Apartment plans cause angst

Katie Ludwig & Brad Jenkins
Contributing writer and news editor

Plans for two separate student apartment complexes on Neff Avenue are proceeding despite Harrisonburg residents' complaints and environmental concerns.

The Harrisonburg City Council gave preliminary approval for Sunchase Apartments in November, said Dick Abdin, the developer of Sunchase apartments. Construction is planned to begin in April 1999, with completion in August 2000.

Sunchase will be located near the Woodland subdivision, said Missy Naylor of the Harrisonburg Planning Commission.

The complex, featuring 192 four-bedroom apartments, will be situated directly behind the Woodland single-family housing development, within 50 to 80 feet of existing homes. The subdivision is surrounded by wooded land and is near Neff Avenue.

Another complex is also in the works, with construction set to begin this winter. The complex, called Stonegate, will be located on the other side of Neff Avenue, parallel to the JMU Arboretum.

The apartment complexes will house about 1,300 students total. Both projects have received criticism from Harrisonburg residents and the director of the JMU Arboretum.

Woodland residents said they are concerned about the Sunchase project since it is so close to their neighborhood, while others have criticized the Stonegate project because of environmental concerns.

One Woodland resident, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said flyers opposing Sunchase have been distributed in the neighborhood.

"The residents are concerned because [the developers] don't want to put up a buffer of trees," said Amy Blackwell, a member of the Woodland Homeowners Association. "We are concerned about the noise," Blackwell said. "This is a very quiet neighborhood. We don't even have street noise, so we are concerned about the noise."

The developer of the apartment complex or the subdivision could choose to build a buffer, but hasn't yet, said Matt Smith, an attorney at the planning commission.

"The developers don't build such buffers," he said.

Centennial Commission prepares for its mission

Lisa Rosato
Senior writer

Looking toward the future of the university and anticipating JMU's 100th anniversary, JMU President Linwood Rose developed the Centennial Commission, whose ultimate goal is to establish "the university's strategic direction for the next 10 years."

The committee is composed of 69 members with two co-chairs of the entire commission. The 69-member committee is divided into four subcommittees, each headed by a chair. It includes faculty, students, staff, alumni parents of students, members of the community, and business leaders, Rose said.

"The Centennial Commission brings together a broad-based and diverse group of individuals who can respond to the challenge of deciding on the university's future," Rose said.

"I wanted the commission to be a complete representation of the JMU community."

According to a press release, the two co-chairs of the commission are Virginia Andreoli Mathie, head of the psychology department, and Alexander Berry, the immediate past rector of the JMU Board of Visitors. The release states that the four committees of the commission will meet independently. These committees are Academic and Student Support Programs, headed by Kay Knickrehm, professor of political science; Faculty, Staff and Student Support Programs, headed by Doug Brown, chair of the psychology department and Academic Affairs Committee; and the Academic Affairs Committee, headed by Amy Blackwell, chair of the psychology department.

Brown's response to the SGA indicated the administration notified the SGA Academic Affairs Committee about the new grading system last year, SGA President Tim Emry said.

"The Student Government Association, through its Academic Affairs Committee was consulted in September of 1997 regarding the modification of the grading system and agreed with the proposed changes," Brown stated in a letter to Adams.

The details SGA received about the plus/minus grading system included information that changes
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POLICE LOG

STEVIE LANDRY
Police reporter
Campus police report the following:

Credit Card Fraud
* Gagan K. Bali, 20, of Herndon, was served with a felony warrant for a charge of credit card fraud by the JMU police for the Charlottesville police on Dec. 6 at 1:10 p.m.

Assault
* Jesse J. Pantano, 18, of Wayne, Pa., was arrested and charged with two counts of assault and battery after allegedly assaulting two residents in Blue Ridge Hall on Dec. 6 between 12:01 and 12:29.

Fellowship Dinner, 5:30 p.m., Wesley Foundation, 690 S. Mason St., call Ben at 434-3490

“With Good Reason” Public Radio Program, 7:30 a.m., WMRA 90.7

Mass, Grafton-Stovall Theatre, 11 a.m. and 5 p.m., CCM House (1052 S. Main St.), sponsored by Catholic Campus Ministry, call Cheryl Floyd, x8084

Pantano was also charged with trespassing. Underage Possession of Alcohol
* Justin T. Davis, 19, of Richmond, was arrested and charged with underage possession of alcohol on the corner of Bluestone and Duke Drive on Dec. 5 at 1:55 a.m.

Grand Larceny
* Unidentified individuals allegedly stole a wallet containing $300 cash and credit cards in Hanson Hall on Dec. 5 at 2 p.m.

A search revealed that the wallet had been discarded in the trash and the $300 was missing.

Disturbance/Altercation
* A disturbance/altercation reportedly occurred in Hanson courtyard on Dec. 6 at 9:14 p.m.

Upon arrival of JMU police officers, both parties declined to press charges and agreed not to see each other again.

Harassing Telephone Calls
* A student was charged judicially for making harassing calls.

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THURSDAY, DEC. 10
* Bible Study, 8:15 p.m., Wesley Foundation, 690 S. Mason St., call Ben at 434-3490
* Earth Club Meeting, 5 p.m., Taylor 305, call Warren at 438-1120
* Fellowship and Praise, 5:30 p.m., Baptist Student Union, call 434-6822
* Fellowship Dinner, 5:30 p.m., Wesley Foundation, 690 S. Mason St., call Ben at 434-3490
* Folk Group Practice, 7:30 p.m., CCM House (1052 S. Main St.), sponsored by Catholic Campus Ministry, call Laura at 574-4698
* Primetime, 8 p.m., Highlands Room, sponsored by Campus Crusade for Christ, call Amy at 433-7013
* UBP Public Relations/Marketing Committee, 5 p.m., Taylor 306, call Eunice at x7622
* Young Democratic Socialists Meeting, 8 p.m., Taylor 302, call x2557

FRIDAY, DEC. 11
* Bible Study, 7 p.m., Baptist Student Union, call 434-6822
* JMU Breakdancing Club, 3:30 p.m., UREC MAC room, e-mail Josh at rosens1@jmu.edu

SUNDAY, DEC. 13
* Contempoc.rary Worship Service, 7:15 p.m., Wesley Foundation, 690 S. Mason St., call Ben at 434-3490
* Mass, Grafton-Stovall Theatre, 11 a.m. and 5 p.m., CCM House (1052 S. Main St.), sponsored by Catholic Campus Ministry, call Heather at 433-3044
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THOMAS SCALIE, junior artist

Source: USA Today

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Classifieds
GSA suggests notification guidelines

Heather Nelson

The Student Government Association Senate passed a resolution Tuesday suggesting guidelines for any policy the university imposes requiring parental notification for alcohol violations.

The resolution recommended a waiver system for all students under age 21, and allows the university to "use its discretion to notify parents in all alcohol-related circumstances with a signed waiver."

It also supports parental notification following repeated minor violations and multiple violations occurring in one incident.

The resolution also supports parental notification for major violations, which include DUIs, documented alcohol poisoning, distribution of alcohol to minors and certain off-campus violations the university is given including sexual or aggravated assault where alcohol is involved.

SGA adviser Dan Barnes told senators at the meeting that the Alcohol Task Force is still deciding which violations may constitute notification.

"What we're trying to determine is whether or not if something else occurs along with the alcohol violation, that is also grounds for notification," Barnes said.

GSA Vice President Collin Lee said the resolution was "very well received" by the task force at its meeting Monday. The resolution was presented by Pro Tempore Liz David, who chaired the ad hoc committee with Barnes.

David said the task force will be the "pawn" that pushes the issue through the JMU Board of Directors at their January meeting, when the Board makes a final decision about any parental notification policy.

GSA President Tim Emry said the administration has agreed to endorse whatever the task force puts forward: "The question is how much of the senate resolution will be incorporated into the task force's recommendations," Emry said.

Lee said he thinks the task force will be receptive to the resolution and that, likewise, the Board will be receptive to the task force.

"We're an off spread of their desire," Lee said. "They wanted us to be formed."

At-large Sen. Jennie Barnes said this is the time to voice the SGA's opinion before the Board meets.

The decision's going to be made with or without our input and this is our only chance to get our opinion out there," Sen. Barnes said.

The ad hoc committee looked at the policies of other universities during its research before making suggestions for JMU.

"We have researched every possible solution and talked to everyone possible," Sen. Kristen Vetri said. Vetri served on both the ad hoc committee and the legislative action committee which began the debate over notification in the SGA.

Sen. Mike Monroe warned senators against putting too much stock in the policies at other state universities. "If they're wrong, that doesn't give us permission to be wrong as well," Parris said.

The resolution passed by a majority with several votes of opposition and abstentions.

Also at the meeting:

• Brannen Edge, student representative on the Board, spoke about his role and the functions of the Board. "Alcohol notification and alcohol abuse is the board's number one concern right now," Edge said.

• Edged told senators the Board is also concerned with restructuring the university and the General Education curriculum.

• The Senate approved a finance bill allocating $517 to College Republicans for conference fees for four of its members.

• The Internal Affairs committee presented a bill requesting impeachment hearings for four senators who've been absent more than the three times allowed: Sen. ISAT Sen. Mahr.

