New alcohol policy to have wide scope

JMU reacts to Clinton bill; students over age 21 exempt

by Rad Jenkins

In a major student policy move, JMU officials announced Friday that beginning on March 15, parents of students under age 21 will be notified of students' on- and off-campus alcohol violations.

"Parents have a lot more power over students than we do," said Mark Warner, vice president of student affairs. "For a lot of people with a substance abuse problem, the intervention plan we have hasn't worked."

So starting on the day students return from what is sometimes the revelry of spring break, parents of students under age 21 will be notified if a student has a single "minor offense." These offenses include driving under the influence, possessing an illegal keg, distributing drugs or being under the influence of drugs.

On the second "minor offense," which include open container violations, illegal possession of alcohol, drinking in public or public intoxication, parents will be notified.

The policy is wide sweeping, as it includes violations during a student's entire time at JMU, and it also includes violations that occur on or off campus. The number of violations rolls over each year until the student turns 21.

If the policy would've been in effect during the fall semester, 139 parents would have had been notified, Warner said. In a university of over 15,000 students, that is about 1 percent of the student population. "There's a lot of people this won't even affect," Warner said.

Any violations student accrue until March 15 will not be counted in the policy.

The policy for on- and off-campus violations differs slightly. In on-campus violations, parents would be notified if, after a university judicial proceeding, the student is found guilty. In off-campus violations, the parents would be notified once a student is arrested and charged.

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**POLICE LOG**

**STEFEN LANDRY**

Police reporter

Campus police report the following:

**Assault and Battery**
- James F. Wilkins, 19, of Alexandria, was arrested on a city warrant and charged with assault and battery on Jan. 12 for an incident that occurred off campus.

**Breaking and Entering**
- Benjamin C. Doyle, 18, of Stuarts Draft, was arrested on a city warrant and charged with breaking and entering on Jan. 12 for an incident that occurred off campus.
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**Substance Abuse**
- An odor investigation led to a substance abuse investigation on Jan. 14 at 11:08 p.m. An arrest is pending. Paraphernalia was confiscated.

**Multiple Vehicle Accident**
- Two two-car accidents occurred within minutes of each other at the curve on University Boulevard near the east end of A-lot on Jan. 14 at 8:04 a.m.

The first accident involved a pickup truck and a car, with no injuries and minor damage to the vehicles. The second accident involved a G&W ambulance and a car. Heavy damage was sustained by both vehicles. The driver of the car sustained minor injuries due to air bag deployment.

**Property Damage**
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Budget, new vice president focus of quarterly Board of Visitors meeting

HEATHER NELSON

The JMU Board of Visitors reviewed the governor's budget at its quarterly meeting last Friday and announced the new vice president of development and alumni relations.

Mitchell Moore, currently vice president at Sweet Briar College, will be in charge of private fundraising activities and alumni relations for the university.

On Dec. 18, Gov. Jim Gilmore amended the state's budget for higher education to account for a $868 million surplus.

JMU President Linwood Rose and Charles King, vice president for administration and finance, spent two-and-a-half days in Richmond last week meeting with members of the General Assembly to try to secure some of the surplus revenue for the university.

"Considering there could be a billion dollars on the table, we want to have our top priorities there," Rose said.

The governor's 1999-2000 operating budget for JMU allocates just over $1 million for enrollment growth, $305,000 for the Year 2000 problem, $211,187 for a revenue adjustment, and $5.9 million to finance a 20 percent tuition reduction for in-state students. The operating budget has been set at $3.4 million and the capital budget at $1.6 million.

In addition to the already approved funding, administrators are hoping to secure funds for other specific projects at JMU, according to King's presentation at the meeting.

"I think we can make the case for this university in an effective way," Rose said.

Rose and King are requesting the budget be amended to include $125,746 as a maintenance reserve supplement to combat maintenance backlog that has occurred in many academic facilities. Rose will also request permission to use $1.5 million in reserve funds for renovations to Warren Hall to continue the Student Success Center.

The funding would also include Financial Aid, Student Accountings, the Bursar (Cashier) and Campus Card Center to reside in a "one-stop" financial center in Warren Hall.

Another amendment calls for $87,000 in planning costs for the renovation of Roop Hall. The spaces to be renovated are currently used by the Communication Sciences and Disorders department, which will move to the second CISAT academic building in the summer of 2000.

The areas will be renovated in order to be effectively used by the College of Education and Psychology, Steve Knickrehm, assistant vice president for resource planning, said.

Renovations are also being planned for Harrison Hall and Annex, which will house the Schools of Speech Communication and Media Arts and Design. The amendment estimates planning costs of $335,000, which includes the addition of specialization broadcast media studios.

Another amendment to the university is requesting more than $3.7 million to maintain the quality of instructional facilities and services, $1.1 million for financial aid to meet 50 percent of student need, $1.7 million to fill faculty positions and supply office equipment for faculty members and $590,255 for costs associated with technology improvements for the Year 2000 problem.

Regarding discussions with legislators in Richmond, Rose told the board, "People are receptive, people are listening."

In a subsequent presentation to the board, Knickrehm summarized current and future construction plans on campus.

A health services building, currently under construction on the CISAT campus, will house health, nursing, and social work programs beginning in the fall of 2000. Also, central air-conditioning is being installed in Wilson Hall.

The second academic building on the CISAT campus and the renovated Roop Hall, the second CISAT residence hall, have also been begun construction. The softball field adjacent to the CISAT modular building is being resurfaced and women's softball will become JMU's next intercollegiate sport, with competition scheduled to begin in the spring of 2001.

Eight other projects are currently in the design phase, Knickrehm said. Anticipated projects include the second phase of the College Center, the parking deck behind Bridgeforth Stadium, and further renovations in Ashby, Wilson, Warren and Miller Halls.

Also at the meeting, board member Conrad A. Helseth said the Education and Student Life committee is looking at adding Martin Luther King Day as a holiday, beginning with the 2000-2001 academic calendar year.

Student board representative discusses campus concerns

KATHERYN LENKER

The JMU Board of Visitors got a look at the university from the students' point of view Friday when its student member presented his report on student activities and concerns.

Senior Brannen Edge delivered his report to the Education and Student Life Committee Friday morning. Edge presents a report at each of the four yearly board meetings.

STUDENT CONCERNS

WHO: Brannen Edge, student representative of the JMU Board of Visitors
WHAT: Available to hear student concerns.
HOW: He can be reached by e-mail at edgeb@jhu.edu or at home at 433-8556.

"I try to hear what students are saying and take the big things that I hear repeatedly to the students [to put in the report]," Edge said.

Edge said he holds meetings with several campus organizations like the SGA, as well as informally gathers information through his involvement with other campus organizations. He said he also consults with SGA president Tim Emry about student concerns. Edge stressed his willingness and availability to hear student concerns. He can be reached by e-mail at edgeb@jhu.edu or at home at 433-8556.

In his report, Edge told the Board of the coming semester's many activities including Senior Class Challenge, alternative spring break programs as well as intramural sports held at UREC and the men's and women's basketball seasons.

Edge expressed the student body's satisfaction with the nine student members out of 70 total members of the Centennial Commission, but said the commission's goals and work need to be better publicized. Another big issue Edge raised in his report is parental notification of alcohol-related violations.

Proposed Wal-Mart site may force residents out of homes

ISA ROSATO

Several members of the JMU community have joined a city group opposed to a proposed Wal-Mart on the site of a current trailer park.

Wal-Mart Corporation has the option to buy the Spotswood Mobile Home Estates trailer park at the corner of Linda Lane and Country Club Road, which would displace 300 people from their homes, said Dale Diaz, director of Harrisonburg's Common Ground. Common Ground is a local non-profit organization dedicated to the issues of peace, justice and the environment.

If the purchase takes place, the residents of the trailer park will have 120 days after the notification of move to leave.

"The problem is that many of these people don't have the money to move their trailers, and if they did, there is nowhere to move the trailers to anyway," Diaz said. "Some trailers can't even be moved because they are too rusty and would get destroyed." In addition, only trailers purchased in 1995 or later can be moved to other parks in the area, and most trailer park residents say few of the trailers manufactured in 1995 or later can be moved to other parks in the area, and most trailer park residents say few of the trailers manufactured in 1995 or later can be moved to other parks in the area, and most residents of the trailer park have 120 days after the notification of move to leave.

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homes aren't that new, Diaz said.

