Dukes steal 1st victory 19-12

by Mike Gesario
assistant sports editor

The JMU Dukes earned their first victory of the 1998 season Saturday with a 19-12 come-from-behind victory over the Elon College Fighting Christians.

But it wasn't as easy as expected. JMU had problems early on containing Elon's wishbone offense, and found themselves trailing the Fighting Christians 12-0 at halftime.

"We just didn't play very well in the first half," JMU head coach Alex Wood said. "We had to come in [at halftime] and address what we were doing and what we weren't doing and make sure we did at least some of it in the second half."

The Fighting Christians jumped to an early 7-0 lead on the game's opening series. Elon started the drive on their own 37-yard line and worked the ball to their own 37 on two rushes. With a first-and-ten from his own 37, Elon sophomore quarterback Derrick Moore kept the ball and scrambled 46 yards before JMU senior strong safety Alex Wood said. "It's hard to simulate in practice what you are going to get in the game because the speed of [the wishbone] is so fast. We adjusted to it."

"How many teams run the wishbone? Not a lot," JMU senior strong safety Tony Booth said after the game. "It's hard to simulate in practice what you are going to get in the game because the speed of [the wishbone] is so fast. We adjusted to it."

Booth did not believe his team underestimated their opponents.

"I don't think we took them lightly," Booth said. "I just believe we had our slate right now, you don't want to take anybody lightly. We played them just like they were Hofstra, just like we played Villanova."

While the defense tried to adjust to the wishbone, the JMU offense was also having its

H' Bourg resident offers new cab service

by Jen Bonds
staff writer

Friday night was opening night for a new transportation service in town. College Limo Service, owned and run by Harrisonburg resident Marty Solomon, hit the streets of the Burg to offer students a better alternative to getting home than stumbling down Port Republic Road at three in the morning.

Solomon, 42, had been driving a car for Yellow Cab in Harrisonburg for nine months when he developed the idea of running a transport service exclusively for the JMU students.

The idea arose when Solomon got impressive responses from JMU students seeking a ride.

"They would call the dispatch and request that I be the one to come get them," he said.

"I loved the students that called last year on the party nights, needing a ride," Solomon said. "I'm just trying to keep them out of trouble and let them continue to have a good time. I know that a lot of kids get picked up by the police for walking drunk."

Solomon began his Friday night at 10 p.m., driving down South Main Street and Port Republic Road, as students start to emerge from campus, in search for a party.

FedEx delivery man by day, Limo operator by night, Solomon cruises the streets on weekend nights in a 1970 Buick Electra. Long and white with a gold roof, Solomon affectionately calls his car, "a boat, but it can fit five people in the backseat with no problem."

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POLICE LOG

by Steven Landry
police reporter

Campus police report the following:

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Dangerous Practices
- A JMU student was judicially charged with dangerous practices.

See POLICE LOG page 6.
Survey finds student loan burden; Congress debates borrowing rates

Students, aid officials react to national survey
by Angela Hain

A high number of undergraduate students suffer from student loan debt, according to a recent survey conducted by Nellie Mae, one of the largest providers of student loans in the nation.

According to the survey, 47 percent of students reported a significant burden due to student loans while former students, especially art and music students, think their starting salaries are inadequate to repay loans.

The survey also found that 18 percent of students who attended four-year public schools have student loan debts that exceed their current salaries, and 12 percent of those surveyed have student loan payments that represent more than 20 percent of their monthly incomes.

"I think the survey shows that students need more education up front before they borrow money," said Sandy Lish, Nellie Mae spokesperson. "Students need to look at the debt they will acquire, look at their future career and then plan accordingly."

The average debt for four-year public school borrowers in the survey is $10,900. But JMU graduates have student loan debt averaging $12,000.

Students who choose to borrow the maximum amount of Federal Stafford loan money allowed will leave JMU $17,000 in debt.

"I think the important thing is for students to be smart and responsible borrowers," Parker said.

"Students need to borrow only as much money as they need, then budget for repayment when they graduate," Parker said.

Students who choose to obtain loans can gather information about the loans, and in some cases, counseling is required before the loans can be obtained, Parker said.

Federal need-based loans can be obtained through application processes to determine the student's level of need.

"Students need to be careful and know the terms of the loans they obtain," Parker said.

"Some of the loan companies have really high interest rates and that is where students get into repayment trouble. Just because students can borrow money does not mean they should," Parker said.

When students borrow Stafford Loan money, they must through entrance and exit counseling, at which financial aid officials explain student responsibilities.

Information is also available on the Internet that allows students to estimate the amount of money they will owe and plan how the money can be paid back.

"I'm a little apprehensive about the payback of my Stafford Loan," freshman Mark Chapman said. "I guess there is always a possibility my job will not suffice. I'm just going to try to pay the

College press exchange

CHICAGO — A joint Senate and House committee, charged with resolving congressional differences over an extension of the Higher Education Act, unveiled a plan Wednesday that found surprisingly little support from college-interest groups and student advocates.

For several months, proponents of higher education generally have supported the legislation's major provisions, which call for increased spending on Pell Grants and lower interest rates for student loans. Still, many who saw the final version of the bill, crafted by legislators from both parties, objected to several proposals, which they say will harm students now enrolled in school.

"We were intimately involved with this from the very beginning, and we were pleased with

House, Senate discuss lowering loan interest rate
by Christine Tatum

The Breast Cancer Awareness Walk for Women, set for noon to 5 p.m. Monday, Sept. 28, will bring $2,500 to support the Breast Cancer Resource Center's breast surgery fund.

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MINISTER WARNS STUDENTS OF CULTS

Brown Bag Lunch speaker says cults are on the rise on college campuses

Cults are also known to cut members off from their family and friends and require total obedience and commitment from their members, Hill said.

People who don't feel like they are accepted elsewhere, who think in absolutist terms, or who may just be looking for excitement might be susceptible to cults. Some cults also claim that they are the ones that are going to "save the world," which might appeal to some people, Hill said.

Personal problems also play a part in a person's decision to join a cult.

Those who may have a problem with decision making or people who have problems with transition might believe that they will find comfort in a cult, he said.

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Hill also listed ways to avoid cults. He encouraged people to find out as much about them as possible, and to keep in touch with family and friends. He stressed that students should learn to question things, responsibility to their friends and illustrated his point with the story of Cain and Abel.

"Am I my brother's keeper?" Hill said. "Yes, you are. You have a responsibility to your friends."

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Forest safety key to good visit

by Tara Hafer

contributing writer

JMU students may find a trip to George Washington National Forest less than enjoyable this year if underage drinking, unreasonable noise levels or any other illegal activities are on their agenda.

Woody Lipps, supervisor of law enforcement operations at George Washington National Forest, said the park has seen a steady increase in the number of alcoholic beverage violations and a large part of the problem is students. These violations include underage possession of alcohol, drunk in public charges and driving under the influence.

"There are too many dangers associated with the wild land area," Lipps said. "People need to be more responsible with their use of alcohol."

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Nadine Pollock, public affairs specialist, said alcohol violations aren't the only violations occurring in the forest.

A large number of people have been swimming in Kidmore Dam and Switzer Lake, local water supplies that have been non-swimming zones for several years, Pollock said.

There are also a large number of violations for camping in non-camping zones.

Fines for these violations range from $50 to $100 and can include a jail sentence.

Park officials said they are especially concerned with campers starting unattended fires in non-camping zones. With the dry weather and fall beginning, campers should be especially careful when starting campfires, Pollock said. With no one to put out the immediate fire, a campfire could quickly turn into a forest fire.

Fines for starting a forest fire can cost up to five thousand dollars; the fine is used to pay for the resources used to put out the fire.

We want to take a proactive approach to informing students about the park and violations," Pollock said. "We don't want students to think they can't use their national forest."

If campers are unsure what policies the park for are, they are encouraged to visit the Bridge-water Park Rangers Office, where they can pick up one of several brochures about park safety and policy.

The park authority has also posted several signs throughout the park instructing campers where camping and non-camping zones are located, whether swimming is allowed there and several other useful pieces of information about the park.

Chili cook-off gets rave reviews

by Maury Sugarman

staff writer

The first of what people hope will be many chili cook-offs took place Tuesday at D-hall.

Steve Mangan, JMU's executive chef, selected his two favorite chili recipes from those sent in by JMU students over the past several weeks. Of the two selected, one was a vegetarian recipe and the other was meat-based.

"This will be something we'll be doing over and over throughout the semester," Mangan said.

This round's winners were "good enough to serve in any professional restaurant," Mangan said.

