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TODAY: Rain, high 50°F, low 29°F.
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Art project sparks Harrison Hall fire

by Julia Filz
senior writer

A kiln fire forced the evacuation of Harrison Hall Friday afternoon.

Harrisonburg Fire and Rescue Department responded to the incident at 2:30 p.m. Friday after a kiln in the Harrison sculpture studio began smoking, said Kevin Howdeyshell, public information officer for the department.

Lee Shifflett, chief of JMU police, said the blaze occurred after art students put a block of aluminum in the furnace. Students were reportedly using the aluminum to make sculptures. "It melted down and kept burning," he said.

HFD Captain Nick Astarb said it was a minor fire. "Apparently the aluminum got a little too hot," he said. "We were there to watch the cooling process."

The fire crew also put Metal Type-X powder on the aluminum to speed the cooling process and to ensure the fire wouldn't flare up again, Astarb said.

About seven students were in the studio when the fire began. None would comment on the incident because they said they were worried about being in trouble because of their roles in

the fire. They said a professor was with them when the fire occurred, but they refused to give his name.

"The building was evacuated and everyone in the building was checked out medically and is stable," Howdeyshell said. "A hazardous material" was involved in the incident, but no one was affected by it, he said.

"There [was] a possibility that a student was in distress [due to the fumes], but he's okay," Howdeyshell said.

JMU Police rerouted traffic to go through W-lot behind Wayland Hall and blocked off the Bluestone Drive entrance to campus from South Main Street for most of the afternoon. But the Port Republic road entrance to Bluestone Drive remained open.

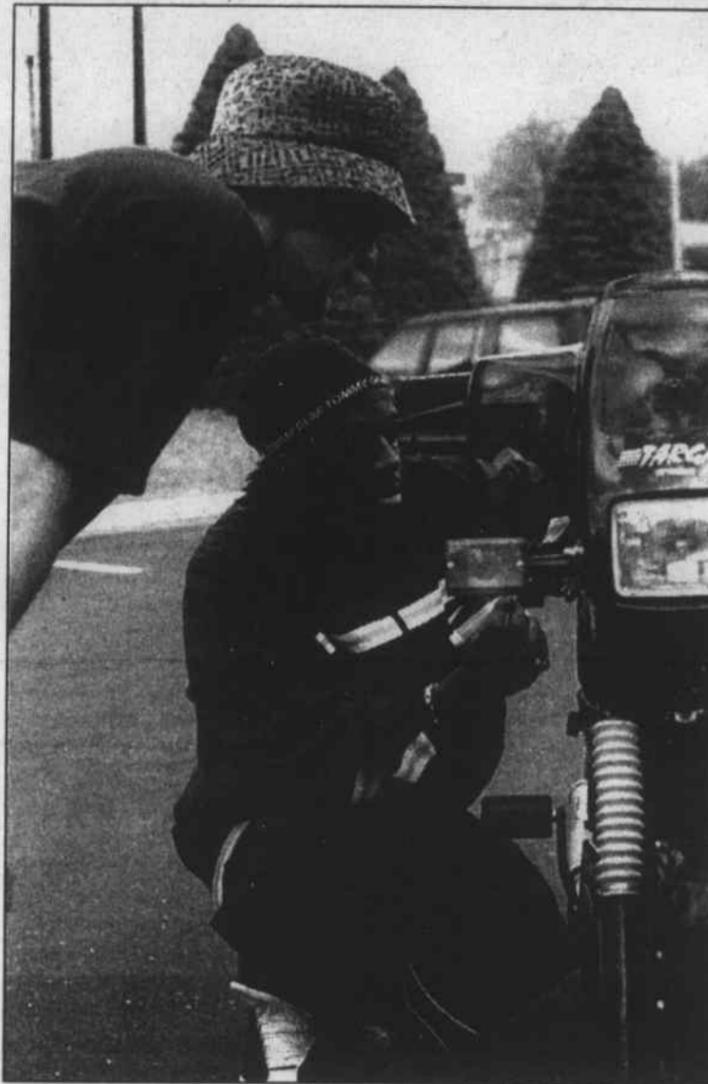
Shifflett said HFD reopened Harrison Hall at 4 p.m.

Astarb said the building wasn't damaged. "It was just a matter we needed to watch," he said.

Some students and faculty in the building didn't think the fire was real and left their books and belongings in Harrison and the Annex.

Berlin Zirk, operations manager for the Media Production Center in Harrison, said, "Usually, when this happens, it'll

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DYLAN BOUCHERLE/senior photographer

Auto-graph

Hip-hop star Wyclef Jean takes time out before his concert at the JMU Convocation Center yesterday to sign freshman Chris Thomas's motorcycle in Howard Johnson's parking lot.

Alcohol deaths at UVa., Tech prompt JMU task force

by Shannon Ballard
contributing writer

To supplement the variety of alcohol abuse education and prevention programs that already exist at JMU, the university created an Alcohol Task Force to respond to state-wide concerns about alcohol abuse on college campuses.

The task force held its first meeting Feb. 25 to introduce members and formulate a mission statement, according to task force member Donna Harper, director of health and recreation. The task force is composed of faculty and staff. It will address alcohol issues campus-wide.

"Based on some of the [alcohol-related deaths] on campuses throughout the country, there's a renewed commitment to look at some additional alternatives and opportunities for getting information to students and changing behavior," Harper said.

JMU joins other Virginia schools such as the College of William & Mary and the

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Dining Services might give reusable containers old college try

Director says new program would eliminate health department's cross-contamination fears, let students customize Let's Go dishes

by Jaime Johnston
contributing writer

JMU Dining Services is conducting a pilot project to test the feasibility of using various reusable food containers at Let's Go and Mrs. Greens.

Dining Services asked about 200 health science, integrated science and technology students and frequent Let's Go patrons to use one of four selected experimental containers at Let's Go at least twice a week during February.

After each use, Dining Services rinsed the container of food particles. It was then returned and exchanged at the next use for a clean, sanitized replacement.

Dining Services is now collecting student feedback. So far the general student

response indicates students want containers with space for a lot of food, said Rick Larson, senior director of dining services.

JMU will choose one container to use after the experiment is complete.

Dining Services is open to suggestions and is looking at a variety of options, Larson said. Options include either offering students a choice of containers or designing a custom container. Dining Services will decide whether or not it will create a custom container for students once they collect all of the information from the pilot project, he said.

Junior Chrissy Mittiga, a participant in the project, said, "I think the new system will be much more convenient for students

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JMU is the only institution in the country that is attempting a reusable program as extensive as cleaning the containers for students, Larson said.

Reusable containers failed last year because the health department feared cross-contamination, Larson said.

Cross-contamination can occur if a serving utensil touches an unclean container and is then put back into the food. Dining Services contacted the local health department and received approval for the pilot program

Chrissy Mittiga
junior

before its implementation. "This time we aren't going to make the same mistake twice," Larson said. "So we contacted the health department and

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CORRECTIONS

The article "Student Athletes Making the Grade" in the Feb. 26 issue of *The Breeze* should have said, "Women's tennis player Tory Shroeder won the Arthur Ashe Sportsmanship/Leadership Award."

The article "Arts and Letters seeks associate dean for development" in the Feb. 16 issue of *The Breeze* should have said, "Faculty Concerns Chair Joan Frederick doesn't know anything about the new associate dean."

The Breeze regrets the errors.

Fire

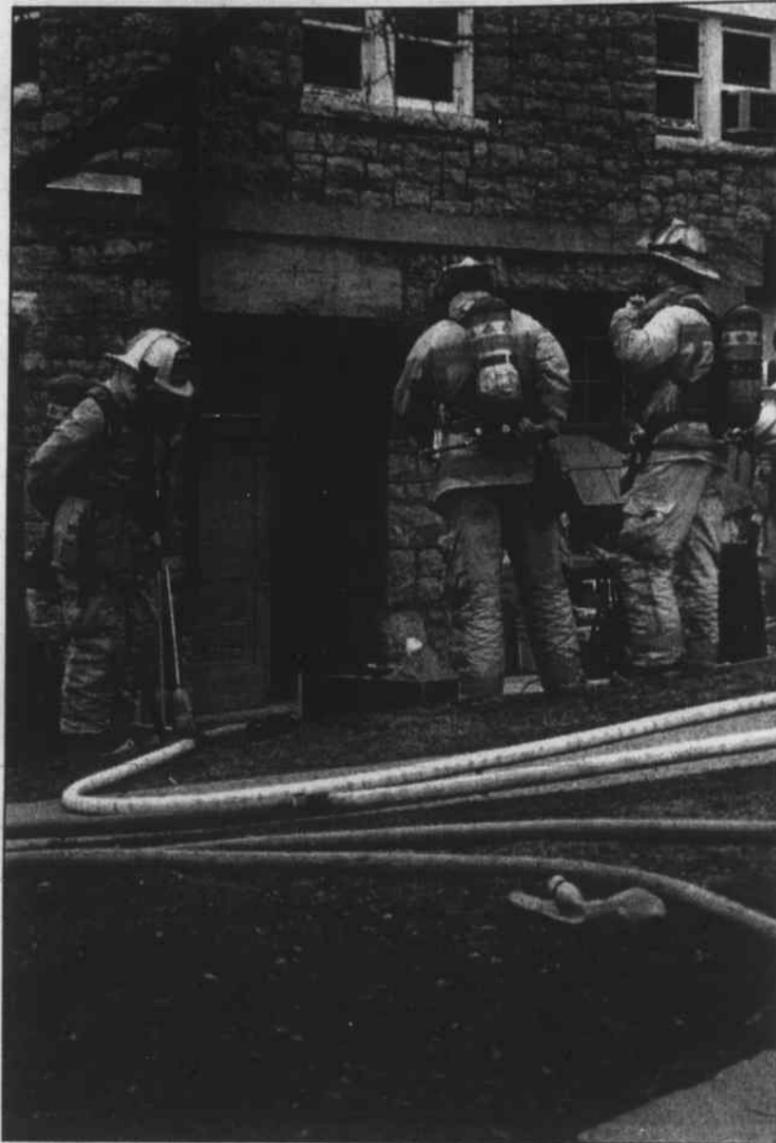
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be 10 minutes and then we're back in the building." Sophomore Darlene Hirst was in class in Harrison Hall when the fire alarm went off.

"I didn't think it was a real fire," Hirst said. "All of a sudden,

the alarm went off. The teacher was like, 'just go outside.' I waited for a few minutes and then left."

Zirk said, "I made sure everyone was out of the [building], and then I evacuated."



ALLYSON HOFER/senior photographer

Harrisonburg Fire and Rescue workers survey the damage caused by the fire in the basement of Harrison Hall and Annex Friday afternoon.

Containers

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showed them what we were doing and how we were doing it."

Because students won't be responsible for washing the containers, Larson said the possibility of cross-contamination will be eliminated. Dining Services will wash the containers in the same way they wash other dining utensils after the students is finished.

"This time we are doing our homework to ensure long-term success. The pilot program not only hopes to determine the best container but also hopes to anticipate any operational issues and decide how to do it," Larson said.

Dining Services spent about \$1,000 to buy the 150 reusable containers used in the project. It hopes to reach a decision on whether or not to use the containers soon so students can have the option of reusable containers at Let's Go and Mrs. Green's when they return from spring break.

If JMU elects to use reusable

containers, they would be the only type of containers used at Let's Go and Mrs. Green's starting fall 1998. Students with meal plans would be issued one container at no cost. After that, they must purchase them. Each container would cost about \$6, Larson said.

If implemented, JMU's start-up cost for the reusable container program will be about \$35,000. The cost of buying containers would be dramatic at first but would decrease over time, Larson said. In the long run, Dining Services could save money on reusable containers because it wouldn't have to buy as many disposable products, he said. If the program has good results, Dining Services might prepare other eateries to handle reusable containers, Larson said.

Senior Jody Seiffert said she would use the new containers. "I think it is a very good idea to start using the containers again. I missed having them."

Alcohol

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University of Virginia, that have developed official task forces to address the serious issue of alcohol abuse on campuses.

Several alcohol-related deaths have occurred around the country since August, including at least two incidents in Virginia. Virginia Tech student Melinda Somers died Nov. 1 after falling out of her eighth floor dormitory window.

Her blood alcohol content level was .21, nearly three times the legal limit in Virginia, according to a Nov. 14 article in Virginia Tech's newspaper, *The Collegiate Times*.

UVa. senior Leslie Ann Balz also died of alcohol-related complications Nov. 30. UVa. created its own university-wide Task Force on Alcohol Abuse, which began its weekly meetings Feb. 17.

UVa. President John T. Casteen III announced the idea for the task force Dec. 1.

UVa. Dean of Students, Robert T. Canevaris said, "Leslie Balz's death may have been a part of the impetus to create a task force, but I can remember being a part of a conversation two years ago with deans and student health officials who talked about a task force."

According to the UVa. Office of Student Affairs, the task force's aim is to analyze causes and consequences of alcohol abuse on campus.

It also attempts to identify environmental factors particular to the university community that contribute to the abuse and illegal use of alcohol and recommend new initiatives designed to help curb underage and binge drinking.

JMU has taken this concept one step further. In addition to the newly created Alcohol Task Force, JMU has many other established programs working on alcohol-related issues.

The Office of Judicial Affairs offers an alcohol intervention program to handle students charged with alcohol violations.

Judicial Affairs developed the program in fall 1996 to make the move from a punitive system to an educational focus.

But cases of alcohol violations at JMU haven't dropped since the program's inception. There were 330 violations in fall 1996, 279 in spring 1997 and 353 in fall 1997. These statistics include alcohol violations ranging from underage consumption to drunk-in-public charges.

"I've seen programs come and go. I've seen [college campuses] try everything from doing away

with fraternities to doing away with kegs," said Alan MacNutt, director of public safety. "You shouldn't give up, but [the programs are] not going to get rid of the problem."

"We don't lack in things dealing with [alcohol awareness] here at JMU," MacNutt said. "We have concrete, institutionalized programs that are a part of the infrastructure of our school."

Rebecca Poma, assistant director of judicial affairs, designed the program. She coordinates the program and trains those who lead the sessions.

"Students are placed in one of the program's three levels according to the perception of the severity of their alcohol problem," Poma said.

"There's no cookie-cutter way of [placing students]. We look at what the student really needs, not just the number of their violations," she said.

Programs that deal with alcohol issues are offered all over campus. The Health Center offers a variety of programs dealing with alcohol issues. It also coordinates Alcohol Awareness Week with other campus groups each fall as part of a nationwide effort to promote safety and responsibility concerning alcohol use on college campuses.

Sexual Assault Education Peers address alcohol use and violence in relationships, Harper said. Wellness Peer Educators put on programs in residence halls and classrooms on subjects like determining personal alcohol consumption limits and the appropriate use of alcohol.

Greek Life adopted several measures for dealing with alcohol issues. Greeks Advocating

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the Mature Management of Alcohol puts on programs that educate people on responsible alcohol use. Each fraternity or sorority chapter has individual programs, and Greek Life recently instituted a Bring-Your-Own-Ber alcohol policy at on-campus fraternity parties.

College of Business looks to adapt to 21st century

by Manny Rosa

staff writer

Students and faculty in JMU's College of Business met Thursday evening in Zane Showker Hall to discuss the direction the business program will take over the next five years.

