

**That's a scream!**

A few students share their most mortifying (and funniest) moments.

**Cheers to this**

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**A new leader on the sidelines**

JMU hires Antoinette Lucas as its new field hockey coach in hopes of getting the Dukes back into NCAA title contention.

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## SGA allots money for projects

*Up 'til Dawn, Women of Color receive money to help with events*

By ASHLEY McCLELLAND  
SGA reporter

During a brief meeting this week, the Student Government Association passed two finance bills to give money to two campus groups — Up 'til Dawn and Women of Color.

Up 'til Dawn received \$2,960.56 to purchase a new computer and supplies for their fund-raising events for St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

The amount of money they received was \$500 less than what they asked for because they wanted money to help

fund events that already have taken place.

The SGA does not give money for previous events, according to junior Matt Gray, Arts & Letters senator and the chair of



the finance committee. Senior Katherine Ferguson, College of Business senator, said Up 'til Dawn, "use[s] the bare minimum of things they need, and everything they are asking for they will be able to use for years to come."

Up 'til Dawn has 19 executives and 459 students in its organization.

The Women of Color group received \$2,879.41 to be used for its Men's and Women's Conference. The group needed the money for a keynote speaker and supplies for publicity.

The finance committee did take out some money that would be used on honorariums, or small gifts, for those that attended the conference because, according to Gray, the SGA is not allowed to give money for those types of things. The committee also took out money that would be used for small office supplies because they said the supplies easily could be found all over campus.

Two group leaders of Women of Color told the SGA that their organization has been fund raising but they still need more money. They said they were involved in a Center for Multicultural International Student Services Unity Lock-in, and they will be hosting a Valentine's Day variety show.

The finance committee also tabled a bill submitted on behalf of the JMU crew club. The club asked for money to buy boats, and the committee wanted to look into this request because committee members had questions about liability.

Two new bills were presented

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IRENE WAZGOWSKI/contributing photographer

Senior Jennifer Granito speaks during the Student Government Association meeting Tuesday night.

## Honor frat wins national award

By NATHAN CHIANTELLA  
staff writer

Winning for the second year in a row, the national office of Phi Sigma Pi honor fraternity presented the Joseph Torchia Outstanding Chapter Award to the JMU chapter.

Presented at the National Convention in November 2003, the Torchia only is given to four of the 96 national Phi Sigma Pi chapters. The award, given annually, is presented to the chapter that "best serves the ideals of the tripod that the fraternity is built upon — scholarship, leadership and fellowship," said Hoyt Craver, a representative from the Phi Sigma Pi National Headquarters.

The Torchia Award is named after Joseph Torchia, who was inducted into Phi Sigma Pi in 1951.

"I was thrilled to find out that we won a Torchia," said senior Whitney Atkins, initiate adviser. "It made me proud to be a part of something so powerful and impressive."

Junior Kelly Johnson, secretary, said that, upon presentation of the award, "the smiles of all the brothers were priceless."

The JMU Beta Rho Chapter of Phi Sigma Pi was founded in 1995, and first won this award in 2002. Winning the award for a second straight year was a welcomed surprise to many of the brothers.

"Since it is a rarity to win two years in a row, we were beyond excited at the announcement," said junior Katie Freind, parliamentarian.

Junior Aaron Cattell, chapter president, said that upon hearing the news, "a great feeling just came over me knowing that we had attained something for the second year in a row that

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## Bush: Nation remains vulnerable



STEVE DESLICH/Knight Ridder Tribune

President George W. Bush speaks during the first minutes of his State of the Union address to Congress Tuesday night. Bush discussed terrorist threats and challenges in Iraq.

*State of the Union address focuses on challenges in Iraq*

By RON HUTCHESON  
Knight Ridder Tribune

President George W. Bush described a nation at peril Tuesday in a State of the Union speech that focused on the threat of terrorism, the challenges in Iraq and the need for more economic growth.

In a nationally televised address that previewed the themes of his reelection campaign, Bush defended his decision to invade Iraq and warned Americans that the nation remains vulnerable to terrorists. He sought to play to his political strengths by casting himself as a tough-minded leader dealing with big challenges.

Borrowing a page from Abraham Lincoln, who urged voters during the Civil War to avoid "changing horses in midstream," Bush called on Americans to stick with him as he confronts terrorism, Iraq and economic problems.

"We have faced serious challenges together and now we face a choice. We can go forward with confidence and resolve, or we can turn back to the dangerous illusion that terrorists are not plotting, and outlaw regimes are no threat to us," he told a joint session of Congress. "We have not come all this way — through tragedy and trial and war — only to falter and leave our work unfinished."

On issue after issue, Bush described a nation confronted by challenges — at risk from terrorism, at risk from "thugs" in Iraq, at risk from "activist judges" who have been "redefining marriage" by striking down laws against gay marriage.

Declaring that "the people's voice must be heard," he threw his support behind a proposed constitutional amendment to outlaw same-sex marriages.

"If judges insist on forcing their arbitrary will upon the people, the only alternative left to the people would be the constitutional process. Our nation must defend the sanctity of marriage," Bush said.

He also urged Congress to renew the USA PATRIOT Act, an anti-terrorism law that's set to expire next year. Critics say the law's expanded police powers trample on Americans' constitutional rights, but Bush called it a vital law enforcement tool.

Although Bush highlighted U.S. accomplishments in Iraq and in the war on terrorism, he said much more needs to be done. He urged Americans to avoid being lulled by the absence of attacks on the homeland since Sept. 11, 2001.

"That hope is understandable, comforting — and false," he said. "The terrorists continue to plot against America and the civilized world. And, by our will and courage, this danger will be defeated."

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## Kerry takes Iowa



CHUCK KENNEDY/Knight Ridder Tribune

Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry celebrates after his come-from-behind victory in the Iowa caucuses Monday. For more, see page 3.

## Report: Most students avoid credit card debt

*Only 10 percent of college students max out all their credit cards*

By TONI DUNCAN  
news editor

With the holiday season concluding, students now are receiving their credit card bills.

They are faced with the decision either to pay the minimum payment, pay part of the whole bill, or pay off the bill in its entirety.

While 90 percent of students do not get into major debt from credit cards, according to the U.S. Payment Card Information Network at [www.cardweb.com](http://www.cardweb.com), 10 percent max out all their cards and find themselves unable to keep up with

monthly payments. "I always pay my credit card off in full," senior Becky Novak said.

She said if she didn't pay the bill off in full, then she would have to pay a lot more every month in interest.

The average college student's debt upon graduation is approximately \$3,000, according to the Information Network. "At the end of the first quarter of the year 2002, Americans owed about \$660 billion," the Information Network said.

Graduate student Vonzelle Waller said, "I always pay more than the minimum, so I can have it paid off quicker

and I don't have too much finance charges.

"I mostly just use it in emergencies," she added.

Sophomore Christene Darcy said she got her first credit card in ninth grade. She currently has three or four major credit cards and about eight to 10 department store cards.

"I got the store cards for the discount," she said. "But, I always pay those off immediately."

She said she pays off all her cards to maintain good credit. "I have better credit than my mom," she said.

According to the Information Network, "The biggest mistake college students make is not making their payments on time. Chronic late payers will

develop bad credit over time."

Novak said she knew someone whose car was repossessed after not being able to pay off his debt.

"He would get store credit cards — the ones that say 'six months, no payments' and spend on them like it was free," she said. "He actually said once that he thought it was free."

Waller recommends that students look over their credit card bill before paying the amount.

"Always read your statements," Waller said. "One time, the credit card company charged me twice for the same thing."

Credit cards can be very helpful in emergency situations. Since students rarely have cash, they need to find other means to pay for their purchases.

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**DUKE DAYS Events Calendar**

THURSDAY, JAN. 22 – SUNDAY, JAN. 25, 2004

**Thursday, Jan. 22**

The Spring Study Abroad Expo is being held in the College Center Grand Ballroom from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For information contact International Programs at x8-6419.

Alpha Phi Omega, a coed service fraternity, is holding an informational rush meeting at 7:30 p.m. in ISAT, room 159. For information contact Amanda at *bernanub* or David at *wickhuth*.

Cris Mazza, a novelist, short-story writer, essayist and editor, will be reading her work and signing books in the Music Building, room 142, at 8 p.m.

**Friday, Jan. 23**

Vickie Quade's and Maripat Donovan's international hit comedy "Late Nite Catechism" will be performed in the Wilson Hall Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. For ticket information contact x8-7000.

The JMU Swing Dance Club is hosting a free dance in PC Ballroom from 9 p.m. to midnight. A beginner lesson starts at 8 p.m. No partner or experience necessary. For information contact Meghan at *sarvermk*.

**Saturday, Jan. 24**

The women's swimming and diving team has a meet against Radford University and Wagner College in the Savage Natatorium in Godwin Hall at noon.

**Sunday, Jan. 25**

Phi Chi Theta professional business fraternity is having an information meeting in Zane Showker Hall, room 105, at 6:30 p.m. for all College of Business majors interested in learning about each of the different business fraternities on campus.

The women's basketball team will play Hofstra University in the Convocation Center at 4 p.m.

**Submitting events to the Duke Days Events Calendar:**

Contact Lauren at *nickan@b* 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.

**POLICE LOG**

By Lauren McKay  
police log reporter

A JMU employee reported that a water fountain had been pulled off the wall by an unknown person(s) in White Hall Jan. 18 between 10:05 p.m. and midnight.

In other matters, campus police report the following:

**Property Damage**  
An unknown person(s) damaged the marble partition in the men's bathroom in Weaver Hall Jan. 17 at 10 p.m.

A JMU student reported finding a piece of paper burning while taped to a dorm room door in Gifford Hall Jan. 17 at 3:30 a.m.

**Petty Larceny**  
A JMU student reported the larceny of a JAC card from an unsecured cubby hole in UREC Jan. 15 between 7:30 and 8:30 p.m.

Number of drunk in public charges since Aug. 25: 52

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**FUN FACT of the Day**

Although the Lunar New Year is celebrated in various ways across Asia, common themes include family, togetherness and food. Also, according to Chinese astrology, 2004 will usher in the Year of the Monkey.

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# NEWS

"We, together, get can start an American comeback."

JOHN KERRY  
D-Mass. senator  
see story below

**Recycle your waste**

JMU and Harrisonburg are teaming up to recycle used computers and electronics.

see story below

**AROUND CAMPUS**

**Fraternity interest meeting to be held tonight**

Men wanting to join on of JMU's fraternities should go to the Interfraternity Council's information session tonight.

The session begins at 6:30 p.m. in Taylor Hall room 405.

This will provide an "overview of the spring recruitment process, as well as information pertaining to individual chapters," according to a release from the Interfraternity Council.

Fraternity recruitment will take place from Jan. 26 to Feb. 5.

For more information contact IFC Recruitment Chair Tripp Greene at *greentis*.

**UREC offering new classes, ski lessons**

University Recreation Center now is offering pilates classes.

The cost is \$27 on FLEX and will cover the eight-week Thursday sessions go from Feb. 5 to April 1. The class will be from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. Students must register by Feb. 2.

UREC also is offering ski lessons from Jan. 27 to Feb. 12 every Tuesday and Thursday. Lessons will begin at 8 p.m. and are \$120, which includes lift, lesson and rental. It is \$108 without rental.

One can buy their lesson package Monday through Friday at UREC.

**IN THE VALLEY**

**Adult literacy tutoring opportunities available**

**HARRISONBURG** — The Skyline Literacy Coalition of Harrisonburg/Rockingham county hosts volunteer tutor training throughout the month of November.

Many adults in the community need help in speaking English and assistance from a tutor would help, according to a Nov. 4, 2003, press release.

To become a Proliferity Worldwide tutor, call the coalition at 879-2933.

**ACROSS THE NATION**

**Gephardt drops out of 2004 presidential race**

*Knight Ridder Tribune (St. Louis)* — Missouri Rep. Dick Gephardt, caricatured for years as a passionless robo-politician, wept openly Tuesday as he bade farewell to his long public career in a poignant hometown news conference.

Gephardt, who rose from childhood poverty to the highest levels of government only to fail in two bids for the presidency, was surrounded by his family — all dressed in black — as he said he would finish his term in Congress, then return to private life. The end will come after 14 terms representing Missouri's 3rd Congressional District, and 33 years in elective office.

His second presidential campaign ended Monday night after he finished a distant fourth in the Iowa caucuses, garnering less than 11 percent of the vote in a neighboring state.

Gephardt wouldn't speculate on why he lost so badly in Iowa — a state he'd said repeatedly he would win, as he did in 1988 in his first race for president.

"I am proud of the campaign we waged," Gephardt said. "It was fought on the principles of fairness for our workers, security for our seniors and opportunity for our children. My career in public office is coming to an end, but the fight is never over."

While Gephardt ruled out running for public office in Missouri, he said he had no plans for what he would do when his term ends next January.

## Democrats look to New Hampshire

### Kerry wins caucus with 38 percent of Iowan vote

BY MARK SILVA  
*The Orlando Sentinel*

On the first day of his embattled presidential campaign, a visibly self-restrained Howard Dean received welcome encouragement.

"Win or lose," retiree Dick Snow told Dean Tuesday, "I want to thank you for trying to change the system."

"It's a lot more fun to win," replied Dean, allowing that his stunning defeat by two fellow Democrats in Iowa's season-opening caucuses Monday night was no fun. "We better win in New Hampshire if we're going to change the system."

But, while Dean faced the gloomy prospect that another loss Tuesday in New Hampshire's primary could doom his chances of capturing the 2004 Democratic presidential nomination, Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., the winner in Iowa, was flying high.

"Thank you for welcoming back to New Hampshire 'Comeback Kerry,'" he told a few hundred supporters in an airplane hangar here after a 3 a.m. flight from Iowa. "We, together, can start an American comeback."

Already, voters say, they are taking another look at Kerry following the Massachusetts senator's Iowa victory.

"He's a more viable candidate," said Mary Liponis, of nearby Derry, N.H. "I want to vote for somebody who can win. ... people will take a second look at him."

Yet, the best positioned of the Democrats could be Sen. John Edwards of North Carolina, who finished second to Kerry in Iowa and well ahead of Dean. While Dean and Kerry have to focus on stalling retired Army Gen. Wesley Clark's campaign, Edwards may be able to build support by avoiding confrontation.

Another strong showing Tuesday would give him momentum heading into South Carolina's Feb. 3 primary.



U.S. Democrat presidential candidate Sen. John Edwards greets supporters as he celebrates his second-place finish in the Iowa caucus.

"I think the race is wide-open," Clark said at a small rally for supporters Tuesday.

Rep. Dick Gephardt of Missouri abandoned his White House bid Tuesday after placing fourth in the caucuses. Gephardt's move leaves his home state's 74 pledged-convention delegates — more than Iowa and New Hampshire combined — up for grabs when Missouri holds its primary Feb. 3.

Pre-Iowa polling had Dean in first place here and Clark vying with Kerry for the second

spot. But, all bets are off now, and observers expect a shift when tracking polls today gauge post-caucus sentiment.

Clark is attempting to draw some contrasts with his rivals.

"I've laid out all my records, and I challenge every other candidate who claims to be a Democrat in this race to do likewise this week," he said, taking a swipe at Dean's bid to keep sealed many of the records he kept as Vermont's governor.

Kerry led veterans protest-

ing the Vietnam War after winning high honors as a Navy officer there. Clark, also a decorated Vietnam veteran, devoted a 34-year-career to the Army. "I stayed with the military," Clark said, and when asked what this meant about Kerry, he said, "I'm only saying that I stayed with the U.S. Armed Forces."

But, it is Dean who campaigns most gingerly now. Dean confronted questions about his performance Monday night when he exhorted sup-

porters with a throaty, sometimes howling promise to win state after state and then roaring like a lion.

When he appeared before a few hundred supporters in a Manchester hotel ballroom, Dean delivered a quiet, measured version of his appeal to "take back our country" from special interests.

"We spent a long time as the supposed front-runner, and we paid the price that front-runners pay," Dean said later. "Now it's time to regroup."

## Student-run bookstore increases membership, textbook offerings

BY JOHN LEONARD  
*contributing writer*

Students fed up with high textbook prices now can save money buying and selling directly for free at *Where2Go4Books.com*.

"The site can be thought of as an online classified ad system for buying and selling textbooks," said senior Renee Parilak, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Computer Society president.

The Web site started as an Integrated Science and Technology 480 eCommerce Technology project developed by Integrated Science and Technology faculty member and IEEE adviser Anthony A. Teate and his students.

ISAT students working on the site took classes in HTML, Visual Basic and Active Server Pages, and did extensive outside-of-class research to give the site advanced functionality.

After designing the site last summer, ISAT and IEEE club alumni handed the project over to the IEEE Computer Society for completion. After several improvements and additions, the site launched just before Thanksgiving. From Dec. 1, 2003, to Jan. 14, 2004, the number of registered users grew from 189 to 1,148, while the number of textbooks available grew from 245 to over 1,400.

"This site is the culmination of hard work by students under my supervision who were moti-

vated to do something good for other students," Teate said.

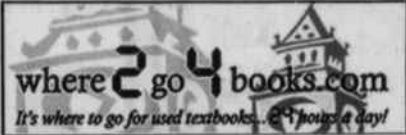
"It is also representative of the entrepreneurial spirit of the eCommerce Technology course I teach, and the student-centric IEEE Computer Society that I advise," he said.

An easy-to-use interface allows visitors to navigate the site with ease. From the home page, new users can register for free and returning users can log in by clicking on "My Account."

To sell a book, users click on "Sell Books," and then "Add a Book." Next, users fill out a form about their book, describing the condition and their price. Users either can set a fixed price or accept bids. Up to 10 books can be posted for sale on one account at any time.

To find textbooks for sale, users click on "Buy Books," and then select a search method. The database is searchable by title, author, course or professor, and results can be sorted by price, condition or seller.

After finding a textbook, users click on "Add to Want List" to save the book and eliminate repeated searches. From the "My Account" page, users can view books they want to buy and sell, as well as contact sellers of the books using an online e-



## Used computers find new homes

### Fresh program helps to reduce electronic waste

BY MELISSA MATTINGLY  
*contributing writer*

In an attempt to prevent local environmental hazards, a JMU professor is working to salvage the useful remains of old computers.

The Environmental Protection Agency estimates that about 220 million tons of archaic computers and other electronics are disposed of each year, according to its Web site *www.epa.gov*. Aside from overflowing landfills, computers are made of a variety of different materials — many of which can be harmful to groundwater supplies, according to the EPA.

Geoffrey Egekwu, associate professor of Integrated Science and Technology, is working with the City of Harrisonburg to combat this problem locally. The city contacted JMU because "we work with JMU on a lot of things," said Charles Honaker, solid waste superintendent for the City of Harrisonburg.

Egekwu said he will "put the project up for senior proj-

ects" later in the semester.

Last summer, the city contacted JMU and Center of Integrated Science and Technology about finding a solution to this growing environmental hazard, and Egekwu passed the project on to a group of his students.

The main goal of the city and JMU is to disassemble these used computers, reuse what can be and safely dispose of what cannot be, according to Egekwu.

"We have become more and more involved with JMU..."

—Charles Honaker  
solid waste superintendent for the City of Harrisonburg

Currently, only about 10 percent of old computers, cell phones and other hardware ever are recycled or reused, according to a Dec. 10, 2003 press release.

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# WASTE: Old phones donated

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The students, after deciding that their first problem was not knowing most of the chemicals in computers, discovered such harmful toxic chemicals as mercury, lead, cadmium and polyvinyl chloride. They also discovered recyclable materials, including small amounts of gold, copper, aluminum and silver.

"You can use some of the other parts to rebuild or refurbish other computers," Egekwu said. "Other parts that can't be reused, such as plastic casings, can be ground up and recycled to make other products. In the past, everything — chemicals, plastics, different hazardous materials — has gone into the county landfill."

Since then, the city has contacted Computer Recycling of Virginia, Inc., a company out of Virginia Beach, to collect old and used computers from members of the community. While this still is in the beginning

phases of planning, the target date is about a week after the May graduation. Efforts also are being made to hold the collection at an accessible place, such as the old Wal-Mart parking lot, according to Honaker.

While it still is a long way off, Egekwu said he hopes that they eventually will set up an assembly line to strip down computers for recycling and proper disposal.

Someday, the school and the city even may be able to profit from this project, but, more importantly, "it will mean clearer ground water, safer landfills and, ultimately, a cleaner, healthier environment," Egekwu said.

In the meantime, there are Web sites to donate old equipment to charity.

Some Web sites, such as [www.eclecticchurch.org/wwwboard/messages/759.htm](http://www.eclecticchurch.org/wwwboard/messages/759.htm), explain how to donate old cell phones to victims of domestic abuse. Proceeds from some of these phones go to shelters, and others are reprogrammed to dial

only 911.

Other sites, such as [www.wirelessrecycling.com/home/index.html](http://www.wirelessrecycling.com/home/index.html), give instructions for donating used cell phones and starting a collection in your area.

Individuals and businesses can donate computers through the state of Virginia's Second Chance Program. Information can be found at [www.microweb.com/pepsite/Recycle/Virginia](http://www.microweb.com/pepsite/Recycle/Virginia).

Honaker also suggests students "hang on to [their computers] until spring.

"We'll be taking all electronics, computers, televisions, cell phones," and a number of other things, he said.

Computers also can be donated to Harrisonburg High School.

"We'll take old stuff, especially if it works," said D.D. Dawson, director of Business and Technology at Health and Human Services. Those who do wish to donate computers to Harrisonburg High School can contact Dawson at 434-5730.

**News writers meeting  
Monday Jan. 26 at 6 p.m.  
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# SPEECH: Bush says more work is ahead

*SPEECH, from page 1*

And, despite the failure of U.S. troops to find any weapons of mass destruction or Iraqi ties to terrorist groups, he again cited those risks as a justification for war.

"Objections to war often come from principled motives. But let us be candid about the consequences of leaving Saddam Hussein in power," Bush said. "Had we failed to act, the dictator's weapons of mass destruction programs would continue to this day."

Turning to domestic issues, Bush expressed confidence that the economy would continue to improve, but called on Congress to take additional steps that he believes will help encourage job growth. His legislative to-do list includes a producer-friendly energy policy and a proposal to make temporary

tax cuts permanent.

He also acknowledged some of the manufacturing jobs that have disappeared during his term would not come back. The nation has lost nearly three million jobs since Bush took office, many of them in the manufacturing sector. He urged Congress to approve a new job-training program that would help displaced workers start new careers.

In the Democratic response, Senate Democratic Leader Tom Daschle and House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi said Bush has bungled key foreign and domestic issues.

Pelosi said Bush has alienated allies with a "go-it-alone foreign policy," while Daschle accused him of pushing corporate tax breaks at the expense of American workers.

# SGA: Two organizations receive money

*SGA, from page 1*

to the Senate. One requested funds for the JMU Brass Band Club. The members asked for \$3,958 to buy two of the three new instruments they need in order to perform in competitions. The third instrument they will buy through their own fund raising.

Sophomore Matt Taylor, COB senator and director of information technology, asked the Senate

to use reserve money to buy the SGA new "graphic design, Web site design and publishing software" to be used on the new computers they purchased with reserve funds this year.

The SGA's software is out-of-date, and people that need the programs to create things for SGA are forced to use their own software, according to Taylor. The price for six copies of three different programs

would come to \$1,597.96.

A few senators will be taking a trip to Richmond to lobby on behalf of the university for funds from the Virginia General Assembly.

According to senior Adrienne Laputka, Arts & Letters senator, Charles King, JMU's University Financial director, asked the SGA to lobby for base accuracy funding. The money, which the uni-

versity needs to run, to pay for building costs, and keep faculty salaries competitive, also helps support projected enrollment. Enrollment next year should increase to 120 students over the maximum because of higher retention rates. The legislative action committee also has asked students to join in a letter-writing campaign to tell the General Assembly what students want and need.

# AWARD: Phi Sigma Pi fraternity earns honor

*AWARD, from page 1*

only goes out to four chapters." He added they were pleased that "[their] actions did not go unnoticed."

The brotherhood at JMU participates in philanthropy in order to fill the Phi Sigma Pi tripod.

"We have already begun planning events dealing with

[Multiple] Sclerosis], the Megan Stidham scholarship, Teach for America and Founder's Weekend, among other things," Freind said.

According to junior Meredith A. West, Brother Relations Chair, their chapter has "worked very hard the past year in supporting philanthropy."

Junior Greg Mathurin, the chapter's vice president, said he believes that Phi Sigma Pi is an amazing group. "In no other place on campus, or in my life for that matter, have I seen such a diverse and yet tightly knit group of people with a similar goal in mind," he added.

However, two Torchia awards are not enough for

JMU's Phi Sigma Pi. "We cannot quit yet because there is no such thing as a semester off for us," Mathurin said. "Every organization has room for improvement, and we are no exception. We will be gunning for Torchia No. 3 and, with what I have seen happening so far this semester, I feel that we are well on our way."



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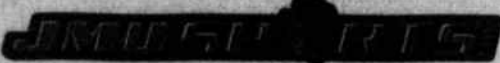




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see house editorial, below

# OPINION

Too often in the past people were apathetic about taking part in the voting process ...

STEPHEN ATWELL  
sophomore  
see column, below

## HOUSE EDITORIAL

### JMU becoming stifled by number of students, lack of space

JMU is overflowing. Parking is a disaster. D-hall is seatless. Students spend more time waiting in line for exercise equipment at UREC than they do working out. Dorms eventually will be housing students in bathrooms.

It's about time the administration stepped back and took a look at what's going on at this school. At a place that once was praised for being the perfect size, JMU now is becoming an institution that is more about the money than it is about the students.

Since the 1990s, JMU's total enrollment has made some staggering increases — going up nearly 500 students from 2002 to '03, according to the most recent statistical summary. That is 500 more students to cram into D-hall, 500 more cars to circle the full parking lots and 500 more beds to fill.

At this month's Board of Visitors meeting, Charles King, senior vice president for administration and finance, proposed building another parking deck to alleviate some of the congestion on campus.

He had a great solution, only there was one minor flaw — the university has nowhere to put it. Perhaps JMU can stick a few spots in between the new athletic performance center, which costs \$9.8 million, and the eight-story Eagle Hall.

Lack of sports fields also is an issue. As JMU originally was a small teacher's college; it wasn't designed for a large influx of diverse field sports. Now, club and intramural teams are forced to work around inconvenient practice times because there aren't enough fields provided. Again, the board approved a budget to construct more fields, yet the closest proposal of field location is across from the McDonald's off Port Republic Road.

This year in Chandler Hall, a few less third-floor students will be hitting the books. This is because a study lounge on the third floor was turned into a bedroom — there was no other place to add two beds and two desks. Additionally, those two extra students have to share a bathroom with a neighboring suite because they don't have a suite of their own.

But, maybe the study lounge no longer is needed now because students can't get into the classes they want anyway. As more and more majors close their doors to non-major students, it leaves many people disgruntled — and rightly so. A graduation requirement is to have a certain number of elective hours, but students run into the problem of having nothing from which to choose. Classes also are turning their backs to subject minors.

While change and expansion are good things for JMU, the university must be careful not to forget who it is serving — the students. It is the students who linger around D-hall tables because there is no place to sit. It also is the students who pay between \$5,000 and \$13,200 a year for tuition alone, not to mention an additional \$3,000 for room and board.

While the renovations of Harrison Hall continue to displace students, Grafton-Stovall Theatre is being used as a classroom — with no tables or desks for note-taking and testing. PC Ballroom is another location where students have been forced to acclimate to an unorthodox learning environment.

Admitting more students every year obviously is part of the problem, but mostly it is that JMU is not able to handle the increase at such a fast pace, as seen with the overcrowding of almost every facility. JMU officially is bursting at its seams.



# DARTS & PATS

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### Pat...

A "you-make-life-exciting" pat to my four female co-streakers for braving the bitter cold and making the start to our last semester at JMU a crazy one.  
From a first-time streaker who is going to miss you girls after graduation.

### Dart...

A "way-to-pay-attention" dart to the guy in Human Sexuality class who proceeded to snore louder than the lecture throughout almost the entire class.  
From an aggravated junior who believes that just because you don't think the female anatomy is important, doesn't mean your classmates agree.

### Pat...

A "thanks-for-not-yelling-at-me" pat to the Mustang owner who drove into an apartment complex sign because of my stupidity.  
From a girl who will look both ways before crossing the street from now on and whose offer still stands if you ever need a ride.

### Dart...

A "you-smell" dart to our stinky suite-mates who are apparently too cheap to go out and buy a stick of deodorant once in a while. We shouldn't have to hold our noses every time we want to brush our teeth.  
From two clean students across the hall who used to think pigs smelled bad — until we met you.

### Pat...

A "way-to-help-us-explore-our-wild-side" pat to the manager at an on-campus convenience store who decided to add fluffy handcuffs to the store's inventory.  
From three excited sophomores whose Tuesday candy run was turned into a very exhilarating experience.

### Dart...

A "don't-piss-me-off-or-I'll-take-it-outside" pat to all the rude customers who made the post-Christmas return season miserable, especially the \$8,000 open equipment returns.  
From a senior who works in customer service at a local electronics store and is at her wit's end.

### ■ Brilliant Drivel Democratic primary good for democracy

Stephen Atwell

The Democratic race for the presidential nomination was turned upside down Monday as John Kerry won the Iowa caucus with 38 percent of the vote.

The results shocked the rest of the country and much of the news media. The day proved to be a deciding one for the Democratic party, as the field narrowed and an unlikely leader emerged from the rest of the candidates.

John Edwards, who was in the back of the pack of candidates in a poll two weeks ago, came in second place after capturing 32 percent of the vote.

Dean, who, according to a Jan. 20 issue of *The New York Times*, was preparing for a victory party to celebrate his seemingly certain victory in the Iowa primary, ended up trailing both Edwards and Kerry, capturing 18 percent.

Dick Gephardt came in fourth with 11 percent of the vote and later announced his withdrawal from the race.

Dean has been viewed by many as the clear favorite after leading most polls. The news media across the country has been teeming with headlines featuring Dean and analysts predicting how Dean would match up against Bush in the November elections.

Kerry and Edwards may travel confidently to New Hampshire for the Jan. 27 primary, while Dean now is forced to redouble his campaign efforts in order to keep his presidential hopes alive.

With the unexpected results in Iowa, the race for the Democratic nomination has become increasingly more interesting and will help to contribute to a higher voter turnout — a hugely beneficial byproduct for democracy.

With the results of the 2000 presidential election decided by less than a million votes and the recent results from the Iowa caucuses having a new front-runner, the recent politi-

cal scene has seemed to reinvigorate political fervor.

According to *The New York Times*, Monday's Iowa primary turned out near-record numbers for Iowa with over 120,000 participating in the voting. The record for voter turnout in the Iowa primary was set in 1988 when 128,000 participated.

People are beginning to take a proactive approach to government. Too often in the past people were apathetic about taking part in the voting process because they felt as though they were far removed from the decision-making process. The 2000 presidential election proved this notion wrong.

Dean supporters, who felt confident that the nomination would be locked up by Valentine's Day, were awakened Tuesday morning by realization that the presidential nomination would not be won that easily.

The fact that people wholeheartedly are showing interest in candidates and taking the time to discuss issues of personal concern shows that the American public is becoming more and more involved.

The residents of Iowa educated themselves and choose the candidate best for them — one who they perceived to be the best challenger for the incumbent, President George W. Bush.

They refused to fall in line with the national exuberance surrounding the Dean campaign or jump on the bandwagon to support the candidate national polls seemed to show as an outright winner.

The people of Iowa are to be commended for familiarizing themselves on the various candidates and setting an example for the rest of the nation.

The State of the Union Address Tuesday night helped to fan the fire of Democratic dissatisfaction with the present administration. In his address, Bush touched upon hot-button issues

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**What does Martin Luther King Jr. Day mean to you?**

**PRIMARY: Race leads to informed voters**

PRIMARY, from page 6

like the progress for continued reconstruction as he defended the decision to enter Iraq.

Bush touted the USA PATRIOT Act, which has been received with mixed approval across the nation. These issues, mentioned in the speech, will help the candidates to define themselves further as the primary race

shifts to New Hampshire.

The residents of the state undoubtedly will turn out in large numbers after the unexpected results from Monday's initial primary.

Dean has devolved a chink in his armor, and supporters will hope to avoid a similar fate in New Hampshire. Supporters of Kerry and Edwards can smell blood in the water and

will look to come out in numbers in order to sway the vote in their favor.

Such an excitement over voting — the heart of democracy — is a sign that citizens are taking responsibility with their civic duty to vote.

The times have changed since the days when the Electoral College was established in order to keep an uneducated populace

from electing a poor choice for president.

It is another step toward an election process devoid of the Electoral College. It more accurately will allow the general public to determine the fate of an election and to put an end to the days of a president-elect who lost the popular vote.

Stephen Atwell is a sophomore SMAD major.

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### Aries March 21-April 19

Today is an 8 - You and your friends completely understand each other now. Make plans and schemes and lists of what you want to accomplish. You're hot.

### Taurus April 20-May 20

Today is a 6 - This time, you'd do best to use a roundabout route to reach your goals. The gate you want to go through is being guarded by a big monster. Soften him or her up first.

### Gemini May 21-June 21

Today is an 8 - You're full of vim and vigor. That's good, but the path ahead isn't clear. Be careful not to hurt a sensitive person's feelings. And don't talk too much.

### Cancer June 22-July 22

Today is a 7 - Paperwork may not be your favorite way to spend your time, but the more of it you untangle now, the better off you'll be. Think of it as a game.

### Leo July 23-Aug. 22

Today is a 7 - You may be tucked out by now, but that's nothing to be ashamed of. Hand over the reins to an expert, and let him or her care for you for a while.

### Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Today is a 7 - Your focus should be entirely on the job in front of you, and on the other work you'll get from that. Don't waste any time.

### Libra Sept. 23-Oct 22

Today is an 8 - This could be a remarkable day. The topic is falling in love. You could do it many times, in many ways - even with some folks you don't like. This is good.

### Scorpio Oct. 23-Nov. 21

Today is a 6 - Focus on a household project. Let your family's needs take priority. Do it for them, and you'll be doing it for yourself, too.

### Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Today is an 8 - Let your boss and your financial adviser tell you what to study next. They'll have a broader perspective on what's going to be profitable and what won't be.

### Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Today is a 6 - Valuables could pour into your coffers through no extra work of your own. Graciously accept the paycheck you have coming.

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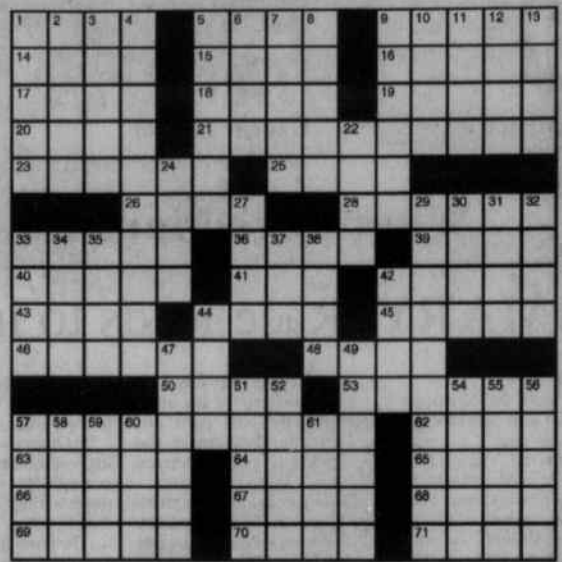
Today is an 8 - Remember your habit of thinking things over. Don't be too impetuous. You're getting a lot of attention now. Don't let it go to your head.

### Pisces Feb. 19-March 20

Today is a 6 - Hide out in your room and do paperwork. Get that stack of stuff whittled down. Your subconscious is trying to send you a message. It's hidden in there.

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- 42 Cash advance
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- 47 French palace
- 49 Swearwords
- 51 Emcee's lead-in
- 52 Thai or Korean
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### RIDDLE of the Day

How many times can you subtract the number five from 25?

Answer to last issue's riddle: Mount Everest

### Solutions to Last Issue's Puzzle

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Section Two

## PIERCING PAIN

Freshman Holley Simmons was faced with a humiliating and unpleasant experience her sophomore year of high school. It all started with her decision to get a navel piercing. After the procedure was completed, Simmons quickly stood up, not realizing how dizzy she was. "I passed out right then and there and fell flat on my face," Simmons said. She ended up breaking her jaw and had to have it completely wired shut, along with eight stitches on her chin. "I was walking around for days talking so funny and had to explain to everyone what had happened," Simmons said. "But, now I am able to just laugh it off."



## grin AND bear bare it

Students divulge mortifying moments

Story by contributing writer Hall Chiet • Illustrations by graphics editor Marc Choi

It happens at one time or another. Hearts pound, faces flush and palms sweat. One often looks around and wonders if anyone was watching. It's a fall down a steep hill or a trip in front of a crowd of people. Whatever the situation, embarrassing moments seem to happen all too frequently to some, and the memory remains for a long time.

## FULL FRONTAL

This past summer, freshman Laura Dageforde experienced one of her most mortifying moments on a family vacation to Emerald Isle, N.C. Her parents told Dageforde and her younger brother that they could each invite one friend. Dageforde brought a friend from home, and her younger brother brought a friend Coleman. "We all hung out together and had a lot of fun," she said. "However, we all shared the same bathroom, separate from my parents." One day, Dageforde was completely nude, changing into her bathing suit in the bathroom when Coleman, almost 15 years old, walked in. In complete shock, she stood there for a moment as he stared and smiled with his mouth open wide. "As soon as I saw his eyes start moving up and down, I snapped out of it, grabbed a towel and shaved him out of the bathroom," Dageforde said. Upon returning to the beach, she told her friend and her mom what had happened, and they replied, "Poor Coleman! He must have been so embarrassed!"



## QUICK TRIP

Junior Kelly McCormack had her most embarrassing moment her freshman year at JMU. It began with her decision to wear a pair of three-inch heels. While rushing to the bus stop in her heels, she ran right into a parked car. "I was in such a rush, and I ended up spraining my ankle," McCormack said. "The entire busload of people saw me, but, luckily, I was able to make it onto the bus." She hasn't worn heels again until just recently.

## FALSE ALARM

Shortly after returning from Thanksgiving break, freshman Kenta Ferrin experienced an embarrassing moment. Upon entering his dorm, Ferrin heard a loud beeping noise, which, at the time, he believed to have been the fire alarm. He ran down the hall, searching for the Resident Adviser and warning everyone to evacuate the building. After his entire hall evacuated and then returned to building, the RA told everyone that the noise was only an alarm clock. Everyone on the hall had a good laugh, except Ferrin. "I really think there should be a distinct sound difference between fire alarms and clock alarms," Ferrin said.



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# STYLE

"I really like playing the zany professor, and the opportunity to work with film is great."

CONNOR FUX  
senior  
see story below

review  
**REEL | REFLECTIONS**

## 'Polly' not a risky venture to theatre

BY ALISON FARGO  
senior writer

Ben Stiller would argue that the risk of not enjoying "Along Came Polly" certainly is less than 25 percent.

And I'd have to agree. Although this romantic comedy is generic in its roots — boy meets girl, boy and girl overcome obstacles, they live happily ever after — it still is able to muster up a few laughs.

Reuben Feffer (Stiller, "The Royal Tenenbaums") is a risk-assessment analyst at a New York City insurance company. Reuben's life is characterized by trusting only the safest choices possible — he literally makes decisions based on what his laptop dictates.

However, his predictably dull world collapses on his honeymoon, when his wife Lisa (Debra Messing, "The Mothman Prophecies") sleeps with a French scuba diving instructor and leaves Reuben with a broken heart and brand-new empty house.

Then along comes Polly Prince (Jennifer Aniston, "Bruce Almighty"), who turns Reuben's world upside down with her noncommittal lifestyle and taste for spicy food. Soon, Reuben finds himself salsa dancing with a gay Spanish man to claim Polly's heart.

It is a story of how opposites attract — Reuben's conservative habits are thrown out of whack by Polly's rambunctious doings, but eventually he comes to enjoy it. Polly, on the other hand, never has made a commitment in her life. (The first time she calls Reuben to invite him on a date, she backs out two seconds later.) When Reuben plans a business trip, however, Polly unconsciously agreed to tag along — gasp, she made a commitment.

If it were not for the casting of Stiller and Aniston, "Along Came Polly" probably would have flopped. But, Stiller plays the role he does often — the goofy boyfriend who, despite his semi-geeky looks, wins the beautiful girl and charms the audience — and does it well. Similar to his roles in "Meet the Parents" and "There's Something About Mary," Stiller's weird antics and believable naivety render him the perfect man for a romantic comedy.

"Friends" star Aniston has been making her way more into the film industry while slowly sliding away from television. While it still is difficult to picture Aniston as anything other than the chic, fun-loving Rachel, she manages to fit the guise of an off-the-wall, spo-

**"ALONG CAME POLLY"**  
STARRING:  
JENNIFER ANISTON  
AND BEN STILLER  
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RUNNING TIME:  
90 MINUTES



radic woman who owns a pet ferret and moves all over the country at the drop of a hat. Her personality may be similar to that in "Friends," but it seems to be the character description that fits her best.

It is easy to topple a decent comedic story line without the right characters, but director and writer John Hamburg ("Meet the Parents") found the two actors who pulled it off.

Hamburg is all-too-famous for his crude humor movies, and "Along Came Polly" is just another to add into the mix. From premature ejaculation to diarrhea, this movie has got it all.

But don't go running out to the movies yet in hopes of viewing the next "Forrest Gump" or "Titanic." "Along Came Polly" may have its fair share of humor and a thin-framed love story, but it is nothing more than a light piece to buoy up someone's dull day. While it is difficult to say the movie's television commercials spoil the full-length film, it would not be an understatement to admit that the previews capture the film's best parts. Then again, what film trailer in this genre doesn't?

Reuben's laptop would be right on target if it matched "Along Came Polly" in the "safe" category for a fun flick. Much safer, at least, than eating peanuts from a local bar — did you know that only one out of every six people wash their hands after going to the bathroom? Polly was disgusted, too, yet that didn't stop her from scarfing down the peanuts. Therefore, the small setback of a stereotypical boy-meets-girl story shouldn't stop the audience from enjoying it, either.

**Movie REVIEW KEY**

- ★★★★★ Go directly to the theater and see this masterpiece.
- ★★★★ Great movie. Worth the steep ticket price.
- ★★★ Watch for the movie to play at Carillon School.
- ★★ Should have been released straight to video.
- ★ Who approved the making of the film?

## Sister sets students straight in 'Late Night'

BY SCOTT BOURDEAU  
contributing writer

What comes to mind when someone mentions the word "comedy?" "The Simpsons?" "Everybody Loves Raymond?" "Dave Chappelle?" What if one woman's response was "Catholic school?"

"Late Nite Catechism" is coming to Wilson Hall Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. This one-woman stand-up comedy routine earned rave reviews in many publications across the country, including *The Oakland Tribune*, who hailed it "Holy rolling in the aisles."

Created by Vicki Quade and Maripat Donovan, the traveling show features a Catholic nun appropriately named Sister, who is teaching an adult catechism class.

The audience receives an interactive experience by playing the role of her class. Sister, played by professional actress Amanda Herbert, goes from being a kind instructor to an authoritative drill sergeant.

"The audience of 'Late Nite Catechism' is her adult class bonding up on Roman Catholic doctrine, and she allows no nonsense," said *The New York Times'* D.J.R. Bruckner in a

1996 article. Latecomers are fined, gum-chewers get a glare and a tissue and everyone is ordered to stand when called upon and to begin every response with 'Sister.'

The show was brought to JMU as part of the College of Arts & Letters Encore series. "To anyone who's been to Catholic school, it's like reliving your childhood," said Jerry Weaver, executive assistant to the dean of the College of Arts & Letters. "You don't have to be Catholic to enjoy the show. Any denomination would enjoy it."

The show would interest JMU students for a variety of reasons.

Many students have had Catholic school upbringings, making the show even more relatable.

"I like it because it deals with a subject that most people are familiar with, but makes it comical without being excessively offensive," said sophomore Deanna Yuille, who had seen a television production of the play.

Tickets are on sale at the Wilson Hall Box Office. Tickets are \$22 for adults, \$20 for seniors and \$11 for children or with a JAC card. For more information or tickets call x8-7000.

More information about the traveling show can be found at [www.latenitecatechism.com](http://www.latenitecatechism.com).



Bartender JC Callis and Richmond resident Will Treakle enjoy the new surroundings at The Pub after its reopening earlier this month.

## POUR ME SOMETHING TALL AND STRONG

The Pub opens after recent extreme make over

BY EVAN HALL  
contributing writer

Alston's Pub — JMU's unofficial Tuesday night social Mecca — is no more. Fear not weeknight partiers, Alston's Pub's name officially has been changed to "The Pub."

The name change comes with other changes. Minor renovations included repainted walls, refelted pool tables to reflect JMU colors and "we took down a lot of the NASCAR stuff," bar manager Mike Jeffrey ('03) said.

The more expensive renovations to the business include additional bars in the room, a big screen television and a new stereo system, which Jeffrey said he plans on using to play a greater variety of music. He said there

will be "not so much country (music) now that the jukebox is out of commission. Anyone who has been to The Pub on a Tuesday night knows how hard it can be to get to the bar, so additional satellite bars in each corner of the building are being added in an effort to reduce congestion."

According to general manager Kerry Finnegan, The Pub estimates that the renovations cost roughly \$10,000. Although the remodeling is slated for completion by Feb. 8, The Pub will continue to add to and improve on the venue even after its grand opening, from Jan. 9 to Feb. 8.

Harrisonburg residents and long-time Alston's Pub patrons Billy Long and Bob Kline also said that the change was not bad, but it was not needed. The

loyal Alston's Pub pair expressed no problem with the name change, but also felt that there was nothing wrong with the way the venue was prior to the remodel and name change.

A wall of new restaurant-style booths will replace several of the older tall tables. There also will be a change in the menu. Though no food additions officially have been announced, Jeffrey said menu construction is underway in efforts to provide "better food."

The remodel is part of an effort introduced by co-owner Sam Hagedorn to revamp Alston's Pub into a more modern, energetic establishment, and lose some of the "country bar stigma," according to Jeffrey.

Following its official reopen-

ing last Tuesday, The Pub experienced its most profitable day of business to date, according to Jeffrey. The Pub has hosted live music acts for some time to attract students to Tuesday and Thursday's karaoke nights, according to general manager Kerry Finnegan.

"I'm not a live music fan, and the main draw to Tuesday is the karaoke," senior Steph Hihn said.

The Pub plans to add drink specials to every day of the week — not just Tuesday — a move that is likely to lure college students back more than once a week. "More drink specials would probably be a little enticing," senior Julie Critchlow said.

For more information regarding the new features of The Pub, check out [www.alstonspub.com](http://www.alstonspub.com).

## Script reading gives insight on rigors of student filmmaking

BY SARAH MANLEY  
staff writer



While the student body adapts to the rhythm of second semester, a group of four college actors are huddled in the fourth floor in Warren Hall, charged with a strange task — portraying themselves.

Rehearsals are underway for the JMU student film "That's A More," which will be shown at the JMU Student Film Festival this spring.

Auditions for the film were held in November 2003 when the directors, juniors Mike Taft and Matt Rondeau, narrowed down the group of

about 20 actor-hopefuls to a cast of four.

The lead, a JMU male named Luke, will be played by sophomore Dean Camp.

"When we saw Dean, he just looked like the Luke we had envisioned when creating the script," Rondeau said. "He nailed the timing, and his personality was perfect." Camp admits to being able to relate to the nerdy side of his character. "He's a big goober, sort of like the character of Ross on 'Friends,'" he said.

Senior Connor Fux will be playing opposite Camp as the high-strung, manipulative professor Eugene Smarty-pants.

"Connor definitely had the energy we were looking for in the professor," Taft said. "He

auditioned first, and, after his audition, we were nervous that the rest [of the auditions for that role] would be as good, which would make our job so much harder."

Rehearsals for the film began Monday night with a read-through of the script to get the cast members acquainted with one another and the dialogue, according to Taft. "We wanted to get an idea of what the screenplay would sound like with the actors all together," Taft said.

"We tried to let the actors know how we wanted it to sound, but also to let them know their input is welcome," he said. The directors plan to begin filming in the middle of February, after

most of the actors' busy schedules have opened up.

Most of the cast members are familiar with the stage and even currently are involved with other productions, or have heavy work schedules.

Fux, a theatre major, keeps busy through juggling numerous shows and credits.

"I am used to constantly doing work without receiving school credit for it," Fux said. "I really like playing the zany professor, and the opportunity to work with film is great."

Freshman Dawn Rice, who plays the character of Alyssa, an average JMU girl and Luke's love interest, said, "I work full-time and I am a full-time student, but I am definitely committed to this project."

Rondeau said, "One of the problems with making a film is coordinating everyone's schedules together. We don't even have everyone's availability yet."

Another drawback to creating a student film is the strain it can put on one's savings account. Taft admits to having taken a huge chunk out of his savings to purchase the equipment needed to shoot the film. "We haven't even bought props yet; that's more money right there," Taft said.

Despite the troubles that come with producing and directing their own film, Taft and Rondeau are dedicated to their project and are looking forward to beginning filming in February.



SARAH MANLEY/contributing photographer  
Junior Mike Taft (left) and senior Connor Fux concur during a script reading of "That's A More."

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- **Finnigan's Cove**
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- Toda Schlabach will perform Friday. For more information call 433-9874.
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Jan. 22 through 28  
Compiled by Kyra Papafili

## Bookworm finds qualms in reading sagas, series

One of the books I reviewed for last week's column was "Wolves of the Calla" — the fifth tome in an already-completed, seven-series arc. The series chronicles a fictitious gunslinger's search across a decomposing fantasy landscape for a mysterious dark tower. The author of this series is none other than Stephen King, the writer who, back in middle school, helped usher me back to serious and substantive novels after a foray with comic books.

I've always said that I feel a debt toward King, whose writing in the past few years has not been nearly as captivating as it once was during the era of "Misery," "It" and "The Stand" — those particular King novels that can be both entertaining and effective, not merely genre literature, but, at times, literature with a capital "L." He is a writer whose words I will follow until the last page of his last work. Yet, I always have considered the Dark Tower series to be the least enjoyable of his reads.



This has to do less with my dissatisfaction at the series' story line and more to do with fictional sagas in general. Such sagas are those collected works that take a single resonant plot line, stretch it out through multiple volumes, and are suffused with subplots, characters and a mythological knowledge that seems to build upon itself with every passing chapter.

I don't recall ever completing a single saga in all my reading history and, because of my running debt to King, his horror/science-fiction/fantasy series will be the first and probably the last.

If I could pinpoint my phobia of such grand reading endeavors, it would be the sight of all those rows of paperback science-fiction and fantasy series at the bookstore or the library, each bearing similar cover designs and a number on the spine designating its position within the entire saga. When it comes to literature, I'm a deep-hearted pessimist. Therefore, when confronted by sagas, I don't think of the positive aspect of such reading — returning every year to a familiar landscape populated with familiar characters.

Instead, such reading propos-

es the chore of having to return loyally to a series over a year or even decades (the Dark Tower series began in the '70s and won't conclude until the fall of 2004). Yet, even if one wanted to stop reading a series, how could one, when the ending remains unknown? When one is already halfway through the saga, how can one simply close the latest chapter without knowing the tale's conclusion?

This is to say nothing of the numerous sequels and prequels that can emerge once the core series has finished its run. Aren't we not then obliged to read these as well?

So, like many others, I will be waiting for this summer when the next volume in the Dark Tower series will appear. Will I enjoy leaving random reading behind to return to a familiar terrain? OK, I guess a secret part of me will. Do I ultimately have a choice? Of course not, but sometimes we have to swallow our medicine if we know what's good for us.

## Attention new and old style writers:

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**■ Patriots over Panthers?**

A top performer in *The Breeze's* "Picks of the Week," Matt Lastner makes his case for New England in the Super Bowl.

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# SPORTS

"I think the team was ready for a new start. Some of the older girls sat in on the interviews and, she was by far our favorite candidate."

ALISSA SANTANNA  
red-shirt junior forward  
see story below

— FIELD HOCKEY —

## JMU hires U.S. Olympian as head coach

Former UNH assistant coach Antoinette Lucas takes over field hockey program

BY JENN CHAPMAN  
contributing writer

The history of the field hockey program at JMU has had its fair share of success over the years, but the 2003 season was not what the Dukes were used to. Finishing with a disappointing record of 6-14, the field hockey program has hired a new head coach, Antoinette Lucas.

This past season, the Dukes finished fifth in the Colonial Athletic Conference, their lowest finish since 1990.

Former coach Irene Horvat resigned Dec. 4, 2003, after heading the team for four years. Her resignation created a need for a shift in coaching style.

Lucas, who officially will take over her position next week, comes to JMU with a great deal of knowledge of the game, as well as personal achievement in the sport. A native of Richmond, she has served as a Division I-A assistant coach since 1992.

Lucas began her coaching career as an assistant at the University of Connecticut

from 1992 to '95. She then went on to be an assistant coach at Duke University from 1996 to '99, and completed another assistant term at Northeastern University from 1999 to '01.

"I'm pretty excited about coach Lucas' hiring," red-shirt junior forward Alissa Santanna said. "I think the team was ready for a new start. Some of the older girls sat in on the interviews and, she was by far our favorite candidate."

During Lucas' playing career, she made 173 interna-

tional game appearances, including an Olympic appearance for the United States in the Atlanta, Ga., games during the summer of 1996.

Before becoming a member of the U.S. National Team, Lucas was a two-time All-American in both field hockey and lacrosse at Northwestern University.

"I think it sounds like she is a very positive person," red-shirt freshman forward Casey Cahill said. "A quote from her that I really liked was that she

likes to 'shout the praise and whisper the criticism.' I feel from that statement alone that she is ready to lead our team and take us back to the top."

The field hockey program has not topped the CAA since former coach Christy Morgan departed in 1999. The program won a national championship in 1994. In 2002, the team earned a ranking as high as fourth place in the national polls and received a tournament berth.

With the past success of JMU's storied program, Lucas will have

quite a task ahead of her restoring the program in her first head coaching opportunity.

"The instituting of a new coach will assist our team in not dwelling on our 2003 season," red-shirt freshman midfielder Kate Brady said. "This will give us a fresh start with no boundaries. We have confidence that Lucas will lead us to paramount things in 2004."

Lucas was unavailable for comment and did not return phone calls.

— WOMEN'S BASKETBALL —

## Doctors cautious following death

BY MARTIN SNAPP  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

The disease that killed University of California-Berkeley basketball player Alisa Lewis Monday probably is not a risk to those who had contact with her, but university health officials who don't know where or how she was exposed, aren't taking any chances.

As a precautionary measure, the antibiotic Cipro has been given to her boyfriend, teammates, coaches, roommates, family — even players on the Stanford University squad, which Cal played Friday.

"She didn't play, but she shook hands with them after the game," said Dr. Peter Dietrich, medical director of University Health Services. "It seemed like the prudent thing to do."

That players may have been sweaty after the game contributed to the decision.

Lewis, a 20-year-old reserve forward, felt fine during the game. But, over the weekend, she experienced the sudden onset of what Dietrich called "classic symptoms of bacterial meningitis" — headache, skin rash, high fever, stiff neck and vomiting.

Her boyfriend took her to Kaiser Medical Center in Oakland, Calif., early Monday morning. She died a few hours later.

About 5 percent of the general population carries the bacterium without showing symptoms and will never get sick, said infectious diseases expert Dr. Arthur Reingold, chairman of epidemiology at University of California Berkeley's School of Public Health. But the carriers can spread it to others, usually by sneezing, coughing, kissing or sharing cups and eating utensils.

Both doctors said the public has little to fear. "This bacterium can't last outside the body longer than two minutes," Reingold said. "It doesn't get spread by casual contact."

"Only a tiny fraction of those who are exposed ever get sick," he said. "Most of us have antibodies that protect us. But, if you're that rare individual who doesn't have those antibodies, as this young lady apparently didn't, you're definitely at risk."

Dietrich said he wished "we had a test to determine who has the antibodies and who doesn't, but we don't. There's so much we don't know about why some people who are exposed get sick and others don't."

Reingold said, "Unfortunately, 10 percent of meningitis cases are fatal, even under the best of circumstances. The disease progresses so rapidly, by the time the doctor can start treatment, it's already done its damage."

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## McFarland's guys making it big



Courtesy of JMU Sports Media Relations

Former JMU student-athlete and current Oakland minor-leaguer Eddie Kim, left, shares a laugh with major-league pitcher Kevin Brown, who recently signed with the New York Yankees. Brown was in town Tuesday to address members of the JMU baseball program, as well as the Shenandoah Valley Athletic Club. Brown's pitching coach at Georgia Tech was current JMU head coach Spanky McFarland. Brown was a first-round draft choice by the Texas Rangers and has played in the majors with Texas, Baltimore Orioles, Florida Marlins, San Diego Padres and, most recently the Los Angeles Dodgers.

## LASTNER GETS THE LAST LAUGH

# New England's winning streak unlikely to be halted



ROB GOEBEL/Indianapolis Star

The New England Patriots' Larry Centers (No. 31) gets past the Indianapolis Colts' David Thornton for a gain to set up a third quarter field goal Sunday during their AFC Championship game in Foxboro, Mass. New England will attempt to win its second Super Bowl Championship in three years on Feb. 1.

## Carolina's solid run game not enough to defeat Patriots

Who could have predicted it? Is it possible that one person actually predicted the Carolina Panthers, two years removed from a 1-15 season, would be facing off against the Patriots on Super Bowl Sunday?

They certainly have been the surprise team in the NFL this season and post-season.

Carolina was supposed to finish fourth in its own division. The Tampa Bay Buccaneers' defense was supposed to punish the Panthers. Atlanta Falcons quarterback Michael Vick was supposed to run circles around them. And, the New Orleans Saints finally were supposed to put together a complete season.

But, by beating the Dallas Cowboys (with the league's top

defense), the St. Louis Rams (who hadn't lost at home all season), and the Philadelphia Eagles (the team with the best record in the NFC), the Carolina Panthers proved that they are legit, and the New England Patriots should take notice.

As the Eagles found out last Sunday, the Panthers are solid on both sides of the ball. On defense, their front four is as good as any in the game. Carolina's linebackers are quick from sideline to sideline, yet are big enough to step up and stop the run. Finally, their secondary, which was supposed to be their glaring weakness, dominated the Eagles' receivers for 60 minutes Sunday, led by rookie cornerback Ricky Manning Jr., who picked off three passes.

The Panthers are capable on offense, too. Running backs Stephen Davis and DeShaun Foster have been a formidable duo, with second year man Foster gaining increased playing time because of a quadriceps injury Davis has been battling.

Last Sunday, Davis and Foster combined to rush for over 130 yards, including a 2-yard touchdown run by Foster in which he broke several tackles, displaying the grit and determination that has been a cornerstone of the Panthers this season.

And don't forget Jake Delhomme. Who does this quarterback think he is — Green Bay Packers quarterback Bret Favre? I bet the Eagles wish he was. Just as Favre had done a week before, there was Delhomme lofting up a prayer into double coverage, with two Eagle defenders about to crush him. But, this time, instead of being picked off, the pass landed safely in the hands of wide receiver Mushin Muhammad for a touchdown and an early lead on the favored Eagles.

Delhomme wasn't even supposed to start this year. That responsibility initially fell to age-old quarterback Rodney Peete, who was going to play this one

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MATT LASTNER

# CAL: Cause of Lewis' death unknown, under investigation

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University health officials are tracing Lewis' recent contacts to determine how she caught the disease and whom she might have exposed. At this early stage, they're operating largely on guesswork. Dietrich cautioned that they may never know for sure.

"We can't even determine the definite cause of her illness and death, not until we get the cultures back," he said. "But we're presumptively treating it as a case of bacterial meningitis because she presented all the classic symptoms."

He said those who have been given Cipro probably don't need it because their exposure was minimal. "Their actual risk of exposure was quite low, but we want to err

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— Caren Horstmeyer  
California women's basketball coach

on the side of caution. When you're not sure, it's wise to use a worst-case scenario.

"This is definitely not cause for a general health panic," Dietrich said.

Women's basketball coach Caren Horstmeyer said the team is taking Lewis' death

"very, very hard." A rabbi, priest, minister and several grief counselors have been called in to help them.

Still up in the air is whether this Friday's game against the University of Southern California will go on as scheduled. "I don't know what we'll decide," Horstmeyer said. "We have the support of the Pacific 10 Conference and USC to do whatever we have to do."

Also undecided is when and where a memorial service will be held.

Horstmeyer called Lewis an exceptionally kind person who planned to be a social worker. "I feel sorry for all the people she would have helped," she said.

"She was the nicest kid I ever coached. And I've coached a lot of good, good people."

# NFL: Patriots, Brady rolling along

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final season before retiring and enjoying the benefits of Social Security and his AARP card.

Which brings up another point. Is this a recurring theme in the NFL these days — backup quarterback climbs off the bench to replace starter during the season and then leads his team to Super Bowl glory? We saw it with the St. Louis Rams' Kurt Warner (prior to fumbles). We saw it with Seattle Seahawks quarterback Trent Dilfer when he was with the Baltimore Ravens. And, we last saw it with Tom Brady and the Patriots.

Yes, Tom Brady. As in the level-headed, steady-armed quarterback of the Patriots — the Panthers' opponent in the Super Bowl.

The Panthers' reward for making it this far is that they get to play the best

team with the best coach in all of football this season. The Patriots have won 14 straight games heading into the Super Bowl. They last lost way back Sept. 28, 2003, the fourth week of the NFL season.

All the Patriots have done since then is run, throw, and tackle their way to the best record in football and a return to the title game. The scariest part is they are getting better.

Suddenly, Antowain Smith is running the ball like it's 2002, when he carried the Patriots on his sturdy shoulders straight to the Super Bowl title. He is averaging 4.4 yards per carry in the postseason thus far and his 100 yards on 22 carries last Sunday against the Indianapolis Colts was the most he had rushed for in a game since Week 2.

Brady wasn't getting this kind of support early in the season, and he still threw for over 3,600 yards and 23 touchdowns during the regular season. With Smith rushing the ball well again, the Panthers will have to respect the run, and this should open up some more passing lanes for Brady to throw through.

Couple that with the Patriots' proven veteran defense led by defensive mastermind Bill Belichick, and the Patriots should be heavy favorites to beat the Panthers and win their second Super Bowl in three years.

But that's just fine with Delhomme and the Panthers — they've been in this situation before. Just ask the Cowboys, Rams and Eagles. Unfortunately for Carolina though, not every prayer can be answered.

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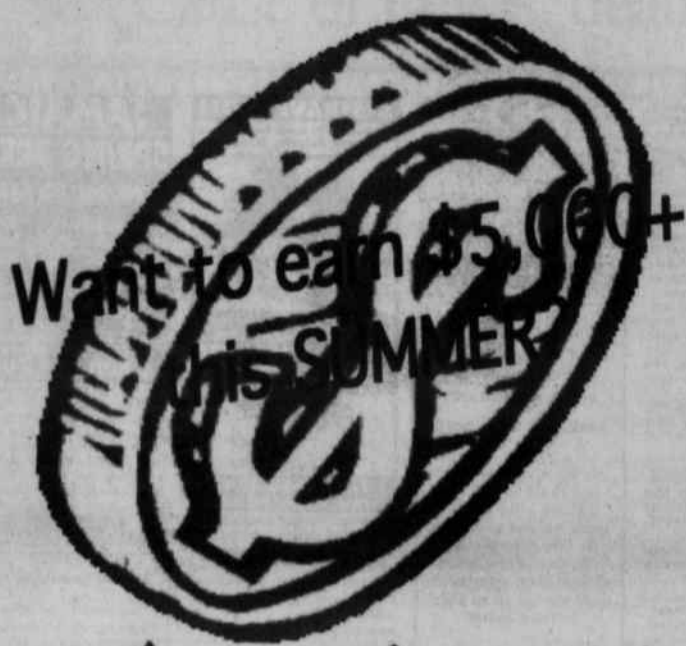
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