Making history, taking a message abroad

Melanie Jennings

For the first time ever, a JMU student has been selected for the National Communication Association's International Debate Team.

Senior Eric Minkove, who was one of eight finalists, is one of the two students selected to tour Japan as part of the international debate team in June.

Max Schnurer, a doctoral student at the University of Pittsburgh, is the other student.

Last month, students from schools nationwide traveled to Baruch College in New York to secure a spot on the team. "[The competition] is a national search and the invitation to apply is extended to several debate associations from around the country," said Allan Louden, chair of the committee on international debate and discussion, and director of debate at Wake Forest University.

Barbara Pickering, director of forensics and an assistant professor of SCOM, said the National Communication Association has an agreement with countries to send students to debate in Great Britain, Russia, China and Japan. The trip to Japan occurs every two years, and those chosen will tour the country for about six weeks. The team will make about 25 different debate appearances.

"The program is designed to send some of our debaters who can adapt their debating skills" to foreign differences, Pickering said.

This year's team will begin its tour in Tokyo, Minkove said. There, they will meet Japanese debaters and will participate in several demonstrations for Japanese students.

Those vying for a spot on the international debate team are selected through an intensive process that narrows the competition to a few applicants from across the United States.

Debaters must first submit an application to the Committee on International Debate and Discussion, which is reviewed by committee members.

Prospective team members then participate in an interview with the committee, followed by an actual exhibition of the applicant's debating style. This demonstrative debate is similar to the type of debates that will be held during the tour.

"This pool of applicants was very competitive one," Louden said. "This year's finalists were three grad students and five undergrads."

Minkove has participated on the JMU Debate Team for three years. He said he was modest about the importance of the honor.

"I [also] prepared by talking to as many people as possible that had gone through the process about what to expect," Minkove said.

Most people who participate on the team write papers about their experiences debating in other countries. In order to prepare for his own interview, he read as many of these papers as he could to get an idea of what an international debater experiences.

"It's amazing to get to meet all the other people...[and] experience foreign customs."

Pickering said she thinks Minkove is too modest about the importance of the honor. Pickering called Minkove's achievement "a major accomplishment."

"To have a student selected for a national tour is clearly something I'm very proud of," Pickering said.

Louden said, "He demonstrated a grace and knowledge base that truly impressed the committee."
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Internet courses to debut from Vietnam

SCOM professor will teach Vietnamese and JMU students simultaneously

ALISON MANSER
Staff writer

Each Tuesday at midnight next semester, William Kimsey will log onto his computer in Vietnam to begin teaching a class at JMU. But students here won't have to climb out of bed for the class until 1 p.m. Monday.

"This is one of the things that I find fascinating," said Kimsey, a professor of speech communication. "I think this entire project is fascinating. The potential for instruction is amazing. There are a number of possibilities."

JMU granted Kimsey an educational leave to spend the spring semester at the Hanoi School of Business at Vietnam National University.

From a classroom in Vietnam, Kimsey will teach short courses in conflict resolution with an emphasis in alternative dispute resolution to Hanoi School of Business and JMU students simultaneously.

Using Symposium, an Internet computer program, students will be online simultaneously in a virtual classroom. This computer program can be installed on lab computers or Windows 95 PCs at students' residences. The program requires an Internet connection, a soundboard with microphone and a headphone and microphone.

"We have kept enrollment low to be able to manage the classes well and to do the best job we can. It has been a learning environment for us, too," Fuller said.

Before this year, delegates from Hanoi participated in a Vietnam Executive Study Program at JMU. Their focus was the College of Business and conflict and mediation studies.

The two began teaching SCOM 231 in addition to their regular courses using the Symposium program. The class has been successful so far, Fuller said. "We have kept the enrollment low to be able to manage the classes well and to do the best job we can. It has been a learning environment for us, too," Fuller said. "I have never had a student that was unsatisfied with the class."

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professor of speech communication

The program is both a test of the Symposium program within Vietnam and Southeast Asia and also within the JMU community. In addition there will be a student logging onto the Symposium course from Oslo, Norway.

Derek Carbonneau, interactive media producer at the Multi Media Center, said the cost to run the programs is low at this time, because JMU already owns the Symposium software. The only expenses are the licenses to run the programs.

"Theoretically, you can do everything you can do in a regular classroom in Symposium, except seeing each other," Fuller said. "The fact that you don't see each other face to face, means you lose a lot. I imagine that the best environment would use both."

John Noffsinger, chair of the distance learning steering group, said there are only a few courses taught entirely over the Internet this year at JMU, but he didn't know the exact number.

Noffsinger said there is a scientific communication class administered via the Internet and an entire masters program in information security offered by JMU's College of Integrated Science and Technology.

In addition, there are several classes that access the Internet for assignments and research, Noffsinger said.

Allen Berg, director of the Information Security Master's Program, said the master's program is unique.

Students enrolled in this program, which began in 1997, are working professionals. They meet twice during the course, for the first and last class.

Other than that, students are not required to log onto the computer at the same time. The courses in the program are self-paced.

"I think we need to be concerned about education that is delivered over the Internet," Berg said. "How do we ensure that students are delivered the best quality?" Berg also said that the potential for fraud is heightened over the Internet.

Ida Lee Wootten, a University of Virginia spokesperson, said there are fewer than six courses taught via the Internet at U-Va.

Most of the Internet courses are taught in the school of education.

Virginia Tech, on the other hand, offers 13 entirely online courses for the spring, according to their web page.

In addition, the web site also lists 16 classes for the spring semester that are titled, "classes with online components."

The university also offers an Online Master of Arts degree in Political Science.

Students meet former Bush Chief of Staff

TARA HAFER
Staff writer

Eight students meet former Bush Chief of Staff John Sununu at the weekly Miller Center Forum at the University of Virginia.

The students were part of Professor of Political Science Anthony Eksterowicz's POSC 380 national executive class.

Eksterowicz said he visited the Miller Center and received a brochure outlining various topics Sununu would discuss as part of a weekly forum.

Eksterowicz said Sununu was happy to hear JMU students attended the lecture and offered to talk and take photos with the students after the lecture.

"Sununu was thrilled to have us," Eksterowicz said.

"He was also covering several issues which we were currently discussing in my class, mainly the Bush administration," Eksterowicz said.

Sununu was Chief of Staff during the Gulf War.

The students spent an hour in the Miller Center with Sununu as he lectured on various aspects of the Bush administration, as well as his experiences as a staff member on the Bush administration from 1989 to 1993.

"It was quite informative," senior Gene Fishell said.

"It was nice to see a first hand account of the things we have learned in class," Fishell said. "It's not everyday that you get to meet such a high ranking official."

Senior Melissa Chong said, "It was great. We were the youngest people there by far," Chong said. "Sununu covered so much information in such little time."

After listening to the lecture, students toured the Miller Center.

"It was a huge repository of information from each administration," Eksterowicz said.

"It is a great wealth of knowledge on the presidential administration," Eksterowicz said.

Eksterowicz said that he hopes the experience will allow JMU faculty to be more aware of the Miller Center and what it has to offer.

"The Miller Center has a new topic every week and it covers everything from domestic policy to trade. We should use it as a resource in the future," Eksterowicz said.
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because it takes up too much land and is too costly, Smith said.

Abidin said there is discussion about a possible tree line, but it isn't certain. "Our landscape plan is in development at this point in time," he said. "We're considering the tree-line." 

Whether the developer nor is Woodland required to erect a tree line, Naylor said. "They are there by right and are allowed to build there," Naylor said. "Basically there is nothing the neighborhood can do about it. People need to be educated about the area before they build or buy in the area. They need to check their zoning and the zoning of the surrounding areas and properties so they will be aware of what could go in around them."

Julie Francis, a Woodland subdivision resident, said her concerns about the project are mostly environmental. "We don't want the woods to be harmed," she said. "I'm afraid of the flooding. If more land is destroyed, the erosion is going to occur."

Heavy rains have caused slight flooding with the existing trees, and Francis said destroying the trees will cause further flooding. "If the director of the JMU Arboretum, has reason to be concerned about both of the apartment complexes. He lives in the Woodland area and he's been instrumental in the creation and maintenance of the arboretum."

"It's a bit distressing in terms of deforestation in the area," Bodkin said. "Deforestation is the rule in Harrisonburg. Harrisonburg needs a plan for growth, I have been here 35 years and I haven't seen any plan."

The Sunchase construction site plans are at the Planning Commission now for review. No building permits have been issued yet, but the construction of the complex is quite certain, Naylor said.

The Sunchase complex will have 16 buildings with 12 apartments in each, Naylor said.

The plans for the development show the complex includes a pool, clubhouse and tennis court. There will also be a bus stop off of Neff Avenue, according to the plans.

Thirteen of the units will be accessible from Neff Avenue, Smith said. The other three units will be reached by Reservoir Street, Smith said.

The plans indicate the complex will cover approximately 157 acres stretching from Reservoir Street down Neff Avenue, but the development will not reach all the way to Port Republic Road.

Both the Woodland subdivision and the construction site are zoned R-3, which allows for a variety of single-family housing and multi-family housing like apartments, town-houses and duplexes, Naylor said.

The zoning hasn't been changed since its original plan, Naylor said.

Naylor said the extension of Neff Avenue from Reservoir Street to Port Republic Road paved the way for the new developments. "They couldn't do it otherwise," she said.