Robert Reid, dean of the College of Business, outlined changes he expects to see and allowed students and faculty members to ask questions and offer suggestions on the topics facing JMU's COB.

He said he sees COB, JMU and higher education as a whole, moving swiftly with developing technology. Campuses like JMU may be a dying breed, with more and more courses offered electronically. "The residential campus [like JMU] 10 to 15 years from now — who knows if it will exist?" he said.

Reid suggested integrating classes so JMU can stay competitive with the "virtual universities" that offer courses over the Internet. "A lot of people have tried it at the MBA level, but not many at the undergrad level because it's harder [because there are more students to consider]," he said.

COB is already integrating classes, Reid said. For three years, the college has offered COB 300: Integrated



MEREDITH MANSFIELD/staff photographer

Robert Reid, dean of the College of Business, speaks Thursday about meeting the challenges of the next century including the advent of virtual universities.

Functional Systems. It's an integrated course that allows students to take five business classes in one 12-credit course. The course emphasizes each individual class, and covers management, finance, operations and marketing principles.

The class isn't mandatory, but all junior level business majors are eligible. According to the 1997-'98 JMU

Undergraduate Catalog, many students have taken it because it demonstrates the interaction between different business areas.

Reid said the course initially had some problems, but the COB has worked to improve the course. "I would say [three years ago, COB 300]

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JMU student charged with drug possession

by Matt Phillips

contributing writer

JMU Police arrested and charged a student with possession of cocaine and intent to distribute it in Botetourt County Tuesday.

Freshman Seth Myers' arrest is the result of cocaine distribution charges filed against him in Botetourt County, a Roanoke suburb, said Major Williams of the Botetourt County Sheriff's Office. Police didn't find any drugs or drug paraphernalia on Myers or in his room in Dingleline Hall when he was arrested.

JMU Police made the arrest with a warrant from the sheriff's office. Myers was arrested at JMU because Myers had already returned to JMU when Botetourt authorities completed their investigation, Williams said. Myers doesn't face charges in Harrisonburg.

Myers is the last of six men from Botetourt County arrested on drug distribution charges. According to the *Daily News-Record*, JMU student Robert A. Erickson, 20, and non-students Nathan D. Beasley, 19, David L. Brown Jr., 31, Richard E. Gluth Jr., 21 and Kai Anthony Safran, 23 were all arrested earlier in Botetourt.

Erickson, a freshman at JMU, was arrested and charged Feb. 9 in Botetourt County with conspiracy to distribute Ecstasy and possession of marijuana. He and Safran allegedly left Harrisonburg to obtain the hallucinogenic drug from Beasley, just north of Roanoke.

After stopping Erickson and Safran on Route 11 for a traffic violation, Botetourt police seized about 50 Ecstasy capsules worth about \$500, Williams said. Police don't know if Erickson sold Ecstasy at JMU, but the amounts he purchased were too much for personal use.

Blue Ridge Hall residents petition ORL for changes

Students claim disadvantages in dining, transportation, parking

by Marcia Apperson

staff writer

About 140 Blue Ridge Hall residents signed a petition and submitted it to the Office of Residence Life last Tuesday. It states they are at a disadvantage in comparison to other freshmen living on campus.

"Since the very first week [of the fall semester] we started to discover, piece by piece, disadvantages we had at Blue Ridge. Basically we got really sick of it," said freshman Peter Smith, the resident who drafted the petition.

Smith said he has gone door-to-door this semester asking Blue Ridge residents to sign the petition. Blue Ridge residents should be allowed to register for classes first so they can arrange their classes around the bus schedule, he said. "We want financial reimbursement because we are paying for things we aren't getting," he said. Blue Ridge Hall is located across Interstate 81.

"It is no secret JMU is expanding rapidly," he said. "They need to accommodate stu-

dents, and they don't have the accommodations."

Maggie Burkhart, director of the Office of Residence Life, said ORL doesn't plan to financially reimburse Blue Ridge residents, and ORL has no control over class registration schedules.

"At this point we have suggested to the students to come individually," Burkhart said. "We are happy to address any of their individual concerns."

Blue Ridge residents that requested room changes were relocated, Burkhart said. "The reality is everything can't be changed," she said. "I can't pick up Blue Ridge and put it on the Quad."

One concern of the residents is the distance between Blue Ridge and campus. "You have to know the bus schedule by heart," Smith said. "We plan everything around the buses."

Freshman Eric Leader, who signed the petition, said he agrees with Smith. "On weekends the buses run sparingly. It's a pain to eat sometimes," he said. "We are put out there on this island without the same things people on

campus have. We pay the same room and board as the people on campus. I can't begin to understand why we pay the exact same as people in Hillside and Chandler [Halls]."

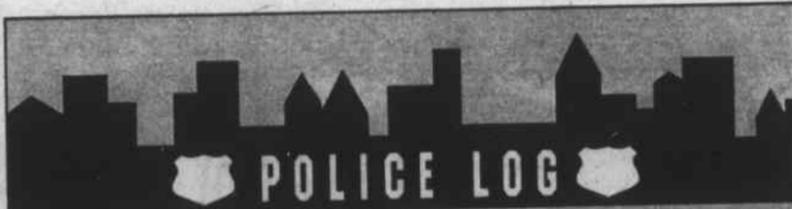
All Blue Ridge residents, including freshmen, are allowed to have cars. Burkhart said it was a major decision for the parking division to allow 300 extra students to have cars because of the parking problems that already exist on campus. But residents have resident stickers and can't park in commuter lots during the day.

"I'd love to give each resident a designated parking place, but that's not reality," Burkhart said.

Because residents are permitted cars, they have the advantage of parking right outside their hall, she said. "No other freshmen are permitted to have vehicles," Burkhart said.

Burkhart said the bus system has been changed this year. Buses now run to Blue Ridge later at night, and more buses run on the weekend too.

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by Neal Crovo

police reporter

Campus police report the following:

Service of Warrant

• Seth D. Myers, 19, of Roanoke, was arrested and charged with possession of cocaine with intent to distribute in Dingleline Hall at 1:15 p.m. Feb. 24.

Littering/Use of Operator's License Other than His Own/Assumed the Name of Another/Underage Possession of Alcohol

• Steven R. Youssef, 20, was arrested and charged with littering, use of operator's license not his own, assuming the name of another and underage possession of alcohol after campus police reportedly observed him breaking a glass bottle in G-lot at 12:31 a.m. Feb. 27.

Summons Served

• Jack H. Herbert, 21, of Norfolk, was served a summons for property damage at 2:10 p.m. Feb. 24.
• Tanishia L. Williams, 19, of Norfolk, was served a summons for curse and abuse at 10:10 a.m. Feb. 25.

Vehicle Accident/Suspected Alcohol Related/Leaving the Scene of an Accident

• Campus police reportedly found a car registered to a JMU student on the steep embankment on University Boulevard next to I-81, south of the Convocation Center at 12:50 a.m. Feb. 27. The car left 122 feet of skid marks before striking a 20-foot pear tree.

The car reportedly smelled of alcohol. Clumps of human hair were embedded around a hole in the windshield on the driver's side. No blood was found at the scene.

No one was found in or around the car on the embankment.

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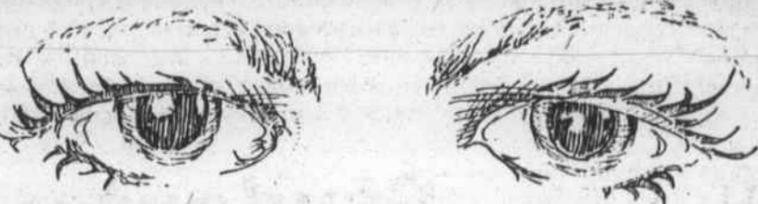
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Mixed views surface at GenEd forum

by Kelly Whalen

contributing writer

About 20 students talked directly to the administration about the General Education Program Friday in the Moody Hall lounge.

Dean of General Education Linda Halpern and Student Board of Visitors member Kristy Weeks met with students to get freshmen opinions on the program and find ways to improve GenEd.

Halpern gave students background information about the program before opening the floor to questions. GenEd requirements make up about one-third of the total curriculum and are not meant to be taken sequentially, she said.

"[GenEd] was not developed by the administration," Halpern said. "It was developed by the faculty. There is not a piece of the program that wasn't put together by the faculty who teach it.

"We know that there are things about [GenEd] working and things about it not working well," Halpern said. "JMU is an institution that takes learning seriously.

Freshman Aaron Mann spoke against GenEd. "I have a concern about lack of choices," Mann said. "I don't like the choice I have. If we're all taking the same courses, I don't see how we're expanding our minds."



ANGELA COSTANZA/staff photographer

Kristy Weeks, student member of the Board of Visitors, addresses freshmen students at a General Education forum in Moody Hall Friday.

Halpern said the curriculum structure is lost when too many course choices are offered, and packages and clusters are designed to provide a strong, solid foundation for a college education.

Freshman Meghann Green said choosing classes during pre-registration was confusing.

"I think the students need to be aware of what they're getting into," Green said. She said she thinks JMU should provide specific, accurate, course descriptions.

Other students are concerned with the strict grading system in some GenEd classes. Freshman Karen Boxley said she thinks one of her GenEd professor's class expectations are too high.

Halpern said problems with certain professors aren't necessarily linked to GenEd.

Halpern and Weeks encouraged students to document specific complaints about professors on class evaluation forms at the end of each semester.

"Fill them out with specific information," Halpern said. "Please take course evaluations seriously. Students need to be willing to share their points of view with the professor or department head."

Freshman Amanda Klein spoke in support of GenEd.

"I've had a great experience with the GenEd Program," she said.

But Klein is concerned that professors verbally criticize GenEd during classes. "It creates a bad atmosphere by setting a negative tone," she said.

One faculty member expressed enthusiasm about the GenEd program.

"This is one of the most exciting times for me," said William Kimsey, professor of speech communication. "There are a number of faculty who believe in GenEd."

Some students reacted favorably to the forum's format.

"I like the idea of an open forum and I think it should be continued permanently," Klein said.

Freshman Marie Lyons said, "I think the forum is a good idea. I think it's a shame more people didn't show up."

Weeks said she thinks having the forum is a step in a positive direction.

"I feel like everyone who wanted to speak up, did," she said. "It was a good experience; it's important to have these forums for a chance for students to express their feelings."

Eagle Hall goes sober this week

by Tara Hafer

contributing writer

Eagle Hall is taking steps to promote an alcohol-free lifestyle by sponsoring "Sober Fest Week" this week.

Michelle Hoosty, an Eagle Hall resident adviser, came up with the idea to have residents sign a pledge not to drink for the week. Hall Director Keith Humphrey supported her idea.

"It's pathetic that we should even have to have a Sober Fest Week," Hoosty said. "The residents in this hall are underage and should not be drinking in the first place."

Eighty of the hall's 450 residents signed the pledge to not drink alcohol. Even though Hoosty said the number seems low, she was happy with the participation in the first year of the program at JMU.

"Our goal was 100 people," Hoosty said. "We got 80 and that's more than 10 percent of the building. For the first time that the program is running, it's a pretty good number."

Freshman Eagle Hall resident Jason Guida doesn't support the premise behind the program. The program has merit, but lacks an overall appeal to the student body, he said.

But some residents support the program. "I think that it's great that [Hoosty] is providing this alternative for people," freshman Peter Swerdzewski said.

Freshman Amanda Schmitt also signed the pledge. "I think that sober week is an excellent idea," she said.

Six residents, who refused to be named, said they won't sign the pledge because they plan to consume alcohol during this week.

In order to participate in the program, residents are required to sign a pledge that commits them to stay alco-

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Students 'spring' at chance to help others during break

by Kristi Groome

contributing writer

While many JMU students will spend spring break soaking up rays on an exotic beach, about 100 students will help others in need through a program called Alternative Spring Breaks.

For the third consecutive year, a group of JMU students will visit the Johnson-Brinson Project, a youth center in the poverty-stricken community of Madison County, Fla.

Students often return to Madison County for winter breaks and summer visits. "These trips are life-changing," Rich Harris, coordinator of Community-Service Learning said. "It creates a passion for life-long service ethics."

Community-Service Learning, Habitat for Humanity, Catholic Campus Ministry and Presbyterian Campus Ministry co-sponsor Alternative Spring Break trips. The trip sponsors want to bring some Madison County students to Harrisonburg in the future to participate in service projects in this area. They also want to raise money for a community swimming pool in Madison County.

Senior Warren Passin, a trip leader this year and participant in past spring break trips, said he gained a new perspective on life after his experience in Madison County.

"Doing one of these experiences is so honest and true," Passin said. "I got to see a whole different world and realized my life at JMU is just a small part of the whole big picture."

JMU students will also travel to New Orleans, Puerto Rico, Chicago and other locations during spring break.

Senior Stacy Grosh, another trip leader, worked her freshman year in Albany, Ga., to provide flood relief in spring 1995. Like other participants, Grosh found the experience unforgettable.

"I definitely think the people get so much out of it," she said. "You're getting outside of your comfort zone. It opens your mind to differences. It's really eye-opening, and you get exposure to so many new ideas through service."

Senior Sheena Mendenhall, a trip leader for a JMU group traveling to a community in south-side Chicago, described her experiences on a trip to Miami last year to

work with HIV children as "amazing." This year, Mendenhall will go to Chicago to do community service work. Mendenhall said the group will assess what exactly they will be doing for the community once they arrive in Chicago.

"It was incredible to me," she said. "I've never worked with children who had so much down in their lives and were still living so

much and were so happy."

Students participate on a first-come, first-serve basis for \$195, which pays for the week's expenses. Twelve students will join each of the 15 trip leaders. Harris said the trips filled up in four days.

Planning for the trips begins in September when students enter a training program to become a group leader. Training continues until students leave for their trip. Students plan and organize their entire trips, including identifying a social cause, finding a site for the trip and locating a faculty adviser.

JMU faculty serve as advisers, overseeing the trips and making sure everything runs smoothly. Harris said advisers don't have a hand in planning trips, though a student must find an adviser before they plan trips.

"Doing one of these experiences is so honest and true."

Warren Passin
trip leader

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- ☛ Madison Marketing Association meeting, Zane Showker Hall, rm. 108, 6 p.m.
- ☛ Madison Marketing Association Etiquette Banquet, PC Ballroom, 7-9 p.m. Details: Stephanie, 574-3639.
- ☛ Students for Camp Heartland meeting, Taylor Hall, rm. 306, 7 p.m. Details: Celeste, x6887.
- ☛ College Republicans meeting, Taylor Hall, rm. 306, 8-9 p.m. Details: Stephanie, x5560.

