regional university that didn't take its football too seriously. In recent years, Virginia has worked to make itself one of those rare universities that can have both big-time football and a sparkling academic reputation.

In the past five years, Virginia has poured millions into its football program. Scott Stadium has been expanded to 65,000 seats. Al Groh, a former NFL coach, was hired for the express pur-

pose of bringing the Cavaliers a national championship.

Academically, Virginia is regarded as one of the nation's top public universities.

Is a ragtag pep band the image Virginia wants to present to the world? Some voices at the student newspaper, *The Cavalier Daily*, don't think so.

"With the university entrenched as one of the nation's best, it's about time we began to act like it," one editorial stated.

That's one argument against the band. Another one heard often is just as damaging: The band's just not funny anymore.

"The university needs a real band," the editorial stated. "You know, one with uniforms and a bit of restraint."

The pep band has never been a typical marching band and couldn't be prouder of that fact.

It was created as a scramble band, one of a handful in the country. Most are found in the Ivy League, where every school but Cornell has one. Stanford and Rice also have them.

Bush spells out possible Hussein risks

President addresses war threats, tax cuts, elderly benefits, economy, other issues in State of the Union speech to nation

BY MARTIN MERZER AND
JODI ENDA
Knight Ridder Tribune

President Bush, seeking to rally Americans standing on shaky economic ground and the brink of war, called on the nation Tuesday night to confront the "outlaw regime" of Iraq or risk "a day of horror like none we have ever known."

He said Saddam Hussein might possess enough chemical and biological material to kill millions of people and was all too capable of using it.

"The dictator of Iraq is not disarming," Bush said during his State of the Union address. "To the contrary, he is deceiving."

Although he didn't mention Iraq until deep into his 60-minute speech, the president devoted nearly the entire second half to a stark assessment of the risk he believes Hussein poses.

He said Iraq could not account for 6,600 gallons of anthrax, more than 10,000 gallons of botulinum toxin and as much as 500 tons of chemical agents, enough to commit unthinkable mass murder.

"Before Sept. 11, 2001, many in the world believed that Saddam Hussein could be contained," Bush said. "But chemical agents and lethal viruses and shadowy terrorist networks are not easily contained."

"Imagine those 19 hijackers with other weapons and other plans, this time armed by Saddam Hussein."

It would take just one vial, one canister, one crate slipped into this country to bring a day of horror like none we have ever known."

The president, however, didn't present any evidence that linked Hussein to al-Qaeda or other terrorist groups, and he didn't mention that other unfriendly nations, including Iran, also possess such weapons.

Bush also devoted much of his speech to promoting massive tax cuts, a prescription drug benefit program for older Americans and other relief for those afflicted by the ailing economy.

Watched by a world apprehensive at the specter of war, appearing before a Congress dominated by Republican supporters,

Bush attempted to shore up support for a showdown with Iraq and for battles with Democrats over domestic issues.

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— George W. Bush
U.S. president

"This country has many challenges," he said. "We will not deny, we will not ignore, we will not pass along our problems to other Congresses, other presidents and other generations. We will confront them with focus and clarity and courage."

As if in answer to worldwide doubts about U.S. motives in confronting Iraq, Bush added: "America is a strong nation, and honorable in the use of our strength. We exercise power without con-

quest and sacrifice for the liberty of strangers."

In contrast to his belligerent tone toward Iraq, Bush emphasized that he is working with allies in Asia "to find a peaceful solution" to the threat of North Korean nuclear weapons.

But he said: "America and the world will not be blackmailed."

Bush didn't set a deadline for Iraqi compliance with U.N. disarmament demands, but he once again made clear that his patience with Hussein was at an end.

To the Iraqi people, Bush declared: "Your enemy is not surrounding your country — your enemy is ruling your country. And the day he and his regime are removed from power will be the day of your liberation."

He said Secretary of State Colin Powell would travel to the United Nations Feb. 5 and share previously classified material showing that Iraq is hiding biological and chemical weapons and smuggling in material that can be used to produce long-range missiles and nuclear weapons.



GEORGE BRIDGES/Knight Ridder Tribune

President George W. Bush, backed by Vice President Dick Cheney, left, and Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert, addresses a joint session of Congress as he delivers his annual State of the Union address Tuesday. Focal points of Bush's hour-long speech included the potential of going to war with Iraq and North Korea. "The dictator of Iraq is not disarming," Bush said. "To the contrary, he is deceiving." Nearly 30 minutes of Bush's speech was devoted to war prospects with Iraq.

SGA: Breeze ad rates, Brown Bag discussed

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Although the exact date for renovation of the location of the former campus bookstore is unknown, Barnes said "when it is renovated, though, the asbestos will be removed first."

Another issue mentioned was left open, as well. The SGA bill suggesting that *The Breeze* reconsider its ad-space prices was postponed.

Part of the bill reads: "Whereas the cost of advertisements in *The Breeze* currently prevents many student organizations from publicizing their events in *The Breeze*, and whereas *The Breeze* is funded with student fees, be it resolved that the James Madison University Student Government Association hereby

requests *The Breeze* to reconsider prices for student organizations advertising."

According to Jeanine Gajewski, editor in chief of *The Breeze*, the newspaper receives \$36,000 — less than 10 percent of its operating budget — from student fees. The JMU Media Board, not the SGA, allocates the amount distributed in student fees to *The Breeze*, the *Bluestone*, *WXJM* and *g-100*. The rest of *The Breeze's* operating budget is raised through advertising revenues.

Senate representatives voted by majority voice vote to table the bill after a sentiment expressed by Arts & Letters Senator Brandon Durlinger, a senior.

"I don't even know the ramifications of their budget," he said.

"The *Cavalier Daily* doesn't pay its staff, and *The Breeze* does," Durlinger added. "If they modeled after UVA, this money could be used to pay for ad space for a student organization."

According to *Cavalier Daily* Managing Editor Chris Wilson, *The Cavalier Daily* receives no school money and doesn't pay its large editorial staff, but the advertising staff gets paid.

At-Large Senator Ricardo Pineres agreed that ad space could be given. "I don't see why it wouldn't donate this space," he said. "They have plenty of it."

Support for the bill came from Arts & Letters Senator Jeff Burke, a senior, as well. "In the last three Breezes, I have not seen one student advertisement," he said.

According to Gajewski, *The Breeze* has run seven student organization ads in the past three issues.

According to Burke, the advertising prices were "exorbitant for clubs trying to organize."

"It costs \$500 for an organization to set up an event, and then another \$500 to advertise for it," he said.

Prices for *Breeze* advertising range from \$55-\$600. According to Gajewski, *The Breeze* provides free space in each issue for organizations to publicize events in the Duke Days Calendar on the second page. *The Breeze* also previews many student organization events in stories, Gajewski said.

According to Burke, who is president of the triathlon club,

student organizations do not get much publicity because of financial obstacles beyond their control. "It's not because student organizations don't want to [pay for publicity]," he said. "It's because they can't afford it."

Maxwell asked, "Shouldn't we compare ad prices to those of other colleges' newspapers first? I'm sort of wary because I feel there hasn't been much research into this."

Maxwell added, "I don't know what it takes to run a newspaper. I mean, look at the local-run paper. I know they charge much more for an ad than *The Breeze*."

Also at the meeting, junior Andrea Fischetti, SGA vice president of administrative affairs, pro-

moted a "Brown Bag" program for student group representatives to voice their opinions and have lunch with SGA representatives.

A student-run "opportunity for discussion of current campus issues," as Fischetti calls it, is held every Wednesday at noon in the Madison Room on Warren Hall's fourth floor.

"It's just a casual time for student group representatives to come together and talk about issues on campus," she said.

At its senate meeting next week, SGA will debate a bill to allocate \$4,000 for speaker fees to allow former rapper-turned-preacher Mase to speak at JMU. The debate concerning *The Breeze* and advertising prices will continue as well.

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An unknown subject broke the second-floor stairwell window between the "B" and "C" section in Hillside Hall between Jan. 25 and Jan. 26.

A window in the breezeway of Harrison Hall was broken Jan. 26 at 10:41 p.m.

A speaker was broken outside the south door of WMRA between Jan. 24 and Jan. 27.

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BURRUSS: Air quality a health concern

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recent occupant in the office, but the room was cleaned again last spring and turned into a storage room, as she experienced dizziness and fainting spells, according to Sochacki.

The department was then under the impression that only the one office was affected by the problem. According to Marrah, the office was at the end of the air duct system, meaning that it was the last stop along the air circulation system, which put out air in each room along the line. Sochacki now has permanent asthma, which he never had before, and Smith is still sick, according to Sochacki.

Other professors in the department have restricted their office hours and have been offered space in Nicholas House, according to Taalman.

Marrah said that last spring he spent only three days a week on campus, choosing to work at home for the days he did not have classes. He said he feels that his health was improved by spending less time in Burruss.

"I've been affected through allergies over the last several years," Marrah said. "I'm allergic to foods. [And] I'm allergic to dust, that I never was before."

According to Sochacki, all offices housing professors with developing respiratory prob-

“... I need a healthy situation to stay here (in Burruss Hall.)”

—George W. Marrah
associate professor

lems have been around the separation between the new part of the building and the old. It would be hard to prove whether the old part of the building is

safe and the new hazardous, however, because the old section housed all classrooms, while all of the offices in the department are found in the new addition, according to Sochacki.

All professors interviewed said their health improved when spending less time in the offices of Burruss. "I would prefer to stay here [in Burruss]," Marrah said, "however, I need a healthy situation to stay here."