But Kevin Williams, regional manager of Harrisonburg's Forbes Development, said his company will do everything the city's requiring regarding the environment.

"Topographically, it's a little hard for us to say what we can do," Williams said. "There were public hearings [about the plans] and there was no opposition voiced at any of those hearings."

Some of the Sunchase apartments may be ready for occupation in the fall, but Williams said he doesn't know the number of units.

University future to be examined

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Development, headed by Roger Soenksen, professor of speech communication and media arts and design; Resources and Infrastructure, headed by Karen Forcht, professor of computer information science; External Constituencies, headed by James F. Dudley of Chantilly, a JMU parent and active participant in the JMU community.

Kathie Polglase, acting president, said there are no vice presidents, deans or associate vice presidents on the commission for a specific reason.

"We want the work of this group to be done by the university, by the folks who are impacted by and have an impact on the people we serve," he said.

Many of the commission members are faculty because if the university is going to determine where it wants to be in 10 years, the faculty should have the strongest voice, Polglase said.

The commission's first meeting will take place tomorrow, where it will learn a little about the background and context of its mission, Rose said. The presentation will begin with an introduction by Rose, followed by an address from two national speakers, Peg Miller, president of the American Association for Higher Education, and James M. McManus, senior officer of education at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. On Friday, the commission will meet throughout the day and start brainstorming.

Karen Forcht, one of the four committee chairs and professor of computer information systems, said, "We were told the first meeting will be pretty open-ended, with some brainstorming and throwing out ideas. The point is to keep it a free form meeting instead of going in with a set agenda."

In the months following these initial meetings and presentations, Rose said he wants the committee to concentrate on two major tasks.

"First I want a recommendation on on people who will describe JMU in 10 years," Rose said. "What will the university be like? What characteristics will define us? This includes the entire spectrum of the university, from enrollment, to our focus on students, to academic programs, to athletics and the arts, to our role with the community, the state and the nation." Rose said he will ask the commission to complete this portion of their work by March 1.

"Second, the committees will conduct research and host a series of forums and focus groups, with a goal of developing specific recommendations for how we can develop the characteristics for JMU that we hope to have in place by 2008," Rose said.

The four committees will complete their work by late May and make a single advisory report to Rose using the recommendations.

Rose and other members of the administration will then use those recommendations to create a final report to be presented to the JMU Board of Visitors. The Board will discuss the recommendations and can choose to retreat so a plan can be established for the next 10 years.

The commission has been asked to recommend where we should be in 2008 and then recommend how we get there, he said. "I am concerned with the participation of the entire university in this advising process and calls it a crucial element to the work of the commission."

"I encourage all faculty, staff and students, as well as members of our external constituencies, to make their voices heard in this process and to ensure that we accept and meet the challenge before us," Rose said.

Polglase said this committee presents a good opportunity for students to get involved. "Faculty, staff, students, alumni, everyone will have an opportunity to participate in focus groups, meetings and forums so that there is a literal exchange of ideas," he said.

Rose said he thinks this ability for non-members to participate will make the plan uniquely JMU's work.

"I am confident that I will look back at this total process and its results and be able to say that this plan for the future of JMU is truly 'ours' — that it represents the creative and critical thinking of the entire university and its constituents," he said.

Committee members said they hope to bring their own experience to the commission and address the issues they feel are important.

Kevin Giovannietti, associate professor of physics and a faculty member of the commission, said, "I am concerned with issues of creating an environment where faculty can prosper. JMU is not just about education, but creating an environment where everyone can succeed."

Senior Brannen Edge, a student member of the commission, said he hopes to bring his three-and-one-half years of experience at JMU and his knowledge of the university to the commission.

"I don't see my relationship with JMU as one that lasts four years and then it is over," he said. "I want a lifelong relationship with the university and I hope to make a difference and make sure that different views are seen."

PLUS/minus now way of life at JMU

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would be initiated in the fall of 1998, according to a chronology of the grading system changes Gonzalez compiled.

Emry said last year's SGA Academic Affairs Committee did a poor job explaining the new grading system to the Senate.

Instead of proposing a bill about the new grading system, the committee informally asked senators what they thought of the new grading system, Emry said. It was the Academic Affairs Committee's responsibility to inform everyone, he said.

"I can't fault the administration," Emry said. The SGA was partly at fault for not notifying students, he said. "Everything's a two-way street."

Sophomore Josh Rosenberg said, "I think the SGA is a joke for 'forgetting' or withholding information [on the plus/minus system] that they knew about a year ago."

But Sen. Chris Neff, who drafted the SGA bill of opinion, said the new grading system was never introduced to the JMU computer system until after students returned in the fall.

Neff said the Registrar's Office told him the new grading policy was finalized into the computer system two weeks before Thanksgiving.

"There was enough concern on behalf of students to warrant postponement," Neff said.

Neff said Gonzalez told him nothing could be done to move the new grading system from the computer system. He said Gonzalez told him it would take too long to remove the new grading system.

Gonzalez didn't return phone or e-mail messages seeking a comment.

The SGA bill of opinion asking the administration to postpone implementation of the new grading system was passed unanimously, 61-0, with three abstaining votes.

"[Bills of Opinion] are supposed to be taken seriously but I'm not sure how serious they are taken seriously [by the administration]," Neff said.

But Collin Lee, SGA vice president, said he believes this bill of opinion was probably wasn't considered because by the time the bill had reached the administration, leaders already knew about it and the decision had already been handed down.

"It's unethical of the administration to disregard the SGA on this," junior Cathy Metcalf said. "The SGA's whole purpose is to be the liaison [between the administration] and the student body. Ignoring [the SGA] cancels their existence."
### Lunch and Dinner Menu

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- **Deli Bar**
  - Exhibit Salad:
    - Mediterranean Salad Platter
  - Soup:Fiesta Vegetable Soup
  - Chicken Cheesesteaks
  - Mozzarella Sticks
- **Main Event**
  - Pasta
  - Soup:
    - Fila Soup
    - Tangy Three Bean Soup
- **Specials**
  - Fried Fish
  - Philippine Stir Fried
  - Roasted Parmesan
  - Potatoes
  - Peas
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  - Egg Rolls
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"We all have 'idiotness' in us. But we are also creators, inquirers, givers, learners, lovers... and a lot more."

So goes the introduction to a new book written by Vice President of Academic Affairs Mark Warner which will hit the shelves of bookstores across the nation Dec. 18.


"It will be a catalyst to help you draw positive self-esteem from within."

The book took Warner about a year to write. Warner has had nine different jobs at JMU since he first enrolled as a student and has authored. "This is the first book Warner, who has been at JMU since 1975, has authored. "I have been at JMU since 1975," he said. "I started here as a student and never left." Warner has had nine different jobs at JMU in student affairs, administration and finance and as a full-time faculty member. "This book combines unconventional wisdom, wit (albeit little), and insights to engage you in the self-growth process," Warner writes. "This book is not a manual to teach you self-esteem. Self-esteem cannot be taught. But rather, the book is designed to be a catalyst to help you draw positive self-esteem from within."

After Jan. 1, Warner's book will be available in Harrisonburg at B. Dalton in the Valley Mall.

"McMillan is really aggressive, so it will be in Barnes and Nobles (and other major chains) and spread across the country," Warner said. "If I could subtitle the book, I would title it Living and Loving It, It's about living life to the fullest.

The book came about after Warner was approached by someone in a publishing company that he had written articles for in the past. McMillan Publishing asked for someone who could submit a proposal for a book on self-esteem.

"The next thing I know I received this nice call saying 'we liked your proposal and we want you to do the book,'" Warner said.

The book took Warner about a year to write. Warner's background in psychology was a key reason he was selected to write a book on self-esteem.

"My academic training is all psychology and I do a lot of workshops and motivational speeches," Warner said. "A lot of what I do fits into what I tried to put down into words."

Shirley Cobb, associate director of the JMU counseling center, said, "We've seen [Warner] grow up personally and professionally. He's done some really marvelous work with people in self-esteem workshops and in cooperating and communicating between and among people."

Cobb said the counseling center will explore using Warner's book. Warner isn't sure what he'll be doing to promote the book, but he said McMillan will be contacting him with promotional plans. "I think it's great that someone from JMU is going to have a book on self-esteem across the country," junior Emily Skeen said. "It's nice to see our administration doing great things."

POLICE LOG from page 2

False Fire Alarm
- Unidentified individuals allegedly set false fire alarms at a pull station in Bell Hall on Dec. 5 at 3:55 a.m.

Fire Alarm
- An overheated waffle iron activated a fire alarm in Sigma Pi fraternity house on Dec. 5 at 2:55 a.m.
- Cigarette smoke activated a fire alarm in Gibbons Hall on Dec. 6 at 10:04 a.m.
- Cigarette smoke activated a fire alarm in the Sigma Pi fraternity house on Dec. 5 at 3:19 a.m.

Destruction of Personal Property
- Unidentified individuals allegedly broke a window in a car in upper L-Lot by walking on top of it between Dec. 4 at 10:15 p.m. and Dec. 5 at 2:15 p.m.

Petty Larceny
- Unidentified individuals allegedly stole a JAC card in Duke Hall on Dec. 7 at 10:40 a.m.