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In order to help the residents of the trailer park, Common Ground, Shenandoah Valley Migrant Education, the Hispanic Services Council, Headstart, the Health Department, area churches, trailer park residents and members of the JMU and Harrisonburg communities have joined together to challenge Wal-Mart to act responsibly in this business venture.

The groups have met three times, with the next meeting scheduled for April.

Laura Zarrugh, assistant professor of anthropology, said she became involved because she was disturbed by the idea of people with nowhere to go.

"We don't hope to keep Wal-Mart out, because there is an inevitability of their expansion," Zarrugh said. "We just want them to be good citizens and help those who will be displaced to resettle somewhere else."

Diaz said they anticipate Wal-Mart's decision by the end of the month.

If another commercial business purchases the trailer park, they would also be asked to pay for the trailers or moving cost to help the trailer park residents.
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Peace march, speak out to honor Martin Luther King Jr.

A peace march will be held today to honor slain Civil Rights leader Martin Luther King Jr.

The march begins at 5:30 p.m. at the Godwin Hall parking lot and will conclude at Graceton-Stovall Theatre, where a "speak out" will begin at 6 p.m. Speakers will discuss King's life.

Two local restaurants close; one will re-open, other for sale

J. Willoby's Roadhouse on Port Republic Road and the Brick Oven on Main Street both recently closed.

J. Willoby's is for sale, and the Brick Oven is now Omega, with different owners and an entirely new menu.

In Brief

The Brick Oven closed Dec. 13 and Omega opened Jan. 13, said Omega co-owner Sharon Bolarkaris. Omega offers Greek and American food.

Freshman stable following Massanutten skiing accident

A JMU freshman was in stable condition last night at the University of Virginia Medical Center following a skiing accident last Monday.

Scott Pruett was injured and may be paralyzed from the accident, which occurred at Massanutten Resort, according to resort spokeswoman June Brinkman.

Pruett was skiing on an intermediate trail that leads into another trail with a left turn, but Pruett did not take the turn and slid into a closed area.

The area was marked off with ropes and fluorescent orange ribbons, and was only partially covered with snow. When Pruett reached the grass area, he began tumbling.

A Massanutten ski patrol saw the accident, the first serious one this year, and Pruett was taken to the U.Va. Medical Center following a skiing accident, the first serious one this year, according to June Brinkman.

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Associate vice president for academic affairs appointed

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Noftsinger has held several positions since joining the administration in 1986, including director of continuing education, executive assistant to the chancellor and executive director of the Valley of Virginia Partnership for Education.

Virtual bookstore

Online store to offer competition with JMU

Waiting in long lines for textbooks and searching for marked-down used books during the early semester book rush may be a thing of the past.

Students now have the option of buying new discounted textbooks on the Internet through Variety Books.com, a new online campus bookstore that contains lists of books required by JPS courses.

Even so, JMU Bookstore director John Davis said he is looking forward to a little competition.

"VarietyBooks.com" has been available to customers since last August and is the only discounted college textbook store on the Internet, according to the "VarietyBooks.com" website.

The site features books from 58 colleges nationwide and advertises its books at 15 to 40 percent below retail price, said Jodi Gershoni, communications director of "VarietyBooks.com.""We're happy with the response," he said.

Davis said he does not anticipate the bookstore's business to be drastically affected by "VarietyBooks.com." "I appreciate good competition," he said. "And students having an alternative method to get books gives me another reason to be as good as I can be." Davis said the JMU Bookstore is currently considering a new website and the possibility of giving students the opportunity to buy books online.

"We are reviewing that process now," he said.

Senior Brad Riddle said he would be interested in buying his books from "VarietyBooks.com" and visiting the website to pursue that option.

"My big problem with "VarietyBooks.com" is that all the books I needed were either not on the site or not available," he said. "I'm sure as they get bigger, they will improve. It's quite a savings."
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| 2/2 | 6:00 P.M. | Wampler Hall |
| 2/3 | 1:30 P.M. | Taylor Hall |
| 2/3 | 6:00 P.M. | Potomac Hall |

Application Deadline: February 8th, 1999
Compensation: $405 per month (RAs pay regular room & board fees)
ABC decision anticipated for JM's

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appeal hearing because they were already planning to sell the restaurant. "Why pay attorney's fees to go to a hearing when you know you're going to get screwed?" Baur said.

As a condition of the compromise offer, the 12-month rule wasn't invoked for any new ABC license applicant at the restaurant's location, according to the ABC Board's final decision. The 12-month rule prevents anyone for applying for an ABC license for 12 months at the same location.

Michael Lafayette, the attorney for Baur and Muller, confirmed that the two owners are selling the restaurant and that they have been paying the ABC license, though the sale hasn't closed yet. Baur said the restaurant has been on the market for 18 months.

"The restaurant business is tough, it requires a lot of effort. After eight years, we [Baur and Muller] were looking for new challenges," Baur said. The potential buyer is "young and very in-tune with the younger crowd," but wouldn't discuss the buyer further.

Lafayette also represents Jon Waterman, owner of JM's Grill, who is up on several charges of ABC violations. At an appeal hearing Friday afternoon in Richmond, Lafayette made an offer in compromise for JM's. In an offer in compromise, Waterman would agree to substantiate three charges in exchange for a fine and temporary suspension of his ABC license.

This compromise would offer an alternative to the revocation that was recommended by the ABC Board in October. The charges Waterman substantiated are that beer was sold to an underage drinker, that beer was consumed after hours and in an undesignated location.

Clinton bill prompts JMU to change its alcohol policy

CLINTON, from page 1

tant to the success of the policy. "Most of our students live in off-campus student residences but they're still JMU students," Way said. "Some have problems with alcohol which affects their academic success as well as their health." If the university is concerned about their alcohol consumption, it will hire new personnel to handle any alcohol-related issues that come up.

With a "team effort" including students, parents and the university, the policy will be effective, Way said.

Hillery Wing, director of sexual assault and substance abuse prevention, also praised the policy. "I feel that although some students may feel it as a threat, it is also yet another tool for us as a university to help for those students who do have a serious problem regarding the abuse of alcohol," Way said. "It will send a strong message that alcohol violations, if repeated or if a life-threatening problem occurs, will mean reporting to parents."

Way said it's too soon to predict whether the policy will cut down on substance abuse.

From a law-enforcement perspective, Donald Harper, Harrisonburg's chief of police, also responded favorably to the policy. "As a parent myself, I would want to know something like that," Harper said.

"I think it's going to curb some of the alcohol abuse, especially for [first-year students] who go overboard with their consumption."

Harrisonburg Mayor Rodney Eagle, who in the past has expressed concerns about the effect of alcohol violations on HPD, said the policy could ease those problems.

"I would think overall it would be a good policy," Eagle said. "I think anything along these lines only makes sense." Since the policy includes off-campus violations that are normally handled by Harrisonburg Police, the university will have to find a way to get information from HPD. "We haven't figured out the logistics yet," Warner said.

But Harper said sharing records with JMU Police is "something we do pretty consistently anyway.

Even so, Warner said the university isn't sure what kind of manpower will be needed to implement the policy. Warner said he is unsure whether the university will have to hire new personnel to handle any increased workload.

Way said the new policy will increase the workload in Judicial Affairs. "Judicial Affairs will spend time talking with parents, but it's manageable and its our job," Way said.

JMU's policy stems from the state attorney general's challenge to Virginia schools to work on alcohol policies. Jonathan Amacker, deputy press secretary for Mark Earley, Virginia's Attorney General, said Earley is glad to see Virginia universities adopt the policy that he encouraged after federal legislation allowing such action passed in October 1998.

"We believe JMU has taken a very positive, long-term approach that will benefit both parents and students," Amacker said. "We have found that many students at Virginia's colleges and universities support parental notification, and parents have expressed much gratitude that they will not be kept in the dark if their college student is engaged in behavior that could have life-long negative consequences."

The current push for more stringent alcohol policies stems from the deaths of five Virginia university students in 1997, all of which were alcohol-related.

The JMU policy is coupled with the university's Alcohol Task Force plan for a social marketing campaign and increase in non-alcohol social events.

TKE the alleged site of a malicious wounding

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According to police reports, the three men allegedly knocked on the victim's door and wouldn't let the victim leave the residence. Because they allegedly wouldn't let the victim leave, abduction charges were filed.

The three men then allegedly "beat [the victim] up," resulting in the malicious wounding.

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an incident that occurred off-campus.

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• James F. Watkins, 19, of Alexandria, was arrested on a city warrant and charged with property damage on Jan. 12 for an incident that reportedly occurred off-campus.

