SGA President files complaint with HPD

BRAD JENKINS
News editor

Student Government Association President Tim Emry filed an official complaint with the Harrisonburg Police Department Saturday, alleging an officer used "extremely abusive, harassing and unconstitutional" behavior while responding to a noise complaint Friday.

HPD Sgt. Kevin Lanoue confirmed yesterday that HPD received the faxed complaint. It will be referred to the officer's supervisor, who will investigate to see if the complaint is substantiated.

Written complaints to HPD aren't unusual, Lanoue said. Anyone dealing with the law, there is more than one interpretation, he said.

Information in personnel matters are released on a "need to know" basis, Lanoue said. But since he is not directly involved in the matter, he can't release specific information.

Emry has accused Officer Bill...
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- College Republicans Meeting, 8 p.m., Taylor 403, call Stephanie at 438-5103
- Honor Council Representative Applications, Wilson 101, call x8833
- JMU Adult Degree Program Informational Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Paul Street House, call x8824
- UPB Cinematic Events Publicity Meeting, 6 p.m., Taylor 230, e-mail Matthew at staleyem@jmu.edu

**TUESDAY, JAN. 26**
- Bible Study, 7:15 p.m., Canterbury Episcopal Campus Ministry, call Jason at 432-0302
- Circle K Meeting, 6 p.m., Taylor 404
- Common Health Programs: "Risky Business: Practical Ergonomics for the Office Worker," noon, Taylor 304, call x2940
- Harmony Meeting, 8:30 p.m., Taylor 311, call Chris Dolce at x6000
- Madison Mediators Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Taylor 304, call Dan at 564-1861

**WEDNESDAY, JAN. 27**
- Evening prayer, 9:30 p.m., CCM House (1052 S. Main St.), sponsored by Catholic Campus Ministry, call Christine at 574-0534
- Health Sciences — Occupational Therapy Application Deadline, call Dana at x2999
- Intervisibility Christian Fellowship Large Group, 7 p.m., ISAT 159, call Susan at 438-1607
- Junior Class Council Meeting, 9 p.m., Ashby Clubhouse, call Erin at 564-0976
- Synergy Workshop, 8 p.m., Highlands Room, sponsored by the SGA as part of Student to Student Relations Week, call Erin at 564-0976
- UPB Issues and Cultural Awareness Committee, 6:30 p.m., Taylor 233, call Fifi at x8284

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**WEATHER**

**TUESDAY:** Mostly cloudy, high 53°F, low 29°F.

**WEDNESDAY:** Sunny, high 62°F, low 53°F.

**THURSDAY:** Mostly cloudy, high 59°F, low 41°F.

**FRIDAY:** Partly cloudy, high 57°F, low 39°F.

**CLASSIFIEDS**

How to place a classified: Come to The Breeze office weekdays between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Cost: $2.50 for the first 10 words, $2 for each additional 10 words; boxed classified, $12.75 per column inch. Deadlines: noon Friday for Monday issue, noon Tuesday for Thursday issue. Classifieds must be paid in advance in The Breeze office.
New study shows women face greater health risks from drinking

Research shows link between drinking, breast cancer in women

Women are more affected by alcohol because:
- They are smaller than men.
- They have less stomach enzymes to break down alcohol, so alcohol is more likely to be absorbed as ethanol or pure alcohol.
- Because of the quick absorption, alcohol goes to women's brains more quickly.
- Estrogen enhances alcohol absorption and drinking causes estrogen levels to rise which has been linked to increased rates of breast cancer.

Drinking three or more drinks a day may start health problems in women that men won’t have until they drink nine drinks a day. These complications begin after 13 years of drinking in women compared with 22 years for men, Reichman said.

