

Bridging the gap

Students of interracial relationships remain committed as outside perceptions are slow to change.

Almost famous

They may not get the Oscar nod, but the top 10 movies of 2003 deserve mention for the horrific insight or swashbuckling glory they brought to the screen.

Dukes fend off Tigers

Men's basketball wins its first Colonial Athletic Association game of the season, defeating Towson University, 57-55, Saturday.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CELEBRATION WEEK

America's broken promise

Jackson discusses King's life, the dream, fight for equality

BY TONI DUNCAN AND
KELLY JASPER
news editors

Encouraging solutions to America's broken promise, the Rev. Jesse Jackson spoke last night in Wilson Hall Auditorium.

"This passing year, I've become more anxious and a bit disturbed ... on the romanticizing of [Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s] life," he said.

As a result of the romanticizing, King's movement has "become lullaby songs — [it] takes away his toughness on America," Jackson said.

Often people focus no longer on the hardships endured during King's life and the Civil Rights Movement, he said, adding that people need to fulfill the promise to "close gaps that separate people from people."

"We must teach the promise on his birthday," he said. "He had to die for us to celebrate."

Jackson said this is a pivotal year in many ways. "Today we face a curious mix of racial politics, class divisions and global isolation," he said.

Jackson added, "The gaps created during 256 years of slavery ... are significantly present" in today's politics.

Despite the U.S. Supreme Court *Brown v. Board of Education* decision 50 years ago, which made apartheid illegal in the United States, Americans are "still living in

We don't speak of America's broken promise.

— Jesse Jackson
guest speaker

the aftershocks," Jackson said. The roots of racial and economic inequalities go even further back than the 20th century, he said.

"The promise made in 1865 [during the Emancipation Proclamation] had been broken," he said. "We don't speak of America's broken promise."

Today's issues: The broken promise

Jackson also addressed many issues concerning Americans in the next presidential election.

"This is a big election year for America, and real choices must be made," he said.

While he is not endorsing any particular candidate, Jackson said he wishes people will vote for their economic interests instead of their racial fears in order to gain political clout.

He said, however, this was the greatest challenge for

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CHRIS LABZDA/senior photographer

The Rev. Jesse Jackson answers questions from the media before he made his speech.

Program commemorates King

BY TONI DUNCAN AND
KELLY JASPER
news editors

While many of the 1,300 students in attendance appeared to hear the Rev. Jesse Jackson speak, several other events comprised the formal celebration last night in the Wilson Hall Auditorium.

Kicking off the evening was an introduction performance by the Contemporary Gospel Singers. They sang "Lift Ev'ry Voice" by James Weldon Johnson, with the audience standing to join in the singing.

"We were honored to be asked to perform at the Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration," said senior Michael Tinsley, the choir's director. "It's tradition for us to perform, and I'm honored to follow the 'Keep the Fire Burning: Be the Dream' theme."

President Linwood Rose asked the audience, "Would you have walked with Dr. King, or would you have walked away?"

After telling stories from his childhood in which he had to make that very decision, Rose said, "Each life has individual

value, each life has dignity."

The invocation was led by sophomore Daniel Teweles from Hillel and following was a spoken-word expression piece by Morgan Dye, Community Outreach co-chair.

Delivering the litany of commemoration, junior Marie Rosado from the Latino Student Alliance lead the audience in a piece about King.

Two essay awards were presented to local elementary school children by sophomore Shemiqua Bauldie and junior

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CHRIS LABZDA/senior photographer

A portrait of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., was displayed in front of the stage in Wilson Hall Auditorium. The portrait was spotlighted during the entire program.

Displaced offices relocate

More permanent locations found after mid-November fire

BY KELLY JASPER
news editor

After using temporary facilities for almost a month, offices displaced by the mid-November fire at the Financial Services Building relocated to more permanent spaces over Winter Break.

"In less than 30 days, we were completely moved and running in a new office," said Claudia Clark, director of Payroll Services. "There was a lot of collaboration and cooperation in all parts of the university."

A decision either to tear down the complex or reconstruct it has not yet been reached, according to David Eton, assistant vice president of Risk Management.

"At this point, we're still negotiating with our insurance," he said. "We hope for a

decision by mid-February."

The Division of Risk Management in Richmond looks at the cost of rebuilding the structure and compares it to the cost of starting over with a new building, Eton said.

"The choice is not solely up to us," he added.

Eton said he thought the different departments at the university "did a tremendous job" getting everyone moved so quickly.

"I think that indicates dedication and hard work," he said.

For Clark's office, the move went smoothly, she said.

Her office temporarily was relocated to Human Resources after the fire. Her current office is in the One Court Square building in downtown Harrisonburg.

"We actually have more

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KRISTEN DONNELLY/staff photographer

Liz Heavner of International Accounting works in her office, which was moved into Warren Hall following the fire at the Financial Services Building in November 2003.

Remodeled e-campus receives mixed reviews

BY LAUREN MCKAY
assistant news editor

JMU's new e-campus is "still being tweaked," but eventually will be available 24 hours a day, according to Robin Bryan, executive director for Information Systems.

The old system was down each night between 12 and 7 a.m., but Bryan hopes to fix this problem as soon as possible.

The new e-campus was launched Dec. 23, 2003, and has been down each night from 12 to 2 a.m.

"So far, we've had some negative comments from those using the system, but mostly positive comments," Bryan said.

Bryan said students complained about the left-hand side menus on the old version of e-campus and the difficulty navigating pages with them.

"Everyone hated the numerous log-in pages, and the new e-campus only has one," he added.

Bryan said no students showed up to the information sessions that were held, however, a few faculty members did come.

The new e-campus offers a live degree progress report and constantly is refreshed, which is different from the older version, which was only refreshed three times a semester.

Bryan said they are very interested in what the students want to see next or any additional changes to e-campus.

"We really wanted to give you everything you had before, but in a new technology," he said.

However, students say they are frustrated with the changes and are having a difficult time adjusting to the new system.

"It's very disorganized and not user friendly," sophomore Britt Timmerman said. "They should consent with the student body with a bulk e-mail asking

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Duke Days Events Calendar

TUESDAY, JAN. 20 – WEDNESDAY, JAN. 21, 2004

Tuesday, Jan. 20

Alpha Phi Omega, a national coed service fraternity, is holding an informational rush meeting in ISAT room 235 at 7:30 p.m. For information contact Amanda at bermanab or David at wickhadt.

JMU Lifelong Learning Institute is having an open house from 1 to 2 p.m. in the Gilkerson Activity Center in Westover Park. The open house will spotlight the institute's courses. For information call x8-2923.

Wednesday, Jan. 21

Up 'til Dawn is raising funds for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at the McDonald's on Port Republic Road from 5 to 8 p.m. A portion of the sales will be donated to the hospital to help children battle catastrophic diseases. For more information contact Eric at walke2ej.

The Honors Program is having a Brown Bag Lecture Series from 12:20 to 1:10 p.m. in the Hillcrest Reception Room at the Hillcrest House. Admission is free. For information call x8-6953.

Submitting events to the Duke Days Events Calendar:

Contact Lauren at nickajm two days prior to the issue date you would like your event to be published. Please try to limit the event description to no more than 50 words.

Heads up!

The Breeze soon will be looking for new editors for next year.

If interested, look in Thursday's issue for what to do to apply.

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senior photographer

During halftime of the Thursday night women's basketball game, three tumblers bounce on a trampoline and perform acrobatic tricks for the Convocation Center audience.

FUN FACT of the Day

Since housecats are clean and their coats are dry and glossy, their fur easily becomes charged with electricity. Sparks can be seen if their fur is rubbed in the dark.

POLICE LOG

By Lauren McKay
police log reporter

No crimes were reported from Jan. 13 to 16.

Number of drunk in public charges since Aug. 25: 51

Number of parking tickets issued between Aug. 25 and Jan. 15: 15,244

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Students uninterested

A recent study finds young voters to be apathetic about the 2004 presidential election.

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NEWS

"They are usually on schedule, except when you really need it."

JENNIFER GAY
freshman

see story below

AROUND CAMPUS

Add, drop period for classes ends Tuesday

Today is the last day for students to drop and add classes to their Spring 2004 class schedule.

Students who wait to drop a class until after the Jan. 20 deadline will receive a "W" on their transcripts. Students can receive the W until the course adjustment deadline of March 19.

The Office of Registrar also said receiving an override from a professor does not mean one is registered for the course. One still must go through e-campus and sign up for the class.

Spring Study Abroad Expo held for students

Students considering going abroad should attend the Spring Study Abroad Expo this Thursday.

The event takes place at the College Center Grand Ballroom from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The expo will discuss semester, summer, short term and international study abroad opportunities.

This is a Wellness Passport event.

For more information visit the JMU Office of International Programs Web site at www.jmu.edu/international.

IN THE VALLEY

Possible candidates for city council need apply

HARRISONBURG—Those who want to be nominated to the Harrisonburg City Council need to "present their intention in writing" to chairman David Wiens, according to Adam Sharp, Public Relations chair of the Harrisonburg Democratic Committee.

One needs to write to Wiens by Saturday, Jan. 31. The elections will be held Monday Feb. 9 at locations that have not been determined yet.

Mayor Joe Fitzgerald already has told the committee that he will be seeking nomination in May.

ACROSS THE NATION

School segregation at levels last seen in '69

WASHINGTON, D.C. (The Washington Post) — Half a century after the Supreme Court ordered the desegregation of American education, schools are almost as segregated as they were when Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated, according to a new report released by Harvard University researchers.

The study by the Harvard Civil Rights Project shows that progress toward school desegregation peaked in the late 1980s as courts concluded that the goals of the landmark 1954 Supreme Court decision *Brown v. Board of Education* largely had been achieved. Over the past 15 years, the trend has been in the opposite direction, and most white students now have "little contact" with minority students in many areas of the country, according to the report.

"We are celebrating a victory over segregation at a time when schools across the nation are becoming increasingly segregated," noted the report, which was issued on the eve of the holiday celebrating Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday.

"We are losing many of the gains of desegregation," said Harvard professor Gary Orfield, the primary author of the report. "We are not back to where we were before *Brown*, but we are back to when King was assassinated."

2003 ties for world's second hottest year

BY SETH BORENSTEIN
Knight Ridder Tribune

It's cold comfort to people shivering in much of the United States right now, but 2003 tied for the world's second hottest year, according to new federal government data released Thursday.

In what meteorologists say is new evidence that global warming is real and worsening, the world's average temperature last year was 58.03 degrees Fahrenheit, according to the National Climatic Data Center in Asheville, N.C. That's 1.03 degrees warmer than the 124-year world average.

Going into December, it looked as though 2003 would rank only third hottest, but a toasty last month tied the year with 2002 for second place since record-keeping began Jan. 1, 1880, said Jay Lawrimore, the global data center's climate monitoring chief. The hottest year was 1998, with an average temperature of 58.14.