TUESDAY 3

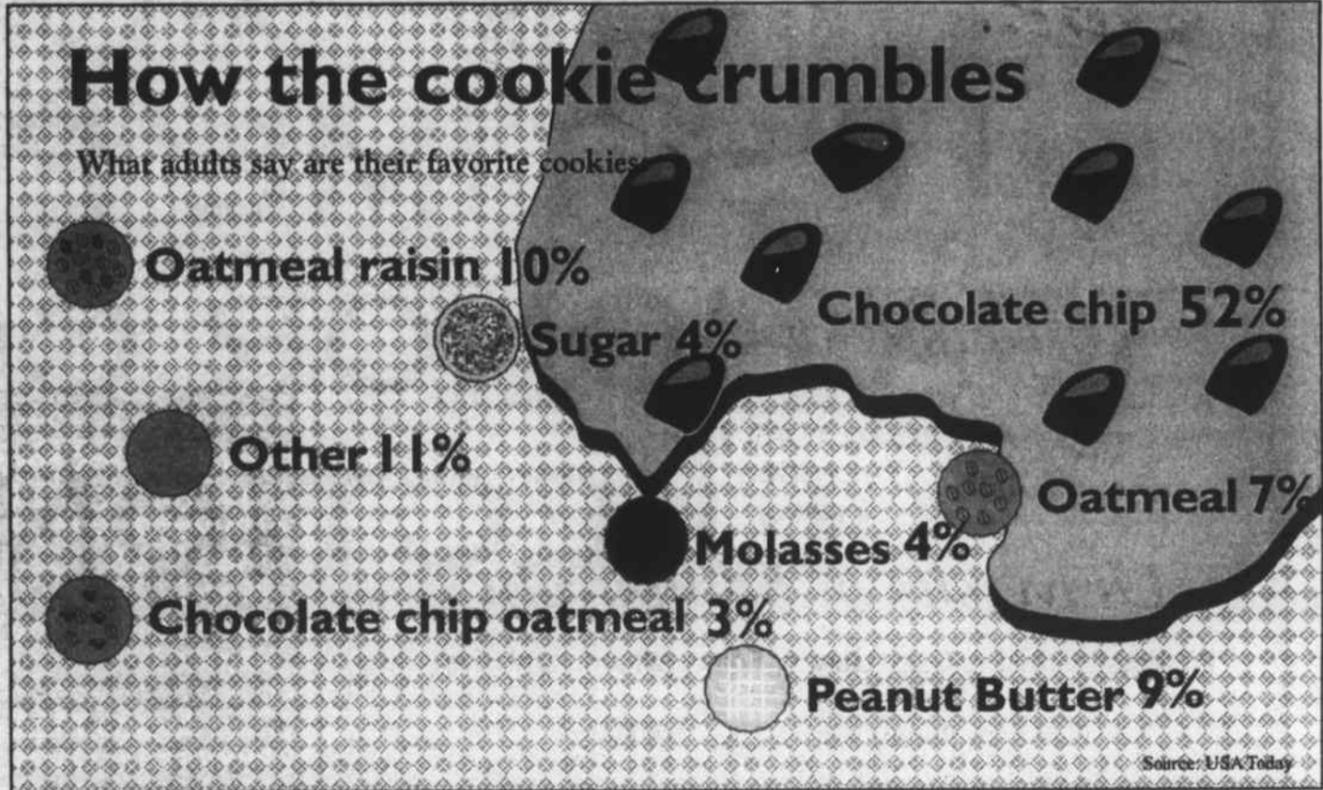
- ☛ EQUAL meeting, Taylor Hall, rm. 402, 5 p.m.
- ☛ Informal Discussion on Eating Disorders, sponsored by the Counseling and Student Development Center, Taylor Hall, rm. 311, 5 p.m. Details: Rose, x6552.
- ☛ CARE meeting, Taylor Hall, rm. 302, 6 p.m. Details: Stephanie, 574-2557.
- ☛ Tri-Beta Biological Society meeting, Burruss Hall, rm. 139, 6:30 p.m. Details: Vickie, 574-1908.
- ☛ Young Democrats meeting, Maury Hall, rm. G-5, 7 p.m. Details: Carrie, breigcm.

WEDNESDAY 4

- ☛ Phi Chi Theta Executive Council meeting, Zane Showker Hall, rm. 108, 5:30 p.m. Details: Dave, 433-7231.
- ☛ Evening prayer, sponsored by Catholic Campus Ministry, CCM House, 9:30 p.m. Details: Mimi, 433-8059.
- ☛ Habitat for Humanity meeting, Taylor Hall, rm. 404, 5 p.m. Details: x6258.

THURSDAY 5

- ☛ EARTH meeting, Taylor Hall, rm. 305, 5 p.m.
- ☛ Fellowship and praise, sponsored by Baptist Student Union, BSU Center, 5:30 p.m. Details: BSU Center, 434-6822.
- ☛ Madison Mediators meeting, Taylor Hall, rm. 402, 6 p.m. Details: Jessica, x7557.
- ☛ NAACP meeting, Taylor Hall, rm. 306, 7 p.m.
- ☛ Folk Group Practice sponsored by CCM, CCM House, 7:30 p.m. Details: Christina 546-0871.
- ☛ Prime Time, sponsored by Campus Crusade for Christ, Harrisonburg Baptist Church, 7:45 p.m.
- ☛ The Bygones perform at the Artful Dodger, 8 p.m., Details: x7140.



THOMAS SCALA/graphics editor



Shiite Muslims allegedly involved in Saudi bombing could go free after Iranian visit

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Former Iranian President Hashemi Rafsanjani plans to ask Saudi Arabia to free hundreds of Shiite Muslims jailed since a June 1996 attack that killed 19 U.S. servicemen, Iranian diplomats said Saturday.

Broaching the topic of prisoners will test the deepening relationship between the two countries, improving steadily since the May election of Iran's new president, Mohammad Khatami.

Iran was suspected in the attack, in which a bomb-laden truck blew up outside the Khobar Towers military housing project near Dhahran.

Hundreds of Shiite Muslims in Saudi Arabia were rounded up after the explosion. The United States intimated it would attack Iran if the suspicions were proved.

However, Saudi opposition groups suggested that the bombers were Sunni Muslims, the ruling family's traditional support base, and said the Shiites were scapegoats in the bombing.

Officials accompanying Rafsanjani on his visit said the former president has extended his trip by a few days to meet with Shiites in the kingdom. The rare meetings will take place during his visit to the industrial city of Jubail and other areas in the oil-rich and predominantly Shiite Eastern Province.

Religious differences are one of the sources of tension between the Persian Gulf region's two most powerful countries. Rafsanjani planned to ask Riyadh to improve the plight of the Shiite community as an important step toward improving ties between the two countries.

— AP/newsfinder news service



Paraplegic college student evicted from dorm for "therapeutic" drug use

AMERICUS, Ga. — A wheelchair-bound student at Georgia Southwestern University was kicked out of his dormitory room after he was arrested for off-campus marijuana use he says was therapeutic.

Carey Burkey returned from classes Friday to find a lock on his door and a note informing him of how he could reclaim his belongings from the residence hall. The paraplegic has refused an order to leave his dormitory room.

University officials say they also are considering suspending Burkey, 38, from the school because he defied an administrative order by refusing to leave his room.

Burkey, who also has an apartment 20 miles away from the central Georgia school, was injured in an automobile accident 10 years ago.

"Occasionally, I will use marijuana to relieve pain and to relieve stress because narcotics are rough on my system," he said. "I don't condone the use of marijuana for kids."

Burkey was arrested Feb. 19 in Americus for misdemeanor marijuana possession. He was ordered Monday to leave his room in two days. Burkey appealed the eviction order, but university President Michael Hanes upheld it.

A university spokesman said Burkey's eviction from campus is based on a "zero tolerance" policy against drugs on campus.

"One has to assume, maybe liberally in this case, that if one used (marijuana) off campus, he likely used it on campus and perhaps in residence halls," said Steve Baston, vice president for university relations.

— AP/newsfinder news service

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

Preview

Coming soon to The Breeze...

- Sports: JMU baseball vs. Liberty University, Monday, March 2
- Focus: Wyclef and Ben Harper concerts, sponsored by the University Program Board

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Police Log

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The owner of the car could not be located at his residence.

No one has entered Rockingham Memorial Hospital with related injuries.

Property Damage

• Unidentified individuals allegedly spilled a drink on a central processing unit system in Maury Hall at 3:38 p.m. Feb. 24.

The damage can't be repaired.

The estimated value of the computer was \$2,432.

Dangerous Practices/Use of Projectiles/Giving False Information to a University Official

• A student reportedly used a blow gun to propel paint balls onto vehicles in W-lot at Hoffman Hall at 8:13 p.m. Feb. 24.

Grand Larceny

• Unidentified individuals allegedly stole a men's yellow metal cased watch from the front desk at the

University Recreation Center between Feb. 22 and 25.

The estimated value of the watch is more than \$200.

Petty Larceny

• Unidentified individuals allegedly stole \$18 from a wallet in a locker and an 18" silver necklace with a sword pendant from an unsecured locker in Godwin Hall at 5:41 p.m. Feb. 24.

The estimated value of the necklace is \$40.

• Unidentified individuals allegedly stole a money clip and \$26 from a pair of pants at the track in UREC between 7 and 8 p.m. Feb. 25.

Fire Alarm

• Unidentified individuals reportedly burnt food in the microwave and activated the fire alarm in Hoffman Hall at 3:34 p.m. Feb. 26.

Number of drunk in public charges since June 4: 58

Number of tickets given between Feb. 17-23: 981

Petition

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"[The bus system] has been responsive to the JMU needs out there and [has] continually added services," she said.

A road directly from the College of Integrated Science and Technology to Blue Ridge is under construction and eventually will allow buses to directly connect the hall to campus.

The original completion date for the construction was about a year ago, but due to inclement weather and other unexpected problems, the project will take more time, Burkhart said.

Accessibility to on-campus dining is

another problem residents face, Smith said. Vending machines don't accept JAC cards like on-campus machines do. Because the building is leased and is not university property, fiber optic lines don't run to the building and residents must use cash to get food.

Blue Ridge residents have some inconveniences but also have advantages, Burkhart said. Residents have complete climate control in each room, and all rooms are carpeted. The university leased Blue Ridge for two and one-half years, and the lease runs out January 1999.

Business

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was not the best experience for those involved with it — both students and professors," he said.

But the course is vastly improved, and the course provides skills that are what employers are looking for, Reid said.

Junior marketing information systems major Erin Bass, who took COB 300 last fall, said the course was very demanding, but it was a rewarding experience.

"It was very challenging," Bass said. "I liked how they integrated all the classes together. It was definitely worth all the hard work."

Reid said he thinks the trend of class integration will continue, especially between COB classes and classes in the College of Integrated Science and Technology.

"We need to be doing more with ISAT," Reid said. "We're more like them than different."

Reid also discussed COB's difficulty in handling increased enrollment. COB enrollment is up almost 20 percent over the last three years, he said.

"Growth in students is way ahead of [growth] in faculty and resources," Reid

said. "[Zane] Showker [Hall] is too small for us. We've only been here since '91, and we're bursting at the seams."

But Reid doesn't know exactly what can be done about the space problem. "I don't know that I have an ideal solution," he said.

One idea mentioned by a member of the audience was to close business as a minor at JMU.

"It's potentially on the table," Reid said. "I would personally like to do some other things [before the business minor is eliminated]."

"There are a lot of students on campus who want [to take] business courses but don't particularly want to be business majors."

Reid expects enrollment growth to continue. He said computer information systems and marketing are the two fastest growing business majors, followed by finance and accounting, he said.

Junior finance major Jeff Klein said, "I hope they find an efficient way to deal with [increased enrollment] in the COB. Classes are crowded as it is, I'd hate to see what it would be like in five years."

Sober

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hol free until Friday. They were given a fluorescent colored wrist band that allows them to get into various Eagle Hall programs throughout the week.

Participating residents are eligible for several benefits, such as a free movie at Grafton-Stovall Theater and free pool at

the Corner Pocket in Taylor Down Under.

Resident advisers at Eagle will hold alcohol-free programs throughout the week for Sober Fest Week participants. The programs include sleepovers, movies, games, going out to eat and several other non-alcohol related activities.

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\$40,000 will fund an endowment to benefit the reference area of *Carrier Library*. Funds will be used to purchase books, videos & other non-print materials, and new computers for the reference area.

\$20,000 will fund an endowment to benefit the *Visiting Scholars Program*. Each year a high profile speaker will come to JMU as the "Class of '98 Visiting Scholar".

\$10,000 will build a *JMU garden* on the I-81 corridor. The garden, across from UREC, will welcome students, alumni, and friends to the university.

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3. See a team member this week on the Commons, at UREC, in Anthony-Seegar, in the mailroom, or at the Godwin Hall bus stop.

We want to encourage future generations to continue to raise the reputation of our alma mater. Pledge to the Senior Class Challenge today!

EDITORIAL



Students, athletes do equal work

According to figures released last year from JMU's athletic department for the period covering 1991-'97, the JMU student-athlete graduation rate surpassed the student body graduation rate by two percent. While this figure may seem impressive, we must ask ourselves who has the more demanding work-load: Student-athletes or the average students?

Student-athletes are under pressure to meet high standards on the field and in the classroom. A typical day in the life of a student-athlete includes early classes, several hours of practice, team meetings, individual conditioning with trainers and late-night studying. To say the least, student-athletes have a full schedule.

But how is the student-athlete's schedule different from many other students' schedules? Some students take 15 to 18 credit hours a semester, are involved in several student on-campus organizations, hold a 15- to 20-hour a week job and still manage to keep their grades up and graduate on time. Is it fair to say that these students' efforts to graduate on time are less impressive?

It seems that when it comes to balancing academics and extracurricular activities the differences in time commitments between student-athletes and the general student-body are negligible—until the differences are scrutinized a bit more, that is.

JMU permits student-athletes to register before

the entire student-body. This means student-athletes probably rarely need overrides for classes, and they can choose cream-of-the-crop professors. How many horror stories are there about average students begging and pleading for overrides into classes they need for graduation?

And when average students register for classes, how often do they get the sections or professors they prefer? It's doubtful student-athletes ever experience such dilemmas.

JMU student-athletes also have the luxury of an extensive tutoring program. If similar resources exist for average students, they aren't well-publicized.

So how impressive is it that student-athletes at JMU graduate at a higher rate than the general student-body? When we consider the advantages and resources given to student-athletes, it's a wonder they aren't graduating at even

higher percentages.

While we should applaud our athletic department for its concern for JMU's athletes' academics, it's time to give credit to the unheralded general student body. With less resources and just as much to do, we should recognize their accomplishments at graduation time as well.

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

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Dart...

A "you-deserve-to-fail" dart to the couple that cheated on a biology quiz the other night in a class.
Sent in by a student who thinks you'll lose more than you'll gain in the long run.

Pat...

A "you're-the-best" pat to my friend Sarah for driving me around and helping me run errands Friday afternoon.

Sent in by your transportationally inhibited friend who appreciated you going out of your way for her.

Dart...

A "please-respect-my-religion" dart to Campus Crusade for Christ for sending their fliers to everyone.

Sent in by a non-Christian student who doesn't think student mailboxes are the place for religious propaganda.

Pat...

A "my-car-thanks-you" pat to JMU Facilities Management for filling in the potholes in Y-lot.

Sent in by a student who thanks you for saving his car from destruction.

Dart...

A "give-recognition-where-it's-due" dart to *The Breeze* for mistakenly identifying the women's lacrosse team as the women's swim team.

Sent in by an avid lacrosse fan who thinks a nationally ranked team deserves more respect.

Pat...

A "way-to-go" pat to the JMU cheerleaders, dukettes and Duke Dog for their dedication and spirit.

Sent in by a coach who enjoys working with such hardworking groups.

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

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Letters to the editor should be no more than 500 words, columns should be no more than 800 words, and both will be published on a space available basis. They must be delivered to *The Breeze* by noon Tuesday or 5 p.m. Friday.

