Panel discusses academics

SGA forum looks at student voice in making decisions

The Student Government Association held its first academic forum Thursday to discuss issues such as the General Education curriculum and the new plus/minus grading scale.

The forum, organized by the SGA Academic Affairs Committee, featured a panel composed of eight members from JMU's academic community: Linda Halpern, dean of general education; Teresa Gonzalez, associate vice president for academic affairs; Arch Harris, Faculty Senate speaker; Sandy Maxfield, head of public services in the libraries; Colin O'Brien, president of Students for Higher Education; SGA President Tim Emry and Honor Council investigators Jon Higgins and Erik Wolfe.

The panel first discussed the student voice in the decision making process for academic policies, such as the plus/minus grading scale.

"Most committees with decision making powers have student members," Gonzalez said. Drafts of new administrative policies are sent to the SGA Academic Affairs Committee, the Faculty Senate Academic Affairs Committee and department heads. The administration solicits input from these groups and then changes are made to the policy before the final draft is sent to the University Council, which includes student members, for approval, Gonzalez said.

Emry, who serves as a student member on the University Council, said, "You're making a contract to come back and let the students know what is going on."

Emry said he hopes students who serve on committees and commissions will come back and talk about the issues being discussed with the SGA Senate. Emry said he feels senators have the opportunity to then distribute new information to their constituents and get feedback from the student body.

Gonzalez said when she solicited feedback from the SGA Academic Affairs Committee [on the plus/minus grading policy], she relied on the fact that SGA members communicated with each other.

Students get presents with presence of jobs

ELLY WHALEN contributing writer

Students searching for employment during winter break may soon receive an early holiday gift in the form of a positive employment outlook.

"Things look very positive in the Shenandoah Valley," said Jim Lincoln, supervisor of the Virginia Employment Commission Field Office in Harrisonburg.

"Unemployment is at 1 percent, which is extremely low," Lincoln said.

For the next six to 12 months, the job outlook "looks extremely well" for the Shenandoah Valley, Lincoln said.

Although the Employment Commission doesn't have temporary job listings right now, Lincoln said students should approach businesses themselves. Students might work to pay for college, holiday purchases or spring break trips.

"Hit the mall and look for temporary employment," Lincoln said. "Every store in the mall is looking for help."

Sally Arey, a manager at Ruby Tuesday, said she hasn't noticed an increase in the number of job applications for winter break.

"It's been pretty normal," Arey said. Hiring shifts run "the two weeks before and two weeks after Christmas," which doesn't correspond with JMU's break schedules and that may account for no noticeable increases in applications, Arey said.

Valley Mall Bath and Body Works Director Rhonda Eutsler said, "We've already hired 40 extra employees for the season."

Eutsler said applications for the holiday season began rolling in "as soon as school started."

Eutsler said applications have greatly increased during the past month, including applicants willing to work right up to Christmas.

"The largest percentage of applicants are JMU students," she said. Some students might consider temp agencies for employment over break. But Lincoln said temp agencies usually hire for periods longer than two or three weeks. "Temp agencies don't deal as much with seasonal work," he said.

Meanwhile, other students said they plan to return to jobs they worked previously.

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- Circle K Meeting, 6 p.m., Taylor 404
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- Guest Speaker, 4 p.m., ISAT/CS 259, with Dr. Ion Tginyanu, call x3840
- JMU Student Composers Recital, 8 p.m., Anthony-Seeger Hall
- Madison Mediators Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Taylor 304, call Dan at x6116
- SGA Meeting, 5 p.m., Highlands Room, call x6576

**TUESDAY, DEC. 8**
- Bible Study, 7:15 p.m., Canterbury Episcopal Campus Ministry, call Jason at 432-0302
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- InterVarsity Christian Fellowship Large Group, 7 p.m., ISAT/CS 159, evening prayer, 9:30 p.m., CCM House (1052 S. Main St.), sponsored by Catholic Campus Ministry, call Christine at 574-0534
- UPB Issues and Cultural Awareness Committee, 6:30 p.m., Taylor 233, call Fuif at x6284
- UPB Music Committee, 5 p.m., Taylor 233, call Eric at x8252

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- Bible Study, 8:15 p.m., Wesley Foundation, 690 S. Mason St., call Ben at 434-3490
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**CORRECTION**

The article titled “Apartments burglarized over break” in Dec. 3 issue of The Breeze incorrectly reported there were burglaries and trespassing at Squire Hill apartments over Thanksgiving Break. There were no burglaries or trespassing complaints in the Squire Hill Apartments.

Richard Sites, HFD spokesperson, was misquoted. He did not mention any apartment complexes when he identified where the burglary reports came from.
Peeping incident reported in the Commons

**Katherine Lenker**
news editor

A female student reported a peeping incident Thursday night in the Commons. Another female previously reported a peeping incident in the Commons on Oct. 18.

Sophomore Katie Bergfeld said she was in her Commons apartment Thursday night around midnight watching a movie when she realized she had left her blinds open. "I went over to close them and I saw a guy kneel down staring in the window," Bergfeld said.

Bergfeld said the man touched her window and left. She described the man as college-age and said he was wearing pants, a white T-shirt with an unbuttoned flannel shirt and a baseball cap.

Bergfeld said the police caught a man later that evening.

"He said he had leftovers and was just passing through to get them," Bergfeld said. "I had almost forgotten about it by the time I heard about it."
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FREE ADMISSION
Lending a helping hand

Student concern results in organization of March of Dimes chapter

Junior Jeff Romley had a vision while working as a volunteer for the Harrisonburg March of Dimes. Romley said he wanted to find a way to get JMU involved with the March of Dimes. "[I began] volunteering at the community office and the more volunteer work I did, the more I realized how much JMU was not involved," Romley said.

Romley is on his way to realizing his vision. The March of Dimes Collegiate Council’s constitution has been approved and the club has been founded. However, the council won’t be officially recognized by JMU until the Committee of Student Services approves the club.

In addition to Romley, two JMU health science professors, Debra Sutton and Bruce Taylor, helped get people involved. Taylor is also the club’s faculty adviser.

The March of Dimes is a non-profit organization that works to prevent birth defects through research and educational programs.

Accordin to the March of Dimes about 150,000 babies are born with birth defects every year — one-fifth of all infants born dies from a birth defect, making it the leading cause of infant death.

The Collegiate Council shares this goal. However, it is focused on educating the JMU community as a whole, Romley said. Romley said he hopes to get students, faculty and other organizations involved in volunteer fund raising and educational events.

“I want to bring awareness to the JMU community,” Romley said. “I have a vision of different student organizations coming out and getting involved, [including all of the] different departments and faculty.”

The club is now looking to increase its student membership.

The club is focusing on getting as many JMU students and faculty as possible at the March of Dimes Walk-a-thon in Harrisonburg this April, Romley said.

“[It’s] a great volunteer opportunity for a new president.”

Getting Rose involved is another immediate goal the Collegiate Council has for upcoming months.

The club plans to contact Rose about getting involved and speaking to the council.

The club also hopes to reduce tension between the Harrisonburg community and the JMU students through student volunteer work, Romley said.

UCLA student assistants strike, attempt to seek union recognition

“People who play such an integral role in the education process are tired of being taken for granted,” he added. “We’re going to win here and when we do, this will add momentum to the national drive for unionization of TAs.”

TAs are particularly important at large schools such as the University of California, freeing professors from grading and other time-consuming tasks to work on research projects.