Property on Dec. 5 at 4:07 a.m.
- Telephone calls to a residence hall on Dec. 5 at 4:07 a.m.

Number of drunk in public charges since Aug. 27: 75
Number of parking tickets issued between Nov. 30-Dec. 7: 793
Inflated GPA theory falls flat

It's the most wonderful time of the year, but in many academic circles, the weeks leading up to the winter holidays couldn't be more hellish. Students are cramming, professors are lecturing, and it's all because of three magical letters: GPA.

There's been much discussion about GPAs at JMU this semester, mostly surrounding the ominously pending effect of the new plus/minus system. But recently, another topic has come up that sparked debate both on and off campus — grade inflation.

The Dec. 3 issue of The Breeze reported that Faculty Senate Speaker Arch Harris and Vice President for Academic Affairs Douglas Brown sent a memo to faculty members instructing them to examine grade distribution this semester and to take into account grade inflation when developing next semester's syllabi. Harris and Brown said they "indirectly sent" the memo in response to a Breeze series of articles last semester detailing grade inflation over the past three decades.

The Breeze series showed the average GPA at JMU had indeed increased from 2.29 in 1964-'65 to 2.89 in 1994-'95.

It's easy to see how someone could misinterpret these figures. But in a glaring example of misinterpretation, the Dec. 11 issue of The Daily News Record said The Breeze's findings as an opportunity to take a shot at JMU's professors.

The DNR's editorial stated grade inflation may be a "hard [concept] for tenured professors unchallenged by the real world. But their best students understand that receiving something for nothing only diminishes that something." Why is it that everyone, from faculty and administrators down to the community, feel the increase in GPA at this school is inflated? Could there be another reason for students getting better grades?

First of all, there is no comparison between JMU in 1965 and JMU today. You'll get no argument from anyone on that point. But isn't it also true that the types of students at this institution is much higher today, and they're earning better grades than they did when it was a small women's teacher's college.

The DNR went on to state that in some cases, professors are curving so much that what would normally be a mid-C level grade is now worth an A. However, before you go ahead and claim the professors are behind this "inflation," stop to examine the circumstances a little more closely.

How many times do professors give curves or add points to tests because they phrased a question too awkwardly to be answered? That's not a curve, that's a correction, which is the right thing for professors to do in that situation. By the way, don't believe this hype about curves inflating grades — curves have been around a lot longer than any JMU student or professor for that matter.

The class of '65 got the benefit of curves too.

Maybe there is some inflation of grades at JMU. But it's difficult to say who is responsible and how many grades are artificially inflated. GPA aside, the university does a better job preparing its students today than it did 30 years ago. The education is more complete and the professors are better. If that's inflation, then let the pumping continue.

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*Courtney A. Crowley, editor
Manny Rosa, managing editor
Kelly L. Hannon, opinion editor

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**Topic: What is the best holiday present you've ever received and why?**

**CAMPUS SPOTLIGHT**

*Ann Baxter, freshman, health sciences
Jessica Monish, sophomore, psychology
Kevin Sheahan, senior, philosophy
Katie Bergfeld, sophomore, computer science

"I got to go sky-diving in Key West."  

"My boyfriend gave me a sapphire and diamond ring because I wouldn't wear his baby blue ring."  

"A free lift ticket to Mad River Glen in Vermont."  

"Well, this way sound better, but when I was little I really wanted this Cabbage Patch doll, and my parents waited in line for hours to get it for me."
Is the Twelve Tribes group benign as it seems?

Students need to thoroughly research religious organizations before joining

The conclusion which the NEIRR comes to is, “The primary vehicle of control within the Communities are the teachings.” Since Spriggs is the source of new doctrines and the standard that measures the truth of any other teachings, his influence is singular and absolute. Sociologically, the group has become more controlling over the years and more theologically deviant.

A large part of this is the extreme isolation of the group. People live in a community and look and behave alike. People also are not allowed to have any diversity of opinion, and certainly never question the leadership of the “anointing.” They are also cut off from outside intellectual stimulation and challenge. What information is fed to the average community’s member is thoroughly filtered through the narrow lens of Spriggs’ construct of reality.

As in joining any religious group, I encourage folks to ask lots of questions, to find out what the critics have to say, to learn about the theology of the group and then to ask themselves, “Is this what I really believe? Is this really going to be helpful for me?”

Rick Hill is the Presbyterian Campus Minister and Coordinator of Interfaith Campus Ministries.

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

Dart...

An “I-can’t-believe-I-trusted-you” dart to the friend who was hanging out in my room and stole my favorite CD, Aaliyah, when I ducked out of the room for a minute.

Sent in by an ex-friend who thinks you’ve lowered yourself to the level of fungus and would like her CD returned.

Pat...

An “it-was-good-for-me” pat to myself for staying in this past weekend in order to study for a huge biology test and finish group projects.

Sent in by a proud student who wants to recognize her achievements and congratulate all the other hard-working students here.

Darts...

A “what-was-that-random-act-of-violence?” dart to the person who kicked me from behind onto the train tracks while a train was coming.

Sent in by a bruised student who didn’t think you would have laughed if you’d been injured badly — or killed.

Pat...

A “you-always-start-my-day-off-in-a-positively-way” pat to the woman who works at Taylor Down Under when I stop by for coffee and a muffin.

Sent in by an early-riser who still believes breakfast is the most important meal of the day and is always glad to see your smile.

Pat...

A “God-bless-you” pat to Sarah in the media lab who helped me with my project Monday night.

Sent in by a confused student with no media skills who knows without you her project never could’ve been a success.

Pat...

A “thanks-in-advance” pat to Quasimodo for not playing holiday tunes from the bell cupola during finals week.

Sent in by a student who would rather not hum “Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer” and take a psychology exam at the same time.

Pat...
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Today’s topic: Gift-giving ideas for the opposite sex and a few leftovers for everyone else.

HARRIS PARNELL
contributing writer

Amid the stress of the last week of classes, studying for upcoming finals, writing papers, preparing and giving presentations and worrying about finding a job (or jobs) over our shortened holiday break, there comes yet another stress—holiday presents.

RUN!!! HIDE!!!

Aside from the fact that most of us are on a limited budget, we usually have no idea who we are “supposed” to buy presents for, much less what to get.

Let’s start with the biggest category for most of us: friends. If there is one thing I have learned in my year-and-a-half here at JMU it’s that we all have different kinds of friends: close personal friends (CPF), people who live down the hall or in the same apartment building as you, friends from class, friends from parties, friends from clubs and organizations and, of course, the randoms.

These are the people who you have no idea how you know them but you just do.

Though buying for close female friends can be very easy (i.e., the various body washes or fragrance lotions, candles, picture frames or flowers) it can also be boring and become expensive quickly.

Guys, on the other hand, can be right impossible to buy for or even come up with ideas for holiday presents, even if he’s your best friend.

What can you give a close guy friend? Well, you could go generic with a CD or cool shirt.

This is comparable to the Bath and Body Works explosion that occurs annually under the tree or by the Menorah, planted by various distant unknown relatives.

But then again, how impersonal can we get here — even if he specifically asks you for it?

Most of the people I talked with agree, a personalized gift, even if it’s just a mixed tape of songs you share, is more meaningful than any CD or shirt.

A picture frame with a photo of the two of you is always fun and meaningful and you will come out on top of the tree.

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But honestly, who has time or money to think these things through?

Ah yes, then there is the boyfriend.

He says he doesn’t care what you get him and then suggests five CDs from current musical groups appearing on MTV or a shirt he’s been eyeing at the Gap for a couple of weeks.

How long you two have been together usually dictates the amount of personalization put into the present.

Toward the beginning of the relationship, you are both still acclimating to each other and will probably mix a semi-generic gift (such as a pair of boxers) with a more personalized present like a photo of the two of you on Reddish Knob, taken after a day of hiking in late October.

You don’t want to be too forward or spend too much, but at the same time you want it to mean something between the two of you.

Above all, you want to have spent at least as much as the other person has spent on you.

Basically, the same ideas apply to the boyfriend as to the girlfriend.

Romantic songs (where Aaron Neville is the key) on a mixed tape or dinner at a quaint little bistro in Georgetown are great and best of all, cheap.

After the two of you have been together for a while, more thought tends to be put into presents, not that coming up with the ideas for them gets any easier. For the left over people, those who aren’t CPFs or significant others, I have two words: holi-day cards.

They’re cheap, they’re easy and they let the receivers know you’re thinking of them while you’re away from each other.

Let’s face it, if we bought gifts for everyone, we would all be broke. Keep the money spent to a minimum with the maximum amount of meaning and you will come out on top of (the tree).

Harris Parnell is a sophomore English major.

JASON MCLINTYRE
senior writer

Last Saturday night I hung out with some friends. For some reason, they talked about a previous weekend when I had a little too much fun and said some things to a friend that were certainly forgettable.

I felt so bad about what I had said that I told her I’d make it up to her by getting her a Christmas present.

Being a man of my word, I started to think what I could surprise her with. Nothing flashy, just a present for a friend.

Does anyone have any immediate advice? I’m hurting here.

I consider myself a creative fellow, but when I mentioned to my roommates that I would get her either a little Orphan Annie decoder pen or maybe a Red Ryder bee-bee gun, they fell down laughing.

I could pull the ultimate liar and give cash, like Jerry did to Elaine, or maybe I could get her a $25 gift certificate to the movies.