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OP/ED

View from the other side of the traffic cones

Parking staff member attempts to promote understanding, empathy among students, enforcers

It's freezing! I can't feel my toes, and my hands have turned a light shade of purple. Maybe I'll just walk in a small circle again. I'm on the lookout for blue, red and purple tags. Each one I see stimulates a conditioned response consisting of a nod, or a wave. Maybe I'll do a funny wave, or a double-handed point, or just smile. These are the decisions of a parking monitor.

I wish to address the parking "problem" at JMU. Not from an outsider's view, but from someone working on the inside. First, a disclaimer: The following article is my opinion only, and doesn't necessarily represent the views of the entire JMU parking staff. If people hear another side of the story and learn more about the people who work in "the Gestapo," they might reach an understanding toward a more peaceful relationship.

First, let's not forget the roots of our establishment. JMU was once a small, all-female school. As the university matured, it gained popularity and enrollment. Also, JMU was built at a time when very few people even owned cars. So who needed parking? Now, it's not uncommon for a family to own several cars. But it appears JMU just hasn't caught up with the times.

The problem is this: There are too

many cars on campus and not enough parking for all of them. Having a car at school is a blessing many of us take for granted. Many people also take for granted that we have free parking. All we have to do is get a decal from the Parking Office.

Plus, our public transportation system is top-notch. Using public transportation reduces pollution from individual cars. Another problem is the laziness plaguing our generation. We often get caught in the modern trap of convenience. You wouldn't believe how upset some people get when they are "inconvenienced" by having to walk a few blocks on a nice day.

The parking staff's rapport with the student body is less than favorable. Whenever my peers ask me where I work, I'm a bit hesitant to tell them. Each time they reply, "Oh . . . you're one of those guys." "Those" implies that I'm an evil force set on draining the pockets of my friends. But I'd like to dispel some common myths about the parking staff.

Myth 1: The parking staff hides in the

bushes and waits for unsuspecting students to park illegally, whereupon we jump out like a ninja, write a ticket and disappear. Truth: Parking ticketers have assigned routes to patrol, and we also make uniform rounds. Most split-second ticketing that people complain about is a

case of being in the wrong place at the wrong time. If parking ticketers patrol a lot and see violations, they'll write a ticket. If you see a ticket being written, approach the ticketer. More often than not, they'll void it. No need to curse or threaten; just move the car.

Myth 2: The parking staff gets personal satisfaction out of writing as many tickets as possible. Truth: Parking staffers are paid to do the job. Everyone knows the consequences of parking illegally. Parking staffers are not exempt from tickets either. I've paid hundreds of dollars in parking tickets, most of which were written by my friends. But I don't hold them personally responsible. Let's face reality. Without JMU's parking system, the parking situa-

tion would be total anarchy. Drivers would never learn the rhythms of the system or learn when it's a good time to park. Learning the system isn't a difficult task. One need only know when it's legal to park in a certain lot and when that lot is usually full. For example, don't try to park in Y-lot after 9 a.m.

In writing this, I've taken a chance. JMU's parking problems have been the subject of controversy, rumors, comics, Darts, judicial action and bad sentiment. I'm putting myself in the line of fire, and I know it. But I'm also taking a chance toward empathy, a key ingredient toward calming tempers caused by ignorance of the parking system and the people whose job it is to try and make parking available at the appropriate times.

Everyone has personal circumstances (you wake up late, need to drop a paper off, get food, etc.) and opinions, but the system isn't going to change. It can only get better through more parking lots.

Until the plans for a parking garage go through, we will continue to use the decal system. So please, get to know the system, and use it wisely.

Kevin Reid is a junior sociology major.

Breeze Reader's View

— Kevin Reid

The Opinion Section is looking for an artist to draw house editorial/political cartoons for the 1998-'99 school year. Please submit a cover letter, résumé and five samples to:
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Alternative Spring Breaks provide challenging opportunities for students

To the Editor:

I'm writing this letter in response to an article in the Feb. 19 *Breeze* entitled, "MTV Holds Spring Break Auditions." The article was about MTV's search to find JMU students to follow around on spring break adventures in Cancun, Jamaica and Panama City, Fla.



While I find nothing wrong with spring breaks that presumably involve beaches, beer and a lot of hormones, I'd like to take this opportunity to tell the JMU community about a different kind of trip many students are going on: Alternative Spring Breaks.

Alternative Spring Breaks are week-long service trips

where students travel to other countries and various parts of the United States to learn about social problems and bring about positive social change. During the week, students are challenged to go beyond their comfort zones and see the world in a different light than they usually do.

This year, there are 15 Alternative Spring Break trips organized and led by JMU students. Destinations include Illinois, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Puerto Rico and Mexico. Students can learn about issues like HIV/AIDS, poverty, illiteracy, the environment, women's issues and race relations.

I'm proud to mention more than 150 students will be going on Alternative Spring Break trips this year. In addition, 15 JMU faculty and staff members will advise.

Finally, I'd like to comment on a quote in *The Breeze* by David Shenfeld, supervising producer for MTV, in which he referred to typical spring breaks as Jamaica, Cancun and Panama City. "These spring break experiences are ones people will remember for the rest of their lives," he said.

I think Alternative Spring Break trips are also experiences participants will remember for the rest of their lives.

Mira Signer
senior
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FACE OFF:

Eagle Hall is sponsoring a sober week for all its residents this week. Is this an effective way to curb underage drinking, or an unnecessary event because all Eagle residents are underage?

Responses for and against should be typewritten and no longer than 300 words. *The Breeze* reserves the right to edit for clarity and space. One entry from each viewpoint will be selected for Thursday's issue. All responses should be received by 6 p.m. Tuesday. Send, bring or e-mail all responses to:

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Purpose: The Governor's Fellows Program offers a select group of talented and highly motivated young people valuable first-hand experience in the process of state government. The summer of 1998 will mark the seventeenth year of this program, created in 1982.

Duration of Fellowship: Fellows must commit to work full-time in the Governor's Office for at least two months; the period will begin Thursday, May 28, and conclude Friday, July 24, 1998.

Deadline: Applications must reach Richmond by **March 16, 1998**. Interested students may pick up applications in the **Office of the Vice President for Students Affairs, Alumnae Hall, 107.**

Loading and unloading laughter

Theatrical comedy group, Cillia, fires away on Valley Playhouse audience with unique blend of comedy

by Jim "Vegas" Terp
style editor

Holding an imaginary gun in his right hand, senior Meredith Bragg calls down the table. "Hey Derek!" he says. Senior Derek Leonidoff turns around. "Click-Click. Boom!" Leonidoff's head flings back, landing on the shoulder of the person to his right. He remains motionless. At one table, people begin to laugh uproariously. The people eating by the doorway look confused.

Steve Gilman, a nine-year member of theatrical comedy group, Cillia, and a JMU graduate, explains the reasoning behind the troupe's variation on the Assassination Game.

"It's a bonding thing and a [way of] building trust," Gilman says. "Before shooting, you read the person's body language. If

they're doing something important, you don't shoot them."

For a group that tries to avoid violence and other easy ways of resolving scenes on stage, this game is a means for keeping them on their toes when not in front of an audience. Off-stage members of the group may "kill" one another, but on-stage, the group continues to "kill" audiences with a blend of their unique improvisational comedy.

Last Thursday night at the Valley Playhouse, Cillia unloaded some of the standards from its 18-game repertoire. These games, such as Freeze Tag and Mad Libs, incorporate either a prop or a word from the audience. For example, during Freeze Tag, '93 JMU graduate Christian Perritt kneeled on the ground while senior Rohit Setty pranced around him with a butterfly stuffed animal (a prop from an



PHOTOS BY ANDREW ZORN/contributing photographer

(above from l-r) Cillia members Rohit Setty, Kelly Kerr Gilman, Meredith Bragg and Clarrisa Lupa hold a pose during Slide Show, one of Cillia's games, last Thursday.

(Left) Meredith Bragg is attached to Kelly Kerr Gilman during a game of Slide Show.

audience member) on his head, chanting, "You are king of the lily pad, you are the king of lily pad." To which Perritt says, "Jack, can I go now? This is the stupidest game I've ever played." Another Cillia member tags in and a different scene ensues.

Thursday's show was Cillia's second performance in the Valley Playhouse. The unique features of the venue, which also serves as rehearsal space, allowed Cillia to

unleash a new set of games on the audience.

"A lot of times, games we do or can do depend upon how controlled the environment is, and this is a really controlled environment," Perritt says.

One of the new games Cillia used was One-Minute Black Out. Members of the the audience shouted out a location (such as the ugliest prison, a New York subway train, and a hunting

lodge), and the two actors on-stage improvised a short scene in the setting. A person in the light booth turned the house lights off, and while in the dark an audience member shouted out a new location and a new scene followed.

As far as Cillia's future is concerned, the group opens for filmmaker John Waters March 24 at Grafton-Stovall Theatre and performs at Artful Dodger April 3.

'Arcadia's' mind games challenge audience

Stellar performances highlight play set in one location two centuries apart

by Andy Costello
contributing writer

During last Friday night's showing of Tom Stoppard's "Arcadia," I was in Mike's Chevron enjoying my ritual intermission snack consisting of Laffy Taffy and a beef stick of some sort, when I

REVIEW

heard the greatest testament to the difficulty of understanding this work. The fellow behind me asked his friend when he thought the play would start "dealing with arcades." As if, perchance, the focal point of the second act was going to be "Q-Bert."

Not that it's difficult to understand his confusion. "Arcadia" is a sophisticated blend of landscape gardening, the second law of thermodynamics and the poet Lord Byron, among other things. The play is purportedly a mystery involving an alleged duel in which Byron may have

killed a man (as often happens in duels). However, this is not your typical Angela Lansbury "the-poison-was-on-the-quarterback's-mouth-guard" type of mystery where the audience is constantly trying to unravel before the characters do. This is more along the lines of the Mystery Dum-Dum in which the solution isn't as gratifying as the act of getting there, tasting the sweet, delicious Dum-Dum nectar. And in this case, the rewards of the journey are Stoppard's playfulness with language and the beautiful intricacies of the story.

The play occurs in one room of an English country estate called Sidley Park and follows two groups of people who occupy the room two centuries apart. The story of the first group takes place in 1809 and is centered around a precocious young girl named Thomasina (sophomore Amanda Anderson) and her tutor Septimus Hodge (freshman Mark Sullivan). Thomasina is stumbling onto the mathematical concept of fractals while the rest of the estate is in the midst of dealing with various romantic trysts — not to mention a major change in the landscap-

The second group inhabits Sidley Park in the present day. It includes some descendants of the previous group as well as two historians Hannah Jarvis (sophomore Bonnie Estes) and Bernard Nightingale (sophomore Jeremy Albers). The major conflict in this second group is between these two who disagree on what role Byron may have played in the death of Ezra Chater (David Pickus). The beauty of "Arcadia" is found in the interplay of these two groups: past with the present, the classical and the romantic, Euclidian and non-Euclidian geometry.

Anderson was absolutely charming as Thomasina. It is one thing to be able to portray a fourteen-year-old with an intellect that surpasses that of most adults, it is another to imbue that character with an eight-year-old's astonishment of the world around her. Sullivan had the perfect mix of aplomb and humor necessary to play Hodge. Indeed, the whole cast was able to pull off the one-sided petulance each character possessed, while maintaining a humor that made them all seem like rather affable folks. I mustn't forget sophomore Pete Conger, who does Joe

Don Baker better than Joe Don Baker does Joe Don Baker.

The set was designed with elegance and simplicity by senior Mark Meadows (is it me or does everything he touch turn to theatrical gold?). In addition, director James Lujan managed the large cast, minimal set and labyrinthian dialogue to the point where his presence was invisible, which I'm told, is the greatest compliment you can pay a director besides, "Did you lose weight?"

Perhaps the only undeveloped aspect of the play was in expressing the characters' impulses toward each other. This is most likely due to Stoppard's linguistic acrobatics. He uses language as a child uses finger paints, constantly exploring the potential. While the word play can be amazing it may get in the way of basic human interplay. But at the times when the meaning comes through clearly — as when Thomasina bemoans the burning of the libraries of Alexandria, a fate which mirrors the destruction of her genius — the play can be incredibly compelling. At least for those fortunate enough to follow it.

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Grisham strikes gold with *Street Lawyer*

The *Street Lawyer*

By John Grisham

Doubleday, 346 pp, \$27.95

by Brian Hutcherson, contributing writer

"Before writing this book, I'd not worried too much about the homeless," John Grisham said in the author's note of his new novel, *The Street Lawyer*.

REVIEW

The Charlottesville resident's ninth novel is an inspiring story of how an ambitious attorney on the fast track at a big law firm transforms into an advocate for the homeless.

Michael Brock is trying to become a partner at the Drake and Sweeney law firm when a violent encounter with a homeless man changes his life forever. He tries to go back to work but cannot escape the nightmares. His curiosity with this man's plight leads him to uncover the dark tale of how he ended up on the street, and it leads right back to Drake and Sweeney.

Brock's conscience begins to haunt him. He steals a top-secret file and leaves his prestigious job to work at a low-salary legal clinic. He loses his wife and home and transforms into a protector of the poor.

Brock steals a top-secret file from Drake and Sweeney and uses it to sue the firm for a wrongful eviction of the homeless man that attacked him. The firm has Brock arrested when they discover he stole the file. Leaks to the newspaper go back and forth, and the legal battles get more and more heated.

The Street Lawyer is John Grisham's attack on rich lawyers. The writing is very powerful. Watching Michael Brock's transformation, from a materialistic money-lover

to the poor man's best friend, leaves the reader feeling inspired to help the less fortunate.

In his book, Grisham blames the entire system for the plight of the poor — from the police and city officials to the wealthy, who ignore the needs of the homeless. Through the book, Grisham also vents his anger with the Republican-controlled Congress. One character even blames Newt Gingrich for the decrease in funding for homeless shelters.

Most people will recognize the location for the novel, as the entire story is set in Washington, D.C. Grisham captures the essence of the city. He leads readers around many familiar sights in the nation's capital, as if he was a local himself.

Constant action is one element missing from *The Street Lawyer* that is characteristic of previous John Grisham novels. The only exception is a hostage crisis in the opening chapters that seems like it is straight out of a "Die Hard" movie. Other than that, the novel is more of a compassionate story for the poor. The missing action does not make the story slow. It still has the typical page-turning suspense that keeps readers anxious to find out what happens next.

Characters in this novel are very deep. Grisham takes us beneath the motives that drive each character's lives. We witness the struggle as Brock tries to get his new clients off drugs and off the streets. Brock quickly finds out it is a long, frustrating process.

The best-selling fictional author of the decade has made a lot of progress in his writing. Grisham writes *The Street Lawyer* in the same legal style as his previous works, but this book is on a different level than his earlier novels as he explores the human side of his characters.

The Street Lawyer is a book for Grisham fans as well as the most critical readers of fiction. But if you were thinking of waiting for the movie, you had better rethink your position. Grisham said in a "Today Show" interview that he will not sell the rights to his books anymore.