Grand Larceny/Fraud

• Kristin S. Wilson, 18, of Hampton, was arrested on a city warrant and charged with credit card theft and credit card fraud in Blue Ridge Hall on Jan. 13 at 6 p.m. The theft and fraud reportedly occurred at Valley Mall.

Grand Larceny

• Unidentified individuals allegedly removed one Sharp VCR "Hi Tech," model VCR-17M, serial number 310717178 from Maruay Hall on Jan. 13 at 8:54 a.m. The VCR is valued at $200.

Harassment

• A case of harassment that occurred in a residence hall on Jan. 13 is currently under investigation.

Petty Larceny

• Unidentified individuals allegedly removed textbooks from a student's vehicle on Jan. 13 at 2:20 p.m. in J-Hall. The books include "Walk in the Night and Other Stories," worth $10.95, "Norton Anthology World Masterpieces," worth $50.50, and "The Three Sisters," worth $5.25, from a vehicle.

Fire Department Response

• The fire department responded to a sparking and smoking microwave oven in Chapell Hall on Jan. 14 at 9:26 a.m. Maintenance removed the appliance.

• The fire department responded to a sparking and smoking microwave oven in Chapell Hall on Jan. 14 at 11:45 a.m. Maintenance removed the appliance.

Fire Alarm

• Heat or smoke from a nearby grill activated a smoke detector in the dining room in D-Hall on Jan. 13 at 1:28 p.m. The fire department responded to the alarm.

Number of drunk in public charges since Aug. 27, 77

In the compromise, Waterman would pay a $2,000 fine and have his beer and wine licenses suspended for 15 days. The Board can accept the compromise or they can revoke JM's ABC licenses. The Board has 10 to 15 days to render its final decision, but Lafayette said the Board might decide by the end of the week.

If JM's ABC licenses are suspended, Lafayette said the establishment will remain open to serve food and offer delivery services but won't be able to serve any alcoholic beverages until the suspension is over.

NAACP head speaks in Wilson Hall

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While acknowledging that absolute truth is "not a polite tap on the shoulder," Mufme also said that solving the problems of society is not an impossible task.

Mufme ended his speech with another assignment: "I challenge you to work with all who will allow you to make this man [King] meaningful in the lives of others."

Sophomore Saiba Kamal and freshman Tanya Ephriam led a candle lighting ceremony, in which members of many organizations and departments lit a candle in honor of King. The Community Outreach Committee presented awards to winners of "The Dream Must Become Reality" essay contest.

Daphne Thomas, associate COB professor, also had a project for the audience. "We have 347 days to make our imprint in the book of life. Give thanks for what we don't know, so we can have another opportunity to learn."
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The next morning, he told police, his girlfriend told him his house had been destroyed in a fire and that his sister was dead.

Matthew denied any involvement in his sister's slaying or the fire.

After Matthew's arrest last fall, Stephen W. Grafman, his attorney at the time, issued a statement that his client denied he had anything to do with his sister's slaying.

"Matt, like the rest of his family, hopes that the person or persons responsible for this horrible crime are apprehended. He is not that person," the statement read.

Grafman since has withdrawn from the case.

According to records filed in the case, Anne's DNA was found on the rolling pin, the foyer floor, the exterior storm door and on Matthew's jeans.

The likelihood of two people having the same DNA as that found on Matthew's jeans is one in 300 million in the Caucasian population, according to a certificate of analysis filed in the case.

Burton and Schwartzstein contend police illegally seized Harper's jeans during one of his four interviews, even though he had signed a release form.

An autopsy report shows Anne died of a stab wound to the abdomen. She also suffered a scalp laceration and extensive and severe burns.

The Fairfax County Fire Marshall's office determined the fire had been set intentionally.

Officials said an accelerant was used to start the blaze. Firefighters found two empty fuel cans at the scene, court records show.

The Harpers' mother was at the house when the fire was set. She escaped by jumping from a second-story window. She suffered first- and second-degree burns in the fire and a back injury in the jump.

Anne and Matthew's grandmother, Delphine Parsons, who lived in the basement of the home, escaped unharmed.

Family members said a smoke detector alerted her to the fire.

Burton and Schwartzstein also have asked the judge to suppress a pair of shoes police say belong to Matthew.

Police said they think Matthew left them in a creek near his former home after he got blood on himself when he learned his sister was dead that morning.

**Student representative discusses JMU's future**

**STUDENT** from page 3

"The majority of students remain opposed to parental notification, citing educational and privacy arguments as the rationale to protect confidentiality," Edge wrote. "But concerns about alcohol-related deaths abound throughout the state and nation, and most students are realizing that leaving the policy unchanged is not feasible." [see story, page 1]

Edge also addressed the use of Blue Ridge Hall for housing freshmen.

"Housing first year students in a residence hall located that far from CISAT or main campuses provides a questionable introduction to life at James Madison University," Edge wrote.

The new plus/minus grading system and the fervor that came with the policy change was also discussed in Edge's report. "Much of the frustration was a result of the process of how the system was altered, not the substance of the change," Edge wrote.

Edge said the key student concern he heard was the future size of JMU. He wrote that students are uneasy with the growing rate, but I have heard people talk about the GenEd requirements," Biczak said.

"I would say the main points are accurate, but I have heard people talk about other problems. I have heard a lot of people complain about the GenEd requirements," Biczak said.

Although Edge meets with several clubs on campus, many students haven't heard of him or met with him.

"I think he's doing a good job, but it might be better if he could talk to more people," Biczak said. "The SGA isn't always an accurate representation of students. It's great for them, but it's a select group of people."

"As long as he's talking to various clubs and students of all levels, classes and ethnic backgrounds, it's an accurate picture of students' concerns," freshman Tracy Pendleton said.

Edge offered one final recommendation before ending with a positive overall view of the university.

"As always, communication between the student body and the administration could be improved to provide better understanding of the goals and direction of where this university is headed. All in all, though, JMU's future appears to be exciting and positive," Edge wrote.

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EDITORIAL

Impeachment seems to be the latest trend in politics — both nationally and here at JMU, as the Student Government Association impeached two senior class officers Dec. 9. Just as in Washington, the removal of Treasurer Greg Montalto and Secretary Matt Hertz resulted in controversy.

Mr. Montalto and Mr. Hertz were charged with “not fulfilling their responsibilities as class officers,” according to the Jan. 14 issue of The Breeze.

Those responsibilities include failing to meet with SGA Treasurer Andy Oh and failing to record class council minutes. Montalto said he missed one class council meeting out of five, while Mr. Hertz missed two.

"I did the best I could to make it convenient for them to come to the meetings," Mr. Neff said in the Jan. 14 Breeze.

Mr. Montalto said schoolwork interfered with the meetings. "School comes first, everything else second," he said in the same article.

Mr. Montalto and Mr. Hertz maintain that keeping Ms. Hendricks on the panel tainted the purity of the hearing. However, we tend to think the impeachment have more to complain about than the hearing. The whole process Mr. Neff and Ms. Hendricks undertook is far too radical and short-sided for a student governing organization.

SGA President Tim Emry himself said it’s unfortunate that the two were removed, and that as far as he knows, this is the first time any class officers have been removed from office.

“I would have handled it differently,” Mr. Emry said. "I'm big into communication. I wish it could have been handled another way, but it's Chris's right to bring the charge," he said in the Jan. 14 Breeze.

The SGA should be an environment that fosters and teaches ordinary college students how to be the great leaders of tomorrow. That can’t be accomplished when they’re ousted at the drop of a hat.

Mr. Emry has the right idea here, it’s disappointing that the senior class president and vice president don’t have the same patience and diplomacy.

The process of impeachment outlined by the SGA Constitution is clear-cut and fair, but the double impeachment should never have been used in this particular instance.

Panel members had the right to remove the officers, as it was their choice, but with votes of 5-to-3 against Mr. Montalto and 6-to-2 against Mr. Hertz, some class officers obviously thought a different avenue should have been taken.

However, it’s unfortunate that the majority of panelists didn’t exercise better judgment.

Just because someone has the right to do something doesn’t mean they should. If Mr. Neff had held a mature, yet firm, conversation with Mr. Montalto and Mr. Hertz about his view of class council expectations and responsibilities, he may not have needed to usurp his fellow council members of their positions.

The hallmark of commendable leadership is responsible restraint, not setting an irresponsible precedent by hastily removing half of the senior class council in the middle of the school year.