The study highlighted several areas where women are at increased risk when consuming alcohol:
- Breast cancer and drinking may be related, according to the study. The Framingham Study showed a 50 percent increase in breast cancer in women who had three drinks a week. The study also showed a 41 percent increase in women who took estrogen replacement therapy, but that increase wasn’t found in women who didn’t drink alcohol, Reichman reported.
- Reichman reported that breast cancer occurrences are linked to estrogen. When women drink alcohol, not only does estrogen make it harder to break down, the alcohol itself causes estrogen to rise sharply in women, Reichman reported. “As a result, after you drink you get spurts of estrogen that can be as high as 300 percent within 30 minutes of consumption,” Reichman reported.
- These spurts are similar to the spurts women experience when they ovulate and may be responsible for breast cancer-promoting, Reichman said.
- Women on birth control pills or hormone replacement therapy also need to exercise caution when they drink. These hormones enable the body to absorb alcohol better and it stays in the body longer, Reichman reported. She recommends that women on birth control or hormone replacement therapy don’t drink, but reported that moderate drinking is okay if the woman isn’t at risk for breast cancer but is at risk for stroke or heart disease.
- Women who use alcohol to become more sexually uninhibited, are actually

Women may want to think twice before opening another cold one after a recent NBC News story reported that women suffer a greater number of long-term adverse effects from drinking than men.

Citing the long-running Framingham Study, NBC reported that women who drink four drinks per night, or on each occasion they drink, are considered heavy drinkers and are at greater risk for potential problems, Dr. Judith Reichman, a medical contributor on the Today Show, reported.

College-age students are particularly affected by this new report because they have the highest occurrence of heavy and binge drinking, according to the National Household Survey on drug abuse.

Women are more susceptible to alcohol’s effects for several reasons. Women have fewer stomach enzymes to break down alcohol which means the body absorbs alcohol in its most potent form, ethanol or pure alcohol, Reichman reported. Women’s higher body fat keeps alcohol in their bodies longer and alcohol absorption is increased and is harder to break down when estrogen peaks, Reichman reported.

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A penny more for your thoughts

Postage increase makes one cent stamps a hot commodity

You’ve got mail... for an extra penny.

That’s right, the cost to send a letter went up one cent Jan. 10.

You might not sound like much, but the demand for that stamp has caused some problems.

“This is the worst one [postage increase] we’ve had,” said Paul Pickett, supervisor of customer service at the Harrisonburg Post Office.

With smaller area post offices heading to the Harrisonburg Post Office for more one-cent stamps, Pickett’s office ran out Jan. 12.

“A lot of people were buying $1 and $2 worth of penny stamps — and then they have 200 stamps,” Pickett said. “They didn’t realize how many they were getting. It is not like they have 100 32 cent stamps at home.”

JMU Postal Services also ran out of penny stamps on Jan. 12, said Paul Clay, manager of JMU’s Postal Services.

“A lot of postage was sent out that week,” Clay said. “It was a nationwide problem of not enough penny stamps.”

JMU Postal Services buys its stamps from the Harrisonburg Post Office. In anticipation of the postage increase, Clay said JMU Postal Services bought 5,000 one-cent stamps on Jan. 8 with 200 stamps already in stock. Postal Services then bought 3,000 on Jan. 19 and 3,000 on Jan. 20 from the Harrisonburg Post Office. By the afternoon of Jan 21, JMU Postal Services bought 3,000 on Jan. 19 and 3,000 on Jan. 20 from the Harrisonburg Post Office. "A lot of postage was sent out that week," Clay said. "It was a nationwide problem of not enough penny stamps.”

JMU Postal Services had sold all but 300 penny stamps to students, faculty and staff, Clay said. JMU Postal Services then bought 10,000 more one-cent stamps from the Harrisonburg Post Office that afternoon.

But by 11 a.m. on Jan. 12 JMU Postal Services sold out. The Harrisonburg Post Office was also sold out of one-cent stamps. On Jan. 14, JMU Postal Services purchased 2,000 penny stamps, and then bought 3,000 on Jan. 19 and 3,000 on Jan. 20 from the Harrisonburg Post Office. By the afternoon of Jan 21, JMU Postal Services only had 600 one-cent stamps left, Clay said.

"No one really complained to us," Clay said about the shortages. "They were sort of disgusted for walking over here and not having what they wanted." Freshman Keri Brooks said she bought 10 stamps last week. "I have friends who haven’t [bought one cent stamps yet] and they’re annoyed," Brooks said.

Sophomore Sean Cissel said, "I didn’t realize they changed them [cost of postage] and I just mailed a letter.”

On-campus students who forgot the extra stamp on their mail might get their letter returned quickly.

"If we see any [without the full postage]," Clay said, "we’ll pull them out if they have a good return address of someone on campus.”