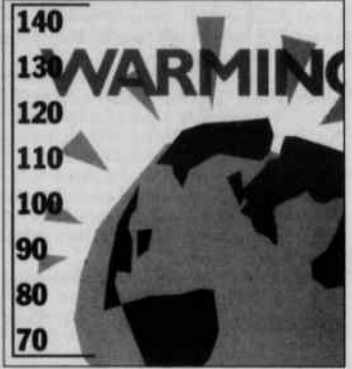
The five hottest years on record all have occurred since 1997, and the 10 hottest since 1990. It's been 221 months since the world recorded a colder-than-normal month.

The consensus of climate scientists is that the world is warming and will

continue to get hotter because gases emitted from burning fossil fuels are trapping heat from the sun, causing the atmosphere to get warmer, as happens in a greenhouse.

Global temperatures increased one degree in the 20th century and probably will increase two to 10 more by 2100, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, a group of the world's leading weather experts, predicted in 2001.

For more information on the 2003 climate figures, go to the National Climatic Data Center Web site at www.ncdc.noaa.gov/oa/climate/research/2003/jan/jan03.html.



MARC CHOU/graphics editor



CHRIS LABZDA/senior photographer

Student feedback changes bus routes

BY KRISTEN GREEN
senior writer

As a result of feedback and changes in students' transportation preferences, Harrisonburg Transit changed its route patterns at the beginning of the semester to better fit student needs.

"We see what the demand is, what students need, and then we just readjust [the routes based on that]," said Vicki Conley, Harrisonburg Transit superintendent.

The changes that took place were not as large as the ones that took place in the fall, according to Conley.

Changes to the schedules occurred because of a daily increase of about 1,000 students per day, Conley said. She said that in the fall of 2002, versus the fall of 2003, there was a 39.32 percent increase in passengers riding the night shuttle alone, where the total for day-time routes was 102,697 in the fall of 2003.

She also said that routes were changed based on e-mails received from the Harrisonburg Transit Web site, www.hbpt.com — a place on the Web to comment. Also, routes are changed according to the feedback received from passengers as they

ride the buses.

Slight changes were made to almost every route listed in the Harrisonburg Transit Schedules and Information packet — available for free at locations such as Taylor Down Under and on the buses themselves.

One of the routes that had a major change in it was the Shopper.

"The Shopper changed because we put times to the Shopper now — it used to be continuous," Conley said. "The Shopper will go to Wal-Mart twice and cut some things out, like stops at Lowe's and Kmart."

Another change to the Shopper listed in the new schedule are several new-stopping locations, including the College of Integrated Science and Technology at two minutes after the hour, East Market Street at Books-A-Million at 22 minutes after the hour, University Boulevard at Regal Cinemas at 27 minutes after the hour and Blue Ridge Hall at 28 minutes after the hour.

The Shopper also circles back around ISAT to Harrisonburg Crossing, stops at Carrier Drive at the soccer field at 47 minutes after the hour and returns to Godwin at

51 minutes after the hour.

Even though changes to the schedule were greater last semester, almost all routes changed in some way, according to the fall semester bus schedule.

Route 1 no longer stops at the Golden Corral restaurant at 20 minutes after the hour, at Reservoir Street at Dutchmill Court at 40 minutes after the hour or at Blue Stone Hills at Diamond Court at 22 minutes after the hour. However, Route 1 now stops at Stone Gate and SunChase Saturdays on demand, and stops at Biolife Plasma Center every day on demand.

Route 2 changes include stops at Biolife Plasma Center at 12 minutes after the hour and no longer stopping at Old Furnace Road at Tower Street at 20 minutes after the hour, while changes to Route 3 include stops at North Main Street at East Wolfe Street at 26 minutes after the hour instead of at West Wolfe Street per Route 3 now also stops at Bruce Street at Vail on demand only. Route 4 — for Saturday service only — no longer stops at Rockingham Memorial Hospital Atrium on demand.

Route 5 contained the most overall changes to its routes. It

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Response to bus schedule mixed

BY KRISTEN GREEN
senior writer

The students themselves use the bus system due to its convenience and availability, but there still are problems seen with several aspects of the bus system.

"They are usually on schedule, except when you really need it," freshman Jennifer Gay said. "They should adjust the schedule because they know there is more traffic during class-switching time, so why not just plan on the delay instead of running behind schedule?"

Sometimes the buses' unpredictability was the main cause of student concerns.

"I don't use them so much, but one time last year, I had the bus schedule and I went to the movies and I got out on time," sophomore Sydney Hunt said. "The bus never came and it was pouring rain — my friend and I had to walk back to campus in it," Hunt said.

Several students, such as junior Leah Larson, commented on the buses' seemingly sporadic schedules, whereas sophomore Tommy Carothers felt that overcrowding on buses was the transit system's major problem.

However, many students, such as sophomore Jennifer Pic, commented on the buses' convenience as the reason why she decides to ride them.

"I've always appreciated having the bus system here," Pic said. "It's very convenient, and is very helpful to students who are without a car. It

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CHUCK KENNEDY/Knight Ridder Tribune

U.S. Democratic presidential candidate and former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean delivers his campaign stump speech during a Dean campaign bus tour event in Newton, Iowa, Jan. 16. In a recent survey, it was discovered that young adults do not pay much attention to the election process.

Study: Young voters apathetic

BY DAN TRAYLOR
OSU Daily Barometer

As the field of Democrats running for their party's presidential nomination shrinks from eight to one in the coming months, many young people won't be paying attention, but some on campus already are organizing in support of one candidate.

A study released Sunday by the Pew Research Center for the People and the Press suggests that young people, classified here as 18- to 29-year-olds, are relatively uninterested in election news. Meanwhile, those who are watching the election somewhat closely are moving away from traditional news sources, often relying on comedy programs for the latest headlines.

At the same time, presidential candidate Howard Dean, the former governor of Vermont, has a number of student supporters on the Oregon State University campus. The "Generation Dean" group has 29 registered members and continues to grow, according to President A.J. Burton.

Most young people — 64 percent — said they are "not even somewhat interested" in news about the Democratic

party's primary campaigns, according to the Pew Center survey.

Robert Sahr, an OSU political science professor who studies politics and media, noted that Oregonians do not vote in a primary election until May, when the Democratic nominee likely will be known already. For that reason, Sahr said many local voters, including young people, may not choose to follow the election.

"I think that's the single most important factor," Sahr said, noting that college campuses in Iowa or New Hampshire likely have more political activity related to the Democratic campaigns.

The first major event of the primary season, the Iowa Caucus, was Monday, and the Jan. 27 New Hampshire primary follows.

Sean Rey, the treasurer of the OSU College Democrats and a computer science major, said that when young people ignore politics, politicians ignore young people.

"It's a vicious cycle. Politicians pay attention to people who vote for them," Rey said. "Until we get out there and start voting, attention won't be paid to us."

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PROGRAM: Service awards presented

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Shelby Giles, Community Outreach co-chairs.

The award-winning essay was written by Elkton Elementary School fourth grader Adrienne Herring.

"I say we live by example and teach our children not to discriminate," she said while reading paragraphs of her speech. "We need to treat everyone the way we want to be treated."

Herring said she was a little nervous to speak in front of so many people, but felt honored that she won. Jackson greeted her after she left the stage to shake her hand and take a picture.

Two Community Service Awards were presented by senior Phillip Duhart, president of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Art Dean, the assistant director of Admissions and Daniel Wubah, director of the Presidential Commission on Diversity.

Duhart said Dean was selected because he was instrumental in "exposing minority students to JMU." He said Wubah was selected because of his acquisition of "over \$1 million in research studies and aid for under-represented minorities."

Junior April Stewart, a program committee member, sang "Amazing Grace."

Sophomore Johnelle Brown, a program committee

member, introduced the Rev. Jackson, who spoke for about an hour and took time to answer audience questions.

Various organizations and departments took place in a candle-lighting ceremony while a Microsoft PowerPoint slide show of images was played.

Senior Grant Schafer, who represented the office of Judicial Affairs, said, "He represents an organization that Martin Luther King (Jr.) would stand for. There's a good mix of people."

Closing remarks were delivered by J. Stacy Edwards, the director of the Center for Multicultural/International Student Services. The benediction was delivered by John Grace, the coordinator for Campus Ministries.

The program was sponsored by CMISS, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the Black Student Alliance.

Student tickets for the program were sold out in under one and a half hours, according to junior Jazmina Griffith, one of the co-chairs of the Martin Luther King Jr. committee.

Student Body President Levar Stoney said he learned a lot from the event.

"What stood out the most is that we could think of the ways we are different," he said, "but we should search for things that bring us together."



CHRIS LABZDA/senior photographer

The crowd awaits the Rev. Jesse Jackson's speech Monday night.

JACKSON: Progress made, but more needs to be done



CHRIS LABZDA/senior photographer

Junior April Stewart sings "Amazing Grace" during the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Monday in Wilson Hall Auditorium.

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Southern whites who are "driven to vote [by] their racial fears over economics."

Most working poor are from the South, according to Jackson, and "most poor folks aren't on Welfare — they work every day."

Some Americans are "fighting for the right to remain poor," he said. "You voted for the right not to have a place at the table and you won."

He said they got what "they voted for, but didn't know what they were bargaining for."

By focusing on an agenda of shared economic security, the dream is restored, he said.

Another issue that Jackson focused on was the war in Iraq.

"We had every reason to fight the Taliban and al-Qaeda because they hit us," Jackson said. However, he said he felt Iraq never was determined to be an imminent threat.

A global coalition was formed during the war in Afghanistan, he said. However, "the world stands by as we die daily [in Iraq]."

People of lower economic standing are sacrificing for the war in Iraq, he said. "The war is fought by the poor, paid for by the poor — for the rich," he added. "That is not the

American dream."

About 500 people have died, and thousands have been injured since the war began, according to Jackson. "There are no congresspeople's children in Iraq tonight."

Jackson said King, if alive today, would find America's diplomacy to the world discouraging.

The White House needs an open-door policy, he said. "We are paying too much taxes, shedding too much blood in Iraq ... to be shut out of the White House."

Jackson also addressed the state of the American economy.

"We are trapped in an economy tilted toward the top 1 percent," he said. He added that everyone should follow King's bottom-up — instead of top-down — method of helping people.

Jackson said too many Americans cannot afford further education, adding that tuition costs cannot continue to rise. "It costs too much to go to school in America," he said.

Jackson said King's "mission was to preach the gospel, not to the fund-raising rich, but to the poor."

Restoring the promise

Jackson encouraged people to "reinvest in America"

to restore the earlier promise made.

"To get the nation's attention, to change the nation's priorities, to establish a floor in which no American would fall," was what Jackson said he hoped was accomplished.

More studies need to be done on the racial gap between infant mortality, life expectancy, the criminal justice system and access to capital, Jackson said. With more concrete evidence, the gaps can begin to close, he added.

Another solution Jackson offered was to have each state create funded programs to assess the gaps and bridge them.

Jackson also said when people unlearn the stereotypes they have been programmed to believe, unity can be achieved.

"We don't need diversity — we need equality," he said. "If we have fair rules, we can settle for equality."

Jackson asked the audience why blacks performed so well in athletics. "Is it some special gene? I think not," he said. "It's when the players are equal, the rules are public and the goals are clear we do well."

Another way Jackson said the promise could be restored would be to improve diplomacy and foreign policy.