The Breeze
STATE OF THE DREAM IN 1999... 

An analysis of the progress, or lack thereof, of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s vision of racial equality

Today we observe the birthday of visionary Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Class or no class, it is an appropriate day to reflect upon his dream and discuss whether progress has been made towards realizing it. Dr. King was a prophet who chastised America for giving blacks a “bad check.” He hoped for the coming of the day when individuals would be judged not by the color of their skin, but by their character. He called for legislation that would punish those who discriminated against minorities. And especially toward the end of his life, he called for a campaign to help disadvantaged people of whatever color — the “have-nots” — perpetually held down by the “haves.”

Dr. King’s status as a hero is guaranteed. From left and right, politicians invoke his image and seek to show that their policies will advance the dream he so articulateely put forth. But if he was alive today, he would probably find it quite strange that many of these people now think of themselves as his allies. We are, however, so short of fulfilling his dream.

Whether the goal of the civil rights movement was, and is, integration (bringing closer alienated races) or the advancement of minorities, the struggle is far from finished. We have made progress — e.g. the rise of the middle class, interracial marriage is no longer illegal and discrimination is illegal. But after initial reforms, it seems that we have reached a plateau.

Income and asset gaps remain high. We’ve all heard that there are more black males in prison than in college. We see very few blacks (or other minorities) holding positions of authority in business or government. But the problem is deeper than that. As David Shipler (author of A Country of Strangers: Blacks and Whites in America) puts it, “a line runs through the heart of America.” This line can be seen in housing patterns, lunch time at D-hall, on television and at church on Sunday mornings. Laws have an impact, but they do not change hearts and attitudes. Rev. Bill Lawson of Houston identifies American hypocrisy:

“There has been, on the one hand, a push toward eliminating the old segregation laws and on the other hand, a resistance to changing community and neighborhood patterns... There has been the allowance of public contacts, but no significant change in intimate, personal attitudes.” In short, the accomplishments of the civil rights movement are more cosmetic than substantive. Prejudice persists, and so does its effects.

So what can be done? Commentators like Harvard Professor Cornel West and journalist E.J. Dionne, Jr. said they think that the current debate stifles solutions. Dionne, in Why Americans Hate Politics, talks about how right and left create false dichotomies and get into nasty, electorally profitable arguments while doing nothing to solve our problems.

West, in Race Matters, critiques the narrow framework of the dominant liberal and conservative views. Liberals take the simplistic view that government programs are the answer, since the entire problem is economic; at the same time, conservatives call for moral improvement and personal responsibility but ignore public responsibility for the troubling circumstances in our society. To West, both views still see blacks as the “problem people.”

Politicians such as George Bush get applause when they condemn subversive or immoral black musicians — like Ice-T, 2 Live Crew and a host of gangster rappers. But “pathological” values can also be found in many white artists, from Marilyn Manson and Danzig to Suicidal Tendencies and Megadeth. Much of our culture can be criticized, but those who wish to critique culture need to broaden the debate. It’s not just the values of the “black underclass” that need correcting. The champions of family values must view us all together as the “problem people,” a people corrupted by greed, plagued by divorce and broken relationships, a culture collectively in need of help.

Liberals have put themselves in what American Enterprise Scholar Dinesh D’Souza calls an “iron cage.” This doctrine of relativism prevents them from acknowledging pathology, upholding standards of responsibility and compel them to blame all the problems of minorities on white racism or its institutional legacy. They frequently ignore the importance of virtue and values, and the negative effects of living in a culture that is attempting to do away with right and wrong. Thus, when a concerned leftist like Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y., issued a report 20 years ago about the breakdown of the black family, nobody listened — and everyone called him a racist. Now, 20 years have passed and the family continues to fall apart across color lines. Dr. King’s
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**The Breeze**
Madison men delight
A cappella group wow audience with their performance

Mike Scutari
Contributing Writer

At six o'clock in the evening Saturday, a line was already beginning to form outside the doors of Wilson Hall.

Within an hour, the line became a mob, and when the doors opened, a furious stampede ensued, with students speed walking to open seats. To the casual observer, one might have assumed that, say, The Backstreet Boys or better yet, NSYNC was in town.

But if you, like the hundreds of other believers, feel that on the third day God created harmony, then it was obvious: the Madison Project was definitely in the building.

The Madison Project is JMU's first all-male a cappella group. Consisting of 13 members, the group has built a large, rabid following withing JMU with their brilliant vocal work and accessible song selections.

On Saturday night, they effectively packed Wilson Hall to capacity — approximately 1,200 people — and all for a noble cause.

The show served as a fundraiser to support a service trip to Mexico by a group of Catholic Campus Ministry students later this spring.

The Madison Project is currently headed by co-musical directors junior Jason Snow and senior Mike Webb. Their history dates back to Spring 1996, when the JMU graduating seniors ex-Madison J.R. Snow (Jason's older brother) put the group together.

The group is innovative in that unlike many other schools, JMU did not have an a cappella group on campus. In the short period since the group's inception, three other a cappella groups have begun as well: the Overtones, Exit 245, and the all-girl Notoriety, who opened for the Madison Project.

In simplified form, the Madison Project takes pop music and re-arranges it to suit the group's voices. That comes as well some news for those who swear by the glory and beauty of good pop music and its seemingly limitless possibilities.

The group's approach to music is basic. Members who have certain song ideas bring them to rehearsal and the group as a whole decides if it works. The innovative elements of each song are often derived from the arrangements, specifically, the percussion.

"It's very different kind of music," Jason Snow says. "All we try to do is listen to music. Say we want to do vocal percussion for a song, we listen to the music, hear what the drums are doing, and try to mirror them. There aren't many people that do this." And this is a good thing. For what the Madison Project lacks in precedence, they make up with creativity, humor and sheer talent.

Those of us who can't carry a tune in the shower will be pleased to know that only three members are vocal music majors. "It's all different facets," Snow says.

"Some guys have never sung before, and it makes it nice to have such variety, such an eclectic mix of people because you get all facets of the university. If we had all music majors, it wouldn't be the same," Snow added.

The group plays out of town, in Richmond, and as recently as last week, Virginia Beach, as well as performing in national competitions. And like all bands destined for worldwide domination, they have a CD available.

"Talkin' was recorded in the JMU Music building and has sold over 1,300 copies since its release last April, with a follow-up due this spring.

After an all-too-brief set by the female group, Notoriety, the Madison Project hit the stage and promptly took off their shoes, crooning the timeless Mr. Roger's classic, "It's a Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood."

The group then switched gears and opened with "MLK," a moving, haunting piece dedicated to Martin Luther King Jr. with senior Pete Kelly providing lead vocals. Within the first few minutes one could sense the versatility of the group, jumping from silliness of solemnity and pulling it off effortlessly.

The next hour or so consisted of over a dozen songs ranging from Dave Matthews's "Two Steps" to the Indigo Girls' "Ghost" to the Stone Temple Pilots' "Plush."

In one arrangement they combined the Goo Goo Dolls' "Iris" and "Name." Happily, the final result was far better than the mushy original versions.

The group raided the Library of Good 80's songs with such selections as Peter Gabriel's "In Your Eyes" and Chris DeBurgh's "Lady in Red," which coincidentally topped the latest music poll entitled, "Songs That Will Make Girls Swoon And Maybe Cry."

Audience member junior Tim Hartman remarked at this peculiar phenomenon, saying, "I think it's amazing that they can get so many women excited with their voices."

Yet regardless of any mental or physical effects that their music has on the ladies, everyone, including men, would agree that the choice of their songs and their rendition were of a superlative quality.

Other highlights included Billy Joel's "And So It Goes" with the gorgeous lead vocal work of co-musical director Mike Webb as well as a mini-Jackson Five show with Cascading falsettos provided by Earl Perkins.

There were also cameos provided by Founding Father Snow during the festive and energetic rendition of Sting's "King of Pain."

Madison Project alumni Rob Kaylin also joined the group for a moving version of the 80's epic "Kylie," which culminated with brief, yet powerful three part harmony work.

The set ended with A-ha's "Take on Me," led once again by Mike Webb. Audience members like Tim Hartman were convinced. "I eat music for breakfast, and Madison Project is the milk on my cereal," he said.

Senior Sarah Macalear was less cryptic. "I loved how the project combined 'Name' and 'Iris.' The guys really use their talent on arranging, as well as singing in this group."

Naturally, therefore, the crowd was enthusiastic throughout the whole show, wildly applauding after solos and requesting specific songs.