According to Brakke, meetings are being held to discuss solutions to the apparent problem. Brakke said studies took place in 2001, performed by Comprehensive Environmental Strategies. Faculty members

were interviewed, and several air quality samples were taken.

A report was filed by the company in February 2002, which declared the building as clean. Since then a committee has been formed, consisting of Brakke, Jake Myers of facilities management, three professors from the math department and an environmental microbiologist from JMU's biology department.

This committee chose the consulting company Masimax, which examined Burruss in the fall of 2002, according to Brakke. Brakke said that Masimax was given a walk-through tour of the building and a chance to speak with several faculty

members. The company will be returning a report sometime this spring, at which point renovations will be recommended and hopefully started this May, according to Brakke.

The committee also brought a medical professional to Burruss in December 2002, whose report has not yet been received, according to Brakke. Faculty members residing in Burruss were given a chance to speak with the doctor and show their medical reports. "We are continuing to examine the building and trying to figure out if there are sources of problems, what those are and then will fix those," Brakke said.

BURGLARY: Suspects charged

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at the Spotswood Hall media lab between Dec. 13 and Dec. 16, 2002, according to Hilton. A search warrant said seven Dell laptops, one Apple Powerbook G-3 laptop, three Proxima projectors, three Sharp projectors and one VST disk drive were stolen.

The Spotswood Hall burglary was what got the case rolling, according to the *News-Record*. "When a confidential informant tipped police to Houston's suspected connection" with the break-in, according to the article, the police "zeroed in on Houston" through interviews with him and his roommate and through searches of his home and computer.

The search of Houston's home resulted in evidence "connecting him to a series of credit card frauds on a group of JMU students over the first few months of 2002," according to investigators cited in the article. Houston "racked up between \$12,000 and \$15,000 in debt" and has been charged with five counts of credit card identity fraud, the *News-Record* article added.

JMU Police Department Lt.

Danny Whetzel said he found a "confidential report that contains a list of all JMU students, their addresses, birthdates and social security numbers," according to a search warrant cited in the article. Whetzel said he was "unable to comment" to *The Breeze*.

Hilton said the list found was not a complete list of students and contained only the names of students whose last name began with particular letters. "All of the information on a student information report is public record anyway, except for the social security numbers," he said. "[Students] shouldn't have copies of it, but it wasn't a confidential report."

According to the article, "Police allege that Houston filled out paperwork under the names of two JMU students to get credit cards." The arrest warrant listed two students — sophomore Jimmy Puglisi and Ian Linden — as the victims of the fraud. Both were unavailable for comment.

Junior Matthew LeZotte also said he was a victim of credit card fraud in the same case. "[I received] a bill through the mail

that came to my home address," he said, after going to the police. "I didn't know what to think so I called the different fraud agencies and asked them to send me a copy of my credit report."

"My whole credit future could have been ruined," LeZotte said.

Using fraudulent identities, "paintball supplies, camcorders and digital equipment, along with other items," were bought, according to victims cited in the article. The *News-Record* also stated, "Whetzel saw paintball guns and supplies" while searching Houston's home.

Both men were released on bond. Houston has a preliminary hearing scheduled with the Rockingham/Harrisonburg General District court Feb. 3 at 8 a.m. and Borge has a hearing Feb. 19 at 2 p.m.

Bjorge refused to comment, and Houston could not be reached for comment.

JMU Police Department Chief Lee Shifflett said he was "unable to talk about the case, because the investigation is still going on."

JMU Director of Public Safety Alan MacNutt refused to comment on the cases.

ASSAULT: Two students attacked in The Commons

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including a broken nose and cheekbone, a black eye, a knocked-out tooth and a mild concussion. Both victims received treatment in Rockingham Memorial Hospital.

The two victims filed police reports with the Harrisonburg Police Department Jan. 19, they said. JMU has not issued any timely notification bulletins, due to the fact that the JMU Police Department was never notified of the assaults, according to JMU Director of Public Safety Alan MacNutt.

Similar instances have been occurring off campus over the past few months, according to Capt. Malcolm Wilfong, who heads the HPD's Criminal Investigations Division. "We are investigating a number of assaults in the college housing areas off of Po.1 Republic Road, one that dates back into November of 2002. We have about six cases that we are actively

“You must really be aware of what and who is around you.”

—Cindy Cull-Wright
sergeant, Harrisonburg Police Department

investigating," he said.

In search of the suspects, ties between the cases are now being examined, Wilfong said. "Each case has its own set of circumstances, and while some overlap, it would be presumptuous at this point to say that all the suspects are the same."

Until the assailants are apprehended, students are advised to be careful, HPD Sgt. Cindy Cull-Wright said. "People are victims because of opportunity. If you take away the opportunity then they can not get you. You

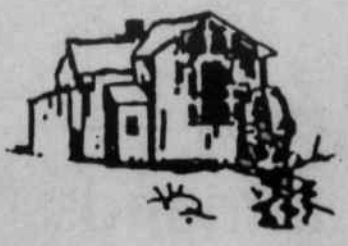
must really be aware of what and who is around you."

Cull-Wright also advised students to walk in large groups at night, especially since the assailants appear to travel in a pack. According to Cull-Wright, stay away from dimly lit areas, do not linger around buildings and do not stop for strangers. Students also are advised to become familiar with JMU's public safety Web site, www.jmu.edu/pubsafety.

HPD and JMU police will be meeting today to discuss recent updates in these cases, according to Wilfong. Also, the HPD and JMU currently are working on "establishing [a] concurrent jurisdiction in the Port Republic Road" area that will allow both police groups to work together, according to Wilfong.

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

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OPINION

As businesses, universities like JMU employ communications and public relations specialists to cultivate positive images to project to the public.

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JONATHAN KELLY
sophomore
see column, below

HOUSE EDITORIAL

Legislation prevents spinning of the facts

Universities are institutions of higher learning, places in which students mature intellectually and personally. They are places where we establish a solid foundation of friends and mentors who will guide us beyond our college years. A university is an idyllic setting, a cocoon of protection against the harms of the outside world. They are our comfort and safety zones. Universities, however, are also businesses.

As businesses, universities like JMU employ communications and public relations specialists to cultivate positive images to project to the public. The images correspond to what constituents — potential students, parents, alumni, legislators and investors, just to name a few — think when they imagine the "perfect university."

And who can blame them? If you were to go on a job interview, you would do all you could to project a complimentary image of yourself to a prospective employer. While your normal dress might consist of jeans and a T-shirt, for the interview you would sport a business suit. Your summer job as a paperboy would be transformed on your resume into an "internship as a media distribution technician." You would

would "sell" yourself to your interviewer through your use of personal PR.

The businesses practice of massaging public image is a commonplace occurrence. According to a Jan. 27 release on PRNewswire, Philip Morris, the world's largest and most profitable tobacco corporation, announced Monday that it has changed its name to Altria Group Inc. The press release, issued by corporate accountability activist group Infact, criticizes the name change as "a PR maneuver meant to distance the corporation's image from its deadly business practices."

While Philip Morris-turned-Altria denies this allegation, insisting it is proud of its tobacco heritage, Altria now emphasizes its status as the parent company of food companies Kraft, General Foods and Nabisco as well (www.altria.com). Even though this information is true, the identity change no doubt attempts to shift the corporation into a more positive light in the eyes of its constituents.

Similar acts of "spinning" the truth, however subtle, emanate from every communications department, including JMU's. Fortunately, because JMU is a public institution, it

has an extra check on what facts are made available to the public — government legislation. On Jan. 8, debate about the disclosure of violent crime on Virginia college campuses garnered attention when the General Assembly proposed a bill requiring all incidents of violent crime to be reported directly to the general attorney's office, according to the Jan. 27 issue of the *Daily News-Record*.

Some may wonder why legislation is necessary to force universities to report campus crime. Shouldn't universities want to volunteer this information? The answer lies in image. University administrators want potential students to feel the school is a safe place. Safe is good. While everyone knows that no campus is crime-free, universities understandably aren't keen on advertising that fact.

Ironically, legislators fall victim to the same practice of presenting themselves in a positive light. Sen. Jay K. O'Brien, who proposed the bill to the state Senate, most likely realized that his constituents would applaud his promotion of public safety. However, Virginia General Attorney Jerry Kilgore shot

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Student refutes draft praise

In the Jan. 23 issue of *The Breeze*, the column "Student supports Return of Draft" by sophomore Adam Sharp, states that in 1973, the United States was left with "an all-volunteer army" after parting ways with the draft. While this is true, Sharp goes on to say that, "the army became professional," and that "the army ceased to be an army of citizens and became an army of soldiers."

Through their military training and choice of career, members of the U.S. military are professionals. However they are not mercenaries who fight for money. The Hessians that aided the British in the Revolutionary War were "professional soldiers" in Sharp's terms. These were German mercenaries paid by the British to fight against the colonists. (For a modern equivalent see [Sandline International at http://www.sandline.com/site/index.html](http://www.sandline.com/site/index.html)) With no moral, patriotic or idealistic tie to the English, these mercenary warriors fought with vigor for the sole purpose of receiving money.

While U.S. military service men and women are paid for their actions, they do not sign their lives away for money. Military pay will not make one wealthy. Sharp claims that "a soldier fights in the army because the army feeds him." Sharp must have forgotten to add shelter

and pay. Cadet Dervan Hughes, of the JMU Army ROTC Duke Battalion, said, "As a future officer of the U.S. Army, I have acquired a profound sense of duty and am more interested in paying my country back than in receiving payment myself." Out of an obligation for duty or the preservation of freedom, these men and women who are your friends and neighbors, have made the decision to defend this country and its people against any and all aggression.