Yeah, that’s the ticket!

Along the lines of the gift certificate idea, why not surprise her with a copy of “Titanic,” so if she didn’t catch it six times in the theater, she can buck up on it over the holidays when she’s snowed in with the family.

Past movies that have gotten the seal of approval for holiday gift giving for girls: “Heathers,” “Sleepless in Seattle,” “Top Gun” and “Say Anything.”

For boys, the list is long and distinguished: “Die Hard,” “Die Hard 2,” “Die Hard with A Vengeance,” “Full Metal Jacket” and “Porky’s 3.”

Probably the smoothest Christmas present I have been pulled off is the always popular stuffed animal. They are really cute, cuddly and fun to play with. They make sitting next to the fireplace fun again. There’s that certain smell of the Christmas tree singing her a Christmas song.

What most guys want to say, but don’t or won’t, is they’d be more than satisfied with Mariah Carey in a big red bow under the Christmas tree singing her wonderful X-mas tune, “All I Want for Christmas.” Talk about surprises!

Seriously though, something of a tough present to get is that hands on ladies: NFL playoff tickets. If you live in a city and your NFL team is going to the NFL’s second season (I’m thinking New York/New Jersey here, NOT Washington or Baltimore), there is no way you can scrounge up two playoff tickets. Even if you don’t like football, your boy and his dad or friends will enjoy them and you will score major points.

I know some guys are going to ask for WWF or WCW tickets, but what would any guy in their right mind want to go and witness something that is totally fake? If there’s one thing I can’t stand, it’s pro wrestling. Sure, it was cool when I was a tyke, having Wrestlenmania parties and calling Big John Studd on the telephone (he lived in my area), but now it’s just so hyped and stupid that I’d rather watch “Saved by the Bell” reruns for the hundredth time, or get tickets to a Phantasmagoria concert (please see chapter 1).

You know I would like from mom and pop this year? A nice 200 disc CD player. Or maybe a CD burner so I could make my own mix CDs.

What about my brother? He handed his list to me asking for it after the holiday season. Basically, it wasn’t a list, it was a JCREW catalog with four items circled he deemed “necessary.” And then he handed me an Abercrombie catalog with a jacket highlighted a “must.”

Whatever happened to the days when little brother wanted that cow GI Joe action figure? Maybe he’ll settle for two front teeth.

Jason McIntyre is a senior SMAD major.
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Dave's Taverna 'jazzes' up

JENNIFER SIMMONS
Senior writer

I don't know a lot about jazz. I'll start with that. But probably more important than my general ignorance on the subject is the fact that I like jazz.

There's the fantasy me, wearing clothes that come out of an L.L. Bean catalog spread, padding around a dimly lit, fashionable apartment with a cup of coffee while the rain pours down outside my window. And on the stereo, a saxophone player snubs his nose at musical convention and creates that sexy sound of jazz. And I groove in my slippers like I'm in a hair-dye commercial.

It's this side of myself that enjoys jazz music and helped me appreciate what I heard Tuesday night at Dave's Taverna.

Every Tuesday night at Dave's is "Jazz Night." They have a regular performer, Gunner Mossblad, who, with guests from Charlottesville, Richmond and beyond, plays jazz for Dave's clientele.

However, on the night I chose to experience Dave's jazz for the first time, a group of JMU students performed. The band was from a JMU class called Jazz Chamber Ensemble, a one credit course in which the "final exam" was to perform live at Dave's.

The group consists of drummer, sophomore Justin Storer; guitarist, sophomore Dave Lloyd; bassist, JMU graduate, Bart Delaney; key boardist, sophomore Pete Geiger; tenor saxophone, sophomore Brian Laycock and alto saxophone, sophomore Todd Burroughs.

This is the first semester the band, Almost Jazz, has been together but the members plan to play at Dave's, even after the class is over. As for the material, Almost Jazz plays jazz standards with a lot of improvisation and the mood of their music ranges from exciting and lively to Barry White-smooth. They also have arranged songs such as "Camelion" and "Picking Up The Pieces," putting their own spin on the music.

"These guys did a great Herbie Hancock jam, which should be noted," senior Danny Craig said. "Too bad, I have no idea which song was Herbie Hancock, but I'll take his word for it. Fortunately, you don't have to be a jazz connoisseur to appreciate fun music when you hear it."

What I noticed most was the band's energy. They seemed to enjoy what they were playing and didn't hesitate to let their bodies move to the sound of their own instruments.

All but the bassist wore dress-shirts, ties and one member even opted for the three-piece suit route. But as the session became more lively... look out! Jackets came off, sleeves rolled up and ties loosened. These guys were going to play some serious jazz.

And play they did. The most lively exchange was a duel between the tenor sax and the drums, trying to out-jazz the other and in the end, conceding to mutual victory. It was an exchange the band had never tried before, but the improvisation is what it's all about, the band said.

There were moments when one player would take center stage and play a sweet and soft number, as if he were in his own little world. These moments were my personal favorite. It felt like we were at a wedding reception nearing its end. The newlyweds had left for their honeymoon, the older relatives had to be taken home, the flower girl was asleep across a few chairs and a pair of die-hard dancers were still swaying on the formica while I downed my third glass of champagne with a sigh.

You see, I think it's the environment that makes jazz what it is. Without a proper atmosphere, it just becomes background music, and not a sensory experience worth paying the $3 music fee and $3 minimum for food/beverages to sit upstairs.

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Sophomore Brian Laycock plays the tenor saxophone at Dave's Taverna Downtown on Tuesday. Sophomore Brian Laycock plays the tenor saxophone at Dave's Taverna.

There were even moments when I wondered if I should be snapping, saying snobby things in French and chain smoking, but that desire passed quickly. I felt snug in the cloudy, upper-room at Dave's, surrounded by jazz groupies and Wednesday night party-goers (who got the occasional glare from the regulars when their tipsy laughter tittered above an acceptable volume).

"A lot of these guys are my friends, and they're just awesome," freshman Kelly Harding said. "There's so much electricity when they play."

Harrisonburg resident Steve Roberts said he likes to come to Dave's on Tuesdays because he grew up playing jazz and that's what he likes. "I enjoy seeing young people playing jazz and expressing themselves creatively," Roberts said.

Blue Ridge University student Heidi Bowman said, "There's so much electricity when they play."

Craig agrees, "It's a cool environment. It's not typical of your usual James Madison bar scene."

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Title: Enemy of the State

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Introduction:

“Enemy of the State” tries hard to tackle an ideologically important subject: the intrusion of the government into the daily lives of the general public. Through the use of technologies, the National Security Agency can tap your phones, follow you on any street in the country and even know what library books you’ve checked out. It’s technology over substance in this new movie from Jerry Bruckheimer, the producer behind “The Rock,” “Con Air,” and this year’s box office champ “Armageddon.”

REVIEW

In his first film since “The Fan” (anybody remember that stinker?), director Tony Scott characteristically overdoes nearly every scene in “Enemy of the State,” exhibiting absolutely no understanding of dramatic structure. It’s no Ford Coppola’s 1974 surveillance thriller classic which Scott and writer David Marconi repeatedly rip off. At one point they even stage and reproduce a great scene from Coppola’s film nearly shot-for-shot (I thought only Gus Van Sant wasted our time with artistic forgery). The script gives Hackman little to do other than spurt profanity and play the cranky old hero. (“Nothing but more of the same,” is Smith’s response to a cab driver.) The score by Hans Zimmer is so loud it makes the dialogue almost inaudible. “Enemy of the State” is back with a brand new invention.

Ice’ man returns

Newest songs not quite ‘Ice Ice Baby’

KELLEY BLISSINGAME

Senior writer

“Almost stop. Collaborate and listen. Ice is back with a brand new invention.”

Unfortunately, it’s not a very good one. That’s right fans. Robert Van Winkle, better known as Vanilla Ice, is trying to make a comeback with his new rap meets Marilyn Manson CD “Hard to Swallow.”

REVIEW

I know it’s hard to believe since most of us still have fond 90s memories of the skinny guy trying to be like MC Hammer who sang “Ice Ice Baby.” It was back in the days when it was cool for girls to purposely style their hair to resemble the aftermath of electric shock. Well, those days are over. Gone is the guy trying to be like MC Hammer who used to rip off his songs. Now Van Winkle’s music is too complicated for the average consumer to understand. It’s like Shakespearean drama.

Scott was at his (rare) best with 1995’s submarine thriller “U.S.S. Rambo” (don’t ask). In his first film since “The Fan” (anybody remember that stinker?), director Tony Scott characteristically overdoes nearly every scene in “Enemy of the State,” exhibiting absolutely no understanding of dramatic structure. It’s no Ford Coppola’s 1974 surveillance thriller classic which Scott and writer David Marconi repeatedly rip off. At one point they even stage and reproduce a great scene from Coppola’s film nearly shot-for-shot (I thought only Gus Van Sant wasted our time with artistic forgery). The script gives Hackman little to do other than spurt profanity and play the cranky old hero. (“Nothing but more of the same,” is Smith’s response to a cab driver.) The score by Hans Zimmer is so loud it makes the dialogue almost inaudible. “Enemy of the State” is back with a brand new invention.