"Our foreign policy has us in severe isolation," he said. "We need to regain our standing in the world."

Jackson, who said King was devoted to his schoolwork, also offered specific advice for students.

"Focus on your grades and getting yourself out of here," he said. "Whether you're white, black or brown, preparation matters."

In addition to preparation, people need to build character, which, according to Jackson, is the way one reacts to a situation. He added, "Beyond color, beyond culture, up in the high ground, there is character."

President Linwood Rose said students should heed Jackson's advice to study. "When he spoke about preparedness, it was particularly meaningful," he said.

Sophomore Wesli Spencer, Sophomore Class Council president, served as the master of ceremonies. "Jackson's quote about level playing fields was such an empowering thing for me," he said. "I felt so honored to be involved and to hear his words."

Jackson offered some final advice to the whole audience.

"You can't just admire [King] because he died for us," Jackson said. "You must follow him."

OFFICES: Financial Services employees content with new locale

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room here than in the Financial Services Building," she said. "[The staff] adapted quite well to the new location."

Clark said, however, that the office space is "not as convenient to [Human Resources] or as close to campus."

The furniture and equipment lost in the fire were replaced promptly, Clark said. "All the areas within the university made it happen," she added.

One of the areas that was involved when creating the new offices was the Telecommunications office.

"We set up and installed over 60 computers and over

60 phones and fax machines," said Dale Hulvey, assistant vice president of Information Technology.

"Our Telecommunications office was involved in the wiring and installation of network connections and telephones."

The Network Engineering staff and Computing Support office installed new computers and printers, he said. About 10 to 15 members from Information Technology were involved.

"Everyone really pulled together to get the offices back in service and relocated," Hulvey said. "It was a great team effort. The affected offices showed our staff that

they really appreciated what we were doing to help."

Judy Powell, the Financial Service Building's coordinator and a Finance Office administrative assistant, said she thought the new office spaces were "very workable."

Powell was one of the first staff members notified of the fire in November. After the fire, her office worked temporarily from office spaces located near the Financial Services Building. The office moved to Warren Hall over Winter Break.

"They have come up with a good solution for us," she said.

E-CAMPUS: Revamped system open 24 hours

E-CAMPUS, from page 1

their opinions before they change things."

Timmerman said she wishes there was a direct link to add or drop a class.

"There is no direct way to add a class from the course search site," she said.

Other students feel the changes were helpful.

"Being a transfer student, I never had a chance to get used to the old e-campus, and the new one is very helpful," junior Sara Ayres said. "I think it has improved very much from the old one and I can find everything I need."

Dale Hulvey, assistant vice president of Information

Technology, said they have received very few calls to their help desk requesting assistance with the new system.

"We think things are going well," Hulvey said. "Anytime there is change, adjustment is needed."

Hulvey said the new system offers e-mail addresses of students to faculty with their class rosters.

The new system also doesn't make you select the term via user preferences as the old system did.

"We are excited about the new system and the features it offers to JMU. The system is completely Web based and prepares us well for the future," Hulvey said.

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SCHEDULE: Changed Shopper routes explained

SCHEDULE, from page 3

now starts at Heritage Haven at 15 minutes after the hour instead of South Main Street at the library at 10 minutes after the hour, where it no longer stops. The bus no longer stops at North Main Street at East Court Square at 11 minutes after the hour after or North Main Street at East Rock Street at 14 minutes after the hour.

Times have changed for stops along North Main Street, and Route 5 no longer stops at Park Road at Parkwood Drive at 21 minutes after the hour, but now stops at Park Road at Shenk Drive.

Some stops have been taken out, but others are several minutes ahead of their previous schedules.

Inner Campus Shuttle 1 has changed on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays by offering two additional ISAT stops. The bus also makes final stops at Blue Ridge Hall,

College Center, ISAT, Warren Hall, Varner House and Miller Hall — making its last stop at Miller Hall at 7:05 p.m.

Tuesdays and Thursdays also have more ISAT stops in addition to running later, making one more stop at each of the buildings on its route until its final one at Miller Hall at 7:12 p.m.

Inner Campus Shuttle 2 has changed on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays by stopping at the Art Studio on demand for all weekdays, and has twice the number of ISAT stops on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Routes 6, 7, A, J, M, U and the church shuttle incurred no changes, while Route 8 doubled its ISAT stops, Route 9 hits some of its stops five minutes ahead of schedule, while Route 10 runs about three minutes ahead of schedule Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and about five minutes ahead of schedule on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Route B now has no Sunday

service to Valley Mall after 7 p.m., no longer stops at South Main Street at the Library at 18 minutes after the hour, South Main Street at East Market Street at 18 minutes after the hour or at East Market Street at South Mason Street, and resumes its previous schedule afterward, running about nine minutes slower to each stop than its previously scheduled times.

Route C has hits stops about 10 minutes later because of a new stop at the Modular Building at 37 minutes after the hour.

The night shuttle has changed in that it used to help other routes from 28 to 55 minutes after the hour to assist other routes as needed, making its regular stops between the start of the hour and 28 minutes after the hour. The night shuttle now assists other routes from the start of the hour to 30 minutes after the hour, where it will be on demand and complete its regular stops from 28 to 56 minutes after the hour.

VOTERS: Young adults learn about candidates through various mediums

VOTERS, from page 3

Sahr, who has seen data showing that Dean tends to appeal to young voters more than the other candidates, said it is unclear how that support will translate into votes.

"A lot of these younger voters may lean toward Dean, but how many will get out to vote in primaries, let alone the general election?" Sahr questioned.

Caleb Wilkinson, who is part of a large voter registration effort called "The New Voters Project," said many young people perceive voting to be a futile act.

"There is a common perception among young people that politicians are selfish and focused on their own gain," Wilkinson said.

Wilkinson, like Rey, referred to a cycle, noting that young people will have to change before politicians do.

"This cycle of neglect manifests itself in young people not voting, which signals to politicians that they need not focus attention on those issues young people tend to care about, and so young people think that

politicians don't care about their issues," Wilkinson said.

"We hope students will get involved. With a little help, we'll become a force," he said.

The four in 10 young people who are paying attention to the Democratic campaigns, according to the Pew Center Survey, are relying on nontraditional sources of information.

"Cable news networks are the most frequently cited sources of campaign news for young people," a summary of the Pew Center survey said. "But the Internet and comedy programs" are popular sources as well.

One in five young people reported regularly watching campaign news on comedy shows such as "Saturday Night Live" or "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart."

"For Americans under 30, these comedy shows are now mentioned almost as frequently as newspapers and evening network news programs as regular sources for election news," the study said.

Sahr noted that college students generally stay up late, and late night programs are going to get more attention than the evening news.

"Plus, the long tradition has been that the younger you are, the less likely you are to vote, and that means you have less vested interest in paying attention," Sahr said.

Those who regularly learn about the Democratic campaigns from late-night television, morning shows, local television or comedy shows, are not well informed about the campaign, according to the study.

Those who know the most about the Democratic race reported learning about the campaign from the Internet, National Public Radio or news magazines.

"About six in 10 of those who report learning something about the campaign from these sources were able to correctly answer at least one of the two candidate identification questions, and a third more can answer both," the study said.

OPINIONS: Students look at changes

OPINIONS, from page 3

allows students to travel around campus, as well as the city, without paying extra expenses, such as for gas or for parking passes."

Pic said that the transit system also creates a sense of protection and security for her. "If you are alone at night, you don't have to drive down dark alleys in order to park your car because you can always catch a bus instead," she said.

According to junior Tiffany Truslow, not having to search for a parking spot is the transit system's largest perk.

"I think for the most part, they are way more

convenient than trying to find a parking spot, and they usually drop you off closer to your class than your parking spot would have been in the first place," she said.

Although student views on the transit system differ, the changes made are done according to what will best suit the general student population and their schedules, according to Conley. Although the big system changes are made in the fall, the changes made during the spring semester are those necessary to keep the system running smoothly, she said.

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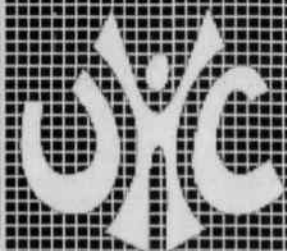
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OPINION

HOUSE EDITORIAL

A trip to the moon — not to
mention a moonbase has interna-
tional ramifications ...

ALEX SIRNEY
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Jackson brings unity, nostalgia on Martin Luther King Jr. Day



On the steps of the Lincoln Memorial Aug. 28, 1963, in Washington, D.C., the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., delivered his powerful "I Have a Dream" speech — revered as one of the most famous orations in American history.

In one of King's verses, he said the following:

"When we let freedom ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children — black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics — will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, 'Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty, we are free at last!'"

King was assassinated on April 4, 1968, in Memphis, Tenn., and never lived to see his dream come true.

Many might argue that it still hasn't. But, for one night in Wilson Hall, King's dream became a reality.

Over 1,300 people filled the Wilson Hall Auditorium, and hundreds more crowded Grafton-Stovall Theatre and the College Center Grand Ballroom last night to hear the Rev. Jesse Jackson speak during the 17th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Week. There were no overwhelming numbers of one specific group among the 1,300 in attendance. Instead, there was a mixture of gender, race, religion, sexual orientation and background.

JMU has been criticized for its lack of diversity. President Linwood Rose even assembled a presidential commission in September 2003 to improve diversity

among the school's student enrollment, as well as its faculty and staff employment.

Of JMU's 15,612 students, 13,215 were Caucasian, according to the Office of Institutional Research's 2002-'03 statistical summary.

Throughout Jackson's speech, he discussed the progress in striving for equality — part of the American dream. He talked about racial problems during the Civil Rights Movement. Jackson used football as an analogy for how the color of someone's skin doesn't matter anymore like it did when racism was at its height in the 1960s.

Jackson described how a "crazy" white guy with a foam cheese hat and wearing no shirt during freezing weather in Green Bay, Wis., would root for a black football player on Green Bay's football team to beat a white guy on the Chicago Bears' team. At the same time, a black guy from Chicago would root for the white player to crush the black player who played for Green Bay.

Jackson said the pursuit of equality doesn't always have to involve race. He said the poor, working class also were victims. He talked about the broken promise of democracy, as well as the broken promise of the Emancipation Proclamation to truly free all people.

Jackson noted that more progress can be made. Before he exited the stage, Jackson said, "Long live the dream."

It is likely King would be proud of the progress that has been made in the goal for equality since the 1960s. However, he probably would agree that there is plenty of room for improvement before his ulti-

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A "way-to-fire-up-the-blender" pat to my three senior roommates for helping take our pregame into overtime on a night when we weren't even supposed to go out.
From a senior who is glad most of you will be here next year.

Dart...

A "thanks-for-not-paying-enough-attention-to-the-Count-from-'Sesame Street'" dart to the guy who accidentally called 911 rather than 411 while looking for a number to a cab company.
From a junior who is capable of counting from one to 10.

Pat...

A "you-rocked-my-socks-off" pat to Jimmy and Friends who played Wednesday night.
From a huge fan who enjoyed the food, drinks and, most of all, the music.

Dart...

A "grow-up-and-get-a-life" dart to the immature boys who trashed our apartment and picked a fight with one of our roommates.
From four girls who think that any guy who would fight a girl needs to be committed.