Senior Julia Drumheller created the winning vegetarian recipe and junior Erica Lanza won best chili with meat.

AND THE WINNERS ARE...

WHO: Julia Drumheller created the best vegetarian chili recipe and Erica Lanza won best chili with meat.

WHEN: Sept. 23 at the first D-hall Chili Cook-off

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Hurricane hits Florida

by Diane Bartz

AFP News Service

MIAMI — Leaving a death toll of at least 190 people in its wake, Hurricane Georges roared toward southern Florida Friday as tens of thousands evacuated low-lying coastal areas.

Georges' top sustained winds intensified to 100 mph as it swirled toward Key West.

Some evacuated areas in the prime tourist state were placed under a curfew, which was put into effect to protect people who refused to evacuate.

At 7 a.m., the center of Hurricane Georges was located about 55 miles southeast of Key West, the most popular of the barely-above-sea-level islands at the state's southern tip, the U.S. National Weather Service said.

"The hurricane's destructive winds and rain cover a wide swath," the service noted, warning that Georges may generate isolated tornadoes in the keys and southern Florida Keys.

A hurricane warning was in effect for the Florida east coast from Deerfield Beach, 30 miles north of Miami, to the Florida Keys. The warning also applied to the northwestern Bahamas.

Authorities carried out a progressive evacuation of the Florida Keys, which was officially completed earlier Thursday.

But they estimated as many as 10,000 people among the islands' 80,000 residents may have opted to try to ride out the storm at home.

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the communication that was going on," said Anthony Suma, president of the U.S. Student Association. "But when things moved into committee for discussion, the door was shut. We're not surprised that the end-result is what it is."

Perhaps the biggest sticking point for college advocates is that a special 7.43 percent student-loan interest rate, in effect through January 1999, will be available to a limited group of borrowers looking to consolidate — those who graduated before Oct. 1.

So, what does that mean for student-loan holders? For those who have finished school, loan consolidation at the low interest rate will be allowed during a short amount of time that isn’t likely to be well publicized, according to Suma.

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faculty member on the Judicial Council.

"We are sent an e-mail that says when the case is and names the student involved so there is no conflict of interest with the student," Leonard said.

The first three students and three faculty members that respond to the e-mail are seated before the council and is permitted to present witnesses and answer questions by the council, Glass said.

For example, if an RA caught the student outside his room and there was no way to discuss the incident, the RA could file a report, Leonard said.

"The sanction assigned by the council member can range from the loss of a few credits to a student being expelled," Glass said.

"Generally, there will be a police report [of the incident] and the police officer involved will be present," Leonard said.

The student then comes before the council and is permitted to present witnesses and answer questions by the council, Glass said.

Current students, on the other hand, may borrow — but not consolidate previous loans — at the low rate.

For example, a senior could borrow at the low interest rate to fund his or her final year in school but could not also use the rate to consolidate loans used to pay for the first three years of widespread damage was reported, civil protection director Yolene Surena said.

Hundreds of elderly Miami Beach residents boarded buses taking them to inland shelters. Residents and tourists avoided coastal areas.

Authorities were concerned that already saturated land would be unable to absorb the rains Georges is expected to bring.

Source got 13 inches of rain in September, double the normal level.

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loan back right out of school.

Those students who have trouble repaying their loans can consult their service and utilize one of several alternate repayment plans provided.

Some options include refinancing to pay less per month or deferring payment until graduation is manageable.

About 45 to 50 percent of JMU students have financial assistance. Forty percent of those students have loans, Parker said.

Lawrence O'Toole, president and chief executive officer of Nelnet Mae, said the survey confirmed what many financial aid officials suspected.

Student loans are helping students obtain a higher education but at the same time are causing a financial burden for some, he said.

Japan braces for major changes as bank system, economy fail

by Mark Magnier

Los Angeles Times

TOKYO — As Japan resumed its attempt last week to repair a crippled banking system — a task on which the recovery of Asia arguably depends — there may be no clearer example of the obstacles it faces than in the cultural resistance to rewarding bank employees for doing a good job.

In Japan’s deeply troubled and relatively insulated financial industry, which has been nurtured for decades on a diet of heavy regulation, group performance and corporate harmony, it has been something of a rude awakening.

Toshi Hori, an employee at one of Japan’s 19 largest banks, is among the thousands of Japanese bank workers bracing for just such change. He believes the change is overdue.

"It’s natural for those who perform better to earn more money," said the employee. "We can’t survive under the current system." Hori seems to be the exception. An anonymous 32-year-old bank worker complained that the whole notion is "damaging to morale." It is uncaring and undermines loyalty to the company, he says.

Japan’s financial industry, limping under the weight of too many banks, too much bad debt and too few global standards, is at the heart of the nation’s — and thus Asia’s — economic crisis. As such, the international community is demanding that Japan fix the system, notably a staggering burden of potentially worthless loans totaling as much as $1 trillion.

Dispensing with that debt — a key topic at last week’s U.S. summit between Prime Minister Keizo Obuchi and President Clinton — is only part of the answer. The banks of the world’s second-largest economy must reinvent themselves so that their failures don’t recur.

Under pressure from more traditional personnel practices that have tended to play down accountability and favored the hiring of generalists instead of the skilled experts needed in today’s competitive global environment.

Yet compared with the often brutal pace of U.S. restructuring Japanese banks sometimes seem to be fiddling while their assets burn.

Just a decade ago, Japanese bankers inspired Godzilla-like fear as they stalked the globe in search of prime investments and trophy real estate holdings. Now they stand humbled before an angry Japanese public, pressured to return past bonuses as their treasured anonymity falls victim to televised debates over their excesses.

Moreover, Japanese bankers and others say Japan starts from a very different baseline in trying to boost productivity, which affects its approach.

"The Japanese company system is more family-like," said Katsumi Tsuji, a personnel executive with Tokyo-Mitsubishi Bank.

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“Halloween last year was definitely the best. I was dressed like an Iraqi soldier,” he laughs. “Of course, no tines in Massachusetts, and after dropping a dollar in the front seat, the two allig...”

Cigarette smoke activated a fire alarm at the Sigma Pi Epsilon fraternity house at 2:26 p.m. on Sept. 24. The fire department responded to a mulch fire at Phillips Center by PC Dukes at 11:54 p.m. on Sept 24.

Unidentified individuals allegedly removed the letters; A, M, N, T and Y, from the diamond frame 24 speed mountain bike, serial number 57PY00068, from Wampler Hall’s north side bike rack on Sept. 23. The bike’s cable lock was cut. The bike is estimated at $650.

Petty Larceny

Unidentified individuals allegedly removed the letters; A, M, N, T and Y, from the University Boulevard and Carrier Boulevard entrance sign to campus between 5 p.m. on Sept. 16 and 12 p.m. on Sept. 22. The letters are estimated to be worth $60.

One struggling student sinks into the plush backseat, cursing the Harrisonburg Transit System saying, “The bus never comes when you really need it to. Man, Marty, you are too kind. Damn buses!”

Discussion then turns from tardy buses to long-tost saga of a warm bed somewhere in the darkness.

It is now one in the morning, and Solomon knows that there is no time to waste. Heading over to a hugely populated Hunter’s Ridge students are pouring down the road like an army of ants. Offering free rides at bus stops, Solomon is faced with some skeptical students who are not shy to inform him that he seems to be a sketchy guy.

“I mean,” one guy says, “why would you pick up college kids for free when they’re drunk?”

Back on the road and headed off the Row, the car is once again a joke pit, and everyone is giving their dissertations on the origins of President Clinton and his moral standards.

“Marty, you should hand out Smarties with your name and number on them!” one girl says. “It rhymes with your name!” It is decided that this idea is the better than a cure for cancer, and excitement is spread throughout the car. It’s funny how insightful people become in the wee hours after a few intimate encounters with Mr. Killian.

“People used to call me ‘Party Marty’ in school, you know,” Solomon replies. “That rhymes too.” The happy passengers explode into laughter, and all is right with the world.

As they are dropped off, the Smartie girl initiates a formal ceremony and presents Solomon with a two dollar bill. “This is very special, and I am giving it to you,” she says placing it into his hands. “I have been saving it all summer.”

A quarter of a tank lower and four dollars richer, Solomon is ready to call it quits for the night. His cell phone rang only once, and that was from the Smartie girl when she safely made it in.

“That’s alright,” he says of the non-eventful night. “It’s the first night, and nobody really knows about us yet. Hopefully it will catch on.”

Police Log

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Possession of Fictitious Operator License

- Matthew E. Bancroft, 19, of Virginia Beach, was arrested and charged with possession of a fictitious operator license on Sept. 25 at 4:48 a.m. in H-lot.