When combined with the formal shirt and tie attire, the baby boomers in the audience warmly recalled the era of Beatlemania, although the Madison Project did not leave behind hints of any British accents.

For those interested, the Madison Project's next show will be in the last week of January at Grafton-Stovall.

They'll be opening up for the feature presentation: a showing of the cinematic masterpiece, "The Bride of Chucky."

Those people wise enough to check them out will find out what 1,200 people already know. The Madison Project is one of the most innovative groups on campus who combine humor, talent and pure energy, providing a good time for all.

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**Review**

Ellis likes to reuse characters from his other novels. The protagonist of *Glamorama* — who had a part in his second novel, *The Rules of Attraction* — is Victor Ward, a superficial, egocentric novelist, whose pictures will make the covers of trendy fashion magazines. 

Readers understand that Victor is a model with the skyscrapers of the metropolis replacing the trees of the wilderness and the rich and famous acting as the animals. Victor is in the jungle, the woods and surviving will inevitably change him. The details between the book's beginning and its end are often confusing. Readers understand that Victor is a model in his late 20s who goes to Europe in search of a girl whom he used to date (he is contracted by her parents to find her and bring her back to the United States).

But even this information becomes murky as the narrative progresses. What the reader wants is one piece of information linking everything together, something that will give the book cohesion. But what that missing link is the reader doesn't know.

And Ellis, of course, doesn't give this information.

He shouldn't. Explaining everything would leave the reader without a job of his/her own, even if reading the 481 pages is often frustrating and disconcerting. If, by chance, the reader believes Ellis does tell enough detail to formulate a structured plot — a plot the reader believes is correct — then discounting it shouldn't be too difficult; *Glamorama* leaves room for countless theories, theses and discussions. What Ellis gives the reader is a perfectly messy outline, and from this the reader is supposed to force out his own logic.

Ellis approaches *Glamorama* quite differently than his past novels. Instead of following a broken narrative and extracting themes from whatever results, Ellis gives his latest offering a structured framework. (Well, at least a semblance of a structured framework.)

In his past novels — particularly *Less Than Zero*, *The Informers* and *American Psycho* — a plot is derived from the disconnection of actions of their characters. But with *Glamorama*, Ellis tries to tighten his structure: scenes unfold naturally, one after another, and the time sequence is continual. Ellis is first and foremost a moralist. When Simon & Schuster published his first novel, *Less Than Zero*, at the young age of 21 — he was only a junior at Bennington College — both his novel and his name jumped to celebrity status.

Ellis was fresh, and thrown into a literary Brat Pack because he had the talent to create a beautifully disaffected voice for his debut novel's protagonist.

The theme of *Less Than Zero* — that of nihilism, superficiality, moral bankruptcy — took center stage in his subsequent novels and consequently created a thematic key for the interpretation of all his novels. Now, with *Glamorama*, that same theme is once again thrust against its chapters and a "moral" interpretation is waiting. And *Glamorama* is a moral book. Despite whatever structural tricks, literary devices and narrational curveballs Ellis throws, Victor changes — the reader imagines — from good to bad. He starts as "skeps" and finishes a "mountain;" he begins as someone who is exploited and ends a person trying to survive.

No one changes in his other novels. Clay, the protagonist of *Less Than Zero*, is practically indifferent to the horrors that surround him — one would believe he is actually apathetic — and Patrick Bateman, the offender in *American Psycho*, continues to live in his decaying world.

But Victor is moved — his typical priorities do change — and with this Ellis takes a step in a new direction as a novelist. Anticipating what form his next novel will take is almost impossible. We just know its theme will take a moral form.
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RECYCLE

A species of obedient recyclers are fast breeding at JMU, but there are still many environmental offenders at large. The motto “reduce, reuse, recycle” permeates the JMU campus, but still many feel more action needs to take place to better the university’s practices.

Increasing the amount of bins on campus to parallel the number of trash cans is a top concern, but this costs money. Integrated Waste Manager Phil Simmons says JMU needs to save enough money to buy more bins. “We can do a little bit each year to move forward. There is a pay back but it’s gradual.”

“It takes a community effort,” Simmons continues. “All the successes we’ve made, we’ve done through the help of all campus departments. We need more help from the individual making the choice to dispose of their materials correctly.”

Recycling saves energy and natural resources by decreasing demands on virgin resources – such as oil, water, trees, ore, and land – and by lessening pollution, according to JMU’s recycle site www.jmu.edu/recycling.

Now, all resident halls have green bins in their communal trash rooms and blue bins in some dorm rooms. Logan Hall resident Nicole Fauquet appreciates the blue bins.

“As a breed we tend to be fairly apathetic,” she says. “We have definite opinions about recycling, but if it’s not convenient and easy, then we’ll just throw it away.” She says an individual can play a part in preserving the environment. “If my recycling a newspaper or glass bottle is going to keep a tree from being cut down or save energy…then it’s worth it.”

Virtually 70 percent of our waste stream is recyclable, yet only 20 percent of JMU’s waste is recycled, 5 percent below the state mandate. Still, we’re making progress. When Simmons took the position as the first full-time integrated waste manager in 1994, JMU only recycled 8 percent of its waste.

Simmons has begun to institute a program called “desk-side recycling” for the convenience of office workers in each academic and administrative building on campus. “We’re trying to get more bins near all the vending machines,” Simmons says.

The dining services have dramatically increased their recycling of cardboard, according to Simmons. “They do a lot better than other universities.” Gibbons Hall alone has 75 tons of cardboard to be recycled this year. The problem lies with the consumers who take more food than they can eat. Roughly 20 percent of JMU’s trash weight is from food waste. Simmons says the dining service, aware of these waste issues, is trying to figure the gap between food taken and food thrown away.

“Our biggest amount of waste is from the food services,” Simmons says. The waste management department would ideally like to create a composting system for discarded food, but they still need a high level of technology.

Although food waste is not as large of a problem off campus, many commuters are unaware of the resources available to them to recycle. It’s as easy as picking up the phone. By calling 433-6800, the City of Harrisonburg will promptly deliver a green bin and recycling guide to your door. Harrisonburg’s Sanitation Superintendent Meki Shifflett says you may co-mingle glass, aluminum, steel, tin, batteries (placed in a clear plastic bag), #1 and #2 plastics and paper, including newspaper (stacked and tied or put into a brown bag), brown bags and miscellaneous paper. If someone is moving in or out, Shifflett says they will come pick up large amounts of cardboard. Otherwise, clean cardboard can be delivered to Dave’s Recycling at 1811 S. High St. Pizza boxes with spilled sauce on them, for example, are unsuitable to be recycled.

Brian Cecil, a JMU recycling intern, says he’s observed an admirable environmental consciousness on campus. “I found this year…a greater desire to be involved, whether they’re bringing it from home or learning it at school through the peer pressure of having bins placed in each room.” The student population, as a whole continues to improve their recycling rate, he adds, lowering the total amount of potential waste each year.

REUSE

Reusing is a resourceful practice. For example, during finals week last year, 2.5 tons of materials were kept out of the disposal facilities, reducing both environmental and economic costs. When moving out this spring, students can donate such items as clothes, furniture, stereo, televisions, books, and cinder-blocks to resident hall TV lounges.

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“If you have something usable, there’s a value to it,” says Phil Simmons. “Make sure you give it to someone else.”

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To reduce excess baggage, bring a backpack or a reusable sack when shopping. And for times that you forget, reuse the bag for garbage.

Most students know to bring their reusable mugs to any of the dining services on campus. Some gas stations will offer a discount for coffee if you fill up your reusable mugs.

Sociology major Dori Berman says she loves the recycle mugs “because they’re really convenient. They get people involved without them even having to try. If people just use their mugs they’re doing something for the environment.”

However, Let’s Go is the only dining service that provides reusable containers for food. Because many students found them inconvenient, disposable containers are now available as well.

“I didn’t go to Let’s Go before because I hated the containers,” says junior anthropology major Valeria Butler. “They were awkward to carry and I didn’t want to carry around dirty dishes all day.” Instead, she preferred Mrs. Green’s or D-D hall where glasses and plates are used.

Presently, a group of CISAT students are designing a container that will meet both the needs of the Health Department and the convenience of the students, according to Nov. 16, 1998 issue of the Breeze.

REDUCE

President of E.A.R.T.H. (Environmental Awareness and Restoration Through our Help) Abi Miller says, “Recycling is not just the end product of putting stuff in the bin, but the beginning of buying recycled materials.” By purchasing recycled products, you can reduce the production of new items.