Pat...

A "you-are-the-wind-beneath-my-wings" pat to all the students and support staff who helped keep the JMU network running through an onslaught of computer viruses in the fall.
From a tired, Whack-a-Mole basher.

Dart...

A "don't-fix-it-if-it-is-not-broken" dart to Information Technology for making the new e-campus much more complicated than it already was.
From a junior who wishes you would have left it alone.

Breeze Reader's View Bush's moon proposal only 'whimsical ploy'

Alex Sirney

President George W. Bush once again has issued the challenge to NASA to send man to the moon and beyond. Bush has set forth clear goals for NASA — to complete the International Space Station on schedule by 2010 and retire the space shuttle upon its completion, to have a new Crew Exploration Vehicle designed and operational no later than 2014 and use the CEV to initiate a return to the moon by 2020.

This Renewed Spirit of Discovery plan is commendable for setting clear goals for and drawing public attention to an organization that has suffered in recent years from lack of direction and support. However, its goals are neither realistic nor responsible.

Bush's plan calls for the reallocation of \$11 billion within the agency and increasing NASA's funding by an additional \$1 billion over five years. He will keep NASA's budget to less than 1 percent of the total national budget.

This seems a good deal for the taxpayers, but it leaves NASA to make up the slack. While replacing the 30-year-old shuttles is a responsible move for NASA to make in the wake of last February's Columbia disaster, the Bush administration needs to keep a realistic view of the costs involved.

The original space shuttle cost \$6.7 billion in 1980, half of the five year budget for the current moon expedition. According to Popular Science, NASA estimates the cost of building a space shuttle replacement would be around \$35 billion, with the cost of building and developing the CEV currently unknown.

While the CEV would be a smaller version of the space shuttle, similar to Russia's Progress Capsules (used to service the ISS), it also would be without the payload capacity or lifespan of the shuttle — possibly necessitating a more shuttle like replacement at some point in the future.

Even if the CEV adequately can replace the shuttle — which is doubtful — the cost for traveling to the moon likely will far exceed the \$12 billion allocated to it for the next five years. The Mercury, Gemini and Apollo programs cost \$23 billion in eight years in the 1960s. Bush makes no mention of funding projections beyond the next five years.

Retiring the space shuttle leaves several loose ends. Without a space shuttle, NASA will be unable to service satellites, including the Hubble Space Telescope.

NASA already has canceled all servicing missions to the telescope due to costs and, according to NASA, Hubble will crash-land in 2007 or 2008. NASA had not intended to replace the Hubble until 2011, with the aid of the space shuttles.

The plan leaves NASA unable to deliver large payloads to space, which decreases Mission Control's options in the event of a disaster aboard the ISS. The ability to deliver supplies for large-scale repairs, the expansion of the ISS, or other space stations — such as Bush's proposed moon base — also will be affected.

A trip to the moon — not to mention a moon base — has international ramifications that must be addressed, especially because Bush's proposal makes no mention of international cooperation after the completion of the ISS.

Space exploration always has been a field of general international good will, even during the Cold War. Now, in our age of ever-increasing globalism, proceeding without cooperation from the European Space Agency, China or any other nation — regardless of technical capability — can be seen as a dangerous and aggressive step toward a U.S.-dominated inner solar system.

China announced, after successfully sending astronauts

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"I tackled my brother, who was on JV football, in front of his coach."

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What is your biggest accomplishment in sibling domination?

Breeze Reader's View

Emergency contraceptive pills continue to take the field in a game without any real winners

brianGoodman

Every death is a tragedy — particularly those that involve youth — and the passing of Kevin Eckerman, who did not recover from a head injury incurred at Massanutten last week, is no exception.

A mere four days earlier, the Board of Visitors reversed its previous decision on the Plan B emergency contraceptive pill.

In the most literal interpretation of "adding insult onto injury" committed by *The Breeze* in recent memory, Eckerman's death announcement was forced to the left of the front page by the headline article "Overturned," which effectively dominated four-fifths of the page.

Eckerman, a senior, was permitted a picture of his face the size of an adult male's thumb, to make room for a picture of a Plan B pack the size of an adult male's face.

I guess you could make the argument that he deserved it. After all, he attended a university where birth control apparently takes priority over student tragedy. It's just the way things need to be if you want to get into *Mother Jones Magazine*.

Not only that, but he had his accident within a week of the board's flip-flop. Sure, the death of the computer science major that helped found the snowboarding club is important, but

hey, we got our ECP back.

This is not the first misstep we have taken with regard to the ECP issue since April. The most recent decision by the board is just another inning in the same ballgame we've been playing for almost a year.

Emergency contraception is back on campus. Not that it was ever off campus, but now it's actually sold on campus again. Plan B is again on the list of drugs you can purchase on campus.

Whatever happens, Student Body President Levar Stoney is "ecstatic about [the issue] coming to an end." Be happy. Now that Plan B is back in the University Health Center, girls can continue buying their shirts at Baby Gap. This is victory, and it sure tastes sweet.

But we really didn't win. No one truly can win this game. Not the Board of Visitors, not the administration, not the alumni, not the students, not Levar Stoney, not junior Krissy Schnebel.

In the absence of long-term studies on the long-range effects of Plan B, as well as a reported correlation between Plan B use and entopic pregnancy, student health was not victorious either. Helen Blackwell was one of the two board members unwilling to roll over and play dead when the going got tough.

"I thought the board should

be aware that the university might be found liable for a student's complications at some future time," Blackwell said.

At least we know that there are still some board members perturbed at this willingness to sacrifice the welfare of students.

But the board fared worse than most of us throughout the whole mess. By taking a strong stand on an issue and then acquiescing when 2,700 students put their names on a piece of paper, they effectively castrated themselves.

They then put their emasculation to an official vote, which effectively "grants authority for all future health-related decisions pertaining to students to the administration and its medical staff," as board member Meredith Gunter said.

However, Blackwell found the clause removing the board from "health-related decisions" to be particularly objectionable.

"In my opinion, it is an abandonment of our responsibility as the Board of Visitors to set the policies of the university," she said. "I don't see what point there is in having a board at all if it is going to defer critical policy decisions to the administration."

In other words, the board charged into battle, found out the other side was armed, and ran away with their tails

between their legs. Lead on, fearless ones.

We students effectively cannot claim victory, either. It's one thing to attend a school that administers Plan B, as most Virginia state universities do; it's entirely another to fight tooth and nail to get Plan B administered. Therefore, we at JMU now are defined further by birth control, so people naturally think we're having a lot of sex. I guess it's an improvement — we used to be known for our smell.

In the scheme of things, at least birth control is also more entertaining than chicken processing. For example, there is a list floating around online about what Virginian college students do when they wake up in the morning.

At the University of Virginia, you find your physics paper online. At Virginia Tech, you check your sports rankings and cry about it. At JMU, you roll over and introduce yourself.

Ah, the spoils of battle. We fought long. We fought hard. Needless to say, it's not a victory. In the end, we got hurt, they got hurt and Eckerman got shoved to the sidelines. In this game, no one could have come out the winner, and no one did come out the winner, with an exception for the manufacturers of Plan B. And, of course, Baby Gap.

Brian Goodman is an undeclared freshman.

MOON: Bush's plan lacks much foresight

MOON, from page 6

into space in October, that it intends to send manned missions to the moon and Mars, according to CNN. China is willing to cooperate with the United States, but rather than cooperate with Beijing, the Bush administration has chosen to perceive a threat in China's space program. Bush believes China might use space technology to attack the United States.

The worldview that every technologically advanced nation with a different ideology is a threat is not a view that should be carried into outer space in this age. Rather, the United States should seek the help and cooperation of the nations it will be sharing outer space with in the years to come.

The timetable proposed in

the Renewed Spirit of Discovery plan calls for a return to the moon by 2020 — 16 years from now. This is at least 11 years after Bush will leave office and twice as long as it took NASA to start from scratch and go to the moon in the 1960s. This lengthy timetable, combined with insufficient funding, leaves any blame for failure of the project squarely off Bush's shoulders and on those of his successor(s).

Bush's plan is a whimsical ploy designed to appeal to the scientific community without requiring him to make any real political or financial commitment.

It would be wonderful for the nation to move into a new era of space exploration, but Bush's plan does not provide adequately for it financially, scientifically or politically.

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Today's Birthday (Jan. 20). Study history this year, yours and everybody else's, and come up with a brilliant scheme that takes care of all your problems. You might want to enlist the assistance of a wise professional or two. That's not cheating.

Aries March 21-April 19

Today is a 6 - You may now find it slightly easier to speak in words the boss understands. But don't take any liberties. Be respectful, or you'll encounter a setback. No liping off.

Taurus April 20-May 20

Today is an 8 - You'll soon be held accountable, but that shouldn't worry you. You may not like the approach this person takes, but don't lose your temper. Be cool.

Gemini May 21-June 21

Today is a 6 - You'll soon notice that you need more space to play. You need to try out a fantasy or two. But don't run off and do it just yet.

Cancer June 22-July 22

Today is an 8 - Listen intently when somebody else tries to tell you how to run your life. He or she actually has some good ideas and might be able to help you finance the venture.

Leo July 23-Aug. 22

Today is a 6 - You're getting a lesson in perseverance, whether you want to or not. You're already past the phase where you're tired of doing this, yet you're still not done. Keep plugging away.

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Today is an 8 - Hopefully you have your domestic situation just about squared away. You'll be so busy for the next few weeks, you won't have much time for domestic matters. Spend a little extra money now.

Libra Sept. 23-Oct 22

Today is a 5 - You'll feel better soon, but it might be best to catch up on your rest. Make yourself comfortable, and do something nice for yourself and the whole family.

Scorpio Oct. 23-Nov. 21

Today is an 8 - Your luck continues to hold, but you'll soon run into problems. Take advantage of this calm before the storm by learning as much as you can.

Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Today is a 6 - You may not see any difference yet, but you're into a whole new phase. Your curiosity will grow by leaps and bounds, and you'll leave old worries behind.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Today is an 8 - You're about to enter a phase where you'll be focusing on bringing in money. This should be easier with the self-confidence that you've just acquired. Use it.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18

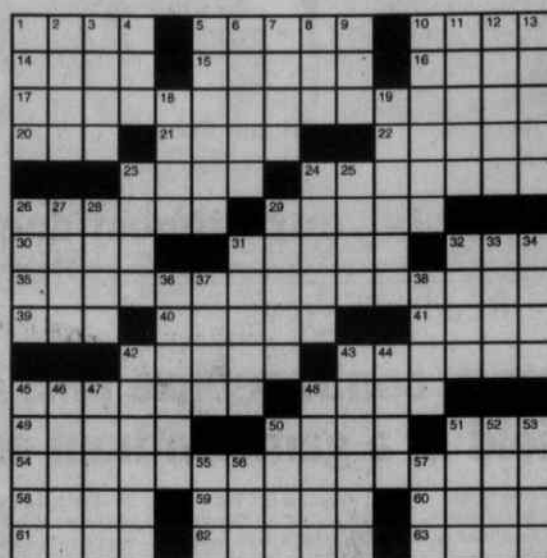
Today is a 6 - You should almost be able to see the light at the end of the tunnel. No, it's not a train coming; it's your next big chance to make things turn out right. Prepare.