Possession of Operator License Not His Own

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Non-Compliance With Official Request

- A JMU student was judicially charged with non-compliance with an official request on Sept. 25 at 1:40 a.m. at the Sigma Pi Epsilon fraternity house. The student didn’t produce identification when requested by a police officer.

Motorcycle/Auto Accident

- Two JMU students were involved in a motorcycle/auto accident at the intersection of Port Republic Road and Hunters Lane on Sept. 24 at 3:30 p.m.

Grand Larceny

- Unidentified individuals allegedly stole a dark purple and yellow Kastek GT RS diamond frame 24 speed mountain bike, serial number 8B4699, from a courtyard bike rack outside Garber Hall on Sept. 23 between 12:01 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. The bike’s cable lock was cut. The bike is estimated at $550.

Construction of Personal Property

- Unidentified individuals allegedly cut a rear wiper blade and bent the license plates of a vehicle in Z-lot between Sept. 14 at 4 p.m. and 10 a.m. on Sept. 23. Damage is estimated at $5.

Harassment

- Unidentified individuals allegedly wore harassing and obscene statements on a student election poster in Eagle Hall on Sept. 10.

Mulch Fire

- The fire department responded to a mulch fire at Phillips Center by PC Dukes at 2:26 p.m. on Sept. 24.

Fire Alarm

- Cigarette smoke activated a fire alarm at the Sigma Pi Epsilon fraternity house at 11:54 p.m. on Sept. 24.

Number of drunk in public charges since Aug. 27: 18

College Limo Service owner Marty Solomon, a Harrisonburg resident, helps JMU students get back to campus on weekends after long nights partying at Port Republic Road apartment complexes. Solomon doesn’t charge, but accepts donations.

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Solomon drops the students off at their destination in the Village, and they thank Solomon profusely. A student drops a dollar over the front seat, and the goodbyes are said. "I’m going to frame this," Solomon says, picking up the first tip of his limo career.

Heading back to Port Republic Road, Solomon recalls his favorite night working in Harrisonburg. "Halloween last year was definitely the best. I was dressed like an Iraqi soldier," he laughs. "Of course, no
JMU, city relations broken record

Sometimes it seems like the relationship between JMU and Harrisonburg is a broken record. The same themes come up again and again without resolution. This week’s revisited theme: the mayor’s “concern” for JMU students who cross the street to attend classes in Anthony-Seeger Hall, and the city’s disappointment over JMU’s refusal to take on more responsibilities within the city.

Harrisonburg Mayor Rodney Eagle expressed his concern by saying he’s appalled at the way students cross the congested corridor, according to the Sept. 24 issue of The Breeze.

“I fear for their safety,” Eagle said. “We thought we had a solution when we took the crosswalk out.”

The crosswalk was removed nearly two years ago after city residents complained about traffic. Police Chief Donald Harper said removing the crosswalk would help ease traffic congestion and create less chance for fender benders, according to the Sept. 19, 1996 Breeze.

However, in the same article, Councilman John Byrd expressed the sentiment that is truly at the heart of this raging battle: “It’s almost become a challenge by the students to cross and play dodge with the vehicles.”

The student point of view, though, is that it is a challenge from motorists to not let us cross to get to our classes in a timely manner.

Here we are two years later, and HPD Lt. Richard Sitits said pedestrian traffic crossing Main Street is still a major problem according to the Sept. 24 Breeze.

Of course it’s a major problem. Students now cross en masse at random points all along South Main rather than crossing at one set point.

We do not advocate the rule of the masses. However, it is clearly evident that the current situation is not working — and will not ever work. Traffic problems are worse now than when the crosswalk was there because students now cross at more than one point, consequently endangering students and motorists further.

If city officials are genuinely concerned for the safety of JMU students — who, by the way, are Harrisonburg residents nine months a year and generate an incalculable amount of revenue for the city — they will act in the best interests of their citizens and motorists, and work to find an effective solution to this on-going problem.

In addition to students, the city has also turned its antipathy to the administration this week because HPD wanted JMU Police to accept a plan that would have given JMU Police concurrent jurisdiction over the Port Republic Road corridor. Col. Harper said HPD only has about 10 officers on duty during the weekends. HPD employs 61 officers for its population of about 33,000.

JMU has 14 uniformed officers that cover the university’s 472 acres and its 14,000 students JMU Police also have a mutual aid agreement with HPD in which JMU will help HPD make arrests if necessary.

“Since most of the housing there is student housing, we were requesting concurrent jurisdiction,” Col. Harper said in the Sept. 24 Breeze.

It may be student housing, but the apartment complexes are not owned by JMU. Rather, they are owned by private companies. They were built on property within the city, not JMU property. Thus, students who reside in the apartments live in Harrisonburg, not at JMU. Therefore, it is the duty of the city police to patrol the area.

If the Port Republic Road area was JMU-owned, then it would be correct for the university police to patrol university property. We would expect nothing less.

In turn, we should expect the same from HPD. JMU had every right to turn the city down because the city never should have asked in the first place.

It is no secret JMU is growing by leaps and bounds. We cannot speak for the administration, but until the day JMU becomes such a behemoth it annexes the Port Republic Road area, it is the city’s duty to use some of the money JMU students bring in each year to add a few more policemen to its force.

JMU’s police department is not at fault here. It keeps its own house in pristine order.

However, it can’t keep the city’s in order as well. HPD must do that on its own.
Op/ED

Opportunity knocks? Not for everyone

As a December grad, time constantly speeds up in these last few months, as if approaching some kind of worm hole into another dimension of time and space (come on, I know you’ve seen “Contact”). All of those years of “decisions” you said you were going to make come crashing down in the flurry of pre-selections and interview deadlines. What do I want to do? Where do I want to live? Is this what I really love doing? Do I have what it takes to succeed? And last but not least: “Am I going to get a job?”

Coming from the world of Zane Showker, it seems that you have a lot of help in making that decision. If you want money and you want an opportunity to have a job right out of school, then that’s the best place to look. All year round, the focus is on getting a job and bringing the companies to you. Career Fair is set up, and the list of companies that come to campus to interview are looking for business majors about 90 percent of the time.

As a Computer Information Services major, you would think I wouldn’t complain about the way the system is. Yet, this fact alone spells trouble for the system in general. I am one of the large percentage of students who chose their major out of pure practicality. Don’t get me wrong, I like my major, and I made the right decision, but I did so with the Devil’s Advocate on my shoulder. Evaluating the system at JMU, it began to look like there was nowhere for me to go coming out of school with the major I really love, such as English, art history, history, politics or design. All I heard from professors, fellow students and older professionals was that those majors offer no job prospects.

When thinking about the decision, I looked at a list of companies coming to the Career Fair and saw where the obvious opportunities for careers were. So why the pity story? I’m sure this has most of you saying I’m a coward for my choice. That may be true, but the fact was, as a sophomore, I just didn’t think any other decision was a smart one. I had no one there that showed me there were other options — there weren’t any. No companies were there to show me there is life after a liberal arts degree.

For students looking at life after college, the only real resource we have is the Office of Career Services, and this is where some of the blame must lie. Its job is to provide a service for the entire university. According to Career Fair literature, the only Career Fair all year offers more than 150 companies to JMU. Just 30 of those companies, however, indicate they are considering all majors. Of those 30, five are looking for police officers and three are soliciting for military officers. That leaves a little more than 20 for all majors. Of these remaining choices, only between 5 and 10 are non-business related companies!

Now, I’m a smart guy, and I understand the idea behind supply and demand. I realize the companies that recruit on campus are here because they’re trying to fill a constant void for employees in an expanding market. But you can’t tell me there is no need for qualified people in industries and companies that are not business related.

There are thousands upon thousands of companies out there looking for smart, young and energetic minds to work for them. So why are they not at the Career Fair? Students with liberal arts degrees deserve to have some serious attention paid to their career futures. They need to know there are “opportunities” for them after college, and they shouldn’t have to sacrifice the love of their major because they don’t feel any companies are looking for students with their skills.

My friend, we’ll call him Hendrik, is one example. A double major in chemistry and management, he wants to be a sales rep for a pharmaceutical company. There is clearly a demand out there for his skills and many companies who desire his services. Yet he is left sending out his resumes to random companies without being able to meet any representatives, make contacts or show them his personality and desire. Partially, because there was not a single pharmaceutical company at the “university-wide Career Day.”