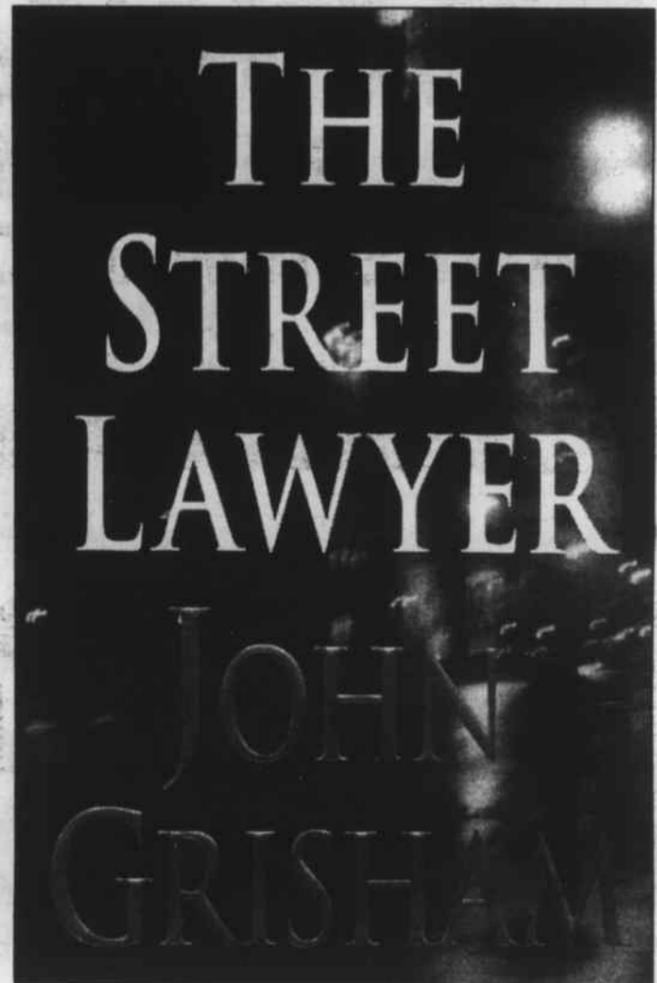


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John Grisham's latest book, a must read for die-hard fans, delves into human emotions while keeping in tune with his characteristic plot and legal twists.

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New body art stuck on student

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COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) Ben Gersch isn't sure if his form of body art will catch on. But he's stuck on it, or rather it's stuck on him.

Gersch covers his shaved head with colorful stickers such as happy faces, dinosaurs and high-voltage warnings. The 22-year-old is known as "Sticker-Head Man" at the Columbus College of Art and Design.

Gersch's colorful pate draws so much response that he writes down some of the better comments so he can look back on them when he is older and laugh.

"Hey, who does your hair?" asked one woman, noticing Gersch in a bookstore and chuckling.

Gersch, who is a sophomore at the college, puts on new stickers every two or three days. Between coats, he strips his head, shaves and washes it. The stickers usually are gifts from students and faculty.

Gersch vows to keep up with his ritual and jokes that when he's 40, he'll leave himself a stickerless "bald spot" on the top of his head.

But he does find things a bit sticky when he returns to his hometown of Pittsburgh every month.

"In Pittsburgh, people aren't as artsy," Gersch told *The Columbus Dispatch* for a story Wednesday.

"People in Columbus always think I must be in a play or something — that there is probably a good reason for the stickers. People in Pittsburgh know there's probably not."

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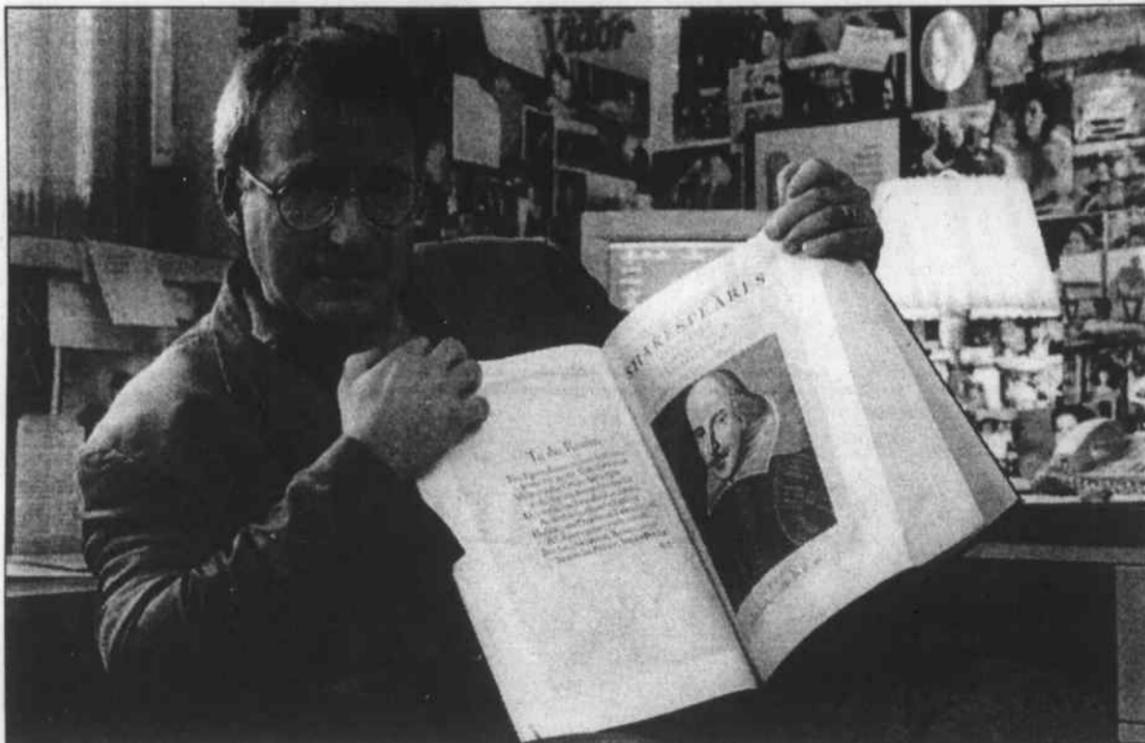
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Ralph Cohen, shown here with the greatest writer of all time, questions the legitimacy of a Task Force without a tenured English professor.

For a decade or longer, James Madison University has been in the midst of an identity crisis. Long regarded as a reputable and affordably priced liberal arts institution, JMU lacks the prestige and resources of its more celebrated older siblings, the College of William & Mary and the University of Virginia, making it more vulnerable to the increasingly influential forces of the market of higher education. Thus, JMU has been forced to find ways to save face in the hierarchy of Virginia's public colleges. And like any awkward adolescent, this strange but worthy creature has often changed more than just its appearance in order to attract attention.

The past four years have been especially tumultuous for JMU: the troubled genesis of the College of Integrated Science and Technology, the Physics debacle of early 1995, the creation of the College of Arts and Letters, the metamorphosis of Mass Communication into Media Arts and Design, the start of the much-maligned General Education Program, and finally President Ronald Carrier's apparent breeding of a handpicked successor, Linwood Rose. It seems JMU has entered the exhilarating nightmare of puberty.

The latest tremors to rock our nicely-groomed campus stem from a debate over who should teach composition: Since JMU began life as the Normal and Industrial School for Women at Harrisonburg, in 1908, basic writing courses have resided within the English department. But with over 50 sections of GENG 102: Freshman Reading and Composition this semester, most of them taught by part-time faculty working for low salaries and no benefits, it is apparent to administrators and professors alike that something has to change.

But there is more on the horizon than simply the hiring of more English professors. Last April, Richard Whitman, provost of the College of Arts and Letters, appointed 10 faculty from various departments to serve on a Task Force for Communication. Part of their mission was to determine ways the university could pay more attention to the teaching of writing. Crucially, only two professors, Christina McDonald and Tim Doherty, represented the English department on the Task Force. Neither of them are tenured.

The Task Force met regularly and to little fanfare throughout the fall semester and into this year. Then it dropped the bomb: In their draft report, submitted two weeks ago, the Task Force recommended the creation of a new writing program within Arts and Letters, separate from the English department, with "its own director, its own budget and its own governance structure."

Such a move would not be unprecedented, as the Task Force members are quick to point out. Such revered institutions as Harvard, Cornell, Berkeley and Syracuse already have writing programs that function independently of their English departments. Nor is JMU the only place where the proposed change has caused conflict. An article in the Feb. 13

issue of *The Chronicle of Higher Education* discussed why composition is being regarded as its own field of study at a growing number of colleges and universities nationwide.

Whitman expects the Task Force to make its final report by mid-to-late March. At that time, he and Acting Vice President for Academic Affairs Doug Brown will decide whether to implement its recommendations.

Meanwhile, the draft report has met with furious opposition from some quarters of the English department — but not for the reasons one might expect.

Ralph Cohen, professor of English, was livid the morning he found the Task Force's draft report in his

mailbox. Arriving to teach his 10:50 a.m. Shakespeare class, he was visibly distraught. He spent the first part of the class period entreating his students, many of whom are English majors, to take an interest in the Task Force's findings.

Cohen says he doesn't know whether separating composition from English is a good idea, but he's sure of one thing: Without any tenured English professors on the Task Force, its inquiry is incomplete. And he doesn't hesitate to suggest that the omission of tenured English faculty from the Task Force was intentional. Last Tuesday, at the second of two forums held by the Task Force to discuss their report, he told the 75-or-so people in attendance, "It's easy to get a unanimous vote from untenured people, because they can't say



The Task Force on Communication met Friday to discuss revisions to the co

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the controversial first draft of their report.



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Elizabeth Pass joined the Task Force immediately upon her arrival from Texas Tech.

Princeton," he says, shaking his head.

David Jeffrey, associate dean of Arts and Letters, and the head of the Task Force, doesn't fit easily into the Darth Vader stereotype of the administrator. He's an English professor — and former head of the department — himself. He has jazz playing in his office when I visit him for an early-morning chat. He allowed one Task Force member, theater professor Tom Arthur to call him "an interesting and peculiar man" at the second open forum. And most unlike an administrator, he has no trouble speaking his mind. If anyone was pressuring McDonald or Doherty, he insists, it wasn't



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Arts & Letters Provost Richard Whitman chose the Task Force members.

Jeffrey's claim that they were free to make up their own minds. Tom Arthur, a 25-year professor of theater and former department head, is especially unhappy with the cries of conspiracy from some English faculty. At one point during the second public forum, he defended the Task Force, insisting that, "There was no agenda here, do you hear me? There was no clever anything."

Arthur believes that certain events in JMU's recent history — particularly the administration's abortive attempt to close the Physics department in 1995 — have resulted in a largely polarized university community that sometimes infers ulterior motives when there are none.

"That isn't the world in which I live," Arthur says. "[The Task Force] did the best we could. We pulled in as much information as we could. Nobody told us what to do, and nobody told us how to do it."

"Nobody was shoving us around," Arthur said at the forum. "I wish people would stop dumping on us."

But it isn't just the process that the English department is angry about. Plenty of professors believe the Task Force's recommendation about composition — however it was formulated — is just plain wrong.

English professors Jacqueline Brice-Finch and Cynthia Gilliatt both read statements at the open forums detailing their misgivings about the new proposal. For Brice-Finch, the issue was the fact that the English department has been lobbying for more resources with which to expand composition classes for years. That the university would finally decide to take composition seriously, says Brice-Finch, and then turn it over to a completely new group of people, is galling (However, the Task Force's draft report does state that English professor would still be allowed to teach composition under the new program).

Gilliatt, who wrote her statement after conferring with several of her English

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Under the College of Arts and Letters has students up in arms • By CHRIS KLIMEK

anything."

Both McDonald and Doherty say they have never felt pressured to go along with anything they disagreed with while serving on the Task Force, although Doherty allows that "there are many constituencies interested in what happens here, and I need to work well with these constituencies." But Doherty is satisfied that he was free to share his thoughts honestly with the Task Force. "I was invited on the Task Force so that I could have a voice," he says.

Relaxing in his office several days later, Cohen remains convinced that McDonald and Doherty were muzzled.

"[Task Force chair] David Jeffrey is a very smart man, as is Dick Whitman," Cohen says. "If they wanted a truly

balanced view, they knew how to get it.

"This is a completely unfair process," he continues. "And it has therefore borne completely unfair fruit. If there is no evil involved, why not have some tenured people [from English] on that committee?"

A JMU professor for 25 years, Cohen sees the proposed shift away from literature-based composition classes as the latest example of the university's capitulation to technological fads. He sees little reason to hope that the new writing program will have any autonomy. Instead, he says, by choosing to emphasize technical applications over fundamentals, JMU is training its students "to be used by the market, not to change the market."

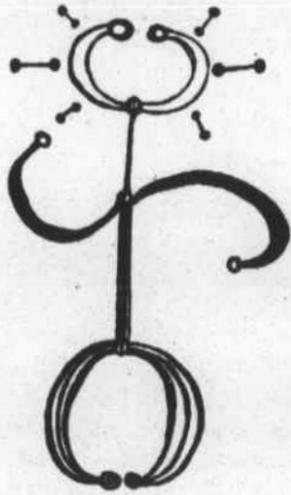
"They are being taught to be the people who work for the kids who come out of

him.

"Quite frankly, the people in the English department have more reason to pressure untenured people in this matter than [he or Whitman] would," Jeffrey says. He finds the loud and public objections of Cohen — and especially of English professor Bruce Johnson, who implied at the second forum that Jeffrey one had concealed one Task Force member's request that he be allowed to abstain from voting on the controversial recommendation — as "a kind of admission that [Johnson and Cohen] had been pressuring the untenured themselves.

"Nobody on that Task Force pressured anybody to change a vote or abstain from a vote," Jeffrey says. "To that we did is simply a lie."

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colleagues, argued at the Feb. 24 second forum that separating composition from English would "impoverish the rich mix of conversation and interchange which makes our department energetic and effective." She also shared Cohen's concern that the proposed new department, composed entirely of untenured faculty would have no power to lobby for limited resources or otherwise protect its interests.

But the fundamental reservation, shared by nearly all the English faculty, is that to take away the teaching of writing from those who study the best writers simply doesn't make sense. At the Feb. 24 meeting, junior English major Andrew Huff likened a writing program to "a major in reading — or a major in eating."

Cohen says students like Huff have good reason to be suspect of the proposed new program.

"Good writing is good writing," Cohen says. "A smart person can learn the jargon, and learn which buttons to push, in a two-day workshop. But they write better because they understand language at its best. I have never accepted the idea [suggested by the Task Force] that literature is a different language from our own. It is simply the very best use of our language."

But some task force members say they find this attitude elitist and insulting. Elizabeth Pass, a professor of Technical and Scientific Communication, who immediately joined the Task Force after arriving at JMU last August, argues that literature-based composition is only one

form of a skill that is important for everyone.

"Rhetoric and composition is its own discipline," Pass says firmly. "It has its own body of knowledge and its own pedagogical approaches." Pass compares learning composition by studying the best writers of literature to learning how to play a sport by watching the best athletes: it's valuable, but as a beginner, one needs more specific instruction.

In the composition classes she taught at Texas Tech, Pass would have her students practice free-writing exercises, like one in which they visualized their favorite place in the world and then tried to describe it.

Another approach had her students writing articles for their favorite magazine in their field of study.

"Why do you have to write about literature in order to improve your writing skills?" she asks. "Why can't you write about history, or math, or computer science or chemistry?"