Sharp states that the army of the Roman Republic consisted of citizens and one "model citizen" in particular, Cincinnatus. However, he later contradicts himself by saying that, "with an army of citizens, an empire is impossible." The Romans trained their soldiers rigorously and turned their hands into weapons. As a result, Rome existed for well over a thousand years with this army.

The citizen soldiers of the American Republic who Sharp mentions were a rag-tag bunch of farmers, tradesmen and merchants who fought to secure the blessings of liberty. These men were untrained, though some had fought in the French and Indian Wars, and often had to supply their own weapons. They were then sent into battle to be slaughtered by their highly trained opponents. While these men did win battles, it was at a high price. For this reason, George Washington used evasion, guerrilla tactics and sur-

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prise assaults. Time and again the government drafted and sent men into battle in this same manner, from the Civil War through World War II, where early losses occurred at such places as the Kasserine Pass in Africa. It was not until the Korean War and the reality of the Soviet threat that the government finally realized that a fully trained military ready to fight at a moment's notice was necessary.

The military that we have today is a military of professionally trained citizens who have volunteered to give their lives for a greater cause than themselves. To reinstate the draft would mean the military would be comprised of unwilling participants who would be sent into battle with less training than the volunteer and highly trained members of today's armed services. This also would mean dissension within the ranks and quite possibly hundreds or even thousands of deaths. One need only compare the all-volunteer force of the Gulf War to any

previous U.S. engagement to see the value of a professional and dedicated force of fighting men and women.

Sharp is contradictory in this main argument as well. He supports the reinstitution of the draft and yet he is "a conscientious objector and never would fight in the armed forces." He previously stated, "But while parents hesitate to send their child to war, they seem to show no qualms about someone else's child heading into battle." Apparently neither does Sharp.

Finally, Sharp exposes his true feelings though when he states, "Second, we must destroy the professional army. The United States looks like an empire to almost every other nation on the globe." If other nations around the globe see us as an empire because we stand in the way of a psychopathic and a violent band of terrorists who want to impose Shariah on the rest of the world, then so be it. If we are an empire because we liberated Afghanistan and have called for free elections and supported the new government, which was elected by its people, let it be. But maybe we are an empire because our strength protects democracy in Israel, South Korea and Taiwan from totalitarian oppression and because we rescued Muslims in Bosnia and Kosovo from genocide while Europe looked on. There is no logical reason for us to alter our position in

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JONATHAN KELLY BREEZE READER'S VIEW

World powers must finally stop Hussein

The signs and signals of a possible war with Iraq have grown increasingly clearer over the past few weeks and the voices of the opposition increasingly louder. The debate over how to neutralize the Iraqi threat is reaching critical mass at home and abroad, and it seems likely that the crucial decision on the use of force will come soon from the Oval Office. All indicators emanating from the ongoing weapons inspection process in Iraq, however, suggest that a direct military strike against Baghdad will be difficult to sidestep.

The United States wisely chose to work through the United Nations in a last ditch effort to end the Iraqi menace peacefully. This was to be done by redispensing weapons inspectors to Iraq to confirm that Saddam Hussein truly has dismantled his projects for mass production of chemical, biological and nuclear weaponry. Although the Iraqi regime has simulated compliance, it is clear that the government is not being forthright in surrendering its weapons as the United Nations has decreed.

Reports surface daily that Hussein is in violation of the resolution. As reported on NBC "Nightly News," he has not accounted for all the weapons that he should have destroyed. In addition, according to the Jan. 24 edition issue of *The Washington Post*, he has not allowed Iraqi scientists to freely disclose weapons development information. If Hussein ever acquired nuclear weapons, he would hold tremendous sway over affairs in the Middle East and ominously threaten his Arab neighbors.

What is even more terrifying is Hussein's potential for giving weapons of mass destruction to al-Qaeda or other terrorist groups, who would not hesitate to use them to kill Americans. Hussein has supported terrorists in the past and might do so again if he thought that it would augment his power. Finally, Hussein's own propensity for using the most deadly of

weapons is well known from when he mass-poisoned countless numbers of his own people with lethal chemicals.

Besides the foremost security reasons for overthrowing Hussein, the United States has a considerable moral mandate for removing a criminal leader who brutalizes the innocent in his country so mercilessly. If a lawful, benign and democratic government ever could be established in Iraq, it would bring immense relief to the people who suffer under Hussein's inhuman reign every day.

Some wish to avoid war by allowing the weapons inspectors to continue to search. This is a worthy notion, but peaceful alternatives in my judgment virtually have been exhausted. Diplomatic and economic tactics have been tried for years and have failed to fully eliminate the danger that Hussein represents. It would be irresponsible if the United Nations and the world community did not enforce the internationally unanimous resolution to disarm Iraq.

A decision to go to war should not be taken lightly. Like everyone, I wish only for peace, but peace will never come as long as Hussein possesses weapons of mass destruction because someday soon he will ignite a war, except this time he will wield a more powerful arsenal. His hunger for power and desire to rule the Middle East will never ebb. He must be stopped while he is weak enough to overthrow at the lowest cost in lives or the world someday will regret its inaction. When the world failed to ensure a disarmed Germany in the 1930s, the result was the worst war ever known. Hussein will not cause anything on the scale of World War II, but whatever he does instigate, it will be something that the world will wish never happened. The bottom line is that we cannot ignore the danger. We need to overcome it, by the last of all resorts if necessary.

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"If you were a candy bar what kind would you be and why?"

Rebekah Carter

junior, SMAD and English



"What do you find to be most annoying when you walk around campus?"

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Dart...

A "grow-up-and-act-like-you're-in-college" dart to all the annoying brats in my 9:30 a.m. class.

From a senior who thinks if you're bored in class, you should shut up and take a nap like everybody else.

Pat...

A "thanks-for-taking-us-back-to-the-'80s" pat to the guys upstairs who love to play the Electric Slide.

Sent in by six junior girls who were more entertained by your playlist than by the Super Bowl.

Dart...

A "how-dumb-and-nasty-can-you-get?" dart to the guy who obviously can't tell the difference between a bathroom and a closet.

From a pissed-off junior who can't believe what you did at her party.

Pat...

A "your-lifts-lifted-my-spirits" pat to all my friends who have been driving me around yet again since my car died.

From a grateful senior who has the worst luck ever with cars.

Dart...

An "open-the-floodgates" dart to Student Government Association for allowing NAACP and Black Student Alliance to be front-end budgeted.

From a perplexed alumnus who can't comprehend the things people will do in the name of political correctness.

ARMY: Draft wrong

ARMY, from page 9

response to bitter name calling or mud-slinging. It is a weak person who changes his or her lifestyle to please the naysayers and those who wish harm upon them.

To reinstate the draft as Sharp views it would bring to this nation an all-draft army of mildly trained soldiers. These soldiers, when faced with danger, may choose not to fight, disobey orders and cause general chaos in the field. An all-draft army is financially more expensive than an active army, for the

basic reason that it costs more to continually train new draftees than it does to pay those who volunteer and remain active. Given the choice between an army of people who have no desire to defend or an army of men and women who sacrifice their lives for this country, there is no competition. Look to those around you in uniform. They voluntarily are giving up their lives to protect yours. Knowing they will be there should help you sleep at night.

Alison Cowie
junior, English

IMAGE: Laws stop spins

IMAGE, from page 7

down the bill because, according to the *Daily News-Record*, laws stipulating the same requirements already exist under the Clery Act. For example, under this act JMU provides "Your Right to Know," a campus report featuring crimes on and off campus. O'Brien's overzealous attempt would not have effected positive change in prohibiting uncooperative universities from brushing campus

crime under the rug; it only would have provided more paperwork and confusion.

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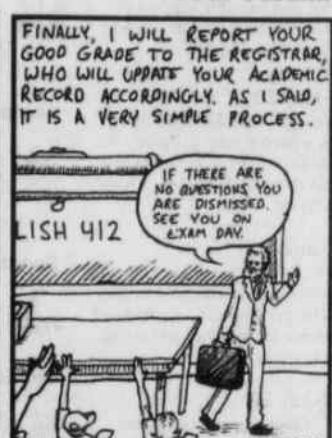
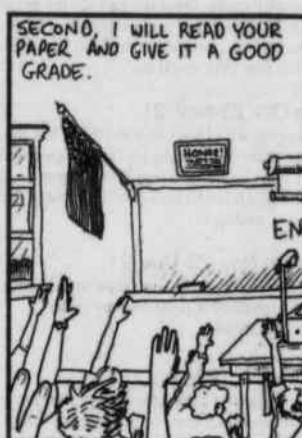
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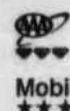
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Aries March 21-April 19

Today is a 7 - Although you're very lucky and powerful, and have the support of friends and family, be careful. If you add discipline, you've got it made.

Taurus April 20-May 20

Today is a 6 - You may feel slightly inhibited by a person with distinctly different tastes. Do what's required to pay the bills, and chuckle about it in private with a true friend.

Gemini May 21-June 21

Today is a 7 - Be practical. Figure out what you can afford to spend and how to get there even cheaper. This coming weekend will be awesome for romance and travel. Find a way to afford it.

Cancer June 22-July 22

Today is a 7 - Don't be shy about asking questions, but don't ask questions in public. Nobody needs to know where you get your information. Just make sure you get it.

Leo July 23-Aug. 22

Today is a 7 - Technology can help you deal with a bottleneck. Don't push harder. Find a way around it.

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Today is a 7 - You're closer than ever to having a dream come true at work. Loved ones offer encouragement. You can do the rest.