There must be a more proactive approach to bringing companies to campus. If we are going to have a career day, we need to bring companies that are looking for people with degrees in science, English, kinesiology, history, etc. I am sure the Office of Career Services works extremely hard and they are clearly not totally to blame for this problem. I don’t doubt it’s understaffed and under appreciated for this enormous job. The recent dart in the Breeze regarding the student employment office reminded me of that.

Consequently, we need the creation of two separate offices of Career Services. One that can provide a service for the ever-expanding business and CESAT departments and one that is solely responsible for liberal arts majors. Students can then talk to the employers brought in by that branch and see that a major in something they don’t really love is not the only hope for success in post-graduate employment.

If JMU plans on ascending to the upper echelon of universities (where we all know it strives to be), then this is a change that needs to be made soon.

Matt Spangler is a senior CIS and marketing double major.

Darts & Pats

Darts

A “look-before-you-cross-the-street” dart to the Village idiots who complained in the last Breeze about almost getting hit on Bluestone Drive.

Pat

A “you-brightened-my-evening” pat to the man who handed me a yellow rose Saturday night while I was walking across the Quad.

Dart

A “find-your-own-date” dart to my roommate for trying to steal my boyfriend while I was out of town this weekend.

Pat

A “thanks-for-your-assistance” pat to the three guys who rescued me when I was stuck on top of a fence behind Bridgeforth Stadium.

Dart

A “you-should-be-so-proud” pat to the JMU women’s field hockey team for defeating the No. 4 nationally ranked University of Virginia at Bridgeforth stadium.

Pat

A “mmm-mmm-good!” pat to Chef Steve for gourmet food and think JMU Dining Services are not necessarily the truth.

Pat

A “why-should-I-pay-for-your-mistake?” dart to the parking department for putting a hold on my records after they gave me a commuter parking sticker instead of a resident sticker.

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What the tour guides won’t tell you...

Studying in France turns out to be a lesson in more than just architecture

I am finally here. The Champs-Elysees sit before me as my wide eyes take in the sights of Paris and one of the most famous streets in the world. I’m thinking beauty, I’m thinking culture, I’m thinking LEEWWWWWW, what is that smell?

That’s right ladies and gentlemen, the rumors are true. The French restaurant, and to top it off, they don’t really bathe too much either. Yes, I went to France looking for answers, but I all really ended up with were more questions, perplexing and intriguing.

Such as, why don’t they wear deodorant? I mean, it’s cheap, it’s portable and it allows you to ‘get a little closer’ without embarrassing underarm odor. Who would not want to adopt this little bit of wisdom into their personal philosophy?

Well, apparently it’s the French. Testing this tidbit of information is simple. Head to the nearest metro station, pay your francs for admission and experience the sweet aroma of what seems to be millions of Parisians who just finished biking the Tour de France in 100-degree-Fahrenheit.

Another question still working its way through the inner reaches of my brain is: Why is everyone in France so skinny?

Us American students woke up every morning at the crack of dawn, ready to take a brisk walking tour of whatever city awaited our insatiable thirst for knowledge.

Regardless of the time, these tiny French people were sublimely skinny. “It’s a little sexist around here, but they’re attractive, you can manipulate them.”

Being a feminist (whoa there — not the extreme kind which I have found myself to be at other times), I simply believe that women and men are equal and will do anything in my power to enlighten others about this “revelation.”

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I have chocolate for breakfast and anything dipped in cream sauce for dinner, and I swear I didn’t see one French woman whose thighs touched. Strange, fascinating, a possible “X-Files” episode.

Honestly, the only overweight people I saw were American tourists sporting the popular “University of Paris” T-shirts that almost convinced me that they weren’t tourists. After drinking warm Coke for three weeks, my next query seems almost obvious. Why don’t they use ice?

My experiences with French television prompt another thought, namely: Why is porno OK in Europe? I don’t mean X-rated video stores or pay channels, either. I mean prime-time network slots.

This Clinton thing is like a children’s book to the French — they get the real deal at home without paying a cent.

People just aren’t afraid of nudity over there. Maybe it has to do with the fact that they all have the bodies of supermodels, but I really think that’s it just don’t care. They’ve probably been drinking red wine all day (instead of hot Coke), and it just seems like a good idea.

And finally, one puzzlement moves to automobiles. The question is: Who made up the driving rules in this country? The traffic lights in France consist of a red man and a green man. Usually in the States when you see a green pedestrian light, you look both ways and cross without worry. Not so in France. When you see a green man in Paris, you look both ways, cross your fingers, and pray to a higher power that you make the 20-foot distance with your life.

If you don’t understand, I’ll explain it to you in simpler terms: Pedestrians are nothing to the French. Your life is unimportant; you are like a little bug waiting to be squashed. Although their little cars don’t seem like they could do much damage, when they are traveling at speeds of 100 mph and up your life flashes before your eyes.

The parking situation also needs to be addressed. At JMU, if your car is in a metered spots, there is a parking official stalked out next to your vehicle, ticket book in hand, waiting to slap that bad boy under your windshield wiper.

In France, if no one’s standing there or there’s no impeding large object in the way, it’s legal spot. The grass, the sidewalk, people’s lawns, it’s all fine. Wherever your little Peugeot can fit.

Actually, now that I’m thinking about all this, I know a lot of guys who would love to live in France. A bunch of skinny drunk women running around naked, free porn on every TV, and showering is optional. And you don’t even need a parking permit.

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Sexism in the workplace: a woman’s view

One student’s perspective of why women tolerate sexism in the workplace

“Is a little sexism around here, but they’re just men, you can manipulate them.”

My co-worker’s quasi-advice caught me off guard — not that the office environment where I worked this past summer was sexist (it was), but that she so easily dismissed the men who worked there and readily accepted her “role” as a Vanderbilt-esque “dame,” “broads” and other such words.

Being a feminist (whoa there — not the bra-burning, men-hating type — there are few, if any, of those), I simply believe that women and men are equal and will do anything in my power to enlighten others to this “revelation.”

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The warehouses in the back are staffed all year round, no women on job, such as counting boxes and moving them to another location. The women in the office are referred to as “the girls,” though the ages range from 19- to 65-years-old. The term, demeaning and derogatory to many women of all ages, was used interchangeable with “dames,” “broads” and other such words. When I was first shown around the facilities, I noticed many of the men, most old enough to be my father, were accom- plishing the same work and very interested that a 19-year-old had just been hired.

As I became friends with two of the women, Tyra, a feisty 21-year-old, and Suzie-Mae, a 45-year-old with a daughter two years my junior, they started telling me stories of years past. Suzie-Mae has worked for the company for 20 years and was recently promoted. She was interested that a 19-year-old be her new hire.

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They then turned the question around on me, why was I there, allowing this circus happen around me? It is almost comical how the environment is so sexist. I tried hiding behind the whole my-dad-made-me excuse until I realized I needed the money just as much as they did.

Granted, I don’t have children or a mortgage, but I needed the money for the upcoming school year.

I began to question, why was I still there? There are plenty of jobs for college students, I told myself. My one concern was it would be tricky to quit on account that my father is the company attorney and that I’m not afraid to turn around and slap him or speak up.

There were other occurrences that made me wonder if they had missed the whole women’s liberation movement of the 1970s. While working in the office, it wasn’t uncommon to hear one of the men, over the phone, tell a woman from another company to get him a man with whom he could speak. She obviously didn’t know what she was talking about because she was female.

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Senior Brian Overby woke up to the sound of hail pounding against his tent. The aluminum poles supporting his one-person shelter were bending inwards, threatening to collapse under 50 miles per hour winds. Streaks of lightning lit up the 2 a.m. Kansas sky, and it was then he remembered biking past a sign 30 miles back that read: "Welcome to Tornado Alley."

Since his fear of getting struck by lightning outweighed the pain he felt from biking 99 miles that day, he unzipped the flap of his tent and jumped out. His companions, JMU senior Rudy Haden and JMU '98 alumni Jay Myer and Adam Johnson, were also out of their tents.

"What do we do?" Myer screamed over claps of thunder and hissing rain. It was the middle of June, but the rain was freezing and the wind made it even colder. Wearing only their boxers, they made a 200-yard dash through a field of crab grass and gravel to El Dorado State Park's women's campground bathroom.

"All I could think was, 'Please God, don't let me die in this tornado in my boxers..." and of course I had an asthma attack in the middle of it," Overby said.

Shivering and exhausted, but laughing at the night's craziness, they reached the shelter and huddled around a hand dryer for two hours until they felt it was safe to go outside. None of them knew if the $8,000 worth of gear — including bikes, trailers, money, supplies and clothes — had stayed put or blown away.