Clay said the letters JMU Postal Services doesn’t catch might be sent out with postage due.

Pickett said those receiving letters without the full postage will owe a penny to the Har-risonburg Post Office. A postcard stating the receiver owes a penny to the post office will be attached to the letter, Pickett said.

The extra penny does add up. On campus, the 33 cent stamp will cost students, faculty, staff and metered mail $14,000 more this year, Clay said.

About $9,500 of that is metered mail funded through the university’s individual departments, Clay said.
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Academic info now online

MELANIE JENNINGS  
staff writer

Students who have recently visited the JMU web site may have noticed a new addition to the Registrar's web page. The area, known as the Student Information System, is one of the newest services available to students. Through the system, students can access course grades, class schedules and unofficial transcripts through the Internet.

In the past, this information was only available after submitting a written request to the registrar, which could take several days to process.

"It's something we've wanted for a long time," University Registrar Sherry Hood said.

"Students are usually aware of their academic progress because of their [Report of Academic Progress] sheets, but it is important for them to become familiar with their transcript too. I know students who have never seen a transcript . . . I want to let students have a little more information at their fingertips," Hood said.

Students can access this service by connecting to the web site at http://www.jmu.edu/registrar. At the web site, students are required to enter their JMU e-mail user name, as well as their password. This information is required to protect the confidentiality of student records, Hood said.

When developing the system, the Office of the Registrar decided that it would be easier for students to use their JMU e-mail information to log into the system, Hood said.

Hood also said that students are more apt to keep their e-mail passwords a secret since they don't want others reading their mail, which aids in keeping records confidential.

In addition, students should log out when finished with their files, so that no one else can obtain another student's information.

After logging into the system, students can browse through their academic records.

But students trying to access the system from their home computers might have some trouble if their Internet browser does not meet certain requirements. They must be able to support what are called cookies, said JMU Webmaster Alvin Chao, a Web programmer.

Cookies are required to track the login status of students who are accessing the site. Anyone who is using Microsoft Explorer 3.0 or Netscape 3.0 or above shouldn't experience a problem, Chao said. Most campus computers are able to support cookies.

Those using Microsoft Internet Explorer 4.0 may experience difficulties when trying to use the system because of a flaw in the Microsoft software, Chao said. There is nothing JMU can do to solve the problem, he said.

"The new system will give [students] access to information they've never had before," Chao said.

It will also be beneficial to students because it will allow them to quickly access their files 24 hours a day, he said. Students can get my RAP sheet online," Rodgers said.

"Then I won't have to worry about trying to keep up with the paper copies they send me," Hood said.

"We're hoping by spring 2000 to have a web-based registration program," in addition, students will soon be able to adjust personal information such as addresses and phone numbers via the Web.

Easy access to student information will not only be convenient to students, it will also cut down on the amount of paperwork that must pass through the Registrar's office.

"The system should be beneficial for my office, but that's not the motivation for the system," Hood said. Students deserve to have this information available to them because it is available at many other schools, she said.

Proposed tuition bill would help D.C. students at state universities

DAKESH GOPALAN & HELENA MACHAJ  
Wire

CHARLOTTESVILLE — In an effort to make out-of-state college tuition more affordable for Washington, D.C. residents, Virginia Rep. Thomas M.Davis III, a Republican, has announced plans to work out the details, "I want to let students have a little more information at their fingertips," Hood said.

Details of Pruett's injuries were not released by hospital officials.

Researchers say college-age has decreased over 20 years

CHICAGO — Despite several recently published studies, researchers say drug and alcohol use among young adults and related deaths have dropped in the past two decades.

The parents of today's youth drank even more in college than their kids do now, but society's different perception can be attributed to a heightened awareness of drug and alcohol abuse. As a result, deaths stemming from alcohol and drug use are more likely to be treated and not attributed to a heightened awareness of drug and alcohol use.

Researchers have shown that young people often curtail their use of drugs when they believe consumption carries risks.

Trinity prof wins largest award in university tenure lawsuit

HARTFORD, Conn. — A jury has awarded more than $12.6 million to a chemistry professor who filed a discrimination suit against Trinity College after she was denied tenure.

The award is believed to be the highest ever given in a U.S. tenure case.

Leslie Crane, 55, was hired in 1987. Her department unanimously recommended that the college give her tenure, but she was denied it in 1993.