The graduate students have not yethammered out issues to present to the university, but many at UCLA said they are concerned about the quality of education slipping as their instructional load increases.

About 18 U.S. universities have recognized teaching assistant unions, including the University of Michigan, University of Wisconsin at Madison and Wayne State University in Detroit.

But University of California officials have been reluctant to negotiate with the graduate students, saying they are involved in their education.

University officials assert that a union would infringe upon the mentoring relationship the schools have with the graduate students.

One organization the council is especially hoping to work with is the University Program Board, Romley said. Through that partnership the Collegiate Council will try to bring T.J. Stalmbolmber and his mother to speak at JMU.

Stalmbolmber was born prematurely with birth defects. His life was saved through support from the March of Dimes. “[I think their story is] as significant as [that of] Ryan White’s mother,” Romley said.

Other students said they are interested in getting involved with the chapter to help further the March of Dime’s central cause.

“I am interested in community service and helping the community, as well as babies that need our help,” junior Felicia Webster said. “I hope to make a difference [by] helping babies.”

A founding member and treasurer of the council said she became involved after meeting Romley at a March of Dimes volunteer event.

“I started doing community service for the March of Dimes [and] Jeff said he was starting a collegiate group," freshman Holly Bayliss said.

“[I was] enjoying community service and it seemed like a really good idea,” she said.

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SMOKING ON THE RISE

CHRISTINE TATUM
College Press Exchange

CHICAGO — The number of cigarette smokers on college campuses is rising, jumping to 28 percent in four years and continuing to rise, university researchers said Monday.

A recent study, conducted by researchers at Harvard University, compared surveys of more than 14,000 students at 116 colleges nationwide in 1993 and 1997. Last year, 28.5 percent of students reported smoking, up from 22.3 percent in 1993.

The findings aren't much of a surprise given smoking already had risen among teens by 32 percent in the 1990s. Once those teens hit college, smoking rates naturally rise in academia, too. The study found that the vast majority of college smokers picked up the habit in high school; only 11 percent took their first drag after the age of 18.

"It seems like everyone smokes," said Caryl Rousseau, a junior at the University of Missouri who has tried smoking but said she doesn't like it. "It's a social thing that some people do all the time and a lot of people just do when they drink."

Health care professionals say there's often a high price to pay for that kind of socializing.

"The nation's leading preventable cause of death and disease. The government says it kills more than 400,000 Americans each year and causes a variety of health problems, including premature labor, lung and bladder cancer, heart disease and impotence."

"College kids don't think about that stuff," said Claire Weingarden, a sophomore at the University of Chicago's primary care group.

"I'm not sure how intelligent, high-achieving students really don't believe they are going to die," she said. "In a sense, they are smoking because it makes a statement to what they are immortal. It's rebellion and an adolescent defiance that even they now is bad for them.

"Students have heard the medical data," she continued. "But health data is something so distant to them; it's something their grandparents get, not their friends.

Further complicating the problem is that many students don't consider themselves to be smokers if they take a drag only occasionally, like at bars or during weekend parties, Brukner said. It's rationalizing and delusional for students to think of themselves and their friends as only "social smokers," she said.

"A smoker is a smoker," she said. "The health effects are accumulative, so it doesn't matter whether you smoke seven cigarettes over the course of a week, or seven in one day. Doctors consider the number of packs you smoked over the number of years. It's the number of cigarettes you consume over time that matters."

"Sure, (infrequent) smokers are at a lower risk of getting addicted," she continued. "But because it's an addictive substance and the threshold for getting addicted is so low, we know their need to have it is increasing. They may feel they can handle it, but studies show that in general, once people start smoking, they need to smoke more and more."

Jason Thomas, a sophomore at the University of Iowa, knows that feeling. He first tried smoking when he was a junior in high school.

"I'm hooked, and I admit it," he said. "I started because it was just something. I thought it looked cool or kind of sophisticated. To be honest, I can't say an exact reason."

That's the irony, Brukner said. Many students smoke because of the cool image they think they're projecting. Yet they don't seem to think about their bad breath, yellowed teeth, deep coughs or clothes and hair reeked of smoke.

"I'd love to see billboards and ads campaigns that say, ' Gee, your breath really stinks,' or 'Your clothes smell terrible,'" she said. "Because that's what smoking does to a person whether they like it or not."

Quitting is rarely easy, doctors say. According to the Harvard study, half of those who tried to stop in the previous year, and 18 percent of students said they smoke.

CANCER VICTIMS, FAMILIES SUE IBM

RICARDI ALONSO-ZALDIVAR
Los Angeles Times

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Lee Leth first felt the cancer as an ache in his back while pulling roots in the yard. The disease has wasted away part of his spine, shrinking him six inches and painfully compressing his organs.

Linda Foutche grew concerned when a kitten scratched her chin and the wound would not stop bleeding. Her doctor's diagnosis: a rare skin tumor.

How Leth, Foutche and dozens of others contracted cancer hangs like a cloud over the chemical-intensive industries of Silicon Valley. And, because of high-tech's reach, the prospect that workers risk cancer has global health implications.

In the United States, the industry has refused to cooperate with the Environmental Protection Agency in studying whether electronics workers in California have higher rates of cancer and birth defects that are public.

An estimated 45,000 U.S. workers labor in "fabs": high-tech factories that use hundreds of hazardous chemicals in a manufacturing process few government safety regulators understand.

Among those left to wonder about a possible cancer link is Dr. Steven Staves, Leth's oncologist. Staves said he has seen a half-dozen IBM workers with similar disorders — rare malignancies in which white blood cells multiply uncontrolled.

Like Leth, all worked at a plant in San Jose that builds computer disks. Staves has said it to find a connection.

The issue might resolved in court. In the United States, the industry has refused to cooperate with the Environmental Protection Agency in studying whether electronics workers in California have higher rates of cancer and birth defects.

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In the United States, the industry has refused to cooperate with the Environmental Protection Agency in studying whether electronics workers in California have higher rates of cancer and birth defects.

IBM spokesman Tara Sexton said, "We do not believe that any of these illnesses was caused by anything associated with work at IBM."

From 1969 to 1972, Leth's job as an IBM engine operator was at a Valley Forge machine, applying chemicals to silicon wafers to make computer chips. Leth got chemicals on his clothes as he crawled around installing monitoring devices.

IBM has multiple myeloma, usually fatal. He was diagnosed almost four years ago. Only one-fifth of myeloma patients survive five years.

"As an engineer," he said, "I can't say I'm 99 percent sure" that exposure on the job caused the cancer. "But I don't drink. I don't smoke. I don't have cancer in my family. What other factor could have contributed to this thing?"

Government work place safety and environmental regulators have no answer. They disagree on whether there is a problem.

"I don't want to make an blanket statement, but we haven't found a problem with routine, day-to-day exposure," Richard Fairair, acting director of enforcement for the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Some occupational health experts see possible flaws in OSHA's monitoring. No agency measures the overall level of airborne chemicals in the work area.

The EPA is more inclined than OSHA to suspect a problem. The agency offered $100,000 for the cancer study being blocked by the industry.

From 1984 through the end of 1986, Foutche operated a "Valley Forge" machine, applying chemicals to silicon wafers to make computer chips. She worked in a so-called clean room at IBM, wearing a protective "bunny suit" that covered her from head to toe.