Pisces Feb. 19-March 20

Today is a 7 - You won't be devoting quite as much time to your social life for a while. You'll want to spend more time alone, contemplating and making plans.

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RIDDLE of the Day

Before Mount Everest was discovered, what was the tallest mountain on Earth?

Answer to last issue's riddle:
All of the children are boys, so half are boys and so is the other half.

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Section Two



One Piece at a Time

Interracial dating puzzles some while earning acceptance with others

Story by contributing writer Sylva Florence • Photos by photo editor Kristy Nicolich • Photo illustration by art director Jessica Taylor

hundred years ago, relationships between two people of different races sparked controversy and discomfort. Today, one needn't look hard to find evidence of an interracial dating scene. Web sites and chat rooms — such as www.singlesites.com/InterracialDating.htm — are dedicated to interracial couples. Movies like "Save the Last Dance" brought the situation onscreen, and couples like Kobe and Vanessa Bryant brought interracial dating into popular culture.

"When people think about interracial dating, they always think 'black guy, white girl,'" senior Lindsey Chilcutt said. "It's not always that way." Chilcutt's dating history shows that interracial dating isn't always African-American and white. Chilcutt is Caucasian and has dated Caucasians, African-Americans and a Cambodian.

“When people think about interracial dating, they always think ‘black guy, white girl’. It’s not always that way.”

— Lindsey Chilcutt
senior

Sophomore Kimberly Ortiz and her boyfriend, junior Anwar Siddiqui, who both have similarly dark skin, said they don't stand out as much as other couples may.

"Black and white is obvious to look at," said Ortiz, who is half Puerto Rican. "Since we have the same type of complexion, I think it might

make people think it's OK more."

Siddiqui, who is half Italian and half Persian, said, "Interracial dating stands out more by the color of skin than the nationality."

He said he feels the interracial scene at JMU is "pretty sad" because it's not very diverse.

For example, according to the JMU Office of Institutional Research, only 11 percent of the JMU population includes minority students. Some students point to diversity at JMU as a factor in the small number of interracial couples on campus.

"If there was more diversity, there could maybe be more interracial dating," senior Denise Machonis said.

Machonis has had relationships with other Caucasians, African-Americans, a Puerto Rican and an Italian.

"My first boyfriend in fourth grade was black," Machonis said. "I don't find myself really attracted to anyone [now] but blacks and whites, although I wouldn't exclude anyone else."

Chilcutt said, "I'm more attracted to black guys, but I don't rule out anyone."

Chilcutt believes her family supports her in regards to dating interracially.

"My mom and dad couldn't care less," Chilcutt said, "as long as I like him and am happy."

Siddiqui said his parents are "indifferent" to his relationships, while Ortiz said hers are "used to it." Her parents dated interracially, and it was a huge issue," she said. "They're very concerned about how it will affect me because they had so many problems. My grandparents hated my dad; they didn't want him to marry my mom because he was Puerto Rican. They didn't even go to my parents' wedding."

Machonis feels her situation is different. While she believes her family is open-minded, she also feels they are concerned about what other people will think.

"They're not used to it," Machonis said. "I'm the first person in my family to [date interracially]."

“We’re brought up totally different [in each culture]. Even not talking about dating, we have completely different lifestyles.”

— Denise Machonis
senior

In the United States, the interracial dating scene is still in its toddler stages, as can be seen by the attitude toward interracial marriages. As late as 1950, interracial marriages were banned in 30 states. The U.S. Supreme Court ruled in 1967 that those bans were unenforceable, according to www.cnn.com. Today, there are more than 450,000 African-American-white marriages, compared with 51,000 in 1960, according to the Current Population Survey, a survey of households taken every month, according to www.bls.gov. The survey is conducted by the Bureau of Census for the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Sometimes interracial dating can precipitate problems. "People would talk — especially the girls," Chilcutt said. "I've gone on dates where we get stares or I sense people talking [about us]. I don't let it get to me."

Some of the girls who chose to date interracially said they have experienced bias in one way or another.

"Someone asked about me," Machonis said,

"and the girl that lived next to me said, 'She only dates black guys.' There are lots of generalizations [like that]."

Some of the students who have experienced interracial dating named several factors that may affect an individual's dating preferences.

Chilcutt believes a person's background could influence his or her choice of romantic partners.

"My high school was so diverse," she said. "It depends on where you're from, where you grew up. Many people are not exposed to other races until they get [to college]."

Ortiz said she believes dating "has a lot to do with parents," while Siddiqui places responsibility on "the environment a person was exposed to."

"Many variables affect [dating preferences]," he said. "I mean, the United States is primarily Caucasian, and it also depends on where you live — urban or rural."

he census conducted in 2000 by the U.S. Census Bureau found that 77.1 percent of the entire population of the United States is Caucasian, according to www.census.gov/population/.

According to Machonis, mixing cultures can be hard, but interesting.

"We're brought up totally different [in each culture]," she said. "Even not talking about dating, we have completely different lifestyles."

Society's increased reception of racially diverse couples might be an indicator of improving race relations, according to Machonis.

"If no one else thought twice [about interracial dating], I wouldn't either," Machonis said.

Chilcutt feels that acceptance of interracial dating is a step in the right direction.

In the end, interracial dating comes down to something much simpler than prejudice, race, conflict, acceptance, diversity and public opinion.

"Dating is just about two people liking each other," Chilcutt said. "It's about who they are, not what they are."

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Senior Zak Salih
critiques 2003's
finest film.

see story below

STYLE

"... words are reflective of what we were
thinking about as a culture."

ERIN MCKEAN
senior editor for U.S. dictionaries
at Oxford University Press

see story below

THE BEST FILMS OF 2003

'21 Grams' weighs in as year's best,
'Nemo' swims for gold in timeless tale

BY ZAK SALIH
senior writer

When it comes to the cinema of 2003, the year has been — despite the usual case of summer sequelitis — a rousing success. So here, with little fanfare (maybe a mild drumbeat), are this critic's top 10 films of 2003. These are the films that, in this critic's humble opinion, make 2003 a banner year for movies and reaffirm the idea that trips to the local cineplex are still worthwhile.

1. "21 Grams" — Yes, it's emotionally devastating and not the year's most uplifting film. But, it features three brave performances by Sean Penn ("Mystic River"), Naomi Watts ("The Ring") and Benicio Del Toro ("The Hunted"), and a narrative that remains affecting, despite the intriguing, fractured structure.

2. "28 Days Later" — Perhaps the summer's best film, this end-of-the-world scenario, shot in digital video, is not so much about the flesh-eating plague victims that hunt a band of survivors as it is about the loss of human communication and the melancholic atmosphere evoked by a deserted London.

3. "Kill Bill, Vol. 1" — Though it's probably best to come to a decision once the second volume is to be released in April 2004, the first half of Quentin Tarantino's ("Little Nicky") return to film was a triumph of over-the-top gore — a 90-minute homage to kung fu films and spaghetti Westerns.

4. "Lost in Translation" — A quiet, introspective film about two loners making a brief connection amid the hyperkinetic bustle of Tokyo. How refreshing to watch an honest relationship develop onscreen — a relationship that doesn't involve sex at first sight.

5. "Cold Mountain" — The least impressive of writer-director Anthony

Minghella's ("The Talented Mr. Ripley") three film adaptations, this Civil War epic stands out for its beautiful cinematography and its ability to capture the essences of Charles Frazier's novel.

6. "The Dancer Upstairs" — John Malkovich's ("Knockaround Guys") directorial debut about the search for a Latin American terrorist is the best film you probably haven't seen, with the ability to go from subtle to shocking in a matter of minutes.

7. "Finding Nemo" — This is a hilarious film that cements Pixar's position as the best animated storytellers who can combine breathtaking visuals with the kind of touching story that transcends age.

8. "The Human Stain" — While at times burdened by its own literariness, "Stain" is a successful film adaptation dealing with the havoc of political correctness and the overwhelming burden of secrets.

9. "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King" — An impressive, jaw-dropping conclusion to the fantasy trilogy. Forget the "Matrix" trilogy and those measly "Star Wars" prequels — this is where it's at.

10. "House of Sand and Fog" — Another of winter's film adaptations, this real-life story quickly descends into the darkest of hells and becomes less a dark suburban drama than a full-blown Greek tragedy transplanted to the California coast.



MARC CHOU/
graphics editor

Naomi Watts stars as grieving mother Cristina Peck in "21 Grams." The film, which was released Nov. 23, 2003, already has grossed over \$1 million.

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NOTES

Titanic of the times heads for open seas

The \$800 million Queen Mary 2, the largest, tallest and most expensive passenger vessel ever built, set sail Jan. 12, according to a Jan. 16 edition of USA Today.

Cabin prices range from \$1,500 (for a 194-square-foot cabin) to \$27,000 per person (for a two-story suite) for a six-day, trans-Atlantic cruise on the ship, depending on room size and location in the ship. That fare includes a one-way return airfare.

David Nevell, one of 2,500 passengers on the two-week inaugural sail from Southampton, England, to Fort Lauderdale, Fla., said, "There's a 'wow' factor to this that hasn't been seen in a long time."

'Obnoxious' TV inundates helpless viewing public

When couch potatoes didn't think the situation could get more interesting, FOX and FX feed new twists and turns with the introduction of two new reality shows.

FOX brings "The Bachelor" and "Who Wants to Marry a Multi-Millionaire" to their knees with the newest television-dating search engine — "My Big Fat Obnoxious Fiance."

The six-episode series, which premiered last night, is a double joke where the bride, Randi, is trying to win \$1 million by convincing her family her engagement to the lewd, lazy man, Steven, she brings home is true love.

"Todd TV" premieres tomorrow night on FX, where 30-year-old California waiter Todd Santos turns his life over to the world. Every life decision he makes over the seven-week series, including who he should live with and date, are controlled by the viewers via text message and phone.

— compiled by Kyra Papafili

Boys luck out with 'Commitment'

BY ANDREW COPLON
contributing writer

A self-proclaimed "herbal blend of groove, style and truth," Lucky Boys Confusion's sound is a mix of punk, reggae and even hip-hop with a final product smoother than a cup of Joe. Based out of Chicago, LBC brings its unique style and stellar versatility to the table with the release of "Commitment."

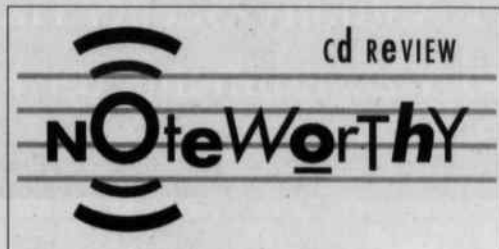
Drawing heavily from bands such as 311 and Sublime, the five members of LBC's diverse influences are evident in the ska-punk style of their music. The band will attract listeners who enjoy music from all genres.

Each song on "Commitment" shows off a different facet of LBC's musical fortes.