— staff and wire reports

The proposal "definitely would give D.C. residents more options," said Ronne Patrick, associate director of admissions at the University of Maryland. "D.C. students don't have the benefit of having a comprehensive state school system. We definitely would support the proposal."

At least one Virginia college student expressed doubts about the fairness of the proposed program. "The system should be beneficial for my office, but that's not the motivation for the system," Hood said. Students deserve to have this information available to them because it is available at many other schools, she said.

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REBECCA DOUGHERTY  
graphic editor

students. "I like being able to pull up my academic information from my room," Rodgers said. "Now if I want to know something about my grades or schedule, I can get the information quickly."

"It is possible that there is already an agency within the government that could handle the program's management," Davis said.

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The Breeze
Despite Byrd's proposed motion to dismiss, case moves forward

WASHINGTON — A federal judge ordered Monica Lewinsky Saturday to cooperate with the House managers seeking President Clinton's removal from office, prompting a storm of partisan fire from Senate Democrats at a critical juncture in the 2-week-old impeachment trial.

The 13 Republican managers who arranged an interview Sunday with Lewinsky — the former White House intern's first appearance in the Clinton impeachment spectacle — characterized the effort as basic preparation that is a part of every trial. "This is Lawyering 101," said Paul McNulty, a spokesman for the prosecutors.

But as the question-and-answer phase wound up and the Senate appeared headed for bitter partisan clashes Monday on how to proceed with the trial, Democrats repeatedly grilled the prosecutors about the propriety of their back-channel contact with independent counsel Kenneth W. Starr, who filed a court motion to compel Lewinsky to talk.

"Don't politicize the process in the Senate as you've politicized it in the House," Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., scolded the managers at a news briefing.

If Lewinsky declined, the judge ruled, what she called the legal protection she received under an immunity agreement with Starr will be nullified. Within hours of the judge's order, Lewinsky arrived in Washington from Los Angeles. Sunday, she will have an informal session with prosecutors that will last a couple of hours, said David Chipper, the chief investigative counsel to the House Judiciary Committee. He said Lewinsky would not be under oath. Her attorneys also will be present.

Senator Byrd's long-shot motion for dismissal.

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"We'll just be sitting around, talking to her, very informally," he said. "We're just interested in what she's going to say, that she said, and what new areas there might be out there."

The questions will be presented by Starr's office, Chipper said, adding that the managers want more information, "then we will just give them the areas we want covered."

Chipper said he expected no resistance from Lewinsky or her lawyers, who earlier had rebuffed an invitation from the managers.

"She'll cooperate," said Chipper. "Nobody wants to put this young woman in jail."

First, however, senators will consider Byrd's short-shot motion for dismissal.

But even that process became controversial Saturday. Lott angered many Democrats by floating a proposal to dispense with any debate on the crucial motions to dismiss the case and call witnesses. Under his plan, the House managers and the White House team would argue their positions — with the president's lawyers supporting dismissal and the Republicans wanting to extend their case — and then the senators would vote on the proposals.

Ultimately, Republicans have the votes to adopt whichever rules they want. But the 55 GOP senators need significant Democratic support to reach the two-thirds margin required for conviction.

**Lewinsky ordered to cooperate**

**Alcohol affects women differently**

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Other factors contributing to alcoholism include a history of sexual abuse, growing up in an alcoholic home, and manic depression.

The life expectancy of a woman who drinks heavily is 15 years shorter than average, Reichman reported.

Alcohol is the third leading cause of death in women behind accidents and cancer, NBC reported.

In addition, 30 percent of alcohol-related accidents are caused by social drinkers, not alcoholics.

In addition to the Framingham Study, the Federal Drug Administration released a new warning that says taking Tylenol or aspirin while drinking more than three drinks a day can increase the risk of liver disease.

With the use of aspirin, there is the risk of ulcers and bleeding, Reichman reported.

The study was coupled with previous negative experiences with alcohol may decrease alcohol use in students.

"Research is indicating that ongoing education is required regarding the effects of students who have had a negative experience with alcohol such as growing up in an alcoholic home, drunk driving accidents, and so on appears to leave valuable learning with some students," said Hillary Wing, assistant director at the office of Sexual Assault and Substance Abuse Prevention.