Luckily the worst damage done was a broken tent pole. After wringing out what they could and eating a breakfast of soggy Ritz crackers, they set out for Hutchinson, Kan., 89 miles down the TransAmerican trail.

It was a string of adventures like this that lead Haden to believe biking is "the best way to travel." During the 3,275 miles they rode together, the foursome ran into everything from charging rottweilers in Kentucky to breathtaking views of the Colorado Rockies.

"I've backpacked before, driven... but being on a bike, you can take so much in, smell things, see things, meet people," Haden said.

The group started out as a pair. Myer and Johnson began from Lakeburg, Ga. and met up with Overby and Haden in Marion, Ky. From there, the four of them pedaled along the TransAmerican trail, which took them via country roads through the rest of Kentucky, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana and finally, Washington. The entire trip for Myer and Johnson totaled 70 days and 4,000 miles; for Overby and Haden 51 days and about 3,275 miles.

"I had done a lot of road biking, but had never done any touring or pulled any weight behind me," Johnson said, referring to the 40 pounds of gear he carried behind him in his bike trailer during the trip. "I had biked around school, but I never imagined I'd be able to put in constant 80-90 mile days."

Haden said he'd "been biking a bunch before, so it wasn't hard" for him to get used to the high mileage. Both Overby and Myer had done a fair amount of mountain biking on local trails, but hadn't come close to spending full days in the saddle.

"It really only took me the first day to get used to it," Overby said. "After the first 2 miles... we stopped and I was already behind. I was like, man, this is going to be hard. Then Adam said something like 'hey, they say after the first 12 miles... we stopped and I was already behind. I was like, man, this is going to be hard. Then Adam said something like 'hey, they say after the first 12 miles it's... but being on a bike, you can take so much in, smell things, see things, meet people.'" Haden said.

Photos clockwise from top left: (1) Red Rock in Wyoming, one of the many beautiful sights the group was able to witness on their excursion. The moon is pictured in the upper left corner of the bike and trailer, somewhere in Kansas. The four experienced some pretty bad weather, but made it through the state okay. (2) A majestic waterfall at Yellowstone National Park, the highest paved pass in the United States. Overby felt "targeted" there, but no one was hurt. (3) Johnson, Overby, Haden and Myer pose for the camera at a studio in Missoula, Mont. The magazine will feature the four in an upcoming issue.

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OWN UNBEATEN PATHS
JMU students who biked across the country

nothing to bike across the country.' He was so full of it, but I had to laugh."

The trip actually began as a car route, with Johnson and Myer as the only participants. "After a couple of pitchers at Dave's Taverna with Jay, we were toasting to doing a bike ride," Johnson said. "Jay and I had kind of known each other, and I had met Rudy at Wilderness Voyagers."

when I was buying a tent. He expressed some interest in going, then Brian called me up." Overby heard about the trip through friends, Johnson said. The four of them met only twice as a group before the trip. According to Haden, not really knowing each other from the beginning was a plus.

"I think that's the best way to do it. If you're already good friends you might have grudges going into it, or know all about each other's pet peeves," he said. "But it's almost unusual how well we got along. Never once did we get in any big arguments."

That's not to say there weren't tensions between them. There was a time along a 30 mile downhill in Montana, along Interstate 90, "where we were just flying, and Rudy was drafting me," Overby said. (Translation: Haden was riding three inches behind Overby's rear tire, or "drafting him" to cut down on wind resistance. Like tailgating, except it's not rude.)

"There were two logs with about six inches of space between them and I shot through — but all he could see was my bike. He hit one and almost lost it, handlebars going everywhere. He didn't wreck, but came close to it. After that he just kept pointing at the ground ... then said real quietly, 'damn it ... you could just ... point at the ground.' I felt bad.

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but he was okay, so I was kind of laughing," Overby said.

The guys agreed that incidents like that were the worst of it. As Haden put it, the trip was just "too much fun to worry about the little things." Little things included flat tires (about 80 all together), health concerns (hemorrhoids, saddle sore, muscle cramps, indigestion, altitude sickness, asthma attacks, heat exhaustion), pests (mosquitoes from hell in Montana), mechanical problems (broken rims, busted trailers), and other inconveniences (111 degree weather, lost wallets, hangovers).

Whatever problems the group had along the way, the photos they brought back illustrate Haden's point. Standing in front of a shimmering blue lake staring at the icy peaks of the Grand Tetons, who would care about a flat tire or two? There are shots of waterfalls, grazing buffalo and blue hot springs in Yellowstone National Park, endless plains in Kansas, sunsets over the Rockies.

"Standing on top of Independence Pass, you have mixed feelings of identity," Overby said. "The accomplishment makes you feel larger than life, yet you realize this huge territory you're crossing on your bike is just a tiny part of this universe that we live in."

Aside from the scenic panoramas, there are dozens of photos of faces, random people along the way that gave the group a place to stay, offered them food or a shower, or rode with them for a few days.

"In the West in general, we ran into all kinds of friendly people," Haden said. "I was surprised to see so many older bikers.

Jay Myer takes a water break in Tiger, Wash. Attached to the back of his bike is a 40-pound pack of gear including his tent, food and water.

We ran into a 70-year-old couple that was going to run a marathon and go backpacking afterwards. It was great to see that."

On one rainy night, as the guys were about to set up camp in a house that was under construction, the son-in-law of the owner saw what they were doing, and invited them to stay with him at his home instead.

According to Johnson, "we swam in his pool, he made us fettucini alfredo, gave us chocolate souffle, and we stayed up all night listening to the Beatles with him," he said. "We got hospitality everywhere."

The group also got coverage from Adventure Cyclist magazine that profiled a group of JMU swimmers who biked across the country a few years earlier. Johnson said they had planned to stop at the magazine's headquarters in Missoula, Mont., to see if they would be interested in doing a story. However, the group took an interesting approach to getting the magazine's attention.

"We went by a Missoula thrift shop first. We knew they took your picture so we decided to do it in style, represent JMU a little better," Johnson said, who went for the leprechaun look. Myer wore jams and a turquoise flowered tourist's shirt. Overby wore a dress, and Haden looked like "a scaled-down Tommy boy" according to Overby.

"We decided to stay dressed up for pretty much the last part of the trip," he said.

As the September/October issue of Adventure Cyclist notes, JMU students have planned to stop at the magazine's headquarters.

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In 1995, Tim Richardson, who is now teaching road cycling at JMU, biked across the country with his girlfriend Martha McLeod on a tandem (two-person bike). The couple, both JMU graduates, took four months off for the trip.

"The ideal way to do it," Richardson said, "is to take as much time as possible. The slower you go, the more you see. It's like riding my bike around town, but it's a different town every time."

Although Haden, Johnson, Myer and Overby did it in about one and a half to two and a half months, the consensus seems to be that the trip went perfectly. "By the end I was ready to be done with it, but wasn't tired of it," Johnson said.

Haden agreed, and added that the most important thing he got out of it was "three really good friends. Another thing I got from this trip — I appreciate the simple things."

Overby flew home to Harrisonburg and is now taking classes, and Haden is also at JMU finishing a minor. Myer is in Utah working, and Johnson took some time off before starting a new job in San Francisco.

"All you need is persistence, patience, a good will and a good attitude," Johnson said. "I mean, Brian ate a block of cheese and drank a half a bottle of tequila, then biked 90 miles the next day. There were 85-year-old couples out there doing it. I saw a kid in Washington who must have weighed 250 pounds doing it. Physical fitness will take care of itself."
Buffet and band conclude 1-week
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air.
Not to mention great food on
students’ plates. “It was really
good,” Yu says. “There are tons
of things to chose from. Very
cultural.”
The menu included among
many other items, a variety of
traditional foreign foods.
Food from France included
Gazpacho, (cold tomato soup)
and Paella a la Valenciana
(chicken and seafood rice) were
part of the offerings on the
country-style Spanish table.
Food from France included
trout with shrimp mousse,
vanilla and chocolate custard,
and of course French bread.
The Italian table featured
antipasto, an assortment of
meats, cheeses and vegetables,
tortelli with tomato cream sauce
and foccaccia bread.
English dishes included fish
and chips, steak and kidney pie
and English trifle.
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Calypso on commons