Unlike Leth, she does not have a scientific background. Sometimes the machine would pump the fumigating chemicals on her. Part of her job involved cleaning the machine with rags.

Last fall, doctors found an extremely rare skin cancer, microscopic adnexal carcinoma. It has no known cause.

"When I went to the doctor, he asked, Did you work in chemicals? Because this is not sun damage," Foutche said.

Rubber band ball aims high

Betsy Lowther
College Press Exchange

WILMINGTON, Del. — University of Delaware sophomore John Bain has few worries. His health. His grades.

And, of course, the chances that his 1,400-pound rubber band ball — unofficially the world's largest — will go rolling down the driveway from its storage place in Bain's garage.

"I'm working for it to get away from me and roll down the street," said Bain, 21, who lives with his parents in Wilmington, Del.

Bain has other things on his mind than worrying about a runaway ball — namely, putting the last six boxes of rubber bands around the thing so it can be weighed for contention in the Guinness Book of World Records. Currently, Bain says, Steve Partridge of Surrey, England, holds the record. His rubber band ball weighed in at 1,022 pounds just a few months ago.

The two might be neck-in-neck, but a winner will be determined when this spring's deadline for the year 2000 edition of the Guinness Book of World Records gets closer.

Bain's rubber ball — about 4 1/2 feet high and 12 feet in circumference — has been an eight-month effort. He started constructing it just to pass the time while he worked in the mailroom of a local law firm.

"It started out as nothing," he said. "Then it was tennis ball-sized, and then softball-sized. When it was about basketball-sized, my boss said, 'Well, maybe you should take it home now.'"

As it grew bigger, Bain found it more difficult to get rubber bands to continue his work. He turned to the Alliance Rubber Company of Hot Springs, Ark., for help.

The company sends him boxes of 17-inch rubber bands that stretch about 12 feet.

"If I had done it all myself, it probably would cost between three and five thousand dollars," he says.

At this point, putting a rubber band on the ball requires him to throw himself onto the ball to get the hand to stretch across. About one in every 10 rubber bands snap, Bain said, adding he's been popped more times than he can count.
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their constituents to ascertain their opinion of the student body.

Emry agreed that it's SGA's responsibility to make its constituents aware of information such as policy changes.

"We know so much of what's going on in the inner workings of the university," Emry said.

Emry said that in the past, SGA has not done as good of a job as it could have to get information out to students, but that he is impressed with the amount of communication senators have had with their constituents this year.

"We just need to change the atmosphere [in SGA] so senators realize that's something we need to do," Emry said.

Harris said if there is important information regarding academic policies at JMU, it is most likely found on the Web.

O'Brien said he fears a lack of communication between administration and students will hurt JMU in the long run.

"For this university to reach its potential, we must do a better job of opening the dialogue about these academic issues," O'Brien said.

Emry said students, faculty, and administration are four very distinct groups which each have their own individual concerns that must be taken into account when dealing with academics.

"We don't have to agree on every issue," Emry said. "But it's important that we understand where each other is coming from."

About 50 students attended the forum held in the Highlands Room of Warren Hall and many students had the chance to ask their own academic questions of the panel.

In response to student questions regarding the "class crunch" at registration time, Harris said the university lacks the resources, such as increased funding for faculty salaries, to combat this problem.

Gonzalez said salaries for faculty members at JMU are not as competitive as other universities, which is a factor in increasing the faculty size.

"It's easier to get more funding for a new building than to upgrade a chemistry lab or add a new SoCOM professor," Harris said. Gonzalez explained that state legislators in Richmond must approve the addition of a new faculty member, as well as approve funding for new buildings on campus.

"Something like ISAT looks very attractive in Richmond," Harris said.

Halpern said funding for new buildings on campus does not take away funding from other university programs. So when new buildings like ISAT are approved for funding, there isn't a decrease in funding for other programs, such as the English department.

Sophomore Andy Detweiler told the panel that when he applied to JMU, he was given the impression the university's focus was on liberal arts, but said he hadn't found that to be the case at all. Detweiler also expressed concerns about policy changes such as the plus/minus grading scale.

"I don't understand how we can come to a university and have it changed on us halfway through," Detweiler said.

Harris had one possible theory about the evolution of academics at JMU toward more technical fields.

"It used to be that people went to college to get an education, Harris said. "[Now] you see they're going to a university to get a job."

Senior Matt McCollough said he is concerned current JMU students are getting the short end of the deal as policy changes are made.

"I think this university is compromising the education of current students. I don't think that anyone at the university sets out to make any policy changes that aren't in the students' best interest," Gonzalez said.

Gonzalez also said gradual changes are to be expected for the university to keep pace with the rest of the world.

"I bet in another 10 or 15 years, just the structure and kinds of things we offer will look very different," Gonzalez said.

Sophomore Jennifer Moore said the forum was helpful. "It helped me understand reasons for things I may not agree with," Moore said.

Amanda Klein, chairman of SGA's academic affairs committee, said she thinks the forum went very well considering it was the first of its kind at JMU. Klein said she was also surprised the atmosphere remained so calm despite students' strong feelings about the recent academic changes.

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Holiday job market bright

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try working at places they worked this summer," junior Christie Messina said.

"I'm trying to go to Miami for spring break, so I'm trying to save up money," Messina said. "I worked at Kohl's this summer." Messina worked at Kohl's during the summer.

"They told me I could come back for winter break," Messina said.

Sophomore Tyler Hansen will be "working at a coffee shop in Colorado." Hansen lives in Colorado and has worked at the shop before.

Freshman Scott Pruett said that he "enjoys helping people and it will assist people in finding them."

SGA bills increase

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Jenkins said SGA has already received criticism from returning senators for the amount of bills of opinion being passed.

But Emry and other executive board members said they don't feel the number of bills passed has been excessive.

Director of Class Government Heather Herman said that the senators who expressed concern over the number of bills were alarmed because "what they had seen in the past wasn't concurring with this year."

Herman said the executive board isn't really concerned about the number of bills, as long as the bills are backed with evidence to support the opinion, instead of just the 200 signatures.

"Who's to say that 20 a semester isn't right?" Herman said.

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Ceremony celebrates the season

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"We have a community Christmas sing, with five cars for everyone to sing. The Contemporary Gospel Singers do a feature piece, and the Brass Ensemble does a prelude piece and they accompany the cars," Posey said.

"Dr. Warner graciously stepped in to give a speech and lift the tree for us," he said.

The program has remained basically the same from last year, even though JMU President Linwood Rose could not attend because he was out of town, Posey said.

"It's a wonderful time of year, when everyone is reminded of the power of giving. Some of us are also reminded of the power of getting," Warner said.

Warner said that one student came to him last week and asked for no exams, an A in her class and a personalized parking spot.

Despite the minor breaks in tradition and the unseasonable weather, students weren't deterred from turning out to celebrate the holiday spirit and have the hot chocolate and cookies the organizers of the event provided.

"I came tonight because I love Christmas music and Christmas trees," said senior Maureen Jackson.

"Although it was a warm weather, it definitely doesn't feel like Christmas to me."

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bushes damaged a light pole.

Damage to the bushes and light pole are estimated at $600-$1,000.

Fire personnel responded to the scene to put out the fire.

Fire Alarm

• A burner on the stove had been left on with a pan that activated a fire alarm in Dingedline Hall on Dec. 2 at 8:49 p.m.

The building was evacuated and the alarm was reset after the smoke cleared.