People who are aware of the effect of alcohol on women advocated moderate drinking to help avoid the health risks involved with heavy drinking.

Jennifer King, said, "If women knew about the things alcohol will do to their bodies they would wake up and smell the cirrhosis."

Junior Matt Jewett said, "For women, two or three drinks is probably safe. Women are just smaller in general and have less tolerance than guys."

Junior Alyson Smith said, "People just need to be responsible. Getting a buzz is one thing, but it's another story to drink yourself into oblivion and vomit incessantly."

King said, "I think having a few drinks on the weekends is okay, but as a campus I think we drink too much."

The new legislation passed requiring parental notification of alcohol violations and the NBC news report have increased people's awareness of the serious health complications associated with excessive, even moderate alcohol use.

"I'm not saying don't drink, but if you are of legal age drink responsibly and don't drink to relax, be more for a party, or to avoid facing problems," Wing said.

**UVa pays balcony victims**

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — The state of Virginia has decided to pay $271,500 to seven people who were injured when a balcony collapsed shortly before a 1997 graduation ceremony at the University of Virginia.

An engineering report later revealed that an iron support was corroded, causing the balcony to come crashing down. One person was killed, and 18 were injured.

Four lawsuits against the university are still pending.

Under the terms of the settlement, two of the victims received $100,000 each; it is the maximum award granted to any person who sues the state. The remaining money was split among five other people.

University officials say the school has spent more than $500,000 to reconstruct the balconies and another $286,000 for medical care given to the victims.

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**NEWS**

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http://www.jmu.edu/orgs/upb/
Emry alleges HPD officer used ‘abusive’ behavior

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Keller of verbally harassing students at a party he attended Friday night. The officer had been called to the party for a noise complaint at about 11:30 p.m., Emry said. “I would characterize the party as pretty tame,” Emry said. “It wasn’t out of control. It wasn’t excessive.” There were about 50 to 70 people at the party when police arrived, he said.

“Keller used profanity and said to one of the hosts, ‘somebody’s going to FSUing go to jail tonight,’” Emry said. “It was an unsavory situation. We were trying to calm the police down, which is not typical.”

The officer also “had no probable cause to enter” the apartment, Emry alleged. Lanoue said that if there is criminal activity in the officer’s presence, that is enough probable cause. “Contrary to popular belief, we don’t have noise violations,” Lanoue said.

After entering the apartment, the officer threatened violence on one of Emry’s friends “if he did not get the hell out of his way,” Emry alleged in the complaint. “It disgusts me that one officer could have such blatant disregard for the laws of which he is entrusted to uphold,” Emry wrote in the complaint.

The complaint contained two pages — a faxed letter explaining the concerns and the official complaint. Emry signed the fax cover letter, which was on SGA letterhead, as SGA president, a move he said was necessary to get the proper response. “I’m just hoping by my position that I can have some influence,” Emry said yesterday. “Using my title as student leader, sometimes people take me more seriously.”

Although the complaint wasn’t printed on SGA letterhead, it was signed by “Timothy Scott Emry, Student Government Association President.”

But Emry emphasized his complaint shouldn’t be taken as a declaration of the entire student body’s opinion. “I’m not saying all students have this problem,” he said. “I hope it’s not a widespread problem. I don’t want to inculcate that.”

Reaction from senators contacted yesterday was generally positive about Emry’s actions. “I think Tim’s in a position where he has a responsibility to help all the JMU community,” Sen. Chris Neff said. “He has a responsibility to report anything he sees and to get it discussed. I think Tim’s always been a person to use his personal experiences to help others.”

Apartment unit increase could create housing surplus in town

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on- and off-campus housing. “There are definitely way more bed spaces in Harrisonburg than students,” said Jim McConnell, director of campus life.

According to a Breeze report last semester, there were 5,390 students living on campus, but there was space for 5,600. Residence life officials blamed the excess space on fewer students living on Greek Row and a smaller freshman class than expected.

Sterling Shorb, property manager for Funkhouser and Associates, said new student housing will be a problem. “It will be more difficult to rent [properties],” he said. “Enrollment at JMU is not increasing as fast as housing.”

Funkhouser and Associates leases Hunter’s Ridge Apartments.