For a brief afternoon, JMU
students were whisked
away to the Caribbean with-
out leaving Rockingham County.
The Trinidad and Tobago
Steel Drum Band Organization, a
calypso steel drum band, enter-
tained students on the commons
on Friday with their versatile
blend of calypso, classical and
pop music.
Hailing from Washington,
D.C., the band originally formed
more than 30 years ago at
Howard University.
Since then, the group has seen
numerous personnel changes
while the band itself still remains
intent on performing authentic
Caribbean calypso music.
The climate was ideal for the
event. When the sun peeked
behind the clouds, the weather
was extremely comfortable, as
students sat on the hill, eating or
just hanging out, with the CISAT
building in the distance.
Pat Jones, the band’s publicist,
recalled other trips to Virginia,
the most recent being Virginia
Tech a few years back.
According to Jones, the band
has released many cassettes and
are looking to record a CD in the
future.
The group plays all over the
east coast and their sound
appeals to all types of audiences.
Jones feels the reason for the
universal appeal is their ability to
blend various styles of music.
In this reporter’s opinion, they
could play a 50th wedding
anniversary with ease and later
that night pull off a reception at a
Boy Scouts banquet.
So naturally, they won over
JMU students with much ease.
The 10 member band opened
with the theme from “Mission:
Impossible.”
At first the melody seemed
hidden beneath the nine drum-
mers, complimented by a stan-
dard rock drummer.
Initially, one couldn’t exactly
picture Tom Cruise saving the
world while sipping Margaritas
on the beaches of the Caribbean.
Yet within time, students
were overheard whispering to
each other: “Hey, isn’t this the
theme to Mission: Impossible?”
They were hooked.
The band followed with “Red
Red Wine,” popularized by reg-
ggae band UB40. The song which
is familiar with most students
was over five minutes, as they
displayed their relaxed, yet techni-
cally astute, improvisational
skills.
It’s not uncommon for many
bands on the commons to experi-
ence a sparse, lackadaisical round
of applause from the audience.
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Yet for whatever reason, most likely the music itself, most students were enthusiastic throughout the band's performance.

"For a while there, I was whisked away to a tropical paradise of sun and surf. Then, people clapped and I woke up and saw D-hall," said senior Ed Donohue. "But it was cool anyway."

"It was really fascinating for me because I recognized so many of the songs," said senior Liz Hansel. "They added a new twist to songs that people my age are familiar with."

But alas, there were more important things to worry about, such as classes.

The beautiful sounds of the Trinidad and Tobago Steel Drum Band Organization proved a welcomed escape from the world of syllabuses, e-mail and $100 parking tickets.

Anyway, who needs the beach, frozen drinks and tropical music? Not me, I whimpered.

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Chef series is not more expensive than other food served at D-hall, Mangan points out.

The program meshes in well with what is done everyday, serving thousands of students, he says. "We are taking the same types of foods served everyday, and presenting it differently."

The Chef Series also serves as a testing ground for new foods to be introduced into the regular rotation at D-hall.

"We try to find out what people like," Mangan says. "We're not afraid to try something new. We'll try anything once—or twice."

D-hall already offers a variety of international cuisine. Currently, Mangan is expanding the Italian line to offer a larger variety of pastas and trying to bring in more Asian dishes such as Indonesian and Indian recipes.

"The opening of Festival, [the CISAT food court,] should bring more international options to campus," Mangan says.

Judging from student's reactions to the International Buffet, that would be a positive step for dining services.

"I went to every Chef Series last year," sophomore Suzanne Candrea says. "This is the best one so far."

Graduate student and White Hall director Sherry Matulack says, "It was a good opportunity to see what other cultures eat," and would encourage her residents to attend a Chef Series dinner in the future.

Many students were grateful to dining services, and in particular, Chef Steve, for offering the Executive Chef Series. "I was just commenting how nice it is that JMU does this," sophomore Andy Dicker says.

Other students went up to Mangan, who mingled with students during portions of the dinner, and shook his hand, thanking him personally for the great meal.

Mangan points out the meals come together not only due to his efforts, but with the help of a great staff.

The Executive Chef Series gives the dining services staff a chance to expand their skills and prepare foods not usually on the D-hall menu.

Many students who had studied abroad in past semesters enjoyed the International Buffet. Matt Keating, who studied in England last summer, loved the food from England. "It tastes better than the food in England," he said.

Bob Horne, professor of economics and director of the study abroad program in Paris, admits he doesn't usually eat on campus, except when French food is being served.

"When I think of student dining I don't think of this," Horne says. "It was very good. The only thing they're missing is the wine."

The Executive Chef Series takes reservations for up to 200 students and costs a punch or $15. A Moroccan meal will be offered in October.

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**Family Tales’ covers too broad an era**

Novel depicts saga of slave family well yet fails at historical accuracy, dialogue

by David Bauer

contributing writer

Lillian Pegues documents the history of her family in a series of short stories that describe each individual's hardships, successes and eventually tragic deaths. Upon first glance, "Family Tales: Curse or Happenstance?" seems to be a non-fiction account of the Pegues family in America, but the lack of footnoting and the vast subject results in a rather juvenile, historical novel.

**Review**

The writing style succumbs to blatant grammatical mistakes as well as a sufficient number of typographical errors that should have been eradicated during the editorial process. Despite these immediate, clerical setbacks, Pegues takes several life stories and weaves them into an interesting tale that is easy to follow and leaves the reader in continual anticipation of the fates of all the characters and items that existed throughout the book. "Family Tales" is more a tribute to the tragic lives of Pegues’ ancestors than a historical investigation of the last 150 years of her family.

The story begins in Africa during the 1850s. Jessamine and Lesutha compete for the love of Kwassi, a robust and extraordi-nary man in their tribe. Lesutha goes to the Obiah Man, a powerful witch doctor of the tribe, and he in turn gives Lesutha instructions to cast a spell on Jessamine and claim Kwassi for herself.

Jessamine subsequently kills Lesutha, but as she is dying, she uses the Obiah Man’s magic and places a curse on Jessamine, Kwassi and their descendants. The next day, slave hunters capture Kwassi and Jessamine and the two lovers are shipped to America. Jessamine is pregnant with twins, yet she and Kwassi both survive the arduous journey over the sea. Thankfully, but to the detriment of historical accuracy, Pegues omits most of the description of these grueling times for Kwassi and Jessamine.

When the pair arrive in America, the sons of Claudius Pegues, a rice plantation owner in South Carolina, purchase Kwassi and Jessamine and take them back to the plantation. It is on the Pegues plantation that Kwassi and Jessamine work and raise their children.

Pegues uses Lesutha’s curse as the explanation for all of the tragic deaths that seem to befall each of the descendants of Kwassi and Jessamine as she documents each person throughout the book. Pegues proves to have moderate mastery of the historical details of her story as she provides descriptions of different customs and items that existed throughout each period portrayed in the book. These descriptions are very intricate early on. The meticulously detailed descriptions fade, however, as the book progresses. Pegues weaves her story around large chunks of hackneyed, historical “facts” that she fails to footnote; a mistake that leaves the reader to question the validity of the statements.

Adding to the meaningless of these “facts” is the understanding that many of them are unnecessary, border on common knowledge and detract from the overall flow of the work.

Pegues does not possess a high caliber writing style and this is obvious due to her constant use of the passive voice throughout the entire book.

The dialogue tears away from the realism and the characters speak in a manner that fails to evoke a feeling of natural conversation. The characters narrate directly to the reader and this is evident in the dialogue between the two sons of Claudius Pegues as they go to purchase slaves for their father:

“Look over there, John. Men are gambling right on the porch of that hotel. Every hotel and boarding house is full... We have to talk to Father for asking us to come out here and buy the slaves. But, we dare not gamble away the money or let the madame’s girls get any of it...”

Pegues writes in a regional dialect that she depicts Kwassi, Jessamine and the other slaves, but even their statements appear contrived and unrealistic.

Pegues is not completely to blame for the detached dialogue. She tackles a subject that is too large to adequately record in 183 pages. Due to this constraint, it is necessary for her to utilize the dialogue as part of her narrative. In order to truly capture the reader’s attention, however, she should spend less time on the collective family and focus on only a few individuals. The stories are undeniably interesting, however, and Pegues triumphs in her effort to pay tribute to her cursed lineage. The characters are colorful and evoke true emotion for the reader.

"Family Tales" is a touching account of the Pegues family. The writing fails to meet the criterion for excellence and therefore the book falls short of its potential. Pegues should either lessen the scope of her story or focus on different descriptive elements in her narrative. Historians read historical novels for the minute details, not the broad, readily understood "facts" about such things as the Civil War and Kennedy’s assassination that Pegues feels the need to include in her text, but which ultimately takes away from the fluidity of her family’s story.

The book is interesting, however, and this should not be ignored; Ms. Pegues does a great honor to her family in allowing their stories to be told.