Libra Sept. 23-Oct 22

Today is a 7 - Follow through on promises recently made. Do it not just for the person you love, but also for yourself. You'll be much more optimistic once you've done what you said you'd do.

Scorpio Oct. 23-Nov. 21

Today is a 6 - Don't buy anything but the essentials. Something you've long wanted for your home falls into that category. Actually, it could be a down payment that you're saving for.

Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Today is a 7 - Give difficult material your full attention. A light once-over isn't enough. Study.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Today is a 7 - Take care of paperwork in order to make your future more secure. Don't wait around for somebody else to do it. That's not happening.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18

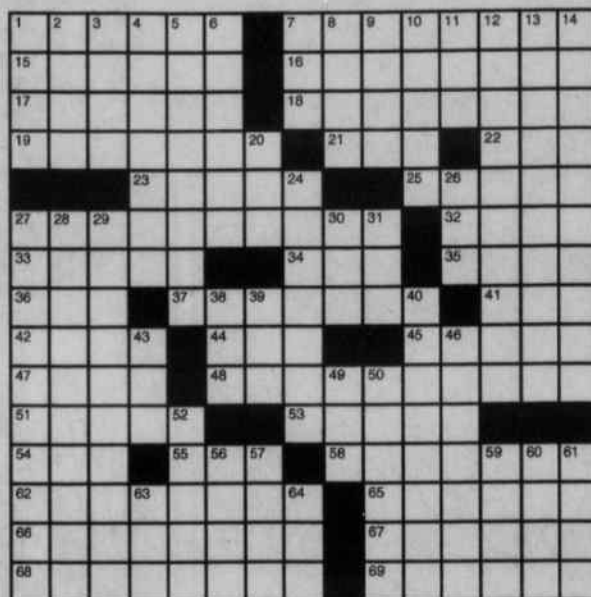
Today is a 7 - You can take ancient information and use it to build things nobody else can. That's just one of your talents. But first, you have to do the homework.

Pisces Feb. 19-March 20

Today is a 7 - Something you've long dreamed about is becoming a part of you. It's a goal accomplished honorably. Pat yourself on the back.

—Tribune Media Services

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- 1 Desires
- 7 Upper parts
- 15 Superlatively slippery
- 16 Bird keeper
- 17 Comfort
- 18 Of inferior social status
- 19 Lures into danger
- 21 Rebellion leader Turner
- 22 Classroom favorite
- 23 Parody
- 25 Keeps away from
- 27 Summer portal
- 32 Football great Graham
- 33 Hangman's knot
- 34 Massage
- 35 Farm wagon
- 36 Javelin's flight path
- 37 Place of exile
- 41 Scornful exclamation
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- 45 Kind of lily
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- 7 Small bit
- 8 Kiln
- 9 Type size
- 10 Mineral cathartics
- 11 Novelist Levin
- 12 Open to question
- 13 Requirements
- 14 Cowboy's top-per
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- 28 Adjustment
- 29 Pivoted levers
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Section Two

SPRING BREAK 2003

For travel tips, locations, activities, students trade advice in preparation for spring vacation

Story by contributing writer Kate Marshall • Graphics by art director Nate Tharp

Classes have just started, homework assignments are piling up and about all one can do to keep warm these days is bundle up and drink lots of hot chocolate. However, some students have begun to dream of warmer days spent basking in the sunlight and sifting sand between their toes. The countdown has just begun for Spring Break 2003.

Some early birds might already have planned and booked their trips, but it's not too late to find a decently priced package for under \$1,000. A majority of Web sites including www.studenttravel.com and www.sun-splashes.com offer accommodating and all-inclusive last-minute specials.

Cancun, Mexico

According to the U.S. Department of State, over 100,000 American young adults travel to Cancun over Spring Break each year. Cancun is well-known for a number of outdoor activities, including parasailing, scuba diving and horseback riding. Senior Lauren Hospital, who visited Cancun, said she enjoyed snorkeling, shopping and bargaining at the outdoor markets.

Scuba diving and snorkeling are the most popular daytime activities in Cancun, according to www.cancun.com. At Scuba Cancun, Cancun's first dive shop since 1980, Captain Luis Hurtado and his instructors will take tours on jungle snorkel adventures and scuba diving with dolphins for under \$100.

"The hotel we stayed at was full of other Spring Breakers, and that made it even more fun."

— Sarina Anch
junior

Cancun also is famous for its night life. Junior Julie Catoggio, who spent her Spring Break in Cancun last year, enjoyed the popular night clubs Señor Frogs and Coco Bongo. Coco Bongo has been rated best Latino-American dance club on MTV and on www.cancun.com. This trendy club features trapeze acts swinging through the dance club, a disco-themed room and multiple levels of dance floors.

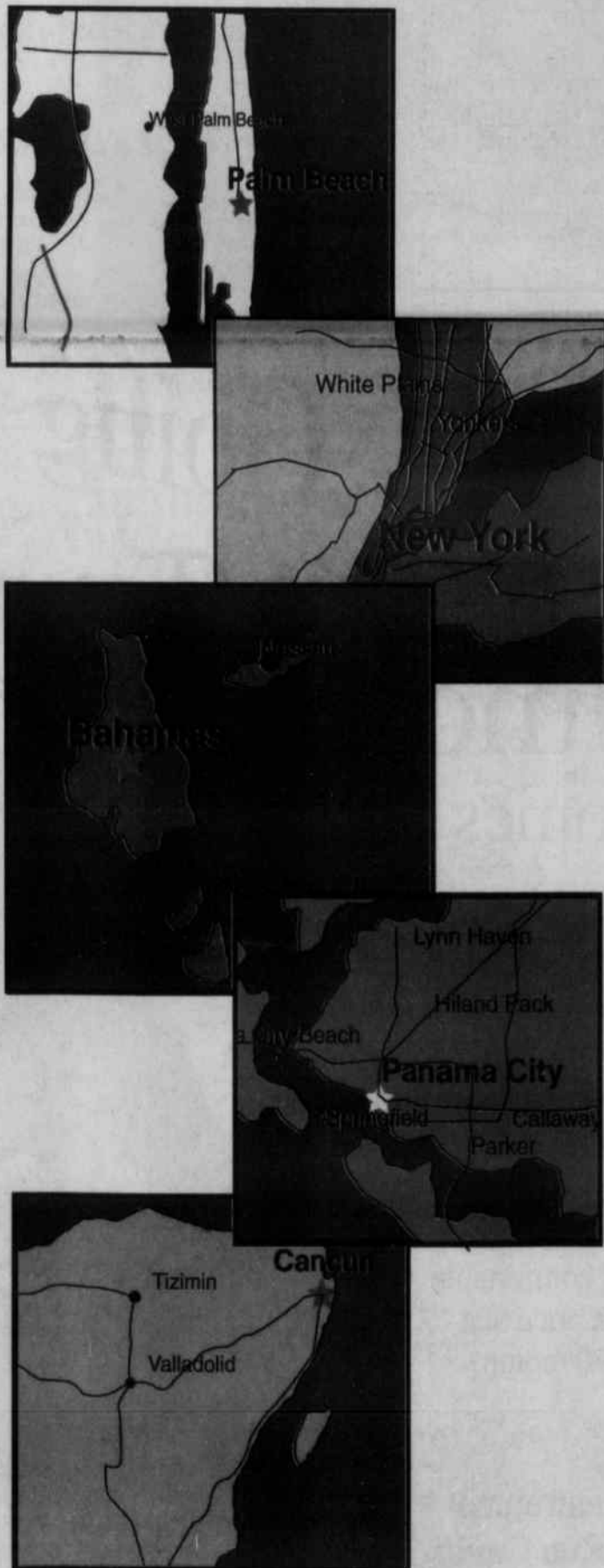
For those over the legal drinking age of 18, alcohol and cover charges can add up, so students should plan on bringing a sufficient amount of money, according to Catoggio. And in case of rainy days, senior Laura Chaffe said, "Make sure you bring crossword puzzles or something else to do with your time because it can get really boring when it rains."

Bahamas

Port Lucaya, Paradise Beach and Cable Beach are just a few of the places to visit when in the Bahamas. After arriving in Florida, one option for students is a five-day cruise to the Bahamas with www.springbreak-travel.com. If a Spring Break cruise is enticing, there are still plenty of packages left for under \$360 dollars. Packages include travel expenses from Fort Lauderdale, Fla., free meals and free cover charges. However, junior Katie Billman warned that the free meal tickets may be for fast food and "hot dogs."

Senior William Bentgen visited the Bahamas with eight of his fraternity brothers and planned his trip through www.studenttravel.com. His package cost about \$375. "They made it look like a discount, but it really wasn't," he said. The overall cost may be low for the packages, however the service prices can be high.

The shopping prices in the Bahamas are comparable to that of the United States and are duty-free. The Bahamas is known for its bargain jewelry, clothing, leather goods and cameras, according to www.geography.com/bahamas/. The stores and outdoor markets with the best prices will post a pink flamingo decal on their doors and windows. This signifies that they meet government guidelines for prices and brand products.



Panama City, Florida

If looking for a place to vacation that is cool enough for MTV and incredibly inexpensive, then Panama City is probably the best choice.

"The hotel we stayed at was full of other Spring Breakers, and that made it even more fun," junior Sarina Anch said.

Anch said the airfare to Panama City can cost about \$300 round trip and the hotel averaged \$165 a night. In addition to relaxing in the sun, Anch said she played volleyball and football on the beach. Anch also frequented a number of the clubs in the area including Club La Vela and Harpoon Harry's. Club La Vela is the biggest club in the United States, according to www.lavela.com. On a yearly basis, Club La Vela will reinvent its different dance-themed rooms to keep up with the trends. Thunderdome, the newest themed-addition to the club is for hip-hop and high dancing energy.