Colleen Pendry, of Pendry and Constable Property Management, said, “It’s going to be more difficult for everyone to lease to college students,” in my opinion.”

Pendry and Constable leases Olde Mill Village, Madison Manor, Madison Square, and College Station.

Pendry said she’s hopeful the impact won’t be much of a problem. “Retention of students has been good. People are still going to shop around. They’re just looking more places.” She said she’s seen as many students this year looking for a place to live as in previous years.

Although McConnell said he
doesn’t foresee the construction of new apartments affecting on-campus housing for next year, he said there may be an impact in the long run.

About 40-45 percent of undergraduate students at JMU live on campus, McConnell said. Freshmen and sophomores make up 85 percent of students living on campus, he said.

“Most first and second year students want to be on campus,” McConnell said.

McConnell said he thinks the abundance of off-campus housing will affect the number of students living on-campus if off-campus housing prices decline. McConnell said if new student housing continues to open, students may begin to move out of older complexes. He said apartments having trouble renting to students may then begin to slash prices.

“[Low rent] may have an impact on [JMU],” McConnell said. “On-campus housing will be competing with bargain basement apartment complexes, especially if the chance to live off-campus is for 1/3 the price as on-campus.”

But Shorb said he doesn’t think prices will go down from where they are now. “I don’t foresee a price war. Rent is decided on sales value [of the property]. That’s not going to change.”

But the apparent abundance of student housing, many students are being put on waiting lists when looking for a place to live.

At Ashby Crossing, rent is being increased next year: $15 as a general housing increase, and another $30 for new services that will be included in next year’s rent, said Lisa Holtzworth, Ashby Crossing Property Manager.

Leslie Thompson, real-estate agent for Ashby Crossing, said next year each bedroom in Ashby will automatically have an ethernet connection and its own phone line.

Even with the rent increase, students at Ashby will pay the equivalent of what students at another complex are paying, Thompson said.

Rent at Ashby will include local phone services, cable, and ethernet access, according to a pricing guide provided by Ashby Crossing.

Thompson said Ashby has not been negatively impacted by the rent increase or by the development of new student housing.

“We’ve had no problems. We had a substantial waiting list [year],” she said. In the future, Thompson foresees rent prices at Ashby Crossing remaining stable as a result of the increase in student housing.

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• Unidentified individuals allegedly stole a Dell laptop computer from an office in Zane Showker Hall on Jan. 21 at 3:47 p.m.

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Charles Pringle, associate dean for academic programs for the COB, coordinates all business courses and schedules the rooms for the classes. “There just aren’t enough rooms to keep adding more sections,” Pringle said.

He added that the budget only allows the COB to hire so many part-time instructors.

Juniors and seniors who need to take a lower-level course won’t be able to register for it without an override, Pringle said.

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EDITORIAL

President Clinton made reforming Social Security — an extremely unifying theme in the spectrum of American politics — the centerpiece of his State of the Union address on Jan. 19 in the midst of his impeachment trial. Reforming Social Security is a necessary and noble endeavor that was most definitely a wise course of action for the president to take.

However, investing a portion of the $2.7 trillion portion of the budget surplus set aside for bolstering social security cash reserves in the stock market, one of the methods in which Mr. Clinton wants to go about reforming the deteriorating program, is shaky upon further review.

Federal Reserve Chair Alan Greenspan spoke out against this aspect of Mr. Clinton's plan the day after the speech. In his criticism, Mr. Greenspan questioned the prudence of the federal government mingling in private enterprise, according to the Jan. 21 issue of The Washington Post.

Mr. Greenspan contended that by pouring billions of dollars into the stock market, the government wouldn’t be able to avoid mingling politics into its investment decisions. He also expressed concern that the government could end up dictating which American companies are worth investing in, according to the Jan. 21 Post.

Mr. Clinton's financial advisers countered with the fact that only 4 percent of the overall funds allocated in this plan will actually be invested. However, this still represents nearly $30 billion per year — a sizable chunk of change. This plan would ostensibly extend Social Security's solvency from 2032 to 2055. But Mr. Greenspan, whom we tend to trust more on money matters than Mr. Clinton's advisers, is right: There are too many problems that could occur with a move like this.

Something is not right about the government investing in activities that they regulate. Do you seriously think the government would want to go