Song contest gives amateurs chance to shine

CLAIRE GABRIEL

Contributing writer

The Songwriters Association of Washington (SAW) is hosting its 15th Annual Mid Atlantic Song Contest (MASC). The deadline is February 1, 1999 and there are numerous prizes including $1,000, memberships and subscriptions to various music associations and CDs.

All entries are eligible provided the songwriter has not been employed as a staff writer by a publishing company or was paid for such services, and/or has received more than $5,000 from royalties income within the past year. Songs may be written in collaboration with other eligible writers.

The SAW is a non-profit organization established in 1979 in order to benefit aspiring and professional songwriters. All entrants, however, will be invited to attend an Awards Night Gala in the Spring of 1999.

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For more information about the Mid Atlantic Song Contest, call (800) 218-5968 or (301) 654-6434.
Some people like it long and deep, poor souls who can't get any no matter how much they think. Our bodies crave it and we all need it. Sleep is the most expendable of life's necessary pleasures. Students are constantly bombarded with assignments, tests and papers. Jobs, clubs or organizations and friends put further demands on their time. In this atmosphere, it is easy to understand how sleep can fall further and further down on one's list of priorities. "I guess on a scale of one to five, getting sleep is like a three in relation to other stuff," senior psychology major Amy Mullen said. "I mean, sleep is important and everything, but if there's something I have to do, or someplace I need to be, that comes first."

"Dr. Allan Pack, medical director of the National Sleep Foundation said in an article for CNN Online's Health Page, "The frantic pace of modern society is leaving more Americans awake when they shouldn't be and the main culprits are stress and work."

According to Science News Digest, the average college student gets six hours of sleep. However, it is estimated that 17-25-year-olds need nearly 10 hours of sleep to function properly. "This is not realistic at all for a college student because there's too much work," Mullen said.

While 10 hours of sleep a night may be the ideal, some students don't feel they can perform well enough in school if they decide to get a good night's rest rather than stay up late or pull all-nighters. "I work two jobs and take 19 credits," senior Erin Callaghan said. "I don't have any other choice but to stay up all night and study.

There are an estimated 100 million Americans who don't get enough sleep, according to Science News Digest. This "sleep debt" is most prevalent among high school and college students. Mullen and Callaghan apparently are in good company.

When sleep is a sacrifice made in the name of good grades or the consequences of procrastination, using caffeine or other over-the-counter products are an acceptable sleep replacement for some students. However, soda, coffee and other forms of caffeine in food aren't much better for you according to some health experts, since caffeine is a drug. "The effects of caffeine include inappropriate euphoria, anxiety, motor side effects and something called rebound hypersomnolent, meaning that when the drug wears off you have a crash," said Dr. Dale Edgar, a sleep authority from Stanford University, in a July issue of USA Today Health. "In other words, you have much more sleepiness than if there had been nothing at all.

It seems simple enough — get more sleep, and be wary of caffeine and other "stay awake" products. But for the average college student, this is easier said than done. "Even though I'll be exhausted, I'll still stay up to do work. I just have to. It may not be the best work I've ever done, but at least it gets done," Callaghan said.

This attitude toward sacrificing sleep is held by 20 percent of American adults who say less sleep gives them more time to work, according to a study by USA Today. The study also reports that 25 percent of adults believe they cannot be successful and still get enough sleep. And although we still live in an age where the term "power nap" is commonplace, experts say nothing is a suitable replacement for a good night's sleep without doing harm to one's body.

Recent research has found that as long as sleep debt exists, one's immunity is compromised. In one study performed by researchers in San Diego, people were deprived of sleep for four hours. The activity of their immune systems was measured the next morning. "In all subjects, the cells that fight infection showed a marked reduction in their activity," the study showed when subjects were allowed a full night's rest, there was a full recovery in immune system activity.

To help students remember sleep is a vital factor in maintaining good health and view sleep as equally important as getting work done, the JMU Counseling Center sponsors several workshops called the Study Skills series. The workshops include lessons in time management and stress management, all of which stress the importance of getting a good night's sleep.

"Not getting enough sleep is detrimental to students' overall health," Mirian Cornelius, a Counseling Center staff member, said. "In the workshops we cover motivation and procrastination, and how you need to give yourself time to get things done, so you don't have to cram and stay up all night and sacrifice sleep."

However some students, while they know sleep is important for general wellness, can't buy into the Counseling Center's philosophy of managing one's time so sleep can still be a priority. "I feel like I manage my time pretty well, but I just have so much work to do," one student said. "And then when I'm not working I want to be out having fun. That's just the way college is — you work and you go out. You don't sleep during the week. That's what caffeine and weekends are for."

Freshman Kary Cummings tries to get some shut-eye in his dorm room in Hoffman Hall. Many students find it hard to get a good night's sleep while in college.
Looking for a way to reduce stress and improve studying performance? The National Institute for Mental Health (NIMH) and the American Psychological Association (APA) offer tips on how to deal with stress.

1. **Take Breaks**: Taking breaks during study sessions can help you stay focused and avoid burnout. Short breaks can help you clear your mind and come back to your studies with fresh energy.

2. **Exercise**: Physical activity can help reduce stress and improve mood. Exercise releases endorphins, which are chemicals in the brain that boost mood and reduce pain. Regular exercise can also help you sleep better.

3. **Listen to Music**: Listening to calming music can help you relax and reduce stress. Music can also help you focus and increase your concentration.

4. **Practice Deep Breathing**: Deep breathing can help you relax and reduce stress. Deep breathing involves taking slow, deep breaths to help you calm down.

5. **Write Down Your Thoughts**: Writing down your thoughts and feelings can help you reduce stress and clarify your thoughts.

6. **Get Enough Sleep**: Getting enough sleep is crucial for reducing stress and improving your overall health. Aim for 7-9 hours of sleep per night.

7. **Eat a Healthy Diet**: Eating a healthy diet can help you maintain your energy levels and reduce stress. A diet rich in fruits, vegetables, and whole grains can help you feel more alert and focused.

8. **Stay Organized**: Keeping your study area organized can help you reduce stress and increase your productivity. Having everything in its place can help you stay focused and avoid feeling overwhelmed.

9. **Stay Positive**: Maintaining a positive attitude can help you reduce stress and improve your overall well-being. Focus on the positive aspects of your life and avoid dwelling on negative thoughts.

10. **Seek Support**: If you are feeling overwhelmed by stress, don’t hesitate to seek help. Talk to a friend, family member, or mental health professional about your feelings.

By implementing these strategies, you can help reduce stress and improve your overall well-being. Remember, it’s important to take care of yourself and prioritize your mental health.
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Noah
Getting behind the wheel of her Jeep connotes a certain memory worth looking forward to. As a seasoned fifth year, everyone's home after. Her voice sparkles with excitement at home," says Claus, an Ikenberry hall resident from around the country are heading home to home. Semester putters to a close, students are far from the truth. As the break offers. "You can't go home again," to break. "I planted a tree when I was little, and I love to go home and see how it's progressing through the seasons," Knapp says. Once a tiny sapling, her birch tree has grown to tower over her. "It reminds me of how far I've come, and how much more I still have to do in my lifetime," Knapp says. Planted on Arbor Day on Knapp's eighth birthday, the tree symbolizes many things, but most importantly, her independence.

As the leaves fell from the tree over this past Thanksgiving break, the cycle of rebirth in nature is beginning again. "It was kind of parallel to the fact that I'm graduating from college, and starting all over again in the real world," Knapp says. Some may leave home just to get away from their annoying younger siblings, but junior Jamie Whalen goes home specifically to see her 7-year-old sister Jessie. "It's great to be able to spend time with her, especially now that I'm home so little," says Whalen. Often being away from home puts perspective as to what is really important in life, she explains.

This past break, she took Jessie to see "A Bug's Life" and "Rugrats," and just spent quality time with her talking and sharing stories. "She told me about her dance classes and Beanie Baby collection, and we just got to hang out like we used to when I lived at home," Whalen says. "Jessie reminds me a lot of myself when I was little," she says, "and it's funny to remember back to when those things were so important to me."

While most expect peace and quiet on the home-front, Whalen knows that life with a 7-year-old can be crazy. "It's almost more wild than my house in Forest Hills," she admits, "especially when her friends come over to visit."

Although some like to be pampered and spoiled, senior Pat Gardner enjoys the simpler aspects of some time off. "A clean house is the best part of it all," he says. "Just getting away from some of the mess that living with five guys accumulates is worth the drive home."
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Women storm past Red Flash
Senior Shirlence Archer spurs late rally to lead Dukes, 69-53

K E I T H F E I G E N B A U M
senior writer

Led by senior Shirlence Archer's career and game-high 22 points, the JMU women's basketball team defeated St. Francis College of Pennsylvania Tuesday night, 69-53, at the Convocation Center.

Archer's spirited offensive output could not have come at a better time for the Dukes, who, minus the 5 foot 9 forward's nine of 13 shooting from the field, shot a combined 18 of 45 (40 percent) — a number due in part to the absence of sophomore shooting guard Becky Wollenberg, suspended for the game by head coach Bud Childers for violation of team rules.

"[Shirlence] was unbelievable," said junior guard Mistiza Colebank, who nearly recorded a double-double with eight points and nine assists. "She's the one who probably got me most of my assists."