The dance clubs may be high energy but they also may be high priced. "Some of the covers for the clubs can be pretty expensive," Anch said. She said that the price just to get in the door at some clubs was as much as \$20.

If looking for alternatives to the dancing scene, there is Panama City Beach's only water park, Shipwreck Island, for about \$24 per person. Coconut Creek, is another popular attraction that features mini golf and the Gran maze that is larger than life, according to www.spring-break.net.

Alternatives

Although tropical weather is always a favorite, not all students head south for Spring Break. Some, like senior Jenny Logan, take road trips with friends. "It was a spur of the moment thing," she said. Logan traveled to her roommate's hometown of Randolph, N.J. with three friends and then rode a train to New York City. She commented on how pricey everything is in the city, from clothing to cab rides. However, she enjoyed the shopping on Fifth and Madison avenues which span the jewelry, fur and clothing districts.

Even if students can't afford an extravagant Spring Break getaway, many take day trips. Washington, D.C., Baltimore, Md., Philadelphia, Pa. and Charlottesville are popular destinations for those craving a change of scenery, according to junior Kellen Scott.

Last year, junior Christine Chin went to Winter Park, Fla. through the JMU Alternative Spring Break program. Ten students went on this particular trip, where they worked with Esteem, a group that allows volunteers to work with underprivileged, inner-city children. Chin helped at an after-school program and worked as a tutor. "I wanted to do something to make a difference," she said. This year, Chin is co-leading an Alternative Spring Break trip to New Orleans.

The best trips may be picked over, but there are still some destinations available. For more information go to www.jmu.edu/cs/ashb.

The Travel Channel's Top 10 Best Spring Break Destinations for 2003:

1. Panama City, Fla.
2. Cancun, Mexico
3. Lake Havasu, Ariz.
4. South Padre Island, Texas
5. Jamaica
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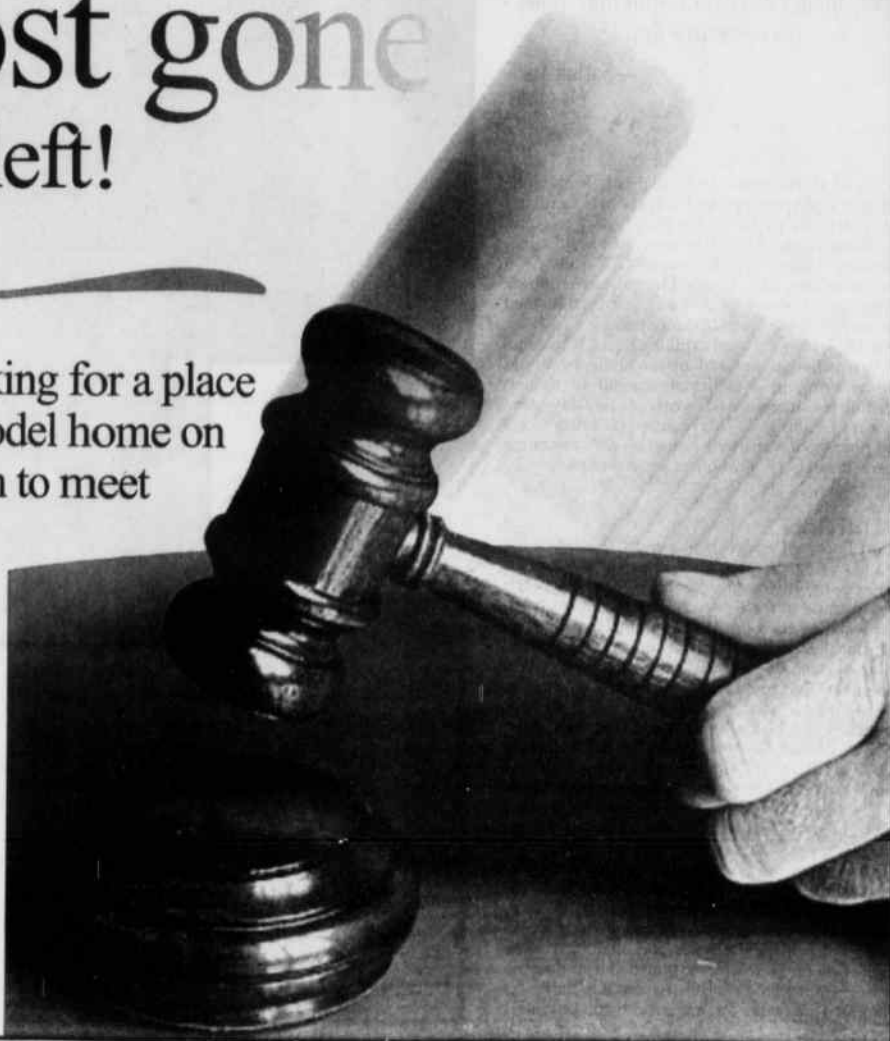
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STYLE

Filling your 'Bowl' with truth

"Bowling for Columbine" provides shocking details about the truth behind gun violence.

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"I feel like I'm watching a bad [Mash Out Posse] show; I can't understand a word they are saying."

SPENCER WATTS
senior
See story below

Not so 'Ravenous' anymore

'Munkz' ruin musical appetite

BY MIKE CROSNICKER
staff writer

Is the apocalypse upon this society? What has anyone done to deserve this punishment? Richmond's own The Ravenous Munkz performed at Mainstreet Bar and Grill Tuesday night, serving up a lame show of unoriginality.

There can be no doubt that the Munkz are hungry. This is clearly displayed in the group's demeanor onstage and the speed and fervor of its beats. Unfortunately, the lyrical prowess of the Munkz is not sufficient enough to articulate this hunger.

A major theme throughout the night was the bass-thumping beats.

The beats were adequate, although they were very heavy, had little variation and persistently overwhelmed the vocals. At points, the lyrics were indiscernible because of the beats.

"I feel like I'm watching a bad [Mash Out Posse] show, I can't understand a word they are saying," senior Spencer Watts said.

The lyrical content was another one of the Munkz' problems. The lyrics meshed with the beats emulating hard-core rap. There was little introspection offered by the emcees on these lyrics as it was clear that they were more concerned with getting people moving in sync with them as they abounded about the stage. Unfortunately for the Munkz, the crowd was sparsely populated, not occupying much of the Mainstreet dance floor.

Another problem with the lyrical presentation of the Munkz was that they used many hackneyed phrases.

Excerpts such as, "Hip hop you the love of my life" and "we do this thing for y'all/we keep it moving y'all/the body moving y'all" are commonplace in rap and are dull. They spent an inordinate amount of time "representing" their hometown, Richmond, onstage, which seemed to go over fairly well only with those in attendance from Richmond. A bit more originality on the part of the Munkz may have infused energy into the crowd.

One moment of the show that surpassed the rest was during the song, "More, more (demi)." The energy of the Munkz actually reached the crowd. The beat parallels that of any rap song that one might hear this weekend at an apartment or fraternity house, but the crowd appeared sincerely enthusiastic.

Unfortunately for Mainstreet, this performer resulted in a resounding failure. The Munkz' energy, up-tempo lyrics and bass-thumping beats were consistent. Unfortunately, the Munkz are trying to break into a genre that already has a cast of characters who can do the same thing and do it much better.

Without a more unique sound, the energy that the Munkz bring never will reach fruition.

More information about The Ravenous Munkz can be found on its Web site, www.ravenousmunkz.com.



NATE THARP/PIA director

A hip-hop band from Richmond, The Ravenous Munkz, perform at Mainstreet Bar and Grill Tuesday night.

Jammin' for St. Jude Children's Hospital

Up 'Til Dawn sponsors benefit concert for cancer, other illnesses

BY TRICIA FRENVILLE
staff writer

Rock out for a good cause this Sunday at the "St. Jude Jam," a fund-raising concert for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital sponsored by Up 'Til Dawn, a newly recognized organization dedicated to raising money for the hospital.

The concert will feature five local bands and four solo acts. Proceeds will go to St. Jude, which specializes in "finding cures for children with catastrophic illnesses through research and treatment," according to the St. Jude Web site, www.stjude.org.

According to sophomore Jen Edwards, main promoter of Up 'Til Dawn, the concert will feature local bands such as Shape of Shade, Unit Five, Midnight Spaghetti, Blue Mountain Groove and afunkunation.

Food, games and raffle prizes also will be a part of the festivities.

Up 'Til Dawn became a recognized organization at JMU last fall, although it has been recognized nationally for four or

"You don't have to go to St. Jude to benefit from their research."

— Meg Dalmut
Up 'Til Dawn executive director

five years, according to sophomore Meg Dalmut, Up 'Til Dawn's executive director. The members are trying to get the word out about themselves this year, Edwards said.

Edwards said the bands recruited for the event were mostly people members of Up 'Til Dawn knew and convinced to get involved.

Dalmut said that Up 'Til Dawn hopes to sell half of the 600 tickets allotted to sell. "It should be a spectacular event," she said.

Junior Amanda Russell has never heard of Up 'Til Dawn, but said she thinks "that it really portrays JMU and JMU

students in a positive light, which is always good for the school." She also said it is good "that we're actually doing something for other people and not stuck in our own little circles of influence."

Russell said she definitely would consider going "because it's for such a good cause."

Up 'Til Dawn is made up of 10 teams, each comprised of 10 people. Each group is asked to raise \$1,000 for St. Jude and is supervised by a group of executive board members.