Pass claims that when the Task Force was making its inquiries last semester, the Task Force polled the English faculty members on whether they would teach English, and the majority answered 'no' (Cohen says this is simply a lie.)

"Teaching composition is a punishment," Pass says. "[The English

faculty] has had opportunities to volunteer to teach composition courses, and they repeatedly don't."

But Pass earned a laugh from several audience members at the second forum when she referred to several speakers' inclusion of quotations from Ralph Waldo Emerson and Henry David Thoreau in their speeches, dismissing them because "Emerson and Thoreau were not composition pedagogists."

"It struck me as very ironic," she explains several days later, "That the English students who got up and spoke were quoting Emerson and Thoreau, who wrote great works of literature . . .

Thoreau and Emerson wrote great works, but they didn't teach composition. And, you know, that was a hundred years ago. We have paradigm shifts."

Pass allows that she is unfamiliar with much of the history informing the current controversy, but says she can't conceive of Whitman, Jeffrey or any member of the Task Force being involved in some sinister conspiracy.

And the lack of tenured English professors on the Task Force?

"That's an interesting point," she says. "They have every right to bring that up." Despite Doherty's claim that the Task

Force is currently "Deciding how to incorporate more community response into the recommendation," and Whitman's professed indecision, it seems clear to many that the new writing program is all but a done deal. Arts and Letters is interviewing candidates with Ph.D.-level degrees in rhetoric and composition to fill six new positions in the proposed program.

Jeffrey, at least, is satisfied that this outcome is the best one possible for the students of JMU. "I think this gives [the English faculty] a chance to focus on what they do best — that is, teach literature — and gives our students an advantage," Jeffrey says. He dismisses the objections of the English faculty as simple bullheadedness.

"Many of these faculty members who think of themselves as the most liberal are, indeed, the most conservative," Jeffrey says. "Psychological change always lags behind structural change . . . People were resistant to the horseless carriage."

But Doherty dislikes such strong condemnation. He prefers the metaphor of dialogue to the metaphor of war.

"I think the report succeeds in creating conversations about writing," Doherty says finally. "And I am delighted that that's what's happened . . . As far as the English department is talking about it, they're not resistant. They are contributors to a conversation that was initiated by the Task Force."

But it is at best a heated conversation. And there is little reason to think it will be over soon.

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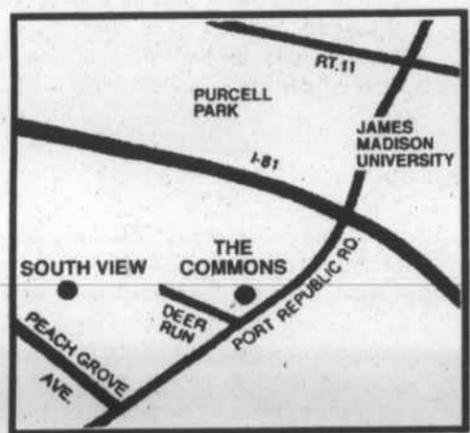
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CAA heartbreaks

Women's season comes down to controversial 2.3 seconds

by Steven M. Trout

sports editor

Ironically, the madness of college basketball usually reserved for the month of March reared its ugly head Saturday afternoon — the last day of February — as the JMU women's basketball team fell to American University, 53-52, in the semi-finals of the CAA Tournament.

Controversy marred the contest as a supposed game-winning shot sank the Dukes with no time remaining on the clock. The Eagles had possession with 2.3 seconds remaining, and AU freshman guard Kate Miller took the inbound pass and drove to the basket. She pulled up for an eight-foot runner only to see it carom off the rim. AU junior guard Kari Gaskins, situated perfectly underneath the hoop, grabbed the rebound and layed it in for the miraculous victory, apparently after the buzzer had sounded. Yet the referees counted the shot.

"There are a lot of things outside of pure basketball [that determine the outcome of a game]," JMU head coach Bud Childers said. "We obviously had a slow clock operator at the end — to think that [Miller] took three dribbles, a jump shot and a put-back [all in 2.3 seconds]. It seemed like an awful lot of action for that amount of time."

Utter pandemonium followed as the entire range of emotions shone through on the floor of the Richmond Coliseum. The Eagles were ecstatic. The Dukes were in disbelief. AU coach Jeff Thatcher jumped in joy. Childers went searching for an explanation from a referee. Regardless, the NCAA has no instant replay system nor any appeal process for this kind of occasion, so the score stands.

Even Thatcher is unsure. "I can't honestly tell you if that shot was good or not," he said. "What a terrible game for JMU to lose, to lose on the last possession is tough."

Indeed it was, as the Dukes led almost the entire game. Twice in the second half JMU posted a 10-point advantage only to see things unravel down the stretch. With 9:57 remaining in the game and JMU up 42-32, the Eagles went on a 16-6 run to tie the game at 48 with 1:34 left on the clock, setting the stage for the final-minute antics.

1:12 remaining

JMU sophomore guard Mistiza Colebank drives to the basket and is fouled. She makes one of two free-throws, giving the Dukes a 49-48 lead. JMU takes a timeout.

1:00 remaining

AU's Miller misses a layup, and at the other end, Dukes' junior guard Shirlece Archer is fouled. She makes only one of two. The score stands at JMU 50, AU 48, with 45 seconds showing on the clock.

:28.6 remaining

AU's Gaskins drains a three-pointer giving the Eagles a one-point advantage. JMU calls a timeout with 23.6 seconds left, trailing 51-50.

:23.6 remaining

Colebank drives to the basket but misses the layup. Dukes' freshman guard Becky Wollenberg grabs the loose ball and is fouled as she goes up for a shot. The 18-year-old drains both free-throws as the Dukes take the lead 52-51 with 11.4 seconds left.

:11.4 remaining

After an Eagles timeout, JMU junior forward Manika Herring knocks the ball out of bounds as AU attempts to get the ball inside. AU calls another timeout with 3.5 seconds remaining.

:3.5 remaining

With possession underneath the basket, the Eagles have trouble throwing the ball

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Men can't score in final 5:18, succumb to the Monarchs, 60-56

by Seth Burton

assistant sports editor

The first chapter in the ShermTerm is officially over, coming to an end at the Richmond Coliseum Friday afternoon in the same disappointing manner that has overshadowed the team since December.

The Dukes exited the CAA Tournament with a 60-56 quarter-final loss to Old Dominion University that can only be viewed as a perfect microcosm of the season. The Dukes' intense play, which dug them out of a 7-0 first half hole and gave them a nine-point, second half lead, mysteriously came to a grinding halt as they went scoreless for the final 5:18 before letting the victory slip away.

"I am very disappointed in the way we closed the game out," JMU head coach Sherman Dillard said. "We let it slip away."

Once the Dukes' lead evaporated, they failed to capitalize on numerous opportunities to regain it. With the Dukes trailing 59-56 and 1:52 left in the game, senior center Lamont Boozer, who finished with 12 points in his final collegiate game, stole the ball from Monarch forward Mark Poag.

Boozer passed to sophomore guard Jamar Perry, the Dukes' leading three-point shooter who was in the midst of a 2-12 shooting slump. Perry missed a three, but then grabbed his own rebound and fired up a hasty three-point shot from the corner which rimmed out.

Junior point guard Ned Felton intentionally fouled ODU's Mike Byers with 39 seconds left. After his missed foul shot went careening toward the right corner of the court, so did he, securing the rebound among a host of Dukes.

JMU junior Eugene Atkinson immediately fouled Monarch point guard Brion Dunlop who promptly missed his foul shot. As he did throughout the game, Boozer came through in the clutch, wrenching away the rebound.

The Dukes called time-out with 25 seconds left, and inbounded the ball at half-court.

"We wanted the three," Dillard said. "We had Jamar Perry coming long off of a double-down, but we broke down."

Instead, with nine seconds left, Atkinson was forced to launch a three-pointer, which missed badly. Dunlop buried a free throw for the final margin.

"We were just lucky," ODU coach Jeff Capel said. "There were a lot of big plays. We were lucky JMU went cold for five minutes and we were able to capitalize."

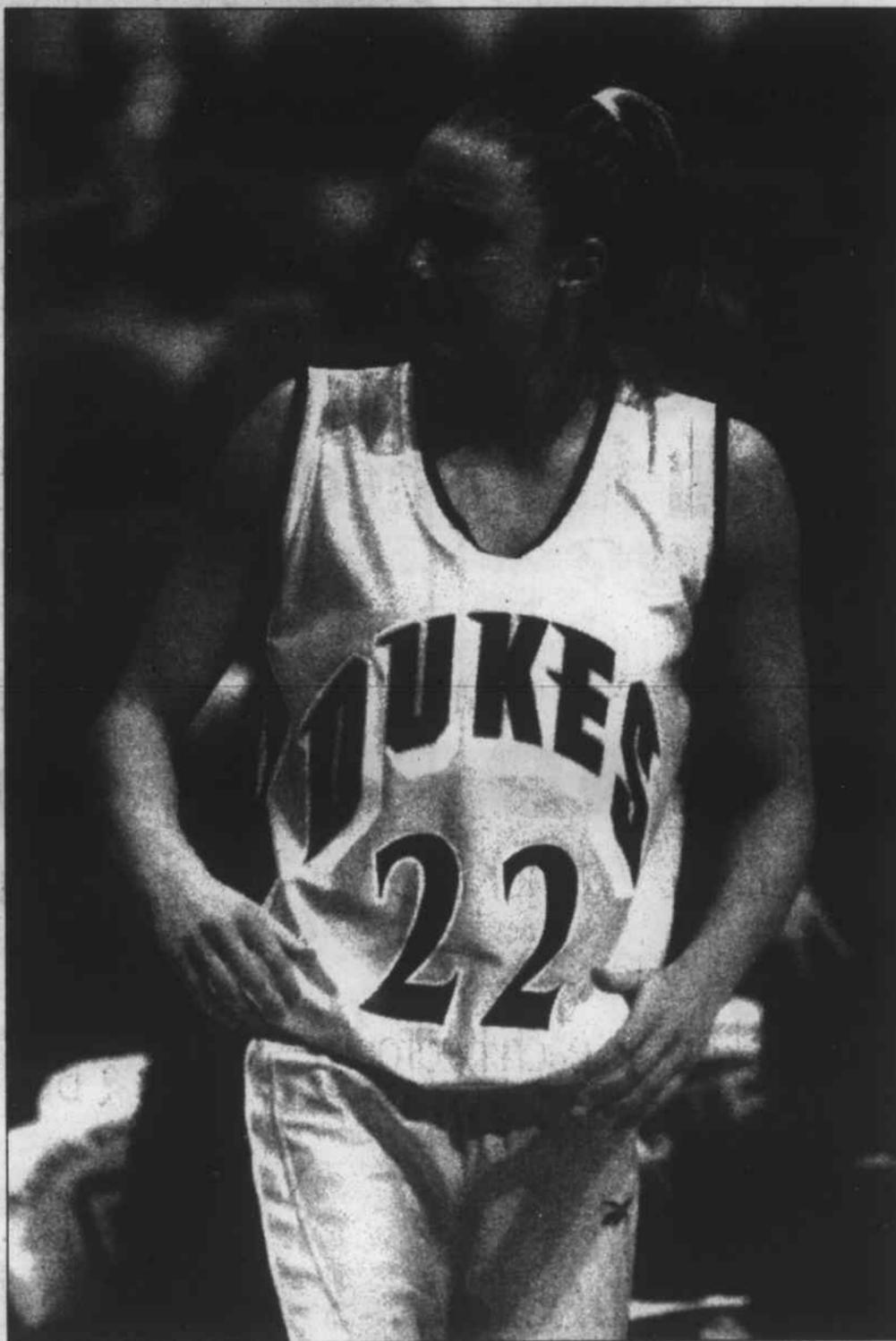
The Dukes were cold to start the game but soon went on a 13-0 run to take a 13-7 first-half lead. The Dukes maintained their lead by powering the ball down low to the frontcourt-tandem of sophomore forward Rob Strickland, who finished with 13 points on perfect six-of-six shooting, and Boozer.

Appearing in a Dukes uniform for the last time, Boozer appeared to play as if possessed, leaving no doubt that he was healed from an early-season leg injury and leaving one to wonder what might have been had he been healthy all season. Powering past Monarch defenders for points and rebounds, Boozer's jubilant fist-pumping and fierce game face left Dukes fans with a lasting memory.

"My biggest regret," Dillard said. "Is that Lamont Boozer didn't experience ultimate success, especially winning the tournament. But he gave us his all."

Capel said, "They completely dominated us inside. They completely dominated us inside with Strickland and Boozer."

The Dukes' superiority in the paint was a major factor as they built their lead. ODU switched to a zone defense after the Dukes



STEVEN M. TROUT/senior photographer

Freshman guard Becky Wollenberg shows her emotions after the Dukes were eliminated from the CAA Tournament Saturday. Wollenberg finished with seven points.

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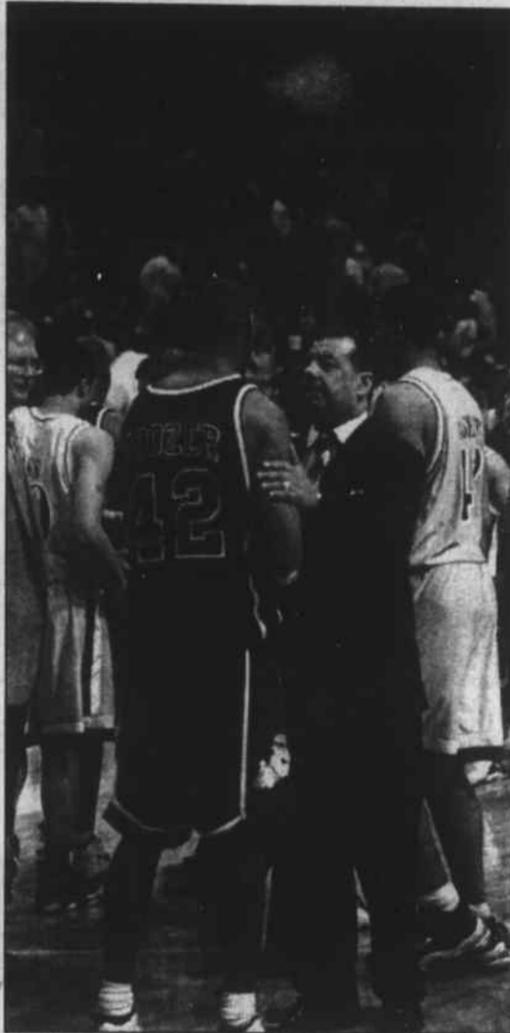
bumped their lead to nine after a Boozer foul shot with 5:18 to play. Little did they know, the Dukes would not score again.

Dunlop keyed a 13-0 run for the Monarchs down the stretch, as ODU was able to keep the Dukes at bay.

"[The loss] was a combination of things," Dillard said. "The zone defense bothered us. We were trying to get moving, trying to bust the seams, but we settled for outside shots and we gave them second and third opportunities."

Throughout the Dukes' offensive melt-down, Poag (17 points) and Byers (13 points) killed the Dukes with timely shots.