Though the Dukes (5-3, 0-1 CAA) struggled for much of the first half on offense, shooting 12 of 30 (40 percent) from the field, it was their strong free-throw shooting and second-half output that decided the game.

For the game, JMU made 15 of 19 free throws compared to St. Francis' six of 12. These numbers were an indicator of where each team played a majority of its game offensively: the Dukes in the paint (where contact and fouls are more likely) and the Red Flash on the perimeter.

While St. Francis converted three of its nine three-point attempts to the Dukes' zero of 11, free throw conversions more than made up for this discrepancy.

The second half saw the Dukes begin to play as they had been expected to at the start of the season.

"In the second half, we saw a group [of players] that looked like they were pretty comfortable together out there," Childers said. "Maybe we can build on that over the next seven or eight ball games before we get back to conference play. We haven't shot the ball that well and we haven't shot free throws well, but tonight we did both of those."

Indeed, in the second half, the Dukes more than made up for their first half inadequacies. JMU shot 53.6 percent from the field (15 of 28) for the half, with a number of the conversions coming on second chances. These second chances can be attributed to the Dukes' strong rebounding — they out rebounded the Red Flash, 34-31, led by Archer's team-high five boards.

Tuesday's game was quite a confidence builder for Archer, who struggled at times last season with Childers' somewhat complicated offensive system.

According to Archer, the difference against St. Francis was simply increased "concentration and support from my team."

"If it wasn't for Shirlence's effort tonight, we would have been in trouble," Childers said. "She was able to open up the game."

With under four minutes remaining in the game and the two teams trading baskets, that was exactly what Archer did. Her basket at 3:47 on a runner in the key gave the Dukes a 48-44 lead. St. Francis' Jess Zinobile, the Red Flash's leading scorer (24.3 ppg) and rebounder (9.2 rpg), countered with a driving layup. But JMU then took charge for good, gaining its largest lead yet, 59-50, on two Archer free throws with 59 seconds remaining.

"It was good to play a closing four and a half minutes as well as we did today," said Childers.

"We made our free throws, our layups and scrambled around on defense. It looked like we were having some fun and enjoying ourselves in the last five minutes."

The Dukes will look to carry over their success from the second half to their next game, Saturday, Dec. 12 as they travel to the University of Delaware, at 1:00 p.m.
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JMU wins battle of the Dukes

Felton's career high sparks Dukes to 74-59 win over Duquense

JASON McINTYRE
senior writer

Coming into Monday's game against the Duquense University Dukes, if someone had told JMU coach Sherman Dillard that leading scorer Chatney Howard would be held to four points, none in the second half and JMU would be in position to win, he might have told them they were really crazy.

But sparked by aggressive bench play from senior Eugene Atkinson and a career-high 17 points from reserve Ned Felton, JMU ran off a 20-4 second half run to pull away from the Atlantic 10 Dukes, 74-59 before a sparse but noisy 3,539 at the Convocation Center.

"Ned Felton had a fantastic night," Dillard said. "That's the sign of a young man who stays focused. He's every bit the team player." Felton also set a career high for three-pointers made, going 4-4 from behind the arc. But it was Atkinson who went from the doghouse to the penthouse.

"I thought Eugene was the key," Dillard said. "He had fresh legs. Defensively, he did an outstanding job for us. It is a sign of a young man who bounces back from a situation where you'd think he'd drop his head (not playing in the 2nd half against George Mason) and he decides 'I'm going to come out and play.'"

Atkinson finished with five points, eight rebounds and two assists in 23 minutes of action. After playing only 11 minutes in Saturday's overtime loss to George Mason University, Atkinson replaced Howard three minutes into the second half Monday night and nailed a three-pointer to put JMU up 39-37, a lead they would never relinquish. He then forced Duquense's leading scorer, freshman Wayne Smith, into a turnover. On the ensuing possession, Atkinson fed Felton for an open three-pointer to push the lead to five. Junior reserve Kevan Johnson contributed to the run, scoring on a tip-in and then taking a nice feed from point guard Jabari Outtz for a basket and a 52-41 lead with 11 minutes remaining.

Felton capped the run with a steal clean steal from Duquense point guard Courtney Wallace and an easy layup for a 15 point lead, sending the crowd into a frenzy.

"I think in order for any team to be solid, you have to have other guys step up and help the team on any given night," Dillard said. "Kevan (Johnson) was able to come in and play extremely well."

Duquense coach Darelle Strickland was thoroughly displeased with his team's second half performance.

"We have to execute on offense, and we didn't do that in the second half," he said. "We didn't score for about six or seven trips down the floor, and they keep pouring it on. Defensively, we couldn't stop them."

For the Dukes, it was an all-around team effort. Outtz ran the point with precision, scoring 12 points, dishing out four assists and grabbing four rebounds. Center Rob Strickland, in addition to playing great defense on Duquense big man Kevin Shand, totaled 11 points, nine rebounds and three blocks.

"The last few games I've been trying to establish a presence down low," Strickland said. "The Mason game was a game we could have and should have won. We knew we had to come out and play hard on both ends of the floor."

Forward Tim Lyle, undersized against the taller Duquense front line, contributed 10 points and six rebounds. Johnson hit 4-4 field goals for eight points, to go with four rebounds and two blocks.

"I'm a little concerned with the free throw shooting, absolutely," he said. "I'm really disappointed with it, we shot the ball much better than that last year. Overall, we're making strides. We are improving as a basketball team. We're not there yet. We're still trying to work on some chemistry things."

The senior point guard from New Jersey lost his starting job at the season's outset to Outtz, a transfer from Howard University. Felton had started the past 34 games in the backcourt.

Dillard said of Felton's play, "We were able to get the tempo a little quicker during the [20-4] run, and a lot of that was attributed to when Ned Felton came into the game. He did a great job of pushing the basketball up the floor."

Despite the win, there was one facet of the game in which JMU didn't excel — free throws. For the game, JMU made only 15-26 from the charity stripe, something Dillard hopes they can work on before hitting the CAA schedule.

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The Dukes are back in action Saturday, hosting the Radford University Highlanders at 7:30 p.m. at the Convocation Center.
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Oh, woe are the Orioles. I've never seen such a game of pin the tail on the donkey in my life. It's as though any free agent is in the pile of tails, and new general manager Frank Wren is blindfolded and sticking them in any position on the field that he can find. Not to mention paying a pretty penny for it. You would think that players would be vying to create a great team in Charm City. The stadium is beautiful, the fans devoted, and the management willing to pay. But what we're seeing now is a bunch of disgruntled O's making that package look less and less valuable by the day.

The Orioles home page has slapped a big picture of Will "the Thrill" Clark right on top, proclaiming their coup in nabbing the first baseman. Does this lead any fan to think Clark will be superior to former Oriole Rafael Palmeiro in any way?

Losing Palmeiro was Wren's single worst mistake, in my opinion. Named Orioles MVP of the '96 season, Raffy is an outstanding defensive player who also had tremendous offensive power. They just can't seem to hold on to what should be their foremost priority.

In January, Palmeiro told management that he would only stay with the club if offered a $50 million, five-year deal. Of course, not wanting to concede to one of their most popular and valuable members, the O's scoffed at his multi-million dollar dreams.

After letting him slip into the dangerous realm of free-agency, what did the O's end up offering? Five years, $50 million. It never should have gone this far. Not keeping him with the club after his season should have made him bitter. It shows just how angry he was that he returned to Texas after they had previously let him go for Clark.

How it all comes full circle.

Not to mention the fact they were offering Albert Belle $15 million more for his services after Raffy's put in the time. Yes, Belle is good. He can hit. But no one else wanted him. So we got the $65 million man who had no where else to go. His attitude stinks and Baltimore knows it. We're a family team. We have Cal, the "milk" man, and Brady Anderson, our hometown sweetheart. How will Belle mesh with the hometown crowd?

Now on to the rest of the infield. Delino DeShields is a nice nab, but his three-year deal seems to have once again conflicted with the Orioles' master plan. Wren wanted to keep hot prospect Jerry HAMLin in the minors for one more year and then bring him on at second. Now, with DeShields here for three, what is their plan? He is bringing some speed and comparative youth to a graying roster, but he isn't even comparable to Roberto Alomar.

At least we got a catcher. The one position that Wren has actually come through on. Charles Johnson is a premier defensive catcher, but he can't hit. We know this. Let's all hope that Chris Hoiles will pull through after failing to throw out anyone at second. That's what Hoiles was good at all along, clutch hitting that has won many a game.

We did hang on to B.J. Surhoff, but at a much higher price than necessary. Like Palmeiro, Surhoff should have been re-signed during the season. Letting him become a free agent allowed Surhoff to ask for more after management had been watching their pennant hopes fly into the wind with Randy Johnson and Robin Ventura.

Although I'm not usually a God-fearing type of girl, let me clasp my hands in silent prayer: Please let us get Kevin Brown. Please let us get Kevin Brown. If this type of pathetic begging will work, I will even wear a T-shirt reading "I'm down with Brown" for the rest of 1998.

We managed to keep pitchers Scott Erickson and Mike Mussina, but we need Brown to create some sort of a solid rotation. With the lineup a complete and utter mystery to me at this point, God only knows the pitching has got to be good. I don't even want to speculate at who will be hitting where. It's a scary, scary thought.