St. Jude is located in Memphis, Tenn. and was founded by entertainer Danny Thomas, according to the St. Jude Web site.

Edwards said most of St. Jude research is done on different types of cancer. According to Dalmut, about 4,300 patients are seen every year.

"They focus on children and they only treat children," she said.

Money is not a prerequisite for treatment at the hospital, Edwards said, because "St. Jude won't turn anybody away," regardless of insur-

ance or financial status.

The hospital has been open for 41 years and "leads the world in cancer research," Dalmut said. The hospital shares all of its research information with any doctors treating cancer patients, regardless of whether they are patients at St. Jude.

"You don't have to go to St. Jude to benefit from their research," she said.

Federal grants and fund raising are the main sources of money for St. Jude, Dalmut said. Last year, Up 'Til Dawn raised \$16,500 for St. Jude and they hope to raise between \$20,000 and \$25,000 this year.

Doors open at 3 p.m. Sunday Feb. 2 in PC Ballroom. Up 'Til Dawn is asking for an \$8 donation for pre-sale tickets. Tickets are \$10 at the door.

To be placed on a will call list, contact the group at uptil-dawn@hotmail.com. For pre-sale tickets, stop by the Up 'Til Dawn office located in the Corner Pocket in Taylor Down Under.

For more information about St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, check out their official Web site at www.stjude.org.



SARAH STANITZ/graphics editor

justincase you need something to do 'Every Thursday ... Night'

BY ASHLEY LUSK
staff writer

University Program Board is sponsoring its newest program "Every Thursday Late Night Music," tonight starring justincase, an up-and-coming sibling trio, which will perform from 10 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the College Center.

The band justincase is composed of Justin, Nick and Hannah Tosco of Charlotte, NC aged 19, 17 and 16, respectively. justincase's newest single is "Don't Cry For Us," an unexpectedly sweet collaboration of alternative/rock beats and

semi-pop lyrics with influence from Third Eye Blind and the Foo Fighters. The band recently signed with Maverick Records, the same company that produces such artists as Michelle Branch, Alanis Morissette and Paul Oakenfold. In addition to playing, lead singer Justin wrote all the songs that appear on their debut album, including a duet with Michelle Branch (www.maverick.com).

"I met the members of justincase some time ago," freshman Dana Dabbenigno said. "They're all very talented, very versatile group."

Between appearances on Total Request Live and concerts, justincase quickly is making a name for themselves as genuine musicians, according to junior Gabby Revilla, UPB director of media and public relations. While many music critics condemned the pop genre for its lack of true musical talent, justincase already is winning rave reviews for their ability to actually play the music they sing, according to reviews on www.maverick.com.

The "Every Thursday Late Night Music" began last week with the group "Small Town

Workers" and will continue every Thursday night showcasing new artists that have been steadily gaining popularity. Last week, 48 students attended according to Revilla.

"It (Every Thursday Late Night Music) started off as an alternative to partying on Thursday nights and it is certainly one of the goals, but we also wanted to really bring some quality music to campus," Revilla said.

"Penn State and WVU (West Virginia University) have had a lot of success with late night program-

ming," Revilla said. "They do variety shows; ours is very different because we only do music, mostly music

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— Gabby Revilla
UPB director of media and public relations

that is not from this area.

UPB's goal is to pick a variety of bands to draw in all kinds of students, Revilla said. "We were looking for bands that sounded good and that were in the budget and would attract a crowd." justincase was suggested by a former UPB director of musical events.

"[Every Thursday Late Night Music] is quality entertainment and another alternative to partying Thursday nights," Revilla said. "We just wanted to give people more options."

REVIEW



THE CINEMA SCOOP

Go 'Bowling' for wake-up call

BY TOM BEPPLER
contributing writer

Michael Moore, author of "Stupid White Men," brings his documentary "Bowling for Columbine" as a crushing blow for the gun lovers of America and a sobering wake-up call for everyone else.

The film is startling in its implications and shocking in its ferocity at attacking an issue. At many points in the film, it was difficult to watch what Moore had to show next. It's a picture everyone ought to see. That's about the right description for something as shattering as this.

Moore's subject is our country's fascination with guns. Moore points out that Americans rally behind the Second Amendment and cheerfully arm themselves with handguns and assault rifles as children shoot up schools and playgrounds. He shows how Congressmen attempt to field answers to every tragedy, blaming inept parenting or targeting vio-

"BOWLING FOR COLUMBINE"
STARRING:
**MICHAEL MOORE,
MARILYN MANSON**
RATED: R
RUNNING TIME:
120 MINUTES
★★★★

lence in films and anarchist lyrics in music.

The movie actually was titled as a satire of those blaming movies and music, commenting that it is as ridiculous to blame them as it is to blame bowling, which was the class the killers should have been attending when they went on their rampage.

One of Moore's interviewees is shockrock Marilyn Manson, who muses on times when entertainment was just entertainment and real violence was held at a more somber level. Another interviewee is the parent of

a student slain at Columbine. He simply projects sadness over the death of his child and doesn't care to point a finger.

Moore establishes the problem of gun violence in America with statistics — the annual fatality rate involving firearms in the United States is about 600 percent greater than in England, France, Germany, Canada, Mexico, Australia and China. Moore follows this with a darkly comic cartoon short detailing the history of America, from our butchering of the native Americans to our butchering of each other to the passing of gun laws.

The film also illustrated that racism has held strong over the centuries — Who would've guessed that the National Rifle Association was founded the same year as the Ku Klux Klan?

That's one of Moore's most resonant points — that the American people can feel justified despite having no real answer when asked, "Why keep

a loaded gun in the house?"

It is admirable that Moore notes the race issue and moves on. His isn't a one-sided argument inviting liberals to walk out holding a victory over conservatives.

What he really wants to comment on is the senselessness of gun violence and the fact that it doesn't have to happen. It does happen because this is a nation looking over our shoulders in constant, pointless fear. "Bowling for Columbine" is not so much an argument as it is a heartbreaking story that unfortunately happens to be true.

Movie review key
★★★★★ Go directly to the theater and see this masterpiece.
★★★★ Great movie. Worth the crazy ticket price.
★★★ Wait for this one to play at Grafton-Stovall.
★★ Should have been released straight to video.
★ Who approved the making of this film?

Final three seek 'Joe Millionaire'

BY DONNA PETROZZELLO
New York Daily News

They've schemed, backstabbed and bared nearly all to land a man.

And in less than three weeks, viewers will see one of the three women still in the running on "Joe Millionaire," taped last fall, get the shock of her life when bachelor Evan Marriott reveals that he's worth closer to 50 bucks than \$50 million.

Viewers have been in on the Fox reality series' joke ever since Marriott, a construction worker in millionaire's clothes, began whittling down the field of 20. More than 20 million people tuned in Monday to see him cut the group from four to three.

So who are the last few wanna-be lovers?

Here's a peek:

Zora, a raven-haired 29-year-old beauty from Lambertville, N.J., works as a substitute teacher and says she's silly, imaginative, compassionate and kind.

Zora — Fox won't release any of the women's last names — said on the network's "Joe Millionaire" Web site that she has a thing for calla lilies and loves the scent of lilacs. Her meal of choice? It's a toss-up between Italian and Japanese. She's likely to order a cosmopolitan or an apple martini, though she claims to be content with a bottle of brew, too.

"The nicest girl of the bunch is Zora," said Melissa Jo Hunter, who was cut Monday. "She was polite, but very quiet."

Sarah, 29, a sales executive from Los Angeles, Calif., is a vegetarian with a degree in philosophy. She said she "hopes to achieve a life of experiences that teach me to be strong, wise, loving and compassionate." She also said she went on the show for the adventure, not the romance.

Those who tuned in Monday may think otherwise. In one scene, Sarah and Marriott, wearing microphones, walked out of camera range. Viewers heard moans, groans and other noises, all captioned.

Sarah could be catty, Hunter suggested.

"I think jealousy and insecurity make you talk about other people, and they weren't talking very nicely about me," Hunter said. "Sarah has some great qualities, but she's got some bad qualities, too. She got a little too tipsy on her date with Evan."

Sarah also has an adventurous side; she has backpacked through Morocco and lived in Spain.

And the busty blonde's best feature? "I get compliments on my eyes," she says on the Web site. "But I like to think that my best feature has more to do with my personality."

Melissa M., a 24-year-old customer-service rep from Minneapolis, Minn., said she's driven and outgoing. Viewers might also add: She can't cook.

"I'm sorry, but who doesn't know the difference between garlic and onions?" Hunter asked, referring to Melissa's botched cooking date with Marriott.

Melissa cites Italian as her cuisine of choice; for a cocktail, she's up for a dirty martini.

Viewers will see Marriott's final choice and the women's reaction, Feb. 17.

Despite "Joe Millionaire's" high ratings, not everyone is a fan.

Psychiatrist Gail Saltz, chairwoman of public information at the New York Psychiatric Institute in Manhattan N.Y., has found it depressing at times.

"This show is sad, because they all seem to want to go with the guy who looks good," she said. "I'd like to believe that, as a culture, we place more value on what someone has going on upstairs."

Books can be sniff down memory lane

My mother tells me her side of the family has a long history of smelling books. I guess that, like many forms of drug abuse, it runs in the genes, flowing down through the generations. A great-grandmother presses her nose into the rough pages of her elementary school reader in some Midwest town and almost a century later I sit in a modern-day library miming the same action with books both old and new, as if performing some age-old ritual handed down through the decades.