Simmons and JMU E.A.R.T.H., a JMU environmental organization, are avidly working to instill a program called “procurement.” The goal of the program is to get 100 percent recycled paper in all departments. Thus far, the anthropology/sociology department is the only area to have established procurement.

Nursing and psychology are close to reaching the 100 percent mark as well.

According to Julie Heishman, a nursing graduate assistant, her department recycles “everything that is recyclable.” They buy recycled paper for the copiers and then use the reverse side for memos and messages.

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**Dukes grab two wins**

**NICK LANGRIDGE**

Staff Writer

Two games, two wins... back on track. This weekend the JMU women’s basketball team defeated conference rivals George Mason University and Virginia Commonwealth University. The two wins snapped a four-game losing streak and improved JMU’s previously winless conference record to a more respectable 2-4.

The Dukes started the weekend on the right foot when junior guard Mistiza Colebank’s buzzer-beating jump shot gave them their first lead of the game and capped a fierce comeback in Friday night’s 59-58 win over GMU. The victory restored the team’s confidence going into Sunday’s game against a VCU team that sat second in the CAA at 4-1.

“As a result of the victory on Friday, today you saw a team that was very focused on going out to win instead of playing to keep from losing,” JMU head coach Bud Childers said.

In the VCU matchup, the Dukes out rebounded the Rams 53 to 38 en route to a 56-50 victory. Holding VCU to only 50 points proved an impressive feat since the Rams average 69.8 points per game.

The key to the Dukes’ success remains their tenacious defense. In addition to ruling the boards, JMU forced the Rams to shoot just 29 percent from the field.

“Every shot they had was contested,” Childers said. “I really like the way we played team defense in the low post.”

VCU’s leading scorer, 6-foot-6 senior Mona Karlsson was held to just eight points and six rebounds. JMU 6-foot-5 freshman center Hollee Franklin won the battle with Karlsson at center, blocking four shots and shutting her down inside with the help of senior forward Kish Jordan.

Childers described Jordan as the “unsung hero,” commending her versatility and aggressive inside play at power forward.

“Kish and [senior forward] Hope Cook allowed Hollee to get good position defensively, they played great defensive games,” Childers said.

Offensively, JMU overcame a deficit first half total of 18 points by working the ball inside to rack up 38 in the second period of play.

Leading the way for the Dukes was senior forward Shirlence Archer with 15 points.

The Dukes enjoyed a solid offensive effort from Franklin who really came alive inside the paint scoring 12 of her 14 points in the second half.

Colebank, who has shown consistency and leads the Dukes in scoring, added 12 points and four assists at point guard.

“Our team showed itself this weekend that we can play with any team in the league competitively and do well,” Childers said.

However, challenges lie ahead as the Dukes will hit the road Friday to visit the eleventh ranked team in the nation, Old Dominion University. The Monarchs have ruled the conference in recent years, and 1998-99 is looking to be no different as ODU is undefeated in the CAA and comfortably in first place.

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Behind a career-high 26 points (21 in the first half) from sophomore guard Bo Jones, Virginia Commonwealth University staved off a furious JMU rally to top the Dukes, 82-78 in a CAA battle before 4,902 boisterous fans at the Convocation Center.

The Dukes (9-7, 2-4 in the CAA), clawed back from a 23 point second half deficit and had a chance to tie the game with three seconds left, but Dwayne Braxton missed an open three-pointer from the right wing, and the ball went out of bounds to the Rams. Jones fouled on the inbounds pass and after missing three of four free throws in the final 32 seconds, capped a brilliant night by sinking his final two for the final margin.

"If we could have made our free throws, it wouldn’t have made things quite as exciting," first year Rams head coach Mack McCarthy said.

Playing their fourth game in 10 days, JMU came out of the gates awfully slow in the second half of Saturday’s game, a fact that didn’t sit well with head coach Sherman Dillard.

"The second half I thought we wanted to give it up and quit," Dillard said.

But JMU wouldn’t quit without putting together a resilient comeback.

The Rams (8-10, 2-4), who blew the game wide open with a 15-0 run to start the second half, let the Dukes hang around by only making 13-24 free throws for the game, and 4-8 in the final minute.

The Dukes played their second consecutive game without backup point guard Ned Felton, who had surgery on his left knee, and will be lost for what doctors say could be three to four weeks. It is an absence that was immediately apparent.

"Ned helps us in two ways," Dillard said. "First, he definitely adds to our depth. He can give Jarabi [Outtz] a spell here and there. The second thing is the tempo changes with Ned in the game because we can play at a little faster clip. We’re not able to get good transition buckets without Ned there."

Dillard’s absence and Dillard only playing a seven-man rotation with Eugene Atkinson and Kevan Johnson getting extensive minutes off the bench. Braxton, the Dukes were in a position to tie the game in the final minute, thanks mostly to the heroics of Chatney Howard.

The senior small forward sank three three-pointers in the final minute, culminating an amazing 29-10 JMU run over the final seven minutes that left the Dukes down 79-77 with 24 seconds remaining.

The Dukes fouled VCU sophomore Scott Lilly (17 points), and he made one of two foul shots, leaving the door slightly ajar for the Dukes to possibly send the game into overtime.

On their ensuing possession, JMU point guard Jabari Outtz passed to Howard, who was blanketed by two defenders. Howard split the two Rams, and kicked a pass out to a wide open Braxton, but the shot bounced off the rim and went out of bounds to the Rams.

"I thought he was gonna make that shot," Dillard said.

"Perhaps had he not looked to give it up he would have had a little more fluid motion into his shot, and I think it would have been able to fall for him."

Howard, who ended the game with 19 points and six rebounds, said of the loss, "It seems like it’s always a half with us. We kept leaving people wide open in the beginning, and they kept nailing shots. It seemed like everything they threw up went in. They just came out with nothing to lose today and caught us sleeping."

The Rams, who have no seniors on their roster and started four sophomores and a junior, turned the ball over six times in the first nine possessions, but were saved by Jones. Jones scored 14 of the Rams’ first 18 points, and 21 of their 39 in the half, including five of six three-pointers, staining the Rams to a eight point halftime lead.

"I was in a zone," Jones said.

"It was like throwing rocks in the ocean. I couldn’t miss."

For the game, the VCU sophomore trio of Jones, Lilly and point guard Lamar Taylor continually burned the Dukes, making 10-18 three pointers, and the group combined for 56 points, 18 rebounds and 14 assists.

"It was their game in the second half," Jones said, speaking of Lilly and Taylor. At 5-foot-9, Taylor repeatedly beat Outtz on penetration into the lane and finished with eight assists. "I was in the corner as a decoy, and they [Lilly and Taylor] stepped up their game up, hitting threes, driving and making assists."

During the 15-0 run to start the second half, Howard had six points, and Lilly seven.

But the Dukes began their miracle run on a leaner by Atkinson (13 points) with 7:17 left to pull the Dukes within 19 points. JMU went on a 16-3 run aided by a noisy crowd that appeared to rattle the young Rams.

Jamar Perry was a key in the run, as he finished the evening with 16 points and five rebounds, and Johnson played important minutes off the bench to finish with eight points and seven rebounds.

A big disappointment for the Rams was center Rob Strickland. The junior from New Jersey had his third straight poor game following a 14 point, 10 rebound effort against Old Dominion University on Jan. 6. Saturday, Strickland was held scoreless in 21 minutes, much to the dismay of Dillard.

"Rob Strickland has got to be able to give us better numbers," Dillard said."

"It’s a mystery to me as to why we can’t get a better performance out of him."

The Dukes return to action Wednesday night in a game against the College of William and Mary, but Dillard will have his hands full restoring his team’s confidence.

"My concern now is the consistency. As to why we can’t get a better performance out of him."

With the retirements of Michael Jordan and John Thompson this month, the brisk weather we’ve had in 1999 makes my bones — and heart — that much colder. These events mark the end of two distinct eras in both the college game and the NBA.

Let’s deal with Jordan first since I haven’t been much of an asset to society since he made it official. Without quoting any of the global newspapers that carried Jordan’s retirement, I can confidently say Jordan is the greatest basketball player ever.

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Looking from the cheap seats

— Courtney A. Crowley

Robinson, Larry Bird or Julius Erving, as amazing as they were, can hold a dirty sweatsock to Jordan.