I envision manager Ray Miller using an Ouija board in the clubhouse before games, or maybe letting the fans call in at 75 cents a pop in order to pay Belle's salary for the next five years. Can you say "no-trade clause"?

The Orioles are only hoping that the rest of the American League will be as shortsighted and incomprehensible as their club. And so far we see a few moving towards a tie.

Which leads me into... What is going on with the Red Sox? Did they just give up? After losing Mo Vaughn, they are now lamenting their unsuccessful try for Bernie Williams. I see some sad days ahead for this ball club. Other AL East blunders include the Blue Jays imminent trade of Roger Clemens: I only hope there is something better at stake here.

And Mike Timlin's four-year deal? It's funny because Timlin keeps telling everyone about all these deals he was offered before he signed with the O's, but there are no confirmations that this is anything more than speculation.

Is this how the O's want to go down? Like frightened little children who forgot to do their homework and have to copy from someone else?

It's time for Baltimore to start taking notes and stop playing the underdog. Mixing up a hodgepodge of free agents does not sound too appetizing, and I don't think that Camden Yards will make a very good melting pot. Soon the Orioles' Bird will start carrying a torch, wearing a crown, and waving a - sign reading, "Give us your tired, your huddled masses..."

Randi Molofsky is a junior SMAD major.
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GREENSBORO, N.C. - The University of Florida capped a storybook season by upsetting the 15-time national champion University of North Carolina 1-0 in the NCAA women's soccer championship.

Florida defeated JMU, 5-1 in the second-round of the NCAA tournament. It was only the third time since the NCAA tournament began in 1982 that UNC had not been crowned champion.

"I can't believe it," Florida coach Becky Burleigh said. "I've been saying that from the sound of the horn until now."

The Gators (26-1) -- in only their fourth year of fielding a varsity women's team -- avenged their only loss of the season, and ruined a perfect season for the Tar Heels (25-1).

"I just can't imagine a new program coming in and winning it," UNC coach Anson Dorrance said. "There's been parity coming along for a long time. To be honest, I thought there were six teams, on any given day, that could have won it. Five years ago, you couldn't say that."

The tournament's most valuable offensive player and three-time All-American, Danielle Fotopoulos, scored the game's only goal on a free kick.

UNC outshot Florida 21-6 but Florida keeper Meredith Flaherty came up big late.

**FENCING**

JMU sophomore epee specialist Vicki Karousos compiled a 12-8 record for a sixth-place finish at the NIWFA Christmas Invitational at Farleigh Dickinson University in Teaneck, N.J., Sunday.

JMU also received a strong performance from freshmen Tara Saddig and Allison Schwartz. Saddig went 7-7 for a seventh-place finish in the field of 40 foil fencers. Schwartz was 12-3 in the epee competition. She placed eighth out of the 43 competitors.

JMU is off until Jan. 16 when it travels to Hollins, Va. to face Virginia Tech, Sweet Briar College, the University of Virginia and Stevens Tech.

**MEN'S SOCCER**

Senior soccer stand-out Kevin Knight, a four-year starter for the Dukes, is currently attending a week-long try-out session with the New York/New Jersey Metro Stars of Major League Soccer. Knight was invited to the camp to compete against current Metro Stars and other collegiate hopefuls. Along with senior forward Mike Brizendine, Knight will travel to England to practice with several teams during Winter Break. Knight was a member of the All-CAA team last season while Brizendine finished second on the JMU all-time goal scoring list.
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This is it. The party's over. The final countdown. Basically, this is the last POTW of the year, and since Seth's redshirt appeal was denied, his last ever. It is bitter-sweet, however. It's sad that he will never pick again, but he will also never have to endure the untold horror of mercifully being picked on wherever he goes. I mean, a "Dart" for crying out loud! Have a little heart. Speaking of heart, Courtney continues to do her Rudy impression, picking way above her head. Last week the new "Guru of College Football" correctly picked the downfall of Kansas State and UCLA. Some girls have the all luck, and now she is in a tie for second place, a three way tie for second that is. Mike G. is praying to hold onto his position as tightly as he grips his Rebecca Lobo picture each night but it's impossible for him to take the title from J. Mac. Beano Cook can't help him this week, the all NFL schedule assures that, but it looks like the secret sixth member of N-SYNC is going to pull off the victory. Shane "Pretty Fly for a White Guy" Rogers is hoping he doesn't end up like his friend above. He is a Dallas fan though, so it's entirely possible. As Seth sobs away his final POTW, it has been fun, it has been crazy and at times humiliating. But hey, that's that and so it is.

As the balance of World Wrestling Federation Power continues to shift between boss Vince McMahon and the man who would be king, his son Shane, each and every live event becomes a new chapter promising to yield some new twist or revelation. There's a Cold War brewing within this pro wrestling superpower, and things might very well heat up in British Columbia.

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Today's Birthday (Dec. 10) Partnership proves profitable this year. Start by making friends with a person you used to find really irritating. Once you tell the truth about your feelings, the air will clear and you'll become best buddies. By February, looks like you're ready to take on a new chore. You don't know how to do it yet, but don't despair. You'll learn quickly, with the right tutor. In March, you're lucky, but change is required. You could move to a much nicer domicile. In April, an old romance is best. As you clean up old misunderstandings, you discover new love. In June, join forces with a person you love to hate. The two of you are a formidable team, especially financially. Run the marathon in August. You'll have the stamina and enthusiasm to win. Push for a reconciliation in October.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating:

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 5 — Shop carefully today. You only want to get the most practical, longest-lasting product and best possible deal you can find. If you wait until the evening or tomorrow to shop, you'll be more willing to go out of your way for a good bargain. You're more impatient earlier in the day, so schedule your time accordingly.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 5 — Somebody's pushing you to do something you don't want to do. Your muscles for resisting this kind of pressure should be getting stronger by now. As you stand up for yourself, others treat you with more respect. Pretty soon they don't even try to push you around. Stick to your guns.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Today is a 4 — You want to try something you've never done before. On the other hand, you still have things on your schedule that you've done before and you have to do on a regular basis. You don't get to give up any of the old stuff.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) — Today is a 6 — You're getting more comfortable with your financial status, and you know there are more opportunities if you're willing to make the effort. That's not difficult for you, since your energy level is so high. You could handle three or four jobs, and maybe you already do.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 6 — You and another person have an important decision to make about money, and how you're going to spend it. While the money belongs to both of you, you've got the most at stake, as well as the best ideas. You've got more information, more of a vision and more enthusiasm to make this project work. Definitely speak up.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 4 — Don't stress over the job you're doing right now. The cavalry's coming to the rescue. Someone who can handle your work if you find difficult is just waiting for you to give the signal. It may even be several someones, and you may not have realized that's what they were doing. If a front avenue is blocked, try an alternate route.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 6 — You have work to do, but you'd rather play with your friends. This is awful. People are noticing that you're not the scholarly intellectual you make yourself out to be. No, you're just a fun-loving person and rather be goofing around than plugging away at your agenda. Don't worry, it'll all work out.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 5 — You're pulled in three different directions and wishing you could close yourself. Well, you can't. You can compromise. By moving more quickly than usual, you can get two or three things done instead of one, and that should give you time this evening for romance.

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All My Children

Gillian tries to defend Ryan at the police station by revealing his lousy childhood and he goes postal. Unfortunately, Jack witnesses his violent outburst. Hayley is now more than willing to share in raising Max with Mateo. Raquel isn't about to do the "joint custody" thing, so she feels like a fool.

Another World

Rachel gets word the backeners have dumped the Braya deal and she blames Lila, who in turn blames Jordan. Lila freaks hearing Matt tell Rachel it could have been a mistake marrying Lila. Grant claims he can't remember anything about the shooting. Marley has threatened him with the tape.

As the World Turns

Molly and Brad are cuffed to chairs in the hotel lobby. Molly breaks free but Jack ends her great escape. Eddie makes Georgia's day by mentioning how cool her hair is after he blow Kaike for coffee. Carly springball for Molly and Camille visits Brad in jail. Jullia continues to down tranquilizers after seeing David's bloody drift on the porch.

The Bold & the Beautiful

CJ thinks Rick is crazed to marry Amber because of how he feels about Kimberly. Rick believes marrying Amber is his only choice. Kimberly cooks a Special dinner for Rick, who's star-struck by the site of her in the kitchen. He then tells her about Amber and the baby. Kimberly feels like a fool.

Guiding Light

Ben shares childhood traumas with Blake and she believes she can love him now that she understands him. Jenna hears Jeffrey is out of jail at Phillip and Harley's welcome-home celebration. Holly selects Jenna as her next stalker victim. Jenna walks in and catches Hally in the house and doesn't think it's odd.

One Life to Live

Lucas if he keeps silent about her victim. Jenna walks in and catches Holly in the ranch office. Kay is allowed into the architectural for their plans for their new home. Megan continues to come on to Tony. Cole finds Ashley waiting for him in the ranch office. Kay is allowed into her house to retrieve jewels from Phillip.

The Young & the Restless

Grace tells Nick she is not going away any time soon. Nikki convinces Victoria to recuperate at the ranch. Cole tells Ashley he is going to work with an architect for their plans for their new home. Megan continues to come on to Tony. Cole finds Ashley waiting for him in the ranch office. Kay is allowed into her house to retrieve jewels from Phillip.
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