• Burnt food in an oven caused a smoke that prompted a fire alarm in McGraw-Long Hall on Dec. 2 at 11:21 p.m.

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Editorial

Inner fire could have lit Vigil

The drought and subsequent statewide ban on open flames washed out the planned candlelight vigil JMU students were going to hold to mark the 10th anniversary of World AIDS Day Dec. 1.

Organizers of the event failed to notify the Department of Public Safety of their intention to use candles to illuminate the Quad in a vigil to remember those who have died from the disease until shortly before it was scheduled to commence; the vigil was canceled at 5 p.m. on Dec. 1.

"It was an oversight on our part to contact public safety ahead of time," Ann Simmons, coordinator of health and education and programming for the Health Center, said in the Dec. 3 issue of The Breeze.

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Students would become more responsible drinkers if drinking age were lowered

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One way to do this is to drop the for-bidding front that begs for those underage to defy it, and promote safe and responsible usage among adults.

— Amy Bafumo is a sophomore SMAD major.

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Darts & Pats

Darts

A “you-don’t-hear-music-majors-practicing-at-midnight-on-the-Quad” dart to the art students who used power tools in the sculpture lab at 2 a.m.

Sent in by a student who lives close to the lab and thinks you should be considerate of others.

A “you-are-disgusting” dart to my three roommates who consistently leave their dirty laundry lying around on the floor of our apartment for my girlfriend, and yours, to see.

Sent in by a fed-up off-campus student who thinks its pathetic he had to use a dart to convince you to pick up your stuff.

A “you-can’t-even-pick-your-nose” dart to sports editor Seth Burton for his disgraceful performance this year in ‘Picks of The Week.’

Sent in by your roommates who are so embarrassed they have already started the eviction process.

A “you’re-the-greatest-instructor-on-earth” pat to Professor Fazzion for taking time to offer extra help to students who are struggling with Italian.

Sent in by a student who greatly appreciates your patience with those language-challenged students in the class.

A “quiet-down” pat to the girls op the third floor of Hoffman Hall who run up and down the hall screaming until the wee hours of the morning.

Sent in by early risers who live downstairs and need a good night’s sleep.

A “you-make-my-dinner-so-much-more-enjoyable” pat to the blue-eyed brunette who works at The Festival.

Sent in by a shy guy who appreciates your smile but can’t work up the nerve to say hello.

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Breeze Reader’s View

— Amy Bafumo

by accident.
Tis the season for giving... and returning

Micheal Olesker
Baltimore Sun

In the warm spirit of the season, I went to the suburban shopping malls on Thanksgiving weekend, for it is written in the Good Book: Now is the time for spending money we do not have on gifts we do not need for people who will not appreciate them to the same degree as the new year we are paying interest to Visa and MasterCard.

In the malls were many Americans, all of them standing in lines, huddled bravely over their wallets and flogging solvency. They looked joyful as Kafka.

They waited for overwhelmed salespeople who wished they would all go away. They crossed crowded courts bargaining with both hands and talked earnestly of diets they would begin, perhaps as soon as this next double cheesburger was consumed, or the head needing help to wash it down.

They examined the crowded shelves of stores and, with dull, vacant stares, lambs to the slaughter, they bought items vital

A not-so-unsurprising conversation overheard in D-hall on a day just like today.

John: Well, what do you mean?
Mike: Yeah, so has anyone noticed the cruel irony in the last few issues of The Breeze?
John: It's true. Remember that time during Greek Week when we were, what, 25 years-old and freely drinking on Greek Row at noon while cops milled among us, stern, yet far from threatening?
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John: It was true. But John, what is it? Is it really true?
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John: Uh, anyway, Mike. I think you're being unrealistic here. You have to realize JMU has to compete with other schools; it has to market itself well. Right? It's a business like anything else. What if the admissions pamphlets mention UREC before the Honoros Program or the library — they're giving the kids what they want? Mike: Yeah, I guess. But what about the concept of stress? The kind you get from corporate thinkers, the best products are corporate thinkers, the best products are...?

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Feast on plays at the fest
Annual event showcases plays by JMU's novice directors

JENNIFER SIMMONS
senior writer

After three months of preparation, tests and auditions, it's time for 14 novice directors to shine as the annual Director's Fest opens this Thursday.

Every fall semester, Roger Hall's directing class mounts a conglomerate of one-act plays to perform over three days as the culmination of the class. Hall is a professor of theatre at the JMU School of Theatre and Dance.

Before the class begins, students are given a list of 15 classical plays, to be read by the time school starts.

Throughout the semester, students direct scenes in class, analyze plays as if they were directing them and most importantly, pick a script to direct.

"It wasn't hard to pick a show at all," junior Christine Torreele said. "You know what you like and what's more compatible for you to work with."

After the students pick their plays, it is their responsibility to buy scripts, obtain performance rights and hold auditions.

The theatre department allotted $1,500 to the class this year and each student gets $30 to produce their show, not counting scripts, rights and royalties.

However, there is no pressure on directors to make a profit from the event because it is educational theatre.

To take care of the technical aspects of the plays, two class members are assigned to each production aspect of the Fest.

"In class we divide up who does what," junior Rob Johanson said. "Everything is taken care of. Two people do all the costumes for all the shows, two people do the lights, two people do publicity and so on,'" Johanson said.

"[Director's Fest] helps you to really see what directing's all about. You can't really know all it entails until you do it," he added.

This year 70 actors and actresses are involved in Director's Fest.

While the actors range in age from senior to freshmen, Director's Fest is often the first opportunity freshmen have to act when the come to JMU.

Junior Sam Birchett says, "[Director's Fest] is a good showcase for young actors to get on stage and work together with older, more experienced actors."

Actors can be and often are cast in more than one show.

Junior Lori McKinney says, "It's a wonderful opportunity for actors to get another show under their belt."

As well as being a venue for the directors and performers, amateur playwrights have the opportunity to see their work come to life on stage.

Senior Mike DiSalvo and junior Phil Male both have their original works being performed in this year's Director's Fest.

Junior Jeremy Albers directs DiSalvo's play, "Sunset."

"I chose the play because there aren't a lot of original plays being done this year," Albers said. "It's been an interesting challenge," he added.

DiSalvo, who is also acting in the show, says of the Fest, "It's a beautiful program. Some of the most fun I've ever had has been in Director's Fest."

While Director's Fest may be an enjoyable experience, it is also a worthwhile one according to many students.

"The class helps you with both the analytical and the practical side of theatre," junior Matt Horner said.

Birchett said, "I'm more adequately prepared for an organizational approach in directing and I'm more familiar with the different aspects of what it entails to produce a play."

Former director junior Bonnie Estes thinks that Director's Fest is "really helpful for people who want to direct in the future."

"You learn a lot because you get to work with new people... it's not always the same theatre people you're dealing with," Estes said.

This year, the shows are mostly comedies.

"In the Experimental Theatre, shows tend to be more serious, more drama," Horner said. "In Director's Fest the shows are more light-hearted and comedic."

The words of famous playwrights such as Christopher Durang and David Ives will be performed along with well-known pieces written by Tennessee Williams and Eugene Ionesco.

The performances have been divided into sections for the Thursday and Friday night shows, Saturday is the theatrical marathon of all 14 shows playing all day.