"Hey Driver," the second track, is pop punk at its finest. The lyrics proclaim an optimistic anthem of "Take me to the top of the world." A perfect combination of guitar riffs, driving drum beats and powerful vocals make this song the album's most memorable track.

To polish this song off even further, an all-star cast of members from other bands such as Yellowcard and Lit provide the chorus that is set off by the removal of all instruments except lead guitar.

Teenage suicide and coping with the death of a loved one are the themes alluded to in "Mr. Wilmington." The singer urges a young man's



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father not to blame himself for his son's suicide, but realize that he tried his best to raise him.

This song's style resembles that of the Lemonheads' cover of Simon and Garfunkel's "Mrs. Robinson" in both its title as well as a resemblance in the lead singer's voice.

"Commitment," the title track, also responds to prominent issues in society today, such as the school shootings that tragically have occurred nationwide in Jonesboro, Ark., Conyers, Ga. and Columbine, Colo.

Other songs such as "Broken" and "Beware"

sing of lost loves and the motivation to go on with life. The melodic lyrics of "Beware" haunt the listener. "Beware, I swear, I will be waiting there."

To add to the distinct flavor of "Commitment," Half Pint provides guest vocals on "Sunday Afternoon," shifting the sound of the song from rock 'n' roll to hip-hop. Once again, this track excellently demonstrates the original fashion and versatility of LBC.

As the last track, "Medicine and Gasoline," states with just as much energy as the earlier songs the enthusiasm of this release is contagious.

With the set-off sing-along choruses of a pop band, the catchy drum beats of a instant hit, and a repertoire of funky twists and surprises, Lucky Boys Confusion's "Commitment" is an album not to be missed.

To hear more music by Lucky Boys Confusion, listen to 88.7 WXJN or find the album at Plan 9 Records.

Iraqnophobia blog zhuzhing 2003 hajjis 2003 BENNIFER 2003 METROSEXUAL 2003 spider hole

Jargon marks moments

From Bennifer to zhuzhing, words of 2003 define times, reflect current culture

BY ALFRED LUBRANO
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Strange new words came out of our mouths in 2003:

Bennifer.
Embedded.
Spider hole.
SARS.

Every year boasts its own vocabulary — a unique set of words and phrases that suddenly become culturally relevant. Not all the words are necessarily new. But, they possess a fresh importance, given current events.

"Language is a nice way to remember things," said Erin McKean, senior editor for U.S. dictionaries at Oxford University Press in New York.

In a less-than-scientific roundup of the *au courant* verbiage this year, a few points are noticeable. For example, we've allowed more than a bit of military speak to infiltrate the language, given our nation's adventures in the Middle East.

The khaki-and-camouflage set injected the practically poetic phrase spider hole into the lexicon. It refers, of course, to the dusty, subterranean refuge where a bushy Saddam Hussein was discovered by U.S. troops last month. The media eagerly appropriated the phrase, unusually descriptive as military terms go.

Then there is the word hajjis, a slang term U.S. soldiers use for Iraqis (sometimes, specifically the local insurgents). It comes, said linguist Wayne Glowka, from the Arabic word hajj, which is a pilgrimage to Mecca.

Glowka, who is chairman of the New Words Committee for the American Dialect Society, added that the war has offered our mother tongue what may well turn out to be the society's word of the year — the noun embed, which refers to a reporter who became part of a military unit to cover the invasion of Iraq.

It now also describes a reporter covering a political campaign, Glowka said.

Giving embed a race for lexicological glory this year is SARS, which is not a word, really, but an acronym for severe acute respiratory syndrome. Glowka admitted that SARS may be fizzling, relevance-wise, but it certainly captured our attention earlier this year.

"January 2003 seems so dim now, but seeing the word SARS brings it into clearer focus," McKean said. "And words are reflective of what we were thinking about as a culture."

A year ago, conveying our 2002 preoccupation, the dialect society voted the still-elusive weapons of mass destruction as words of the year. Runners-up included the high-tech term blog (Web log, or Internet journal), the newly minted verb

see LINGO, page 12

A man's guide to judging a woman by her handbag

Every fashion-savvy person such as myself has an obsession. For Carrie Bradshaw, Sarah Jessica Parker's character on "Sex and the City," it is shoes. For socialite Paris Hilton, it is skimpy dresses from YSL — that's Yves Saint Laurent for those unproficient in fashion speak. For me, it is handbags.

Handbags are status-makers that announce your presence before the rest of your body even enters a room. They are like jelly beans — sweet, small and come in a variety of shapes and colors. Ever since I laid eyes on my first, delicious zuchino-print Fendi, I have become a self-proclaimed expert. I can spot a fake Louis Vuitton faster than you can say cop-out.

Now, before the gentlemen decide that this is a "chicks only" article, realize that recognizing

what a handbag says about a woman can make an opening line that much easier. Read on for what I believe to be the world's most prized advice about my most prized possessions.

I believe every person, no matter how tiny the fashion instinct, can find her niche in the handbag universe. Sometimes finding the right bag for you is all about form and function. Although I have broken this rule more than I'd like to admit, a woman only needs a minimal four handbags, each to serve a specific purpose.

First, one must have the sporty handbag that can fulfill a multiple number of purposes. This is the handbag that can be tossed in a gym locker and toted around through rain or shine. It is an inexpensive bag that can take daily wear and



tear and is easily replaceable. The owner of the sporty bag is most likely an athletic girl who can hang with the guys.

Second is the small, elegant handbag reserved for proms, weddings and any other formal occasions. They are usually made of satin and should be small and light, for they are meant only for carrying the

bare essentials such as keys, a cell phone and lip gloss. This prissy bag indicates a woman on her way to a fun event who probably enjoys attending parties and being social.

Third is the most popular and most versatile bag — the shopping purse. This purse is similar to the sporty bag, for it serves many purposes, but is

more expensive. The shopping purse is nice enough to be carried to work for it is roomy and holds all the ridiculous things women insist on carrying.

This bag also can be dressed up and taken out for a night on the town and is durable enough to sustain a few stains. It is owned by all women of all types, yet indicates down-to-earth women who still like style.

My favorite bag is the final purse you will learn about today — the ultimate splurge handbag. This is the bag you spent way too much on no matter how long your boyfriend or parents lectured you. In fact, it is so expensive, you never carry it except when the weather conditions are pristine, and there is zero risk of a partygoer spilling Red Bull on it.

This is your beloved status-

maker, which represents all that is wonderful about handbags — refined fashion. The few women who own this bag embody what it means to be high maintenance. However, men must learn that high maintenance means high quality.

Now, go bravely into the handbag-laden world and enjoy all the amazing colors, prints, shapes and sizes that this place of heaven has to offer you. As for the gentlemen, remember that my guesses about women based on handbags are only generalizations. Therefore, never rely completely on a handbag when sizing up a woman.

Stay tuned for the next installment of the Fashion Boss, where *The Breeze's* annual make-over contestants will be revealed with their new looks.

LINGO: Events of 2003 immortalize weird slang

LINGO, from page 11

Google (to rummage through the Web using the search engine Google.com); Amber alert (public announcement of a missing child); and the fancifully coined Iraqophobia.

By way of comparison, in 2001, the word of the year was a somber, suitable number: 9-11. Year 2000 gave us chad; in 1999 it was Y2K; and 1998 it was simply the letter e, as in e-mail.

Words blossomed last year outside the official purview of the dialect society, of course.

The popular TV program "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy" spawned a few interesting terms, such as zhuzhing, which means adjusting one's appearance — hair, clothes, etcetera.

Then there is product, which we used to call goop or styling gel for the hair. And, in the great American tradition of making verbs out of adjectives and nouns, queer eyeing someone now means assessing a person's dress and overall look. In a *New Yorker* cartoon last year, a gay man refuses to queer eye a straight man.

While we're talking about appearances, the word metrosexual is thought to have premiered in 2003, according to McKean. It refers to a heterosexual urban guy who is preoccupied with money, clothes and style.

The world of hip-hop fashion brought us fresh to death, which refers to clothing that is so hot it'll be that way until the wearer is dead and buried.

Rap star Snoop Dogg started attaching the playful suffix -izzle to words before 2003, but last year we saw wider use of terms like televizzle and wait a minizzle. And 2002's ubiquitous hip-hop term bling bling, or flashy jewelry, has been clipped simply to bling. Similarly, the United Kingdom slang word brilliant, signifying something great, is now brill.

Other words and phrases that crept into the lexicon in 2003 included power grid, which generally was uttered through clenched teeth in exasperation. It's what failed so much of the Northeast in the great August blackout.

"Power grid is very 'chad,'"

Power grid is very 'chad.' It's been around since the 1940s, but wait until it goes wrong.

— Erin McKean
Oxford University Press

McKean said. "It's been around since the 1940s, but wait until it goes wrong."

In the world of high-tech, we communicated our great reliance on staying in touch by morphing the device known as a BlackBerry (a wireless e-mail pager) into a CrackBerry — that is, an apparatus so addictive that everyone has to have it, said Jeffrey O'Brien, senior editor at *Wired* magazine.

And, O'Brien added, while the verb google is so very 2002, the past year gave us google washing (when Google folk update their links), which inspires the google dance (when people listed on Google lobby to become listed higher on a page of the search engine's results).

One hopes we've seen the last of flash mobs, which were pointless gatherings of people summoned by like-minded geeks on the Internet.

And, one suspects, we can march happily into 2004 without the 2003 beast known as Bennifer — the ubiquitous couple also known as Ben Affleck and Jennifer Lopez. But will we see a spawning of more tadpoles, boy-toy types like Ashton Kutcher who canoodle with near-mom-aged women such as Demi Moore?

In a nod to the new carbohydrate-free eating regimens, the phrase "hold the bread" gained currency in 2003. As a result, sandwiches suffered, and bakers lost business.

Whether or not you used these words, they remain useful guides to what we were saying and thinking way back when in 2003.

"Give words their due as cultural objects," McKean said. "It's good to remember the

East Asians wrap New Year's food, friendships in timeless traditions

BY PHUONG LY
The Washington Post

Lunar New Year is all about the food. Asian-Americans may forget to wear red for luck or might not make it to a lion dance, but the holiday's fare — delicious but labor-intensive food that often takes an entire crew to prepare — never is compromised.

Each East Asian culture marks this celebration of family, friends and feasting with its own New Year's dish. For the Chinese, it's crescent-shaped dumplings that resemble ancient coins. Koreans eat a soup with rice cakes, round for the rising sun.

And, for the Vietnamese such as myself, it's deep-fried spring rolls stuffed with pork, crabmeat, dried mushrooms and matchstick carrots. Some say the rolls resemble gold bars — the more you eat, the greater your fortune for the new year.

As my friends gather Wednesday night to welcome

the Year of the Monkey, we'll share the task of making the rolls. Part of the fun is cooking together. It's a closeness thing — you like someone, you trust them to wrap a spring roll. So we'll chop, mix, wrap and fry, staving off hunger with dried fruit, sweetened coconut shreds and other traditional New Year's snacks.

The spring rolls can be a meal in themselves, but we'll serve other delights such as roast pork stew, sticky rice cakes and noodles. Gluttony is expected, after all. A full table means prosperity for the coming year.