I used to think I was the only one who noticed the smell of books. Every so often I'd sneak a quick sniff, like some drug-abuser taking a huff of gas through a paper bag. Soon enough, I was sniffing every book I got my hands on in some obsessive-compulsive, desperate attempt to collect and file every different fragrance there was, classifying them with all the meticulousness of Linnaeus organizing the natural world. Trips to the bookstore became visits to cologne kiosks — flashlight-armed excursions into the bowels of the family storage room to uncover discarded novels and textbooks were trips to the museum where every sharp



All Things Literary

by senior writer
Zak Salih

intake of breath through the nostrils was like discovering the past via osmosis.

If you're thinking this is a slow idea week for All Things Literary, you're only half wrong. Because in all seriousness, there are many readers out there who smell books and notice the peculiar, authentic odor that perfumes the air after the constant turning of pages.

For constant readers like my ancestors and I, the smell of a particular book can be like a bookmark in the history of our lives, taking us back to a distinct time and place in our lives. It's like charting a map of what we've read, where we've been, where we might possibly go and what we might possibly read.

An example, using yours truly: A recent trip to the family

basement — hopelessly bored, suffering from an extremely serious case of cabin fever — brought me across a stack of old, flimsy Arabic language handbooks from my brief tenure at an Islamic private school. It was your basic beginner's book that teaches how to write the beautiful but complex letters, accompanied by pictures of houses, boats, water and lions. A long inhalation and through the magical-mystical process of memory association the musty scent took me back to the crowded hallways, the ridiculous formal clothes, the white and green P.E. uniforms that only could be worn on Tuesdays and Thursdays, the struggle of trying to learn another language — a struggle I had given up on long before transferring to the local public

school. I remembered the bus rides that dropped students off at their individual homes instead of at some distant intersection and those textbooks in a tight pile braced between my arm and my side — everything from that one smell.

But where does this smell come from? Is it some hypnotic pheromone that publishing companies inject into their books, something to induce poor, dependent readers like myself into continuously buying and reading books? What is the chemical composition of such a scent? Is it toxic? Will it poison my mind?

This last question I doubt, unless you call voracious reading and the penning of a weekly book column hazardous to your health.

Even if there were some science behind the distinct smells of books — whether it's the dank, cloying musk of a used book or the crisp, sanitized smell of a new release — I'd prefer not to read about it in some scientific journal (which itself would smell of ink and newsprint, the odor of facts recorded and mysteries solved). I'd rather smell my books in peace, with the authors and publishing companies acting as my enablers.

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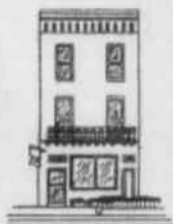
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SPORTS

Tough stretch ahead

Women's basketball will face tough opponents over next four games.

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"You've got to be on your Ps and Qs every night and quite frankly a little bit of slippage can create some problems for you."

SHERMAN DILLARD
men's basketball coach
See story below

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Tribe tops JMU

Dukes' second half rally falls short

The Dukes came from 16 points down to pull within 2 points, but could not even the score in the final seconds as JMU fell to the College of William & Mary 61-59 Wednesday night.

JMU rallied in the final three minutes with the help of four 3-pointers in the second half from senior guard David Fanning, who finished with 26 points.

A 3-pointer in the final minute pulled the Dukes to within 2 points. JMU then stopped the Tribe on the other end to get the ball back with under 35 seconds to play.

W&M, which had fouls to give at the end, used them to help run out the clock.

With 10.6 seconds to play, junior guard Chris Williams missed a runner to tie the game. W&M's Adam Duggins grabbed the rebound and was fouled with 3.9 seconds left. He missed the front end of the one-and-one giving JMU one last chance. However, junior forward Dwayne Broyles missed a 3-pointer at the buzzer.

The Tribe led 34-24 at the half. The Dukes fall to 7-12 overall and 3-6 in the CAA. JMU will host Hofstra University Saturday at 7p.m.

—from staff reports



FILE PHOTO/Matt Caravella
Junior guard Chris Williams, right, throws a no-look pass to red-shirt senior center Kenny Whitehead during a recent game.

Not out of steam

Coach Dillard believes his team isn't down for the count just yet

BY DAN BOWMAN
assistant sports editor

Sherman Dillard continues to believe his team is capable of making a late season rally, despite comments published Tuesday in the *Daily News-Record* by senior forward Ian Caskill that the Dukes "quit" in their 74-56 loss at Old Dominion University Jan. 25.

Caskill told the *News-Record*, "We just kind of quit the last game. I felt like we gave up. We made a few mistakes, and we just hung our heads."

Dillard said Tuesday he believes his team hasn't run out of steam yet, and that one loss won't make or

break the season.

"First of all this league is a very good league," Dillard said. "You've got to be on your Ps and Qs every night and quite frankly a little bit of slippage can create some problems for you. Everybody's hungry and like I've said before, there's a lot of parity."

But with a record of 7-12 overall and 3-6 in the Colonial Athletic Association with just 9 games remaining, time is running out for JMU. Four of the Dukes' next five games are against the CAA's top four teams — the University of North Carolina-Wilmington,

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FOOTBALL

Dukes add another LeZotte to roster

Tony LeZotte, the younger brother of red-shirt sophomore quarterback Matt LeZotte, recently orally committed to play for JMU next fall.

The 6-foot-1, 180-pound high school senior from Augusta, Ga. has been recruited as both a wide receiver and a safety. This past season for Westside High School, LeZotte caught 15 balls for 292 yards, while defensively he collected 114 tackles and three interceptions.

LeZotte also was clocked as running the 40-yard dash in 4.48 seconds.

Older brother Matt said Tuesday he tried to stay out of the recruiting process as much as possible to allow his younger brother to make up his own mind.

"I think me being here helped him make a decision," Matt said, "but I think the fact he'll have a chance to play and be successful was probably the main reason."

—from staff reports

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

JMU's test run

Three of Dukes' next four games against top CAA teams

BY DREW WILSON
sports editor

They say to be the best, you have to beat the best. If the Dukes want to be considered one of the best teams in the Colonial Athletic Association, they'll have to prove it over their next four games. Three of those four games are against opponents either tied with or on top of JMU in the CAA standings.

The Dukes travel Thursday to the University of Delaware, which is currently second in the CAA with a 6-1 record. Then JMU returns home to face Drexel University, George Mason University and Old Dominion University. Mason currently is tied with JMU for fourth in the conference with a CAA record of 4-3, while ODU is atop the CAA with a 7-0 mark.

"Any CAA game is going to be important, but we are well aware of the fact that the next few opponents are at the upper echelon of the CAA," interim coach Kenny Brooks said. "We

look at that as a challenge and we know that if we come out, play well, take care of business and play like we're capable of playing, then we can beat those teams and also boost our status. We're looking forward to it and we're glad we're playing well at this time."

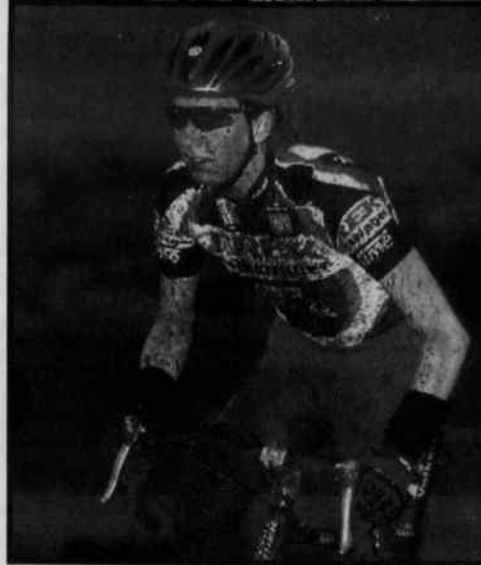
The Dukes are coming off a three-game winning streak, including a 65-62 win Sunday over the University of North Carolina-Wilmington, which was ranked second in the CAA at the time. The Seahawks now have dropped to third in the standings with a 6-2 conference record.

The win over UNC-W was very important for the Dukes, especially for their confidence, according to senior guard Jess Cichowicz.

"It all started on Sunday," Cichowicz said. "That was a huge win for us. A loss there takes our confidence down

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CYCLING



PHOTOS COURTESY OF Erin North

Hot wheels: Senior Erin North enjoys racing bicycles locally, nationally

Story by contributing writer Kit Collins • Graphics by art director Nate Tharp

She laces up her shoes, zips up her windbreaker and adjusts her earwarmer. Despite the 10-degree weather, senior Erin North has been waiting all day to climb the hills of Harrisonburg on her bike. Unlike most students who dread walking from Harrison Hall to the parking garage, all this adventure-seeker can do is grin and bear it. After all, her six rides a week are what guaranteed her success at December's world famous bike race known as Cyclocross.

Originally from Culpepper County, North said she always has been an athlete. Beginning with softball at age 7, she has attempted a large variety of sports, everything from cross-country running to cross-country skiing.

After playing soccer for eight years, North decided to

see how fast she could go on wheels. During her senior year of high school, she would go on weekly rides with her friends, just to see where a bike could take her.

On July 4, 1999, North let her natural competitiveness get the best of her at her first race in Culpepper. Despite a flat tire, she placed third and decided that racing was definitely her calling.

She continued to enter more races, including a race called the Six-Pack, which takes place on Lookout Mountain in the George Washington National Forest near Staunton.

"That race really got me into biking," North said. "People were all dressed up in funny polyester costumes riding down the mountain, just there having fun. It was really inspiring to see so

"I just go out and ride and make sure it stays fun. That's what it's all about."

—Erin North
senior

many people who really had a passion for the sport."