Atkinson ended the game with ten points on 4-12 shooting, while Felton contributed



STEVEN M. TROUT/senior photographer
Senior center Lamont Boozer is consoled by Old Dominion coach Jeff Capel after defeating Boozer in his last collegiate game.

just three points and one assist to the Dukes cause.

"It's just hard to explain," Boozer said with a shake of his head. "It's hard to explain."

Men's CAA Tournament Wrap-Up

ODU went on to lose the semifinal match-up Saturday to top-seeded UNC-Wilmington, 54-51. The Seahawks advanced to the semis after beating Virginia Commonwealth University, 69-63 in the quarterfinals.

The loss ended the coaching career of VCU's Sonny Smith, who finished his career with nine seasons as the Ram's head coach.

"I became emotional once I hugged my wife," Smith said. "My life has been this game."

Smith finishes his career with a 339-306 record.

The College of William & Mary suffered the biggest upset of the tourney, going down in the first round to the seventh seed American University, 71-66.

Junior guard Matt Brown and senior Nathan Smith each had 20 points for the Eagles, who advanced to the semi-finals against the University of Richmond.

The Tribe played almost the entire second half without All-CAA performer Randy Bracy, who left after two minutes with an injury.

W&M finished the season with a 20-7 record, but seemingly convinced that a bid to the National Invitation Tournament was probably not forthcoming, according to Tribe coach Charlie Woolum.

The Spiders advanced to the semis with a 66-49 thrashing of George Mason University, as senior Eric Poole and freshman Rick Houston poured in eight points apiece during a 25-9 stretch to close out the first half.

The Spiders then proceeded to eke out a victory over the Eagles to advance to the finals against UNCW. The Spiders improved to 20-7 on the year.



STEVEN M. TROUT/senior photographer
Junior swingman Eugene Atkinson attempts to attack the basket in Friday's action. Atkinson finished with 10 points.

The finals pitted UNC-Wilmington against the University of Richmond Sunday night at 7 pm on ESPN 2.

The No. 3 seed Spiders beat up on the Seahawks, 79-64, to earn the CAA title and an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament.

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in and tosses it over top of everybody. AU's Miller chases after the ball, stopping at the sound of the referee's whistle. The Eagles had somehow called a timeout while the ball was in the air, an illegal action according to NCAA rules. 1.2 seconds ran off the clock.



So, then with 2.3 seconds left, AU came out of the timeout and came up with a miracle — or so it seemed.

"We all thought [the shot was] after the buzzer," JMU freshman center Stacey Todd said.

"They got a timeout [while the ball was] in mid-flight," Childers said. "Explain that one to me. We just didn't have a lot of breaks go our way."

Overlooking the end-of-the-game collapse, the Dukes put up a solid front against the second-seeded Eagles. Junior forward Hope Cook capped off an impressive tournament showing with her 14-point, nine-rebound performance. One of her front court comrades, junior forward Kish Jordan, contributed 15 points and eight rebounds to pace the Dukes.

Thursday's Quarter-final

Before Saturday's semi-final hoopla was Thursday's quarter-final contest against the No. 6 seed University of Richmond. The game will not only be remembered for a great postseason comeback, but for the return of junior forward Hope Cook. The six-foot standout started 21 of 23

games last year before tearing ligaments in her knee. She played in 19 games this season (averaging 2.1 points per game) but her true coming-out party occurred Thursday night.

"The player of the game was Hope Cook," Childers said. "Her performance in the second half was outstanding to watch. It was a pleasure."

Cook finished with a career high in points (25) and rebounds (16) as the Dukes squashed the Spiders 72-68 at the Richmond Coliseum.

After shooting a dismal 37 percent from the floor in the first half, JMU found itself in a four-point halftime hole. But a different squad came out in the second half. JMU denied the AU outside game (the Eagles drained five-of-six three pointers before halftime) and went on 15-3 run to capture the lead, 51-49, with 8:41 remaining in the game. After a see-saw battle for the next few minutes, the Dukes took the lead for good at the 4:03 mark, marching to a four-point victory.

Tournament Update

As expected, Old Dominion University pranced through the nine-team field as the Monarchs won their seventh consecutive CAA title. In the title game, ODU beat AU, 82-49, at the Richmond Coliseum.

ODU has only lost one conference game since the 1992-'93 season, winning 113 of its 114 CAA matchups. Ranked No. 3 in

the country, the Monarchs are sure to receive a No. 1 seed in the NCAA tournament.

CAA Honors

JMU junior guard Kish Jordan was named to the Second Team All-CAA while freshmen standouts Kia Cole and Becky Wollenberg were both named to the CAA All-Rookie Team.

Jordan, ranked sixth in the CAA in field goal percentage (49.3) and fifth in rebounds (7.0 rpg), leads the Dukes in scoring — racking up nearly 11 points per game.

Cole and Wollenberg were just two of five talented freshmen to play for the Dukes. Averaging seven and 10.3 points per game, respectively, the two are sure to be solid contributors in the future.



STEVEN M. TROUT/senior photographer
Above left: The stage is set for the last-minute controversy. Above: (l to r) Freshmen Kia Cole, Stacey Todd, Becky Wollenberg and Mandy White watch as the clock runs out.

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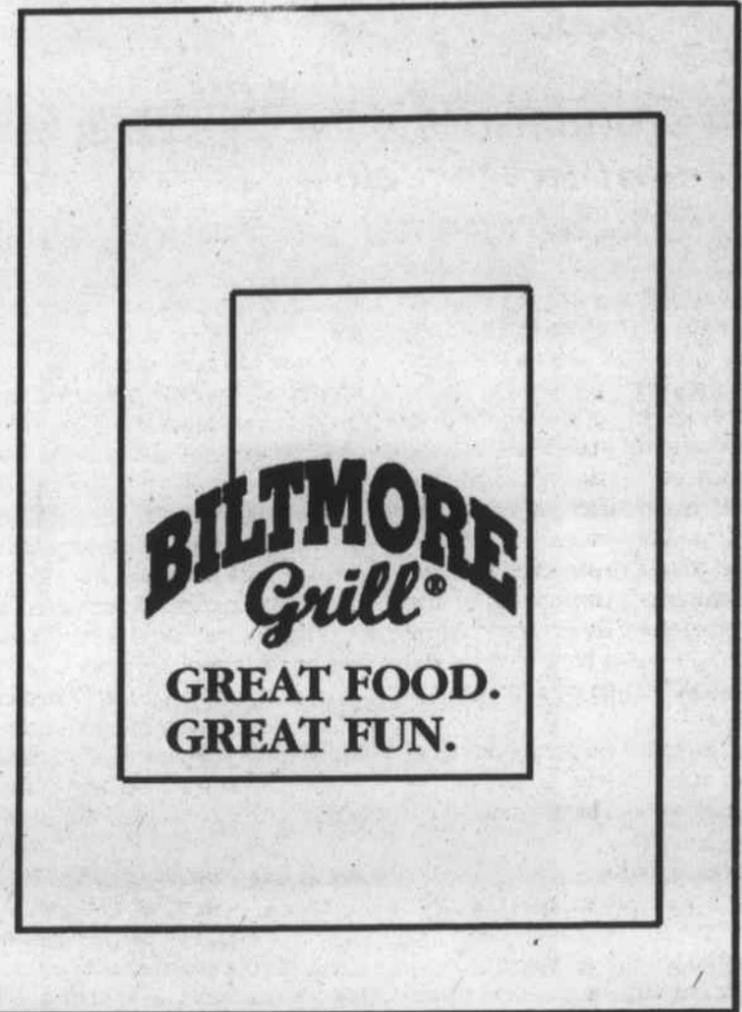
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Student-athletes face an array of rules and regulations in order to compete

In the second installment of her three-part series on student-athletes, The Breeze's R.C. Woodall takes a closer look at the eligibility requirements they must meet

Rules and regulations are never easy things to deal with. But when they apply to athletics at a Division I university, they can be especially trying.

Student-athletes have always had to meet the competitors, the standards and the requirements placed on them in order to be successful. It is no different when the theory is applied to academics.

Not only do student-athletes have to meet the minimum requirements of the school to stay academically on track while enrolled at JMU, they also have to meet the standards of the NCAA to be accepted for athletic eligibility.

Here is a look at the expectations and requirements of student-athletes at JMU — isn't as easy as most students think.

The Expectations of JMU

JMU has several requirements that athletes enrolled at the school have to meet to continue to play college-level athletics.

First, the student-athlete must be a full-time student, taking a minimum of 12 credit hours, to be eligible to participate in athletics. Most students have no problems handling a 12-hour workload, but when it is added to practices, team meetings and competition, being a student can be tough.

"In the beginning it is very hard [to balance studies and athletics]," freshman field hockey player Theresa Dinallo said. "You just have to adjust. At first you are not used to all the work. Our coaches help us a

lot, but it's within you. It's what works for you."

They also must continue "satisfactory progress" toward a degree, according to Janet Lucas, associate director of athletics. This progress is defined by the university in two ways — the 24-Hour Rule or the Averaging Method.

The 24-Hour Rule says athletes must complete 24 semester hours of credit since the beginning of the previous fall term.

The Averaging Method states the athlete must complete, prior to each fall term, an average of at least 12 semester hours. All of these hours must be completed with satisfactory academic progress, which means earning a 2.0 grade point average or better.

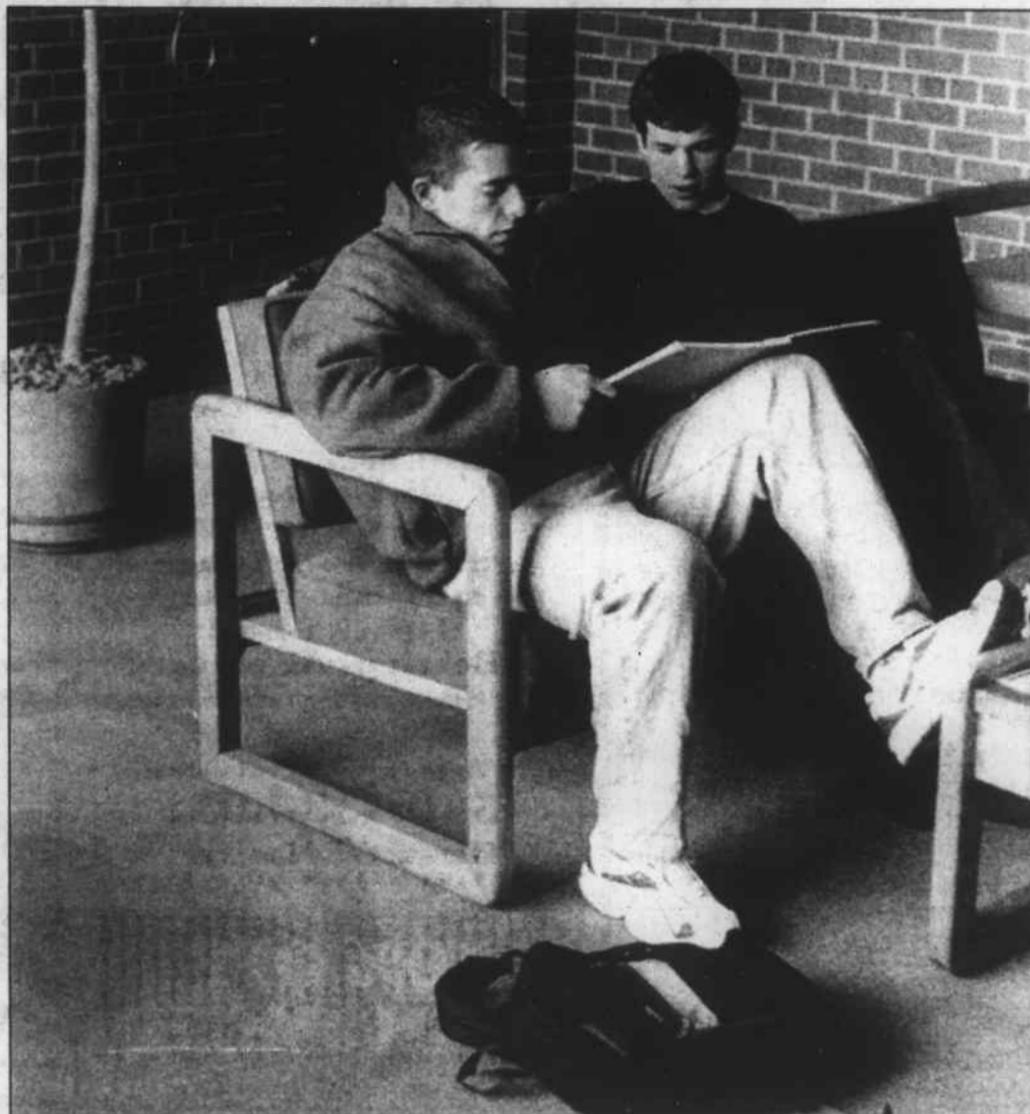
Becoming a member of the NCAA

Every potential collegiate athlete in high school, no matter where they are looking to play in college, must register with the NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse.

This clearinghouse was designed to set minimum standards for any athlete, regardless of the university they are applying to.

"It took away a lot of work [away from the universities] and put in consistent standards for student-athletes," Casey Carter, assistant athletic director for Academic Support Services, said.

The clearinghouse will classify a stu-



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All student-athletes at JMU, like John DeFilippo (left) and Kevin Knight, must register with the NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse.

dent-athlete as a qualifier, partial qualifier or non-qualifier.

According to an article in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, the NCAA passed Proposition 16 in 1995 to set higher standards for a qualifier. In order to practice, compete and receive any athletic scholarship as a freshman, the student-athletes in this category must achieve a grade-point average of at least a 2.5 in 13 different core courses. There is also a sliding scale to permit those with a 2.0 GPA and an SAT score of 1010 to qualify (see graphic).

A partial qualifier can practice as a freshman, but can not compete during that year. That student-athlete only has three seasons of eligibility and can receive athletic scholarships. Those athletes must have a higher GPA, but their SAT scores can be lower.

The CAA does not accept non-qualifiers as athletes.

Athletic director Don Lemish said stressing academics to possible recruits is a must for him.

"It is only fair to people we recruit that we believe they can be academically successful," he said. "When I meet recruits, I

am very involved in football, my approach is to talk much more about academics rather than athletics."

"A Tremendous Sell"

Although incoming freshman are facing all the NCAA requirements and restrictions, most coaches at JMU do not find it difficult recruiting student-athletes who want to be academically successful.

"[Recruits]

want education, so you have to sell the education first," men's basketball head coach Sherman Dillard said. "Then my responsibility is to sell basketball."

With JMU's academic reputation for graduating student-athletes (latest figures show 84 percent), they know that there will be life after sports.

Carter said, "Student-athletes who are being

"Student-athletes who are being recruited have the right to ask the graduation rate. We are proud to say it is so high."



Casey Carter
Assistant Athletic Director for Academic Support Services

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R.C. Woodall is a senior mass communication major.