In sports like football, one has to make the distinction of who is the best in each position because of the disparity of duties. However, even when you break it down by position, it isn’t clear. Who’s the best QB ever? Dan Marino, Joe Montana or Johnny Unitas? Take your pick. Each could be “the greatest.”

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Dukes get off on right foot

‘Many areas that we could improve on, Burke says after season’s first meet

Mike Kolakoski
contributing writer

They say winning is not always everything, which became evident to the JMU women’s gymnastic squad after their opening meet Friday night at Sinclair Gymnasium against nationally-ranked North Carolina State University and regionally-ranked Towson University.

Despite a third place finish, the Dukes still managed to score 187.050 points, just a point and a half shy off their top score from last season.

"N.C. State and Towson University are both very strong teams in our region," coach Roger Burke said. "This was a big reality check. I was pleased with the girls' performance. I think we're at a good point to be right now."

Senior Kate McClintock agreed with Burke. "I think our score and performance reflected our potential for this year. It was close to our highest score of last year and we still didn't hit everything tonight."

Senior co-captain Jill Hornung scored a 9.10 on beam, while sophomore Rachel Malinowski helped the Dukes with her beam routine.

In the preliminary all-around, Betar and Malinowski were the top JMU finishers, placing fifth and sixth respectively.

Sophomore Courtney Flynn scored a 9.75 with a solid floor routine to lead JMU to their highest team score in an opening meet in team history.

"I'm thrilled with the way we started off the season tonight," senior co-captain Shannon Bagley said. "I'm not surprised at the way we came out. Our preseason went very well, so I expected us to perform well."

Burke views the meet as a sign of good things to come. "I'm very happy with our team tonight. I also saw many areas that we could improve on."

McClintock agreed. "Hopefully, we'll build on last night's performance, I think we have a great chance of breaking our team record of 190.725 points, which we set two years ago."

The women's next home meet will be Feb. 5 at 7:30 p.m. versus The College of William & Mary.

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Wrestlers fall to VMI, Maryland

Inexperience and injuries plague Dukes in last tune up before state meet

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The JMU wrestling season hit a low point this weekend as the Dukes lost both of their matches. On Friday, the visiting Virginia Military Institute Keydets defeated the Dukes 31-12. The following afternoon, the University of Maryland Terrapins beat JMU 31-17 in Godwin Hall.

“It was a little bit of a team let down, but I think we just have to keep our heads up,” JMU assistant coach Doug Detrick said. “There are going to be some ups and downs. Hopefully, this is just a down time and we can start going from here.”

On Friday, an estimated 400 fans watched the Keydets (2-3) win the first six matches of the evening before sophomore Kris Bishop got JMU (1-2) on the scoreboard with a pin over Gill Decher in the 165-pound match. Sophomore Nathan Rickman pinned Brain Toney in the following match for the only other JMU victory.

“VMI wrestled some smart matches,” Detrick said. “They didn’t do a lot of offense, and our guys started getting frustrated and started forcing things. Our guys were making mistakes and [VMI] was waiting for that and then capitalizing on it.”

JMU turned in a better performance Saturday afternoon, but still came up short. The Dukes trailed 12-5 (the five points coming on a Mike Coyle technical fall victory) after the first three matches, but Bishop and Rickman once again gave JMU a chance to win. Bishop won his match 9-7, while Rickman was on the winning side of an 8-3 decision.

“I thought I wrestled better yesterday, but I was pleased with my performance today,” Rickman said after his second win of the weekend.

“VMI wrestled some smart matches,” Detrick said. “They didn’t do a lot of offense, and our guys started getting frustrated and started forcing things. Our guys were making mistakes and [VMI] was waiting for that and then capitalizing on it.”

JMU was without the services of juniors Dave Vollmer and Elliot Williams in both matches, while 141-pound sophomore Eric Miller injured his ribs in Friday’s contest and was unable to wrestle against the Terps. But Bowyer would not blame the losses on the lineup.

“I don’t want to blame anything on injuries or sickness or anything like that,” Bowyer said. “All of our guys have to be ready to wrestle. Everyone is going to have to play their part in order for this team to be successful.”

Despite the two losses, the Dukes feel they are not that far away from being a championship caliber team. JMU can prove itself Friday and Saturday in the annual Virginia State Championships at VMI.

“I think we are going to come back next weekend,” Rickman said. “We definitely have the ability to. Next weekend will say a lot about our season.”
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The Dukes' 400-meter freestyle relay team of sophomores Patrick Lowry, freshman John McLaren and seniors Justin Pudlaski and Paul Oehling earned first place in the final event to propel the Dukes to the victory.

Senior Adam Prem helped the Dukes by winning the 50-meter freestyle and the 100-meter freestyle. Senior Cliff Parker won the 200-meter breaststroke and Oehling also won the 1000-meter freestyle.

Senior Kyle Kunstel (200-meter freestyle), freshman John McLaren (50-meter freestyle), sophomores Patrick Lowry (200-meter freestyle) and Brendan Grant (200-meter butterfly) and juniors Jason Wiedersam (200-meter backstroke) and Will Von Ohlen (200-meter breaststroke) all finished in second place.

JMU's women's team did not fare as well. They fell to the Hokies 148-86.

Sophomore Samantha Smith won the 200-meter breaststroke for the Dukes. Senior Chrisse Hassett was second in the 100-meter freestyle.

Both JMU teams will travel to American University on Friday to take on the Eagles. The teams return home Sunday for a meet against George Washington University.

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JMU defeated Hollins University 29-3 Saturday. The Dukes were 16-0 in the foil and 13-3 in the epee portion of the match.

Senior Susan Loeser, sophomore Laura Webb and freshman Viki Karousos and Kim Roberts were 4-0. Freshman Devon Allen was 1-3 for the Dukes.

JMU next travels to Northwestern University Jan. 23-24.

Basketball: is the thrill gone?

'These events mark the end of two distinct eras . . .'

RETIREMENT, from page 25

two essentially being attained
with the sheer force of Jordan's
will. Not just because he was the
fiercest competitor, one of the
most intelligent and hardest
working players or because
he walked away on top like Jim
Brown and Sandy Koufax. Not
just because he was driven to
greatness because Sam Bowie
was drafted ahead of him or be-cause he was the most articu-late
athlete of his generation, the
most marketable athlete ever, the
only human known to be able to
fly or because the world wanted
to "Be like Mike."

Rather, he's the best for these
reasons, and a few more. In an
age of irresponsible and whiny
NBA players, Jordan is a class
act: a husband, a daddy and a
responsible community member.

The prospect of not seeing
Jordan play again is bleak, but
I'm just happy I can live to tell
my children I saw him fly.

Thompson didn't soar like
Jordan, but he carried himself
with an uncommon grace and
dignity. He took a subpar pro-
gram and transformed it into a
powerhouse with an iron fist
and a caring heart. Thompson
was one of the last of a dying
breed. Coaches who churn out
responsible and successful cit-
izens, not just shooting-star bas-
ketball players.

The decline of Thompson's
empire was imminent because
college stars today aren't inter-
ested in attending a true four-
year program. The Hoyas haven't been a powerhouse in the
Big East since Alonzo
Mourning graduated. As a
result, Thompson's place in
coaching history might be
obscured. But it shouldn't be.
Sure, his recruiting classes this
decade have not been strong,
but he did more with them than
most other coaches could. And
until Allen Iverson, they all suc-
cessfully completed his pro-
gram.

Thompson cited "personal
reasons" for his resignation. But
I can't help but wonder if the
breakdown of his program
helped prompt his early exit.
When players stop spending
four full years in school, it can
start a chain reaction that
destroy's a program's founda-
tions.

The marquee NBA players
who briefly attended college in
the 1990s aren't the type that
could make it through a com-
prehensive program like
Thompson's.

But that's also why the NBA
currently finds itself in the
predicament it's in, and why it's
going to take a beating without
Jordan. Thompson's decline in
the '90s is indicative of college
basketball's changing culture
from an institution that fostered
growth to a mere NBA spring-
board tomorrow's "superstars."

Thompson is probably sav-
ing himself from the frustration
of fighting a losing battle. But I
worry about the future of col-
lege basketball stars after their
NBA careers. It seems like only
those players who will not go
onto the NBA are taking the
time to get an education. There
are still some big-time coaches
left who stress the four-year
experience — notably Duke's
Mike Krzyzewski — but when
his program eventually breaks
down if players like Elton Brand
decide to leave early, where are
we going to?