During another race, the first time junior Kirk Hetherington saw her ride three years ago, there was one section of the race that passed over a horse's nest.

"The horses didn't think much of the cyclist taking over their nest and took their anger out on Erin by stinging her

countless times," Hetherington explained. "They ended up hurting her pretty bad but that never stopped her from racing her bike."

Unfortunately, however, North's passion was put to a halt after a snowboarding incident, during which her knee was injured seriously. After surgery to repair the severe cartilage and bone wear in her knee, her focus was to get better so she could ride her bike again. She began working with the Trek Volkswagen East Coast Factory Team, by helping with the media work and reporting for the team. It wasn't long after her rehabilitation that the team asked her to join them in their training.

As the youngest member of the team, North said she is, "very lucky to have

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2002-2003 conference standings

	W	L	Pct.
ODU	7	0	1.000
Delaware	6	1	.857
UNC-W	6	2	.750
JMU	4	3	.571
GMU	4	3	.571
VCU	4	3	.571
Drexel	3	5	.375
William & Mary	1	6	.143
Hofstra	1	6	.143
Towson	0	7	.000

(Through Jan. 28, 2002)

upcoming games

Jan. 23	at Delaware	7p.m.
Feb. 2	DREXEL	2p.m.
Feb. 6	GEORGE MASON	7p.m.
Feb. 9	OLD DOMINION	2p.m.

SARAH STANTIZ/graphics editor

JMU: Panic time? DUKES: Road victories key for upcoming stretch

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the University of Delaware and Drexel University — with three of those games being played away from the Convocation Center.

Dillard though, remains confident that his team can pull through regardless of the upcoming competition.

"For all intents and purposes we had every chance to win that (Virginia Commonwealth University) game, we just came up short," Dillard said. "It got away from us, obviously at the Old Dominion game. I guess in any endeavor you've got to try to dial those moments — the George Mason type of intensity, the VCU intensity — and hopefully carry them over."

Junior forward Dwayne Broyles said he personally had not given up on the season and felt Caskill's reaction was mainly due to the team's poor showing against the Monarchs.

"I'm not down," Broyles said. "We have 10 more games left and as far as I know the rest

of the team feels the same way. We lost by 18 or 20, but I don't think I sensed any quit in anybody."

Broyles, who was elected as a co-captain along with senior guard David Fanning in the off-season, also said getting up for games has not been a problem to this point, adding he tries to motivate the team before every game.

"I do it (motivate the team) every game," Broyles said. "Every game I try and get my teammates ready as well as myself. That's just something I do all the time. Some people may respond, some may not, but I always say what I have to say before the game."

Red-shirt senior guard Charlie Hatter agreed with Caskill's comments and said the team needs to learn how to have fun on the court again.

"I guess when you're down 18 with a couple of minutes to go you're probably not going to come back," Hatter said. "I

support Ian on what he said there, but I mean I was trying as hard as I could every time I was in there."

Dillard said in order for his team to get back on track it needed to put up more consistent numbers. So far this season, JMU has shot only 42 percent from the field as a team, and has failed to produce a double-double since a Dec. 30, 2002 loss at home to Appalachian State University. In that game two Dukes, Broyles and red-shirt senior center Kenny Whitehead, each recorded a double-double in points and rebounds. Broyles scored 11 points and grabbed 11 boards, while Whitehead finished with 12 points and 11 rebounds.

"We love to have balance where we have five guys in double figures and our two big guys have double-doubles," Dillard said. "But I think realistically if we can get three guys that can step up and contribute with a high degree of consistency then you'll see us take advantage."

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going into this important stretch. It was a great win for us and got our confidence up. It prepared us well for our tough games coming up."

Brooks agreed that the win was big.

"It was a big kick-start. We had been playing OK basketball, but we knew we were capable of winning that ballgame," Brooks said. "It was good to execute, because we have had some close games against some good opponents this year and we've come up short."

Brooks said the team has to finish games better, especially on the road. JMU played well against teams like Virginia Tech, the University of North Carolina-Charlotte and Old Dominion, but they didn't finish the game.

"We let a few get away from us early in conference play," red-

shirt senior guard Jody LeRose said. "We need a couple of big wins, just like UNC-W, to help our ranking and help our team."

Against Delaware Thursday, the Dukes will have to do something they haven't done this season — win a conference game on the road. JMU is 0-3 in that category.

"We know we're on the road, but we just think of it as 'we need a win,'" LeRose said. "Delaware is a good team and they are ranked higher than we are in conference play and it's very important that we capture it."

When the Dukes return home Sunday against Drexel, they will need to take advantage of the three-game home stand because the Dukes won't see the Convocation Center much after that. Five of their last seven games are on the road.

"The general rule with conference play ideally is to win all your home games and steal a couple on the road because it's easiest to play at home," Cichowicz said. "So definitely we have really big games coming up. If we can get some wins, we're looking really good."

The next four games will also have a big impact in the long run. Depending on the outcome, they will decide the Dukes' fate when the CAA Tournament rolls around in March.

"Of course you want to put yourself in a good position for seeding, but we just want to win games and prove that we can compete and that our first couple of games weren't characteristic of how we're capable of playing," senior forward Nadine Morgan said. "It's important to win on the road and especially against these teams we have coming up."

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NORTH: "Keeping the sport fun"

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"I usually stray from the training a coach would prescribe," North said. "I just go out and ride and make sure it stays fun. That's what it's all about."

Apparently, her motto of "keeping the sport fun" was beneficial to her riding, as it took her all the way to San Francisco, Calif., for what is known to the cycling industry as "the steeplechase of cycling," or Cyclocross. Held on a vineyard outside of Napa Valley, the high-speed races usually last no more than an hour. Over 8,000 fans watch as riders compete on tightly woven courses that include turf,

dirt and pavement for surfaces but also feature run-ups, dismounts, drop-offs, barriers and other terrain elements that force riders to run with their machines at high speed. According to North, the natural and man-made obstacles force riders to dismount and carry their bikes.

Amidst the 12 inches of rain that accumulated over the two days of racing, North managed to finish fourth in the Women's Collegiate National race, as well as second in the Espoir (under 23) Women's race.

"This race gave me a chance to show people that I'm getting there," North said.

Fellow rider Jeremiah Bishop, who moved to Harrisonburg several years ago, said that it was surprising to see such a young rider finish so strong. Bishop, who has been

"I've taken something I thought was fun and turned it into something even more fun."

— Erin North
senior

racing for 10 years, said that Cyclocross really seemed to fit her riding style.

"She's an aggressive rider and it suits her strength well," Bishop said.

Upon meeting North at UREC two years ago, Bishop could easily sense her competi-

tive nature and her motivation to work hard. "When she's doing something, she wants to do her best," he said.

Though one would never know it from talking to her, North is definitely a competitor at heart.

"Erin is generally an easy-going, fun person... but that all changes when she's on her bike," Hetherington said. "She's a competitor to her bones and is always looking to win."

North said, "I just have a lot of enthusiasm. I've taken something I thought was fun and turned it into something even more fun."

Her enthusiasm is expressed in all aspects of her life, not just cycling. The geology major says that school definitely comes first and has learned to work around her difficult class

load. Besides participating in the triathlon club, she also works 10-12 hours every week at Responsive Management, an environmental research and management team located in downtown Harrisonburg.

The business sponsored her at Cyclocross, along with Funkhouser and Associates. Massanutten Resort and Bikesport, the bike store that North frequents, were also "very enthusiastic" in the opportunity to sponsor North, she said. Hilton Garden Inn of San Francisco paid for her lodging during the entire race weekend.

"I really couldn't have done it without my sponsor's support," North said.

According to Heather Herrick, a JMU staff member

who was a spectator at Cyclocross, it was even a benefit to the University that North was able to attend the race.

"Erin is a great representative for JMU because she is a determined sports woman," Herrick said. "She represents the school with grace and enthusiasm."

North plans on continuing her racing after she graduates in May. Over the summer, she will participate in her first team relay race called the Volkswagen Snowshoe. This 24-hour relay race consists of each team member alternating laps of 11 miles each.

North admits that she's a little nervous to be riding for someone other than herself, but she says she's looking forward to it.

"There's nothing you can't do on a bike. Nothing can be better," she said.

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Environmental Forensics:

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The contamination of natural waters with fecal pollution is a continuing problem in Virginia. Fecal pollution results in a higher risk of disease caused by fecal pathogens, and the associated high levels of phosphorous and nitrogen can lead to algal blooms that, when degraded, result in deoxygenation of waterways. This situation is currently leading to a deterioration of the aquatic environment in the Chesapeake Bay. The extent of fecal contamination in water is determined by counting the numbers of indicator bacteria. However, identification of the sources of this contamination in waters receiving mixed agricultural and human waste is more difficult. Knowledge of the source of fecal contamination is important because humans are more susceptible to infections by pathogens found in human feces. Once the source(s) is identified, steps can be taken to control the influx of fecal pollution and reduce the risks.

Several methods of Bacterial Source Tracking are currently under development. While no method has been accepted as a "Standard Method," many are beginning to show promise. My students and I have developed a method called antibiotic resistance analysis (ARA). In ARA, antibiotic resistance patterns of fecal bacteria from known sources are analyzed using discriminant analysis (a multivariate statistical method), and are then used to classify bacteria that were collected from polluted waters. Generally, between 60% and 90% of these bacteria are classified correctly. ARA is now being used in several Virginia watersheds as a part of the cleanup efforts carried out by the Virginia DEQ. In this lecture, I will describe our current research to determine the number of known isolates required to represent a watershed, and to determine the stability (both temporal and geographic) of the resistance patterns.

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