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**Style Weekly**

- "Milton Glaser: Communication and Ambiguity" Sawhill Gallery — Monday-Friday, 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, 1:30-4:30 p.m., free.
- "Portraits by Alyssa C. Salomon" Zirkle House, Wundercameron Studios — Monday-Thursday, noon-5 p.m., Friday-Saturday, noon-4 p.m., free.
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- The Larry Keel Experience: the Commons — Monday-Thursday, noon-5 p.m., free.
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- Faculty Recital, Keith Stevens, guitar: Emmanuel Episcopal Church — Monday, 8 p.m., free.
- Madison Brass Ensemble: Wilson Hall Auditorium: Tuesday, 8 p.m., $2.
- "Grafton-Stovall Theatre: "Amistad," Wednesday, 7 and 9:30 p.m., Thursday 7 p.m., guest speaker Samuel H. Pieh, ancestor of Joseph Cinque, 9:30 showing of "Amistad" to follow, $2.

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**Playing the part**

Sarah Pramstaller (left) and Ashlynn Brooks (right) are pictured at a Theatre rehearsal of "The Fantastics." The musical will be performed from Tuesday until Saturday. Buy tickets in advance, the show will sell out!
Dukes roll through weekend

Sixteenth ranked JMU follows 2-1 double overtime win over William & Mary with 6-1 drubbing of East Carolina

by Gene Holson
staff writer

In impressive fashion, JMU (6-1, 2-0 CAA) knocked off conference opponent East Carolina University (1-4, 0-1 CAA) Saturday at Reservoir Street Field, 6-1. The CAA victory was the second of the week for JMU, following Wednesday's thrilling 2-1 double-overtime victory at The College of William and Mary. The Dukes are currently ranked 16th in the NSCAA poll, and stand to move up after a strong week.

“We did what we really wanted to do, we played some good soccer,” said coach Tom Martin. “It was a good day for us. A good conference win.”

The Dukes jumped on top early when senior forward Mike Brizendine scored on a header just 2:29 into the contest. Sophomore Niki Budalich picked up the assist with the cross from the left wing.

Brizendine struck again less than five minutes later, this time off the first assist of the year for senior defender Hisham Gomes.

“We were really concerned about not starting flat since we came off such a big win,” Gomes said. “Probably that is why we generated so many goals in the first 15 minutes.”

At the 12:31 mark, Brizendine completed the hat trick, scoring from 10 yards out on a cross from sophomore Randy Steeprow. Brizendine now leads the club with five goals on the year.

The Dukes added a fourth goal when Steeprow received a gorgeous pass from senior Kosta Bournelis. Bournelis led Steeprow out in front of the ECU defense and when the goalkeeper came out to challenge, Steeprow beat him far post.

The early lead allowed Martin to give some of his younger players crucial experience in conference play.

“Depth is always a factor in how you do,” Martin said. “It’s very important that we get kids experience.”

One of those young players, freshman Levi Strayer, checked in midway through the first half. He proceeded to pick up his first JMU goal on a nifty step-over move that left an ECU defender flat-footed. Steeprow provided his second assist of the game, turning Budalich for the team lead with three.

Sophomore Ed Fox fights for the ball in Saturday’s action. Fox came off the bench along with eight other Dukes reserves in JMU’s 6-1 victory over East Carolina. JMU is in action Wednesday at American University.

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Sophomore Joshua Reynolds picked up the assist.

“Niki Budalich started off very well as has Brandon Wright, and Mike Briz will probably be [CAA] Player of the Week this week,” said senior and team captain Kevin Knight. “We’ve got some ballers.”

The Dukes travel to face CAA opponent American University on Wednesday.

Sophomore forward Brandon Wright scored on a penalty kick with ten minutes left in the OT. Brizendine scored the Dukes first goal on an assist from Bournelis.

The Duke’s penalty kick was set up when the Tribe’s Adin Brown was whistled for a foul in the penalty box.

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DYLAN BOUCHERLE/photo editor
problems. The Dukes couldn’t establish either their passing game or their ground attack. Junior tailback Curtis Keaton, the Dukes’ leading rusher averaging 120 yards per game heading, accumulated only 33 yards in the first half. As a team, the Dukes gained 50 yards on the ground in the first two quarters. Further, junior quarterback Greg Maddox threw just one complete pass out of nine attempts. JMU had only two first downs in the half.

“I think as a team we settled down [in the second half],” Wood said. “I’m not sure what kind of mind set our guys had [coming into the game].”

JMU had their chances in the first half, though. Trailing 7-0 with just over 10 minutes to play in the second quarter, Elon was forced to punt from their own 22-yard line. JMU sophomore wide receiver Lindsay Fleshman broke through the line and got to junior punter Marc Gould before he could punt the ball. Gould side-stepped Fleshman and tried to pass the ball, but the throw was picked off by JMU sophomore linebacker Kirk Mulligan.

As a result of the interception, JMU took over on their own 25. After a five-yard run by sophomore tailback Delvin Joyce and an incomplete pass, Wood sent in senior punter Chris Wright with 3.3 seconds left in the half.

Wright’s punt attempt was blocked by Stevenson. Fortunately for the Dukes, the ball skipped out of the back of the end zone before any Fighting Christians could gain control of it. Elon received only two points for the safety rather than the three points for a touchdown.

“We figured they’d go after it,” Wood said of the blocked punt. “We decided to go ahead and attempt the punt. Obviously it wasn’t a good decision.”

The Dukes got on the scoreboard on their second possession of the third quarter. A 41-yard punt by Gould and an 18-yard return by Joyce set the Dukes up at midfield with 12:13 remaining in the third.

Keaton carried the ball three times and Maddox attempted four passes, including a 28-yarder to sophomore wide receiver Earnest Payton, as JMU marched deep into Elon territory.

Then, with second-and-eight from Elon’s nine-yard line, Maddox connected with junior tight end John Wakely for a nine-yard touchdown pass.

Senior place kicker Alan Haston’s extra point sailed wide right, and JMU was forced to settle for only six points.

“Our backs were against the wall,” Wood said of his team’s turnaround.

“We knew we had to go out and do something. That’s a good sign that we are not willing to ever say die. That’s one thing I’m extremely proud of.”

After a three and out series for Elon, JMU got the ball back at their own 27 with 6:29 left in the third quarter.

Again, JMU used a combination of running and passing plays to move the ball up the field. Payton was an especially big factor during the drive as he amassed 35 yards on three receptions. Elon did not help their own cause, as they were flagged for roughing the passer inside their own 20-yard line.

On the next play, Joyce took the hand-off from Maddox, ran right, and dove into the end zone to knot the game at 12. The extra point gave the Dukes a 13-12 lead they wouldn’t relinquish.

The Dukes’ defense once again shut down the Elon offense. Elon lost six yards on three plays — one of which was Moore’s first pass attempt of the game — and punted the ball away.

The Dukes’ lead stayed at one point until five minutes into the final quarter when JMU’s defense forced another three-and-out. Gould punted from his own 23-yard line, Joyce fielded the punt on his own 32, side-stepped a would-be-tackler and pranced 68 yards down the sideline for the TD. The extra point failed, but the damage had been done, as JMU posted a 19-12 lead.

“There was a lot of great blocking by everybody,” Joyce said. “I had the easy job just carrying the ball. Everybody did their job.”

JMU had solved the wishbone offense, and Elon’s passing game simply wasn’t good enough to mount any kind of comeback. Moore was 2-5 for 29 yards in the game, while back up sophomore QB Zach Harrison was inserted for three scattered plays and was 1-1 for 29 yards.

Facing a fourth-and-six from JMU’s 27 with 4:46 left in regulation, JMU sophomore linebacker Chris Watkins hit Moore in the backfield and jarred the ball loose. Sophomore defensive end Sherrod Briggs recovered the ball for JMU. Watterson’s kick was no good.

“I didn’t even know he found it,” Watkins said. “I rushed in and the next thing I knew we were on the ground rolling around [for the ball].”

Watts was a key contributor to the JMU comeback. He made seven stops, five of which were unassisted. He made three tackles behind the line of scrimmage for a total loss of 17 yards.

“I’ve just been playing hard all week and I just went out there and reacted,” Watkins said.

Elon had one more chance as they got the ball back on their own 30 following a JMU turnover-on-downs with 13 seconds left in the game. Moore completed one 18-yard pass to sophomore wide receiver Omar Curry then spiked the ball to stop the clock.

With 1.6 seconds left the Christians threw a Hail-Mary pass down field.

The Bridgforth crowd breathed a long sigh of relief as Booth batted the ball down and sealed the JMU victory.

“We just made up our minds to go out and play, and we decided that we weren’t going to go out here with a loss,” Joyce said. “We might have been overconfident.”