"I'm Not Stupid" by Jonathan Haffner
"Mirrors" by Nehal Joshi
"Desire, Desire, Desire" by Rob Johanson
"Sex Lives of Super Heroes" by Matt Horner

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FLAIRE GABRIEL  
contributing writer

Alfred Hitchcock’s "Psycho" was a masterpiece of cinematic horror and mystery. Director Gus Van Sant's decision to remake the film met considerable skepticism in Hollywood — "Why change or remake a film that is already a classic?" was the question asked by both Hitchcock buffs and theater experts. But the Oscar-nominated director (for "Good Will Hunting") really did adhere to Hitchcock's 1960 original — down to the finest details — making the film more of a replica than a remake.

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With the obvious exception of a new cast, the changes made by Van Sant in the new "Psycho" are minimal. For example, the film is in color rather than black and white and some details (like the amount of money stolen) have been adjusted to fit the 90s.

According to Entertainment Weekly, Van Sant religiously followed the directing and shooting techniques used by Hitchcock throughout the making of the new film.

"He stuck to Hitchcock's six-week shooting schedule, shot scenes roughly in the same order, and sometimes even used the same props [including the original Bates Motel facade]," Benjamin Svetkey in his Entertainment Weekly article.

The main difference between the two films is a considerable increase in the amount of blood and nudity, partly enhanced by the color aspect of the new film. The same amount of blood could be swirling down the drain in the first movie, but the effect is quite different when the blood is a deep, nauseating red.

The story line is identical to Hitchcock's original, with no significant diversions in the actors' performance of a character.

The story begins with Anne Heche as Marion — the guilty run-away who decides to stop at Bates Motel for some sleep and a shower. Before the famous shower-stabbing scene takes place, Marion meets and has dinner with Norman Bates (Vince Vaughn, of "Swingers" fame).

Vaughn's performance as the twitching, brooding and excitable innkeeper is every bit as convincing as Anthony Perkins' in the original. Vaughn plays Bates as a slightly more down-to-earth character, and his interaction with Heche at dinner is a tinge more approachable and less sinister.

After Marion's disappearance, her boss hires a private investigator (William F. Macy) to track her and her money down. The investigator soon meets up with Marion's non-committal boyfriend (Viggo Mortensen and her feisty sister (Julianne Moore).

The investigation finally centers on the creepy Bates Motel and the unstable, nervous innkeeper who desperately tries to keep the trio from questioning his invalid mother.

The private investigator persists, however, and meets the same gory and unfortunate fate as Marion.

The final Bates Motel scene is a typical Hitchcock suspense and horror combination — with a touch of twisted irony. As the knife comes slashing through the air with the ominous "Psycho" music accompanying the attack, Mortensen and Moore scramble for their lives.

The last scene of the movie when the killer's twisted reality is finally revealed is almost as hair-raising as previous scenes with slicing knives and draining blood.

Revelations of matricide, schizophrenia and a warded and blood-crazed existence leave the audience with a new understanding of what it means to be "Psycho."

Fluffy 'Imposters' tickles, touches

Sheer lunacy, slapstick humor add to infectious spirit of comedic film

BRENT BOWLES
Breeze film critic

Woody Allen's cameo early in "The Impostors" is cleverly and poignantly fitting. This new comedy, written and directed by Stanley Tucci, reveals in the maudlin lunacy of classic silent comedy to which Allen's best films, albeit in more worldly fashion, pay homage. The spirit of Chaplin, Keaton, Lloyd and the Marx Bros. hover delightedly over Tucci's cast, an inspired collection of actors that inspire nothing short of convulsive laughter.

"The Impostors" moves at lightning speed through jokes both uproarious and lame, doggie-paddling through a range of thin scripts the way to the bank. What propels Tucci's film past even its most exaggerated, mounumental moments (and there are a handful) is an infectious spirit of improvisatory adrenaline. Everyone in the cast (including Allen, appearing for barely five minutes) appear to be having the time of their lives, interrupting the audience an almost voyeuristic delight (the cast's exit from the cruise ship set into the sound stage, over and around lights, cables and boces, and past the film's production crew is utterly perfect).

Some may balk that simply watching people having fun doesn't exactly cut it as good comedic film making, but if you can sit through this film without at least once shaking your head amusingly at the onscreen antics, you're a stronger person than I.

The 1930s decor and a punchy, silent opening sequence seem more fond reminiscence that blinding originality, but then again the whole spirit of "The Impostors" is a throwback (the less familiar you are with, for example, the silent comedy of Buster Keaton or Harold Lloyd, the less entertainment value you'll probably get). Tucci, who directed 1996's celebrated comedy "Big Night"), squints menacingly through wire-rimmed glasses, longs after a life less menaced and less engaged, suddenly explodes in bits of manic dialogue (in a delightfully phonny German accent) that inspire nothing short of convulsive laughter.

What "The Impostors" finally offers, however, is a desperately needed reaffirmation of all that great movies can be. This film is nothing more than the work of a few friends and sometimes-colleagues who, probably on a whim, decided to hang out, make a movie inspired by the great comedians that invigorate them and hopefully make a few people chuckle just a bit. Never a moment passes where we're not aware of a collection of actors miming their way through thin skits and slapstick, unconsciously hokey yet completely endearing. "The Impostors" is a slapdash, utterly manufactured conglomerate of sheer lunacy and one of the year's most
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Excerpt from: The Twelve Tribes' publication, From Every Nation... A New Social Order
The Twelve Tribes Community in Harrisonburg shares its way of life

By writer MEGAN ROSS

...energy toward seeing all of His people..." Jahu says. "Sometimes those who live simply, supporting itself in hand-made crafts, like the pair of yel-
e.." It’s not any coney religion, they’re not a cult by any means - they are living out the Bible, literally. It’s a hard life. They share everything. Lots of people living in one house, a lot of kids... it isn’t for me," Roughier said. "But if there is a God, a Heaven and a Hell, if there’s any truth to it, it’s them."

According to one of the tribe’s publications entitled From Every Nation...a New Social Order, the community sees their life as “very much like the tribal life that Abraham experienced. Community itself is a very rich word for us... it means a gathering of those who love one another so greatly that they are of one heart and mind, voluntarily sharing all they possess, living together, taking their meals together, devoted to one another because they are devoted to the One who saved them from death and misery.”

It was that message that attracted 42-year-old Grace Corder to a Twelve Tribes community in Florida 24 years ago. "I really desired to know God," she said. "I was only attracted to Christianity through a message of fear. When I met the community, I met people who were loving God from their hearts. I knew that they really had love and that’s what I wanted as an 18 year old... that’s still the same thing I want.”

Despite positive messages the community radiates, there are many people who are critical. One of those people is senior Jessica Waldeck, who said a close friend of hers joined the commune shortly after his sophomore year at JMU.

"He had always been really religious, so I could see why he joined," she said. "But parts of it I thought were kind of scary. He dropped out of school, he gave his life up for this. Every time he talks about it he says ‘we,’ not ‘I.’ It’s like he lost his individual character."

Many members agree criticism is to be expected. But in the opinion of Malek, a member in his early twenties, "if people took the time to come out and see what we are like, most would probably change their minds."

According to several members of the community misconceptions include everything from being abusive toward its women and children to being brainwashed and isolated, accusations that are “definitely ridiculous” according to Corder.

"The last thing we would want is for someone to be in our community that didn’t want to be here," she said. "Those things don’t even go with what we believe or what our God wants."

Korem added that the community keeps its doors open to whoever is interested or curious. "We invite everybody, anytime, to come and visit. It is really sad to go by just hearsay or rumors. We want people to know who we are and why we live like we do."