My friends and I do stray from the norm when it comes to a couple of things. The drink of choice is French wine, not Asian beer, and near midnight, we do a Dick Clark-inspired countdown.

But, we always cap the evening with an ancient tradition — gambling. It's such a big custom that Lunar New Year is one of the



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busiest holidays in Las Vegas, where casinos are decorated with Chinese symbols for good luck.

At our gaming table, only quarters are slapped down for bets in blackjack and poker, though for all the trash-talking, you'd think entire bank accounts were at stake.

It's not clear why gambling is a New Year's tradition, but some credit the food. What better way to test the luck of our snacks than with a card game? So keep the spring rolls nearby and bet that the new year will bring good fortune.

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Matthews inks contract

Football coach Mickey Matthews signed a three-year contract extension Dec. 8, 2003.
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SPORTS

"Everyone has stepped it up and hit their stride ... We are trying to find our groove ..."

KENNY BROOKS
women's basketball coach
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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Dukes hitting their stride

Several players stepping up game midway through season

BY DREW WILSON
senior writer

Before the Dukes even played a regular season game, Coach Kenny Brooks said he contemplated throwing in the towel.

"At the beginning of the season, I was borderline depressed," Brooks recalled. "Balls were going all over the gym, and I was thinking, 'Are we going to be able to do anything right?'"

Of course, Brooks never really planned on quitting, but he wondered how and when the team finally would gel together.

With JMU midway through its season, the Dukes (7-9, 2-3 in the conference) are playing as a team and have put a string of solid games together.

"Everyone has stepped it up and hit their stride," Brooks said. "You look at our team early — we had never played with each other. It was a team trying to learn each other, and we had to do that on stage. We didn't have the luxury of having [some of the younger players] playing behind someone where they could start learning. We just had to throw them all together."

"We were trying to find our groove and find our niche, and I think we are starting to do that now," he added.

JMU is coming off a 53-51 win against Norfolk State University last night. The Dukes had won two straight before losing to the College of William & Mary, 71-68, Sunday.

The Dukes' success has been a result of not just one person stepping up, but a collective effort by several players, according to Brooks.

Red-shirt junior guard Mary Beth Culbertson has been one of the players who has stepped up her game, especially in the absence of red-shirt senior guard Jody LaRose, who has missed the last five games because of injury.

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DREW WILSON/senior photographer

Sophomore center Denae Dobbins makes a layup during last Thursday night's game against George Mason University. Dobbins had a career-high 12 points against the Patriots.

"It was just an opportune time when she stepped up her game," Brooks said. "She has gotten her confidence back and has done a tremendous job for us as of late."

Culbertson is averaging 14 points a game over the last four games she has played (she didn't play against

Norfolk State last night) and earned a starting job after a breakout performance against Old Dominion University Jan. 9, in which she scored a career-high 20 points.

However, Brooks said that Culbertson has been helping the team all season.

"Mary Beth is just now

becoming noticeable to [the fans] because she has started to score points," he said. "But, she's been playing well for us all year long just doing some of the little things. At the beginning of the year, she did a tremendous job with her assist-turnover

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BREEZE READER'S VIEW

Charlie's oldest hustle

BY CALEB HANNAN
contributing writer

Pete Rose has just penned a brand new book with ghostwriter Rick Hill entitled "My Prison Without Bars." The media frenzy surrounding the release has been astounding. What is not as astounding is the revelation that is the book's main selling point — Pete Rose finally has admitted to the world that he bet on baseball while he managed the Cincinnati Reds.

As fate would have it, 14 years ago, Pete Rose wrote another book (this time with ghostwriter Roger Kahn) entitled "My Story." In "My Story," Rose vehemently denied ever betting on baseball and said the investigation against him was based on hearsay.

For years, Rose maintained his innocence in the face of journalists, television cameras and friends. I guess it was part of Rose's sentence in "Prison" that he was forced to retell the same lie thousands of times.

Now Rose is extending his hand to baseball and he's waiting for a shake. Let bygones be bygones. Surely, if Rose wants to mend his ways, he would be apologetic in his book. Think again.

Here is an excerpt that highlights Rose's feelings toward his past improprieties against the game of baseball: "I'm sure that I'm supposed to act all sorry or sad or guilty now that I've accepted that I've done something wrong. But you see, I'm just not built that way. So let's leave it like this: I'm sorry it happened and I'm sorry for all the people, fans and family it hurt. Let's move on."

Apparently, the rest of society has the capacity for contrition, but poor old Rose just wasn't "built that way." It has been pointed out numerous times that Rose uses the word "it" rather than "I" twice when talking about his gambling and the subsequent investigation that forced him out of baseball.

Only someone with an enormous ego could so effectively distance himself from the responsibility of a situation

he caused. Considering that Rose has had 14 years to make this apology, it shouldn't be surprising that he no longer feels sad or guilty. Chances are Rose never felt that way.

To understand why Rose is confessing his sins now, you have to understand his primary motivations for exposing himself — money and legacy.

"Prison" already has created so much buzz it almost certainly is going to bring in millions for Rose. It may be that Rose needs this money badly, considering his gambling left him in some serious financial peril.

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Rose's apology is the main platform for his campaign to get into the Hall of Fame. In fact, any choreographed action that Rose has performed in the past dozen years, such as the release of this book, has been an attempt to get back into baseball and into the Hall of Fame.

Unfortunately (or fortunately), Rose has a limited timetable with which to work. Assuming he gets reinstated by the commissioner, Rose has until 2005 to be elected into the Hall by the baseball writers.

After 2005, Rose's fate is in the hands of the Veterans Committee. According to popular belief, Rose stands almost no chance to get in with the Veterans, so he's making his stand here and now with two years left to get in and with sand falling quickly down the hourglass.

Those who are compassionate to Rose's sobstory point out that there are numerous cretins and lowlives

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FOOTBALL

Coach Matthews stays put, agrees to 3-year extension

JMU loses defensive coordinator, special teams coach

BY WES HEINEL
assistant sports editor

Entering his final season under contract this past season, coach Mickey Matthews endured an injury plagued season with a young squad, arriving at a final 6-6 record. His reward — a three-year contract extension.

Citing improvement being made from season to season, Athletic Director Jeff Bourne offered Matthews an opportunity to continue to build the program through the 2006 season. However, the university did not elect to raise Matthews' salary, as the coach will continue to make approximately \$124,700 per season.

With the stability of their coach's job status no longer in limbo, the Dukes now can focus on winter workouts and spring practice red-shirt freshman running back Alvin Banks said.

"I'm glad that all the talk about Coach's [coach Matthews] contract is over so we can concentrate on the season ahead of us," Banks said. "The off-season should run smooth because all the hype over the contract is over."

Another positive attribute resulting from Matthews' extension is the impact on recruiting. Heading down the final stretch until the official NCAA signing day in the first week of February, JMU has retained its coach for just shy of a full recruiting cycle.

"With [Coach Matthews] returning, I think it will allow us to have a more stable recruiting off-season," red-shirt junior quarterback Matt LeZotte said. "One of the main things recruits want to hear when moving on to the college level is that the coach plans on being here for a while. I think with this reassurance, it will help



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Coach Mickey Matthews has compiled a career record of 27-31 during his five-year tenure at the helm of the Dukes' program.

not only our recruiting class, but also the returning players to have confidence in this school and this program."

LeZotte had nothing but praise for his coach, citing youth, inexperience and injuries as the team's significant reasons for past seasons' struggles.

"Making the transition from high school to college isn't easy, and a lot of players have had to play their freshman years without being ready," LeZotte said. "I think with the experience we have returning on offense that our production will be dramatically increased next season."

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Freeman emerges as leader

Junior scores 18, leads squad to first CAA victory

BY BRAD RICHARDS
sports editor

JMU defeated Towson University, 57-55, Saturday at the Convocation Center to earn its first Colonial Athletic Association victory in six tries this season.

The Dukes improved to 4-10 overall while the Tigers dropped to 5-9 overall.

"Finally," coach Sherman Dillard said, following the win. "Obviously, this has been a tough stretch for us. We knew we had to find a way to get a [win]."

Sometimes all it takes is just getting the taste of victory — It gives you that spark you need to start a fire."

After dropping nine of its previous 10 games, the Dukes edged out Towson with the help of junior guard Daniel Freeman's game-high 18 points.

"Being the only junior on the team and having so many freshmen that contribute significantly to our team, I feel like I can be not only a leader as far as being more aggressive ... but I feel I can be a vocal leader as well," Freeman said.

From the start of the first half, things weren't looking good for the Dukes, as they trailed the Tigers 15-7 with under 12 minutes to play in the half.

Despite not getting its first field goal until the 15:03 mark of the first half, JMU found a way and rallied behind Freeman, its rising leader.

"It's games like this that Daniel [Freeman], I think, does his best work," Dillard said. "I am not sure that we were as fluid as we



CHRIS LABZDA/senior photographer

Junior guard Daniel Freeman spots up behind the arc for a three-pointer during Saturday's CAA game against Towson. JMU won 57-55.

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should be offensively, but he was the one guy out there that was able to make plays.

"I think all teams that have any success have players like that," Dillard added. "And I thought tonight [Freeman] was that guy for us."

Freeman scored a lay-up for JMU's first basket of the night. The Dukes then continued to attack the Towson defense and chipped away at the lead until it finally took their first lead of the game, 26-25, with 2:31 left in the half. JMU led 33-32 at halftime.

"We came into the locker room energetic," red-shirt sophomore forward David Cooper said. "We came in positive ... We had a feeling in the locker room that if we kept playing hard, the same way we played in the first half, we could pull this game out."

Despite having only one scorer (Freeman) in double figures, JMU managed to get

enough of a balanced attack in the second half to keep the game close.

Freeman and four other players scored in the second half for the Dukes, including a strong performance by Cooper and freshman center Eddie Greene-Long.

Trailing by 6 points four minutes into the second half, JMU turned things around to go up 5 points with 5:22 remaining. The Dukes received some help from Towson as the Tigers missed seven of 11 free throws in the second half.

Three of those misses came in the final minutes of the game, when Towson had opportunities either to tie or cut into the Dukes' lead.

Pending a last-second shot attempt by Towson to win or tie the game at 57 with eight seconds left, Freeman connected on the game-winning free throws at the 1:48 mark.

The young JMU team has struggled early in the year, but

Freeman hopes that the win Saturday will create a snowball effect and things will start to fall into place for the Dukes.

A crowd of 5,131 turned out for the first conference win of the season, and Dillard said he was grateful for the fan support for this game and these past weeks.

"Our fan support has been terrific throughout this," Dillard said. "I can't thank them enough for hanging in there with us. To have the crowd we had tonight — I think it speaks volumes about the kind of people we have in this community and our student body."

"That makes me feel good about where we are at, at this moment," Dillard said. "It certainly helps our players. The only way we can repay [the fans] in our community is to get on a roll and start to turn this thing around."

JMU will play Hofstra University Wednesday at the Convocation Center at 7 p.m.

— GYMNASTICS —

Panthers earn win over JMU

The women's gymnastics team finished third at a tri-meet at the University of Pittsburgh Friday.

The Panthers hosted the meet and won with a score of 194.300. North Carolina State University finished in second place with a score of 193.850, while JMU finished with 185.450 points.