Wood credited Elon for playing well.

“You say ‘Elon’ and people just don’t know [about them],” Wood said. “They got some good players. We recruited a lot of them. A couple of them, if they had the academics to get in, they would be playing for us.”

The Dukes face an even tougher challenge next week when they travel to Richmond.

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Talkin' baseball at the best time of all

It is that magical time of year again. October. The baseball playoffs where heroes are made and legends are born. A time of the year that causes grown men and women tocry, (my father, every time the name Bill Buckner is brought up) and JMU students to throw everything in sight (an unnamed roommate after one particular Yankee lose). Will that same roommate be throwing things this post-season? Lord knows Yankee fans have had nothing to be upset about in this record-breaking season. But the Yankees are going to win their 24 world title. The Yanks went 114-48 this year, the best record in American League history. Facing a rotation of David Cone, David Wells, Andy Pettitte, and Orlando Hernandez is too much for any team — except one with Juan Gonzalez. Plus, the first two games are in the Bronx. I'll give the Rangers a chance — probably a wild 9-8 type game, but that's it. Yanks in 4. It seems to me that Boston is the weakest team in the post season. Their lineup doesn't compare to any of the other three and their pitching doesn't impress me much either. Remember this: Pedro Martinez is hittable. Pitching doesn't impress me much either. Compare to any of the other three and their pitching doesn't impress me much either.

Now to the Senior Circuit, the league from which the new world champion will emerge from. The Braves lead off against the wild-card winning San Francisco Giants in five games or the Cubs in three.

In the NLCS, the Braves will meet the winner of the Houston Astros-San Diego Padres series. A tough one to call. I think the Diamondbacks have the legs of the Giants because of two words: Big Unit. A pitcher who has always come up big. Astros in five with Johnson record.

As they seem to almost every fall, the New York Yankees are back in the playoffs. Our favorite team and franchise. They have made their way to the playoffs in 2000.

The least hyped first round match up is a rematch of the 1996 World Series. The Cubs in three.

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Today's Birthday (Sept 28). Focus on domestic matters this year, and put in the changes you've always desired. Bring up the subject now and learn new skills in December. By January, you should be ready to put your plan into action. In February, your loved ones acknowledge your creativity, especially if you let them. In March, the world looks heavy, but the more you do, the luckier you get. In September, security is available at a price. In August, your teammates help you succeed. Take care of details in September, and gain new confidence.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is an 8 — Opportunity knocks today. Could be the chance for a promotion or raise, or even a better job. Your experience will be useful now. You might even talk to your boss, or a person you'd like to have at your side. There's something you know how to do that this person needs. Find out what it is, and offer your services.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 4 — Something that was not going well yesterday could get straightened out with very little trouble. The hardest part is already over. You may have to change something here or tweak something there to get it perfect, but today that's going to be surprisingly easy. Don't worry. Everything's going to be fine.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 3 — Have you given much thought to your future? Have you prepared a little safety net for yourself? How about your next egg? You may not be particularly close to those topics, but you should be. A loved one is pushing you to make practical plans. Go along with that person's ideas today. You'll be glad you did.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 2 — You could run into a controversy today. Your partner doesn't quite agree with you about how things should be done. At first there seems to be no room for compromise, but that's not the case. You're both firm in your opinions, but willing to learn. Get an objective third party to act as mediator, if necessary.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 5 — It's time to get back to work. The moon has gone into Capricorn, and that usually means you have to get busy. You might even be in the mood to do that. Hopefully you are, because that's the agenda. Don't even plan any dates until later in the week. Wednesday is the earliest.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 8 — Get together with your sweetheart and discuss your future plans. If you don't have any future plans, then make some up. If you don't have a sweetheart, go where you're likely to find one. Make it easy for love to come to you, because conditions are right for that to happen.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 6 — You're going to come up against a situation that's happened before. You didn't like it then and you might not like it now. The challenge is to handle it differently this time. Come from love instead of defending your position. Listen to the other person. You don't have to agree. All you have to do is really hear.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 7 — You're trying to do something you're not quite sure about. Conditions aren't really supportive, either. Somebody doesn't want you to achieve what you have in mind. Look at this as an opportunity to put new skills to work. When you get to the other side of this, you can use them for something else. So stop worrying about it.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 6 — It looks like a friend of yours could be having domestic problems. This doesn't involve you directly, but you can be a big help. You're able to see matters more objectively, so offer your insight. Have the couple focus on the main issues they'd like to produce in about two years.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 6 — If you're following somebody who can't make up his or her mind, you could get pretty frustrated. You're an excellent coach, and your talent is to lead others. You're often put in a position where that's necessary, so you might feel stressed, but that's OK. Everything is working the way it was designed to function.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 7 — You may have made an offer in jest, but somebody's holding you to it. It should turn out OK, but you'll have to try something you're not sure will work. It's a little too soon to be sure everything's been thought through properly. You might tell that to the person who's pushing, and buy yourself a little more time.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 6 — Your friends are up against a problem they can't figure out how to solve. You're very creative and intuitive. A hint or two could lead to the solution. So don't give up, even if things look hopeless. Don't be limited by what you think is possible. Your sign is the sign of faith and miracles, remember?

Soap Opera Updates

All My Children

Liza freaks when Allie tells her she intentionally got pregnant by Jake. Jake goes to Tad and suggests he get advice from Dixie, who is having second thoughts about falling for Tad again. Dixie tells Jack where Palmer is after she guarantees immunity for him. Two strangers carrying weapons hassle Palmer and a man who claims to know him comes to his rescue.

As the World Turns

Jack and Helena get a wounded Julia to the hospital. David has Lily and the baby in another dangerous situation. Right after Margo tells Eddie she is pregnant, Emily books her an abortion appointment. Margo doesn't have to tell Tino. He guesses and believes she wants an abortion. "They fight and Margo doesn't have a chance to tell him she wants the baby.

Another World

Bruce refrains from telling Grant that Cindy remembers everything. Grant discovers the wallpaper's secret compartment as Cindy continues to work. Grant is concerned about their stuffed dog. Grant catches on about the dog evidence. Later, Grant and Cindy profess their love for each other. Amanda stumbles on Cameron's love letter and her knees are knocking.

The Bold and the Beautiful

Brooke and Eric struggle with the Amber/Rick deal. Stephanie visits Brooke and mentions Amber is living with her. A worried Brooke tells aเคลสสิ่ง Stephanie about Rick and Amber's engagement. Stephanie clearly has to digest this one. Taylor is cutting her work schedule down and Ridge is thrilled.

Days of Our Lives

Billy throws away Wayne and Biff-off of Bo and Swamp Girl's path — but they take off with them. Bo later rescues Billy. Bo tells Wayne and Earl that Greta is Hope and those elusive wonders run off to look for Swamp Girl. Kate makes bail for Sam. Carrie speaks to the press in Sam's behalf.

Guiding Light

Ben tells Ross that Blake adores him. Blake tells Meta she loves Ross, but admits that she has some strong feelings for Ben that she can't ignore. Dinah is shaken because Cassie has a soap bun in the oven. Hart doesn't know which woman gets chocolate ice cream and vanilla ice cream. Dinah, sadly, miscarries. Both miss Missy more than she imagined she would, so instead of pouting out to cope, she turns to Matt.

One Life to Live

Rockey Lee and Bo bid farewell to Drew's body. Kelly believes she's a jinx to everyone she loves. Blair has no luck retrieving Todd's confession tape from Max. Barbara con Max in the romance department while acting as Cassie. Max gives RJ an alibi the night of the shootings, but the Llanview Police Department doesn't totally buy this. Nora signs on as RJ's defense attorney. Ignoring Blair's wisdom, Todd goes to press with details of Bo's obsession with his dead son's body.

General Hospital

The Feds cuff a clueless Jax because he is pushing you to make practical plans. Go from love instead of defending your position. Listen to the other person. You don't have to agree. All you have to do is really hear.

The Young and the Restless

Nel tells Vicki he wants her and not Drusilla. Dru signs off on the divorce papers and they hug while Victor watches. Vicki tells Jack she's not so sure Neil is sure about her. Tony dumps Grace Sleek and she is totally crushed.

Lifestyle

of Scott and Lucy? Victor can't get Eve to return to Port Charles.

Sunset Beach

Gregory and Olivia almost hit the bed but Olivia stops short when Anne calls to say he is on that Viagra-like medication. Gregory and Callie can't get Eve to come to the studio with Meg and Ben and finds a birthday card to Ben that has her curious. Meg leaves in the morning and Dana cooks breakfast for Ben — the same breakfast Maria used to cook for him.

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