Sliding scale for NCAA eligibility for high school seniors

GPA	SAT (new system)
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2.475	830
2.450	840-850
2.425	860
2.400	860
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2.275	910
2.250	920
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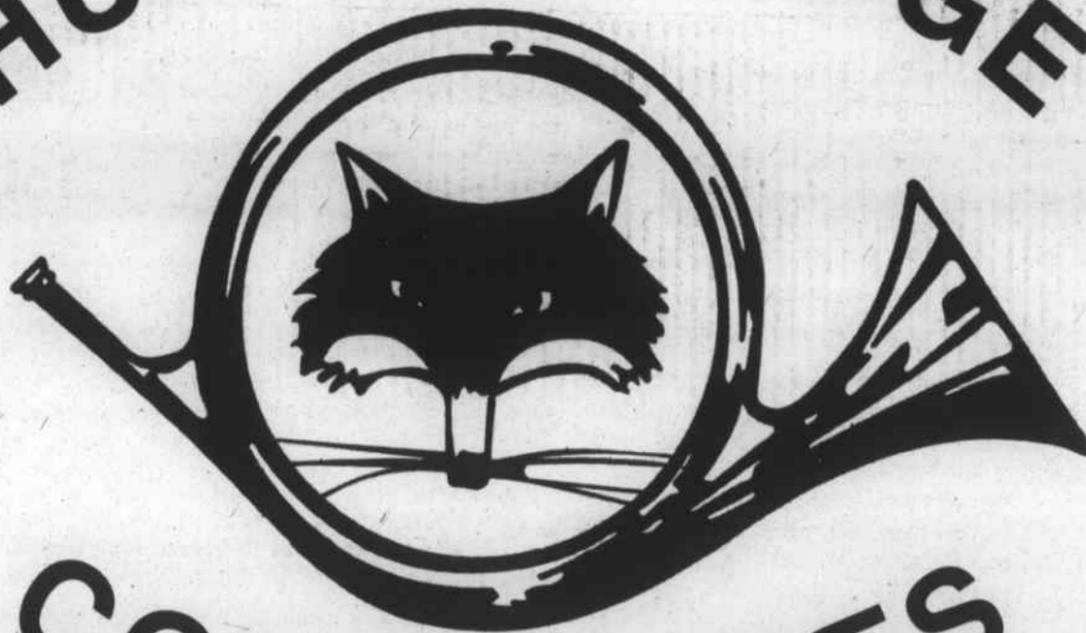


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Dillard's first recruiting class

by Manny Rosa
staff writer

If JMU first-year head coach Sherman Dillard thought he had a tough act to follow in Lefty Driesell, college basketball's 10th all-time winningest coach, he only knew half the story. A major part of Driesell's success was attributed to his ability to recruit top players into his program, an aspect Dillard is quickly realizing can be as unpredictable as his team's on-court performance.

Thus far, JMU has signed only two players for next year: Charlie Hatter, a 6-foot-3 guard from Stuarts Draft High School in Augusta County, and Clayton Brown, a 6-foot-7 forward from Palmyra

High School in Palmyra, N.J. Both will come to Harrisonburg as heralded high school players, but they will begin their collegiate careers under distinctly different circumstances.

Hatter, a first team all-state selection as a junior and his school's all-time leading scorer, missed the entire 1997-'98 season.

According to his high school coach, Joe Cochrane, "[Hatter] was hustling for a loose ball [in a preseason game] and put his hand through a plate of glass in the gymnasium door."

Cochrane said Hatter severed the nerves and tendons in the three outside fingers of his right hand, his shooting hand. Cochrane also said Hatter's doctors estimated the time to complete

recovery at anywhere from eight months to two years. Hatter had signed a letter of intent to attend JMU about two weeks before the injury occurred.

JMU assistant coach Chris Theobald, who has been in contact with Hatter, said, "He is under the best care possible. His dad is a physician and is ensuring he is well taken care of."

Apparently, Hatter is ahead of his recovery schedule. Both JMU's coaching staff and Hatter's doctors said he is doing exceptionally well and may be able to play next year.

Brown is a different story. Coming off his best season ever, he is averaging 27.4 points per game and has surpassed the 2300 point plateau. His 2,305 points is a county record.

Theobald said, "[Brown] is very athletic, what I would call a combo forward."

Dillard said, "[Brown] can step out on the perimeter [and] handle the ball. He'll

be a nice addition to this team."

Besides Brown and Hatter, the Dukes will pick up one more recruit to fill next year's roster. Jabari Outtz, a transfer from Howard University, will be eligible to play next year. He was unable to play this season under NCAA transfer rules, but will have two years of collegiate eligibility beginning next season.

Outtz, who ranked fourth nationally among freshmen scorers two years ago at Howard, should be a welcome offensive spark for the Dukes.

"He can break down defenders off the dribble and shoot," Dillard said.

JMU has one scholarship remaining for the spring signing period, which begins April 8.

"We've been looking for a [pure power forward], someone that can come in and play right away," Dillard said. "We've been in the hunt for a number of them."

Dukes rebound from CAA runner-up finish, gain second place honors at ECAC championships

by Magda Salazar
contributing writer

The JMU men's swimming and diving team brought its season to an end Saturday with a second-place finish at the Eastern College Athletic Conference championships, with a score of 383 points. The University of Maryland-Baltimore County won the championships with 504 points.

"It was a heroic effort to regroup, go up

and do the meet," JMU head coach Brooks Teal said. "[We] were hurt emotionally after last weeks' [CAA second-place finish] because [we] came away so close."

Junior Paul Oehling placed fourth in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 4:33.52. JMU's 200-yard freestyle relay team of juniors Adam Prem and Kyle Kunstel, freshman Patrick Lowry and senior Steve Flemming finished third by posting a time of 1:24.38. Prem also finished second in the finals of the 50-yard

freestyle (20.97). In the 200-yard individual medley, junior Cliff Parker placed fourth with a time of 1:52.98, while Flemming finished fifth (1:53.20).

The 400-yard relay medley team of sophomore Jason Wiedersum, Parker, Oehling and Prem placed seventh with a time of 3:28.58. Parker placed fourth in the 400-yard individual medley with a time of 4:04.73 and freshman Bret Stone finished fifth in the 100-yard butterfly (51.36). He was followed by Wiedersum in sixth

place with a time of 51.40.

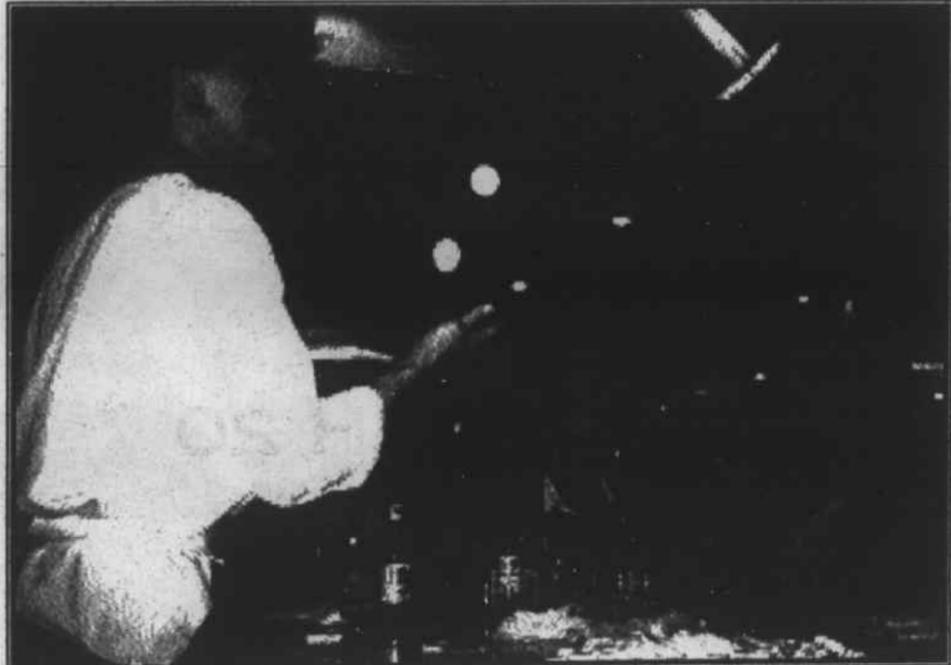
In the 200-yard freestyle, Flemming placed fifth with a time of 1:41.25 and Oehling finished in sixth (1:41.47). The 800-yard freestyle relay team of Kilmartin, Oehling, Flemming and Parker finished in 6:48.90.

"We all have a new sense of our determination and what our goals are for next year," sophomore Eric Marton said. "It was unfortunate we couldn't send out the seniors with a championship."

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SPORTS BEAT

Baseball

JMU's Diamond Dukes improved to 5-4 this weekend as they took two of three games from Rider University.

The Dukes lost the first game of the series 5-4. JMU junior **Aaron Sams** (2-1) pitched a complete game, striking out eight and walking none. JMU's freshman designated hitter **Greg Miller** was 2-3 with an RBI.

The score of the second game was also 5-4, but this time it was the Dukes that were victorious. Senior **Chad Hartman** provided the big hit, as he smacked a two-run home run off Rider starter **Jared Lenko**.

On Sunday, JMU won the game 15-5. **Hartman** went 3-5 and hit his first career grand slam. **T. Riley** crushed his first career homerun in the game as well. **Riley** drove in four, while **Bender** and junior **Nate Turner** each had two RBI for the Dukes.

Gymnastics

JMU's women's gymnastics team lost Friday to Eastern Michigan University, 189.600-185.175.

Sophomore **Rachel Malinowski** and freshman **Courtney Flynn** finished third and fourth respectively for the Dukes in the event.

JMU sophomore **Kathleen Bellino** tied for first in the uneven parallel bars with a personal best of 9.700.

The Dukes' highest finisher in the balance beam was senior **Dawn Vierschilling**. Her score of 9.725 was only .125 points short of first place.

Freshman **Allyson Betar** was the top JMU finisher in the vault, placing third. **Betar** also scored a career high 37.125 points in the all-around.

JMU junior **Jill Hornung**, who was named ECAC Division I Gymnast of the Week on Tuesday, did not participate in the competition.

Wrestling

The JMU wrestling team (8-6) split its final competition of the regular season Saturday. The Dukes defeated Wagner University 37-6, but fell to Army 27-9.

JMU lost only two matches against Wagner. Freshman **Maakan Taghizadeh** started things off with a 13-6 victory over **Kam Chang** in the 118-pound matchup. After **Dave Vollmer** (126 pounds) won his match by forfeit, freshman **Eric Miller** pinned his opponent in the 134-pound contest. Senior **Doug Batey** (142 pounds) won his match against **John Leone** via major decision, 13-4. Senior **Chip Cochran** decided David Lehman 7-1 in the 150-pound matchup.

Freshman **Nathan Rickman** (158 pounds) won by technical fall, 22-7. Sophomore **Elliot Williams** (190 pounds), and freshman **DJ Hockman** (heavyweight) were also victorious. **Williams** won his match by major decision 17-4. **Hockman** needed only 48 seconds to pin his opponent.

Indoor Track

JMU's men's distance medley relay team of **Jason Long**, **Paul Lewis**, **Curtis Lassiter** and **Russ Coleman** finished second at the Virginia Tech Last Chance Invitational. Their time of 9:41.23 was a new JMU record and the fifth-fastest time in the nation this year.

Lassiter also placed second in the 500-meter. **Ben Cooke** finished second in the mile with a time of 4:10.04. **Andy Ryba** turned in his best time of the season and placed third in the 60-meter hurdles.

The women's distance relay of **Sara Carpenter**, **Zakiya Haley**, **Keisha Banks** and **Bethany Eigel** won with a time of 11:34.55. **Bridget Quenzler** won the 3000-meter run and qualified for the ECACs. **Tracey Livingood** (mile), **Heather Hanscom** (3000-meter), and **Seun Augustus** (60-meter hurdles) took home second place honors.

Fencing

The fencing team placed second among 33 teams at the NIFWA Championships Saturday. The Dukes registered 25 victories, only two behind first-place finisher Temple University.

JMU was 46-17 in the foil competition. **Colleen Hicks** led the way for the Dukes. She won 16 bouts and earned second place honors. **Tiffany Little** was 12-5 for JMU.

The Dukes were 47-25 in the epee portion of the match. **Kim Roberts** was the top JMU finisher. Her record of 15-8 was good enough for fifth place honors. The epee team of **Marcy Miller** (11-7 at the match), **Ida Tennant** (12-6), **Natalie Bray** (9-4) and **Roberts** was awarded the NIWFA Epee Team SportsWomanship Award, which reflects sports-womanship at the championship as well as the entire season.

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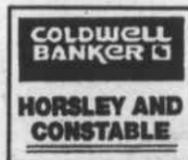


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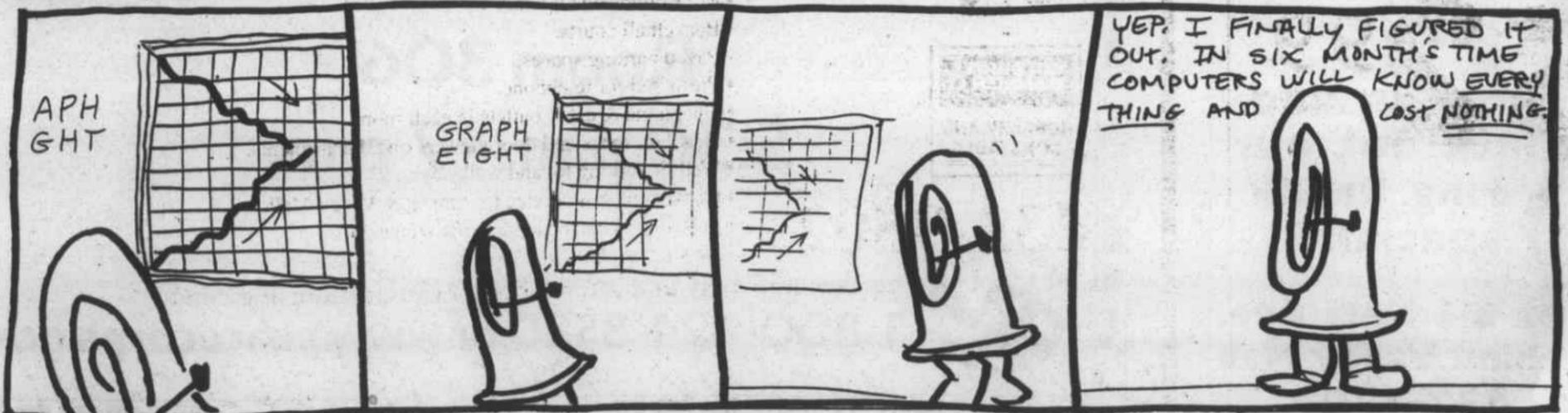
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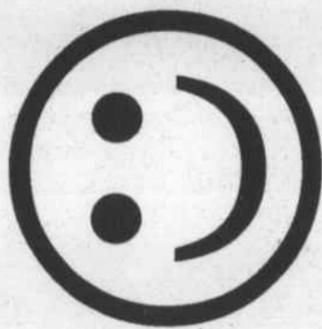
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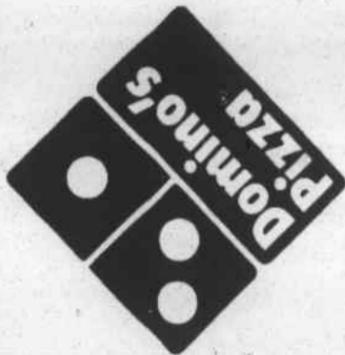
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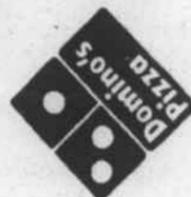


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