"I know it isn’t what seems ‘normal,’ but we believe humans were created to live and care for one another. We don’t believe people are saved by moving into this community. It’s a thing of our hearts."
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Monday, Dec. 7, 1998

The Breeze
There's no time like overtime

Dukes host Duquesne tonight after 83-81 OT CAA loss to Mason

SETH BURTON
Sports editor

The look on Jabarri Outtz's face said it all. Just moments after the junior point guard had sent a desperation heave caroming hard off the backboard in the final second of overtime, Outtz's expression was a mixture between frustration and disappointment as he slowly shook his head while making a bee-line to the locker room.

It was that kind of day for the Dukes, (3-3, 0-1) as they suffered their first CAA loss, 83-81 in overtime to George Mason University before 3,727 raucous fans at the Convocation Center. "I thought it was a great game," JMU head coach Sherman Dillard said. "We put ourselves in [a] position [to win]. I didn't see one guy quit out there.

The Dukes could have quit after watching Mason storm back from a two-point halftime deficit to take an eight-point lead with eight minutes left in the game.

Following a turnaround hook shot from JMU junior center Rob Strickland, the Dukes received two straight three-pointers from senior forward Chatney Howard to pull within 64-61 with 5:20 left in the game.

Double-teamed most of the afternoon, the senior forward spun and soared for 27 points on 9-18 shooting, including 5-9 from three-point land.

"Chatney Howard had one of the most complete games in my time coaching him," Dillard said.

However, things continued to look bleak for the Dukes after GMU's Keith Holdan hit a jumper to give the Patriots a one-point lead and Outtz responded by throwing up an out-of-control runner that hit nothing but air.

With 1:30 left in regulation, Mason was attempting to put the game out of reach when Howard stepped in front of a Nik Mirich pass and took off down court, gliding in for a lay-up giving the Dukes a 70-69 lead with a minute left.

It was a tenuous lead though, as Outtz had the ball knocked away from him with 44 seconds left, and in the ensuing scramble JMU freshman Tim Lyle, who received the start and responded with 10 points in 40 minutes, was whistled for a foul on Holdan.

Holdan made one of two fouls shots to send the game into overtime.

"Any one play could have changed it," JMU junior guard Jamar Perry said. "We just have to stay together."

It was the Patriots who stayed together in the overtime period, with Mason forward Erik Herring scoring the first five points of the extra session, giving the Patriots a lead they never relinquished.

"Sometimes [Erik] needs to understand that what is best for the team is being aggressive." Mason head coach Jim Larranga said.

Despite the loss, the big plus for the Dukes was their increased aggressiveness on defense, although they still struggled on the boards, getting out-rebounded by a 38-28 margin.

"We just have to continue to work at it," Dillard said about the Dukes rebounding woes. "Believe it or not, I see progress in that area."

The Dukes rebounding was also hurt by the presumed benching of senior swing man Eugene Atkinson. He started and scored two points in 11 first half minutes, but he did not leave the bench in the second half or overtime.

"That's something that I just want to keep in house," Dillard said.

The Dukes began the game in a zone, and continually switched between their 2-3 and man-to-man defensive alignments.

"We just wanted to give them some different looks," JMU senior guard Ned Felton said.

"We were aggressive defensively," Dillard said. "We started out playing zone early, and I thought the intensity was there." JMU initially confused the Patriots and got out to an early 31-23 lead, but Mason then attacked the gaps in the JMU zone and quickly climbed back into the game.

"That was the critical part of the game," Larranga said about the three-minute stretch at the end of the first half which saw the Patriots go on a 9-5 run and cut the Dukes lead to two.

With Howard doing the bulk of the scoring and Outtz struggling to get his 16 points on 4-14 shooting, Dillard was most pleased that the 11 points and eight rebounds Strickland provided in 38 minutes.

"We have been working hard for Rob to give us some solid minutes," Dillard said. "That's important for us."

The Dukes have the opportunity to quickly put the heartbreaker behind them as they face the Duquesne University Dukes at 7:30 p.m. at the Convocation Center.

"It's a blessing in disguise that we have to play right away," Dillard said. Obviously it's a challenge to keep everyone up. It's not losing, it's how you respond to losing."

After beating Duquesne 66-63 last year, JMU has a chance to respond with another win and get back on track for CAA play.
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Colleges try to tackle alcohol issue

Would implementing a zero-tolerance rule save JMU from any future heartache?

MIKE BASGIER
contributing writer

Junior Ryan Ferguson sat in a Godwin Hall classroom early Monday afternoon shaking his head in disbelief.

"It's a terrible thing," JMU's 280-pound offensive lineman said. "It just gave me a sick feeling, it really does." Ferguson had been reading the details of several stories printed within the last month concerning the alcohol-related deaths of college athletes. One involved members of the University of Kentucky football team and another was reporting an alcohol-attributed death on the campus of North Carolina State University.

The first was attributed to drunk driving, when Arthur Steinmetz and Scott Brock were both killed when a truck driven by Kentucky's football team's starting center Jason Watts flipped on U.S. route 27. Steinmetz was a defensive lineman for the Wildcats; Brock was a student at Eastern Kentucky University. Watts, who faces felonious drunk driving and second-degree manslaughter charges, escaped by Kentucky's football team's starting center. Ferguson later chided the idea of a zero-tolerance rule, saying it would be a violation of civil rights.

"I just wasn't very surprised," JMU junior lacrosse player Jen Valore said. "It's sad because it doesn't seem like much. It's like 'damn, it happened again.' It seems like 'damn, it happened again.' It seems fake.

But everything is all too real for one player who did not make the fateful hunting trip with his teammates that morning. Wildcat quarterback Tim Couch, one of the most highly regarded passers in the nation, opted to spend the day with his family - Brock was his best friend.

"Being a football player, you think you've been through a lot of tough things, losing games in the last seconds, taking big hits," Couch told the press in mid-February. "You think you're a tough person until you have to deal with going in and seeing your best friend's parents after he's just passed away."

While UK's tragedy has raised new concerns and has motivated a number of campus officials across the nation to push for zero tolerance rules, it introduces several ethical concerns concerning athletics and alcohol at JMU.

Sports Information Director Gary Michael said he was unsure whether there are any rules concerning alcohol abuse by athletes. Attempts to contact Athletic Director Don Lemin were unsuccessful. Apparently, these issues are dealt with by individual coaches.

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The tragedy at NIC State erupted when a student fired shots into a party across the street from his residence and fragments struck someone inside. A group of mostly football players and wrestlers then forced their way into the gunman's house. The dust cleared after Neil Davis Jr. was killed when his own 9 mm pistol was fired in the struggle.

The shooting did not go unnoticed by N.C. State officials. As reported by the Associated Press, Wolfpack football coach Mike O'Connell revoked three of his players' scholarships and dismissed them from the team. A total of nine N.C. State athletes face criminal charges from an incident that athletic director Les Robinson blamed on binge drinking.

Both of these stories have many wondering what may be looming ahead in college sports. However, it seems most students have built up an eerie immunity to these seemingly endless mishaps.

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As we all prepare for winter break, sports fans brace for an exciting time of the year when college football ends and pro football hits the stretch run.