Senior Erin Fitzgerald was fourth in the all-around with a score of 38.035, and senior Nicole DiFilippo placed fifth in the parallel bars with a mark of 9.675.

The men's gymnastics team placed fourth at the Navy Open Saturday with a score of 190.800. The team score bettered the squad's 2002-03 season-high score of 189.300.

Junior Jeremy Etzkorn led JMU on the floor and finished second overall with a score of 8.650. The Naval Academy won the meet with a score of 200.15.

— from staff reports

— MEN'S SWIMMING —

Wolfpack drop Dukes, 134-102

JMU lost to the Wolfpack of North Carolina State University Sunday on a day when the Dukes were honoring their seven seniors.

The Atlantic Coast Conference school was coached by former JMU men's swim coach Brooks Teal.

Seniors Aaron Nester and Geoff Meyer both won an event in the meet for the last time in front of a home crowd. Meyer took first place in the 100-yard freestyle, while Nester was the first to finish in the 200-yard breaststroke.

Along with Nester and Meyer, seniors Mark Depew, Jeff Hicks, Mike Nicholas, Dan Rotach and Bobby Smith all were honored at Savage Natatorium for their four years on the team.

All the seniors honored Sunday were members of the 2001 Colonial Athletic Association Championship team. JMU will take on George Mason University Friday in Fairfax at 2 p.m.

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DUKES: Youth finding groove

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ratio at a time when we were really turning the ball over."

Culbertson said the ODU game helped build her confidence.

"I had been struggling with my shot," she said. "Defensively, I had been playing all right. But offensively, I just needed a little boost. Playing that game really helped me get into stride for other games."

Another player who had a breakout game was sophomore center Denae Dobbins, who scored a career-high 12 points off the bench against George Mason University last Thursday.

Dobbins missed the entire preseason with stress fractures in her leg, and only was cleared medically to play two days before the season opener. Brooks said that the setback was unfortunate because he could tell Dobbins had improved since last season.

Brooks said he and Dobbins had a talk in early December after she was frus-

trated with her production and her playing time a few games into the season.

"We sat down and talked, and I told her 'You're not going to be in playing shape until midseason,'" Brooks said. "I told her she had to just keep working hard until she hit that point. I think she is starting to hit that point."

"We took her slow, and as a result, it's worked," Brooks added. "Now she's starting to hit her stride during the most important part of the season."

Dobbins said, "I've been feeling good and I've been practicing well for a couple of weeks. So I guess it came together that game."

Perhaps one of the main reasons that the Dukes have started hitting their midseason stride is the more consistent play of freshman point guard Andrea Benvenuto. She had a career-high nine assists against W&M Sunday.

"She's becoming more comfortable with this level and style of play, which is different from Canada," Brooks

said. "The more and more she gets comfortable, the better off she will be because it allows us to move [freshman forward] Lesley Dickinson to her natural position."

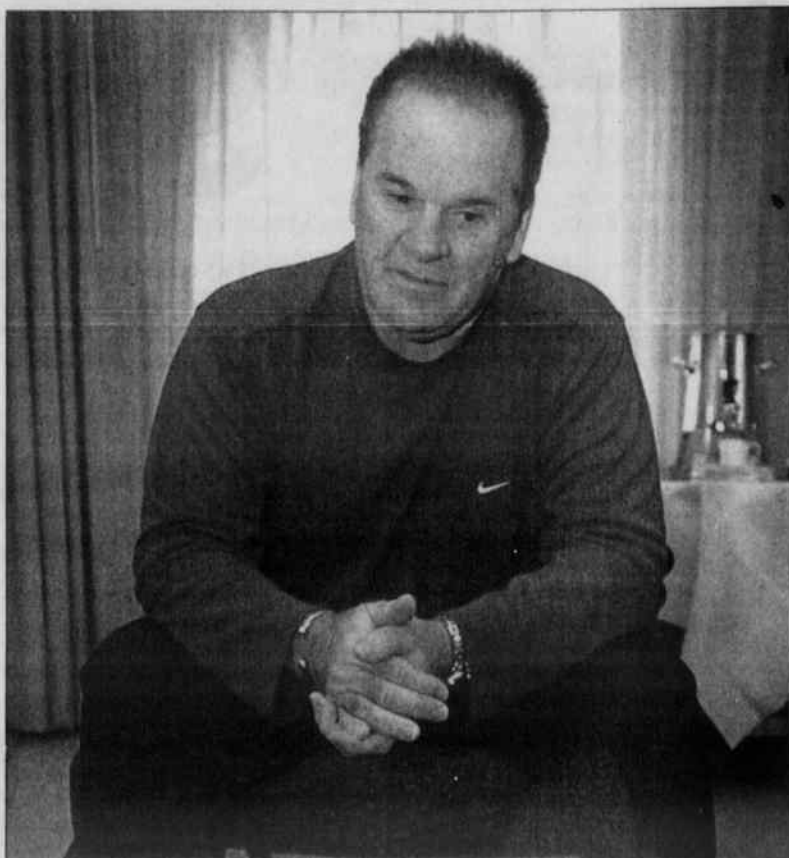
Brooks said Benvenuto has handled the transition nicely. "She's been up and down, but I think she has progressed," he said.

Benvenuto said, "Coach Brooks has helped me to be more confident with the basketball when people are pressuring me. I think I felt more confident [last Thursday], and that allowed me to play one of my better games."

Culbertson, Dobbins and Benvenuto are just a few examples of players achieving the team's goal of getting better day by day, Brooks said.

"As long as we continue to progress like this, we are going to get better and have good results, and I think the future will be really bright," he said.

The Dukes travel to face the University of North Carolina-Wilmington Thursday. The Seahawks are 6-9 overall.



DAVID SWANSON/The Philadelphia Inquirer

Former baseball player and manager Pete Rose recently admitted to betting on baseball. Rose hopes one day to be inducted into the baseball Hall of Fame despite breaking baseball's golden rule.

ROSE: Comes clean

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already in the Hall.

True as this might be, there is one underlying theme in this controversy. Rose broke baseball's golden rule — Rule 21 under the Major League Baseball Player's Association contract: "Any player, umpire or club or league official or employee who shall bet any sum whatsoever upon any baseball game in connection with which the bettor has a duty to perform shall be declared permanently ineligible."

Rose spent nearly 30 years in clubhouses, each one of them with their own copy of Rule 21 hanging in plain sight for players, managers and umpires to see. If Rose is allowed into the Hall, it is in clear violation of a standard set forth by baseball.

It's also an acknowledgement of Rose's status as the all-time hits leader and the leverage that gives him.

This would not be an argument if Rose wasn't a great player and a hero to many; there would be no cameras to cover the story of a 14-year journeyman trying to work his way back into baseball's good graces.

Before we let the situation rest, think about the following two items: During the investigation in 1989, betting sheets were found in the Reds' clubhouse. The handwriting on those sheets have been matched to Rose's by FBI handwriting experts. Rose's former bookie has told anyone who will listen that Pete often called him from the clubhouse to bet on baseball.

Rose also says that while he

bet on Cincinnati Red's games, he never bet against the Reds. Given Rose's admitted status as a compulsive gambler, how plausible is it that he would pass up all the insider information available to him as a manager when it gave him an unprecedented edge in betting?

To this day and within the covers of his new book, Rose continues to deny that he ever bet in the clubhouse or against his own team. The more I hear from him, the more Rose reminds me of someone trying to sell me the truth as he sees it. He's slowly filtered out what he's ready to admit when it is profitable for him. I just can't wait for the day 14 years from now when Rose's next book comes out. Maybe I can help him write it.

COACH: Matthews' team seeks A-10 championship

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With expectations high following Matthews' extension and the youth of his team, Banks said the Dukes' goals are pretty simple.

"The goal for next season is to continue to improve and get better as a team," Banks said.

LeZotte, a captain last season and the leader of the offensive unit, has very distinct goals for 2004.

"Anything less than a conference championship would be a disappointment to not only me, but all of the other players on our team," LeZotte said. "I think that we need to just take it a step at a

time and use this off-season to make progress toward becoming that championship team."

Two large questions still loom in the near future for the Dukes. First, Matthews needs to replace Dick Hopkins, defensive coordinator/defensive backs coach who left the team in December. Hopkins has spent all five years under Matthews' tenure at JMU and told the team he decided to leave to pursue other personal and coaching endeavors.

Matthews also needs to replace Amos Jones, last years special teams/tight ends coach. After one season with

the Dukes, Jones has taken an assistant position with Mississippi State University.

Jones' departure from the program also has created speculation that current offensive coordinator Eddie Davis will return to his post of last season as special teams coach, thus opening up the job of offensive coordinator.

According to Bourne, all personnel decisions are made solely by Matthews and with 100 percent of his support.

When contacted, Matthews was repeatedly unavailable for comment regarding his contract extension.

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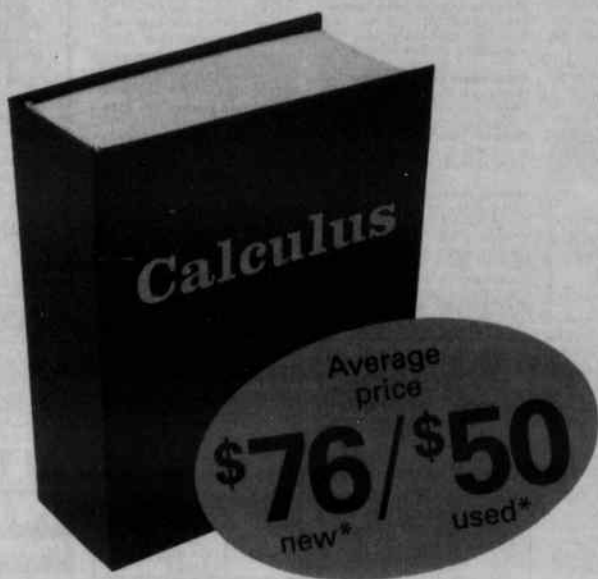
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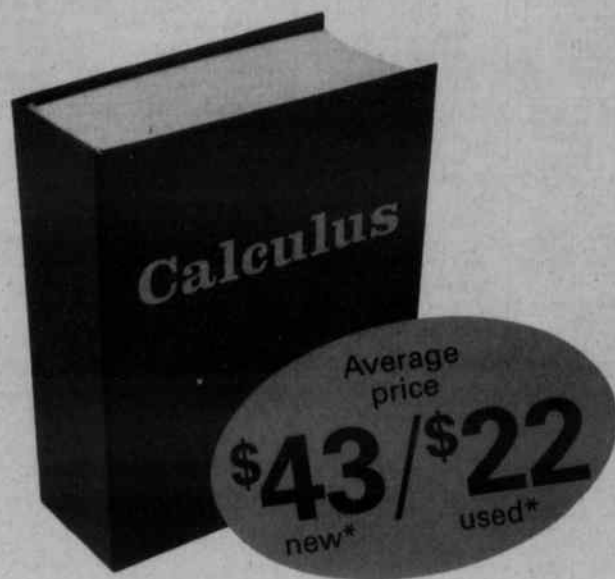
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