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Today's Birthday (Jan. 18) — Your financial dreams could come true this year, or you could lose a bundle. How it turns out depends on how you play the game. You'll most likely get the resources, maybe as soon as February, keeping them is the challenge. There's more than enough information to keep you busy in March. A structure is required to keep the home fires burning in April. Your major opponent leads to your best option in August. Quick action's required in October, and December won't go as expected.

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

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 6 — You may have tough authority figures to deal with, but most of the hassle is over. That's a good reason to celebrate with friends over lunch or an early dinner. A relationship with a rather unusual person could develop into something more. The main thing the two of you have in common is your understanding of each other. It's also the most comfortable way to get through this day.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 4 — The moon is in Aquarius, giving you a taste of things to come. The sun will be in Aquarius soon, and you'll have to settle down to business. Practice by figuring out what your next career move ought to be. If you don't have a career, this is an excellent day to do the planning.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is an 8 — The moon's in Aquarius today, and the sun will be going there on Wednesday. Aquarius is in your solar ninth house of travel and higher education. It strengthens and encourages your natural abilities. This coming phase will be perfect for launching either a voyage or jumping into another scholastic adventure. You never know what is waiting for you.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 5 — The moon's in Aquarius, in your solar eighth house of finances, specifically money you share with other people. The sun's going into Aquarius on Wednesday; then you'll really have to get into gear. This is an excellent time of year to make lots of money and stash it away wisely. Get ready to do that, by catching up on your reading.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 6 — You might as well decide first thing this morning to go along with whatever your partner says. If you resist, you could be ground into mincemeat. Your partner, business or romantic, has the advantage right now. Learn to enjoy following and you'll be a better person for it. It's also the most comfortable way to get through this day.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 6 — You're going to have a lot more work, possibly due to an increase in responsibility. Mind as well get used to it. These conditions will get even more intense in the coming weeks, as the moon transits through Aquarius in your sixth house of work. Aquarius represents technical details and scientific inquiry, so it ought to be extremely interesting.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Today is a 7 — You've run into one upsetting situation after another in the last few weeks, but you knew that love would find a way. And it looks like love is circling in on the solution to the original problem and any others that have come up since then. Even the nervous tension you've had recently is starting to fade. The worst is over.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) — Today is a 6 — You're still in a good frame of mind to learn and listen. This will come in handy since the conversation seems to be complicated and very intense. You don't agree with everything but at least you're hearing what they have to say and probably figuring out what you're going to say next.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is an 8 — Did you know that Sagittarius is the sign of higher education, religion and philosophy? Right now, as the moon goes through Aquarius, you have even greater wisdom. Aquarius is your solar third house of education, and it's also a scholarly sign. The combination of the two signs is awesome, especially today. Make the most of it.
King vision falters
Dream hasn’t quite been realized

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Dream involved judgment based on character — modern thought says that no one should ever judge anyone. But conservatives have no better program.

They talk about values and cite cases of minorities who “pulled themselves up by their bootstraps” and claim moral improvement is all that needs to happen. But their weakness is their unwillingness to address the urban mess that many minorities grow up in. The loss of jobs, white flight, the poor state of city schools and many other social miseries mean there are less opportunities in the city. They also are fairly blind to the persistence of discrimination in housing patterns and promotions.

Conservatives point out individual sin well enough, but they are often unable to see social sin. Neither answer seems to do much to move us toward fulfillment of the dream.

So what will? There are a variety of ideas out there. D’Souza offers a controversial program in The End of Racism that relies on blacks changing their own culture and government by mostly staying out of it.

In Color-Blind: Seeing Beyond Race in a Race-Obsessed World, Ellis Cose takes a realistic look at the situation and offers a 12-step program. He criticizes affirmative action and at the same time fears that things could get worse without it.

Rather than doing away with affirmative action, Richard Kahlenberg proposes switching from race-based (well-intentioned but flawed, further encouraging polarized thing) to class-based affirmative action (helping out the disadvantaged of all colors).

There is no one answer, but we need fresh ideas beyond the current debate criticized by West and others. Somehow, blacks and minorities must no longer be a “them,” our starting point must be that we rise and fall together.

America may be, as West says, in a state of economic decline, political lethargy and spiritual impoverishment — but those problems are universal, not limited to any one race.

Dr. King identified two big enemies of his dream. One was bitterness and hatred. There are whites and blacks who have fallen to that temptation.

The other is complacency; the more subtle temptation that I think has snared almost all of us.

We need to engage this issue once again. What do you think?

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**SOAP OPERA UPDATES**

All My Children

Raqueel makes sure Hayley gets a little taste of some alcohol. Hayley assists Gillian wish Ryan's escape and gets tossed in the can. This totally delights Raquel. Palmer forces Opal to tell Tad and Adrian that she is Adriam's mother, and later hands out with a scoop to the The National Insider. Erica gets sentimental and wants to visit Lenden. She and Dimirri visit the place and scare Gillian.

Another World

Remy wants Tito out of her life and tells him the cops are on to him. Paulina paces Tito a key to the basement of Carlin's and is unaware that Joe was watching. Matt tells Lila she should stay away from Cass if she wants her marriage to work. Lila prevents Cameron and Armanda from eloping and suddenly Ali shows up. All meets Cameron and Ali is shocked her mother would get married without her being there.

As the World Turns

Susan suggests Emily get some professional help and Emily (oses her out. Lucinda bribes Eddie's landlord to evict him. When the landlord evicts Eddie, Katie believes Lucinda is behind it. Katie proves that it's Lucinda by presenting to be the landlord's secretary during a phone call. Georgia plans to move back to Lucinda's and hide Eddie there. Hal is the father of Carly's baby and Carly informs him their date is off.

The Bold and the Beautiful

CJ urges Kimberly to forget about Rick and just date him. She can't date him because of her feelings for Rick. Amber is convinced that Rick is totally bens but she's got a few more things to do. She invites CJ with a date to attend a dinner party. CJ brings Kimberly and Amber par on quite a love show for Kimberly's benefit. CJ tells Rick he should stop sending Amber and Kimberly mixed messages and just get on with his life with Amber.

Days of Our Lives

Kate gloats as closing arguments in Sami's trial are passed on to the jurors. Lucas continues on his guilt trip. Mike refuses Carrie's resignation. Hope visits Stefano's and Stefanos tells Bo the Princess Gina transformation will soon be a done deal. Hope hears Stefanos telling his cronies to release Shawn D. and gets into a tangle with Stefanos and hits her head on a table. Stefanos screams and checks for a pulse. Bo finds Shawn D. and heads to Stefano looking for Hope.

General Hospital

Nikolas tells Katherine to choose between him and Helena. Lucky confronts Laura about her past with Stefan. Lucky wants to know if there is anything else he should know. Laura says there is nothing else. She wants to know if she is his enemy. Lucky doesn't know yet. Later, Laura tells Stefan her entire life has unraveled. Sonny accuses Jax of letting Brenda die and the two almost come to blows.

Guiding Light

Josh and Reva find the real Tori DeMarco and they go to Frank. Ted/Amie tell Alan the truth and Alan says he'll help her if she forgets about Josh. Jesse believes the Dasos family has Michelle. Michelle and Danny tell Carmen they are married to prevent Michelle's death. Jesse finds Michelle, but she won't leave with him to save both their lives. She tells him she married Danny and Carmen arranges for a church wedding.

One Life to Live

Dorian blames Kevin for all of Cassie's problems. Mel says this isn't helping Cassie. Dorian slaps a restraining order on Kevin and has Cassie released from the hospital. No one is sure where Dorian has Cassie. Emily and Sean are up to As Emily and Sean are about to make love, Amy sets off the fire alarm. Virginia gets that letter from Dr. Green and plants it so Michael finds it.

The Young & the Restless

Paul is toasting Mary and Charlie and he sees his father. Paul cuts his finger and gets into a bar instead. Kevin sings feelings and Eve Scott are too much. They hit the Karaoke bar instead. Kevin sings feelings and Eve joins him for a duet. Later, Kevin wins the limbo contest and hurts his back. Frank tells Karen that Joe and Courtney have been arrested for smuggling and are now presumed dead.

Sunset Beach

Michael and Casey put a crib for Vanessa's baby. Amy continues to dream of being with Sean. Sean tells Emily he wants to make love if she is ready for it. Amy closes the restaurant to break up whatever Emily and Sean are up to. As Emily and Sean are about to make love, Amy sets off the fire alarm. Virginia gets that letter from Dr. Green and plants it so Michael finds it.

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