**HEISMAN TROPHY**

It’s a virtual lock that running back Ricky Williams of the Texas Longhorns, who broke Tony Dorsett’s all-time NCAA Division I rushing record, will win the Heisman. For his career (46 games), Williams ran for 6,279 yards (137 ypg) and 73 touchdowns. This year, he ran 361 times for 2,124 yards. Some pathetic NFL team (read: Washington Redskins) will pick him up and turn their franchise around.

Rounding out the top four will be quarterback Cade McNown of UCLA, Kansas St.’s do-it-all quarterback Michael Bishop, and Kentucky junior quarterback Tim Couch, who will be the Heisman frontrunner next year if he doesn’t jump to the NFL as the #1 pick.

**NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

Fiesta Bowl: Florida State vs. Tennessee

Well, thanks to classic choke-city performances by UCLA and Kansas State, the Seminoles get a shot at the national title. UT does have big wins this year over Georgia and Florida, but haven’t faced a defense as tough as the Seminoles. The question mark for the Vols is quarterback Tee Martin, who has struggled in big games this year. The FSU defense, which harassed Doug Johnson of Florida into a terrible game in November, will be all over Martin. On the flip side, FSU QB Marcus Outzen will only be starting his second college game. He didn’t look great against Florida, but with offensive weapons like receiver Peter Warrick and tailback Travis Minor, he doesn’t have to. I’ll take Bobby Bowden and FSU in a close one, 17-13, for the national championship.

**NFL PLAYOFFS**

This brings us to a team that plays in a dome has accomplished that feat. In the NFC, I like Minnesota, Atlanta, Dallas, San Francisco, the Packers and Arizona to make the play-offs. In the first round, Dallas, who should be healthy defensively by then, will top Arizona at home, and the Packers will beat the 49ers for the second time this year. This brings us to a team everybody is high on, the Atlanta Falcons. What do I make of them? 1. The “Dirty Bird” is a cool dance. 2. Jamal Anderson is a tough running back. 3. Atlanta is overrated. On the road, they lost early at San Francisco and to the Jets. Atlanta did, however, walloped New England 41-10 in week nine. The Falcons are a good team, but virtually untested. They will lose in round two to Green Bay. The bottom line is the Vikings, with the most dangerous receiver in all of football, Randy Moss, will win the NFC title.

In the AFC, after Denver, it’s a crapshoot. I like the Jets to win the AFC East, the toughest conference in football. In the Central, rookie running back Fred Taylor will lead Jacksonville to the division title, ending the Steelers dominance. The wildcard spots are a tough call. We could flip a coin, but the officials would probably screw it up.

I’ll go with Miami, New England and Pittsburgh, with Buffalo and the Raiders just losing out. Any team that loses at home to the Redskins should have all playoff privileges revoked. In the first round, the Jets will roll over New England, but in a mild upset, Pittsburgh will beat Miami on the road. Denver will beat the Steelers in round two, and Shannon Sharpe will be flexing his guns and running his mouth throughout the blowout. The Jets will travel to Florida and upset Jacksonville behind the best receiving tandem in football, Wayne Chrebet and Keyshawn Johnson.

As shocking as it sounds, a team I can see the Broncos facing in the AFC title game is Jets. New York inexplicably can’t get up for games against inferior competition, but step up in big games. Not this time. Denver 27, Jets 13.

**SUPER BOWL**

Offensively, both Denver and Minnesota can light up the scoreboard. Robert Smith, the Vikings off-infield tailback, is a solid running back. But Terrell Davis is the best running back in the NFL. The QB edge has to go to future Hall of Famer John Elway. Give Minnesota the nod at wide receiver.

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(6) Connecticut 24, (5) Florida A&M 21
(4) Western Illinois 24, (15) Illinois St. 28
(2) Northwestern St. 48, (16) Colgate 28

**Quarterfinals (Dec. 5):**
(1) Georgia Southern 52, (13) Montana 9
(7) Appalachian St. 45, Tennessee St. 31
(14) Lehigh 24, (3) Richmond 23
(8) Connecticut 42, (9) Hampton 34

**Semifinals (Dec. 12):**
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**TRIBES TRAMPLITES**

**Dukes 80-61**

The JMU women's basketball team was beaten by the College of William & Mary 80-61 Saturday in Williamsburg. The streaking Tribe improved to 7-1 with the 19-point win. JMU dropped to 4-3.

Three Dukes — sophomore forward Stacey Todd, senior guard Hope Cook and senior forward Shirlene Archer — each netted 10 points.

Cook added a game-high eight rebounds, an assist and a steal while Todd had five rebounds, one assist and a blocked shot.

W&M junior guard and tri-captain Jessica Muskey led all scorers with 21 points. Muskey also had two rebounds, three assists and three steals.

Senior guards Julie Sommer and Katie Averyt chipped in 12 and 11 points, respectively, for the Tribe.

JMU trailed W&M 43-28 half. Free-throw shooting hurt the Dukes. JMU shot just 17-30 from the line (56 percent), while the Tribe hit 26 of its 32 foul shots (80 percent).

The 19-point win was the Tribe's most lopsided victory since 1981, when they defeated JMU 75-53 in Harrisonburg.

The Dukes look to rebound tomorrow when they take on the St. Francis (Pa.) College Red Flash at the Convocation Center.

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**WRESTLING**

JMU 133-pound junior Dave Vollmer and 197-pounder junior Elliot Williams both took home first place finishes at the Lehigh Sheridan Tournament Saturday. Junior Mike Coyle placed fourth in the 141-pound class for JMU.

JMU placed seventh out of the 15 competing teams at the tournament. The Dukes tallied 50 points. Rider University won the team championship with 139 points.

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HOROSCOPES

Today’s Birthday (Dec. 7) You’re outbound bound this year. You're very creative and talented, and the box you've been living in has gotten cramped. Time for you to stretch your legs as well as your mind, by taking on a new challenge. A brilliant idea in December leads to a new study program by February. In March, stay close to home. Somebody needs you there. April looks like it’s good for romance, especially with a person you’ve known for years. Use your sweetheart’s wisdom and experience to help you achieve a goal by August. In October, you may be spurred to take action to save your friends.

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 a 7 — Today and tomorrow are perfect for launching new endeavors, except for one little thing. Saturn is retrograde in your sign, so your focus really should be on completion. Why don’t you start a list of things you need to do? Then, when you get things finished, you'll know it's time to go out and play.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 5 — Looks like a lot of activity in your house. Are you having visitors for an overnight or what? Feel free to tell the participants to not only quiet down, but also clean up. Let them know who's in charge, even if you have to speak up in order to be heard over all the noise.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 7 — You could get some excellent coaching this week. Unfortunately, it's from someone you'd rather argue with. You and this person are in competition, so it's difficult for you to swallow his or her suggestions. Well, if you're wise, you'll do just that. Learn these skills carefully and you'll benefit in a way you can't even imagine — yet.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is an 8 — Looks like there's money coming your way. If you're looking for a job, it'll be easy to find. In fact, you're so industrious, you might be able to hold down two or three and still take good care of your family. If you'd like to make a lot of money, that's certainly the way to go about it.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 6 — You're absolutely magnificent right now. Others will flock to see you because they’ve heard so much about you, and you're performing so brilliantly. Sometimes you just get lit up by life itself, and today, you'll light up all the people around you, too. They're getting warm just from being near you. You're that hot. Your love life will also be warm today, so pay attention to that special someone.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 5 — Looks like you've too much to do. If you were all of Santa's elves, you might not be able to finish everything on your list, especially with the degree of quality you expect from yourself. Hey, maybe that's not a bad idea. Maybe you could recruit a team of elves somehow. Share the burden.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 7 — You and your friends are intelligent, and even smarter when you're working together. You're the instigator. You help the others come up with brilliant ideas, because you won't keep quiet if they don't. You stir things up, and that's great. It's keeping them all just slightly agitated. Keep up the good work.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is an 8 — An older person, possibly your boss or a parent, could be a righteous bore today. This person has a self-image as God's gift to just about everything, and is putting on such a remarkable show it's almost amazing. Might as well relax. All he or she really wants is your attention, so go ahead and give it.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 4 — You're probably not shy, but you are thoughtful sometimes, and it looks like you've been doing a lot of thinking lately. Let everybody else in on what you've discovered. You're way out ahead of where they are.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 5 — Don't stress about money today. What you need is available. Offer something you can build to someone who'd like to have it. If you pretend you're bigger than you were you, you'll convince the other person, too. Of course, then you'll have to actually be that way, but that's OK. You've been growing.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 7 — Today's good for making decisions and agreements. If you're not sure which way to go, look at the facts one more time. Then try something that might not have occurred to you before. Someone has the puzzle piece you need. It's impossible to find it from where you're standing. It takes somebody with a different point of view.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 7 — Pay attention to your work today, because somebody else is paying attention to you. Don't worry. It's only because he or she is thinking about how to train you to take on more responsibility. You've been practicing for long enough. Now it's time to push yourself to the next level.

Soap Opera Updates

All My Children

Liza is confused as to why Adam is killing Marian and Stuart with kindness. Adam wants Liza in a bathroom and says he can raise her child even though it's not his. They share an evening of romance and Liza is stunned to find John at the attorney's office.

The Bold & the Beautiful

Pierce and Taylor share dinner on the terrace after a very successful infomercial about Pierce wants them to move on and cover healthy sex topics as well. Taylor claims she doesn't really know what constitutes healthy sex and Pierce says she will have to learn. Stephanie hops into bed with Brooke and the two of them get into a big chick fight. Stephanie believes Brooke is a total slut. Ridge breaks up the fight and comforts Brooke.

Days of Our Lives

Mike tells All he just can't get away for that trip to Green Mountain. Austin tells Sami he likes her new act Carrie shows at Will's party and Sami believes Carrie's got the goods on The Sun with Max controlling the other two percent. Max is faking that power. Viki finds Todd at the cemetery and urges him to go away and discover why he really is. The two share a teary goodbye. Sam bids a goodbye to Todd who asks him not to call him Branner anymore. On the plane, Todd's alternate personalities blane Todd for messing up his life.

Guiding Light

Frank knocks on Annie's door just after Dinah has Wrighted the gun from her. Dinah and Blake are playing Carrie's unborn child and Blake is dead but his body is missing. Dinah smuggles the gun from her. Later they drop the gun and share a drink. Dinah points out that Annie is an alcoholic and hears Terri isn't. Danny finds Michelle at the beach and suggests Reese killed Mike. Swart with kindness. Adam

One Life to Live

Blair finds the headline Publisher Disappears that Todd wrote before he disappeared. She is relieved he left town. Kelly and Blair each own 49 percent of The Sun with Max controlling the other two percent. Max is faking that power. Viki finds Todd at the cemetery and urges him to go away and discover why he really is. The two share a teary goodbye. Sam bids a goodbye to Todd who asks him not to call him Branner anymore. On the plane, Todd's alternate personalities blame Todd for messing up his life.

Port Charles

Scott misses Thanksgiving dinner while in jail and this depresses Serena. Lucy decides to bring Scott dinner. They all dine in an interrogation room. Garcia announces Cooper is dead but his body is missing. Lucy visits Kevin and Victor. Kevin discovers Lucy is not pregnant. They get close until Eve arrives. Kevin, Eve and Victor hit a karaoke bar and sing a few tunes.

Sunset Beach

Ben is stunned to find his old briefcase with a gardener inside. Maria used to do this for him all the time. Ben thinks the mystery is an unconscious one and a good sign. Casey urges Sara to apologize to Maria for confronting her. Sam walks in on Maria who is engaged in a conversation with her private investigator. Sam hears her mentioning Ben and Meg must never find out about this. She confronts Maria again and Meg enters demanding to know what's going on. Maria covers and Meg believes her.

The Young & the Restless

Victor tells Brad and Jack that he is temporarily stepping down at Newman Enterprises. They will run the place together. Jack makes Grace Brad's assistant. Sharon finds Nick's glasses on the house and realizes he was there without her knowledge. She goes to see Nick as work to tell him he can't enter whenever he wants. Nick leaves them you're bigger than you thought you were. Sharon uses the phone. The two share fighting words.

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Crossword Puzzle


Dear Doctor,

I am a freshman and have never had sex. My roommate said I should get a gynecological exam anyway. Is it necessary? Where should I go? I've heard about a Choices program. What's that?

Sincerely,
Gyn Exam Virgin

Dear G.E. Virgin,

Yes, you should begin yearly pap and pelvic exams when you become sexually active or when you turn 18, whichever is first. The Health Center here at JMU provides gynecological exams. Choices is a program which was created to inform you about women's physical health issues. Attend one of these classes before you schedule your first exam. There they will explain gynecological procedures as well as testing for sexually transmitted diseases and women's choices for contraception (birth control pills, Depo-Provera/ implants, contraceptive injections, etc.). Options and prices are also discussed.

Sessions are free and held twice a week, Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m. in Burruss 34 and Wednesdays at 2:30 p.m. in Burruss 100A. Call the Health Center (X6177) with any further questions. Fliers are available regarding Choices in the Health Center lobby.

Dear Doctor,

My girlfriend and I have been going out for about five months. We've both slept with other people before. I had sex a few times with my ex-girlfriend, but we usually used condoms, and that was a long time ago. I also had sex with a girl at a party this summer, but we used a condom. My girlfriend has had sex with her ex-boyfriend. They didn't always use condoms, but she was on the Pill. Neither of us is too worried, but should we get tested for HIV or AIDS anyway?

Sincerely,
Wondering

Dear Wondering,

Definitely. The fact that you and your girlfriend have had unprotected sex puts you at risk for contracting the HIV virus. HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) is the virus that causes AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome). AIDS is the fourth largest killer of young people. There is currently no cure. You owe it to each other and yourself to get tested and educated. HIV weakens the body's immune system until it can no longer fight diseases, ultimately killing those who it infects. HIV/AIDS is not sensitive to age, gender or sexual orientation.

Free and anonymous HIV testing is available at the Health Center. You will get results back in three weeks. Counseling is also provided before and after receiving results. Call the Health Center at 568-6177 to make your appointment. Counseling is also provided free condoms and other forms of birth control for a nominal cost.

HIV is spread through unprotected sexual activity. Just one unprotected sexual encounter can be fatal. AIDS is spread through sex with someone who is infected or has had sex with an infected person. You can infect yourself. Essentially, every time you have sex with someone, you are at risk for getting HIV. You cannot get HIV from touching a person, toilet seats, or air.

You can protect yourself from spreading or transmitting HIV by practicing safer sex. This means using a condom or a dental dam (a piece of latex placed over the vagina during oral sex) every time you have sex or come in contact with semen or vaginal secretions. Condoms have a high reliability rate, but they're not 100 percent protective. The only absolute safe form of protection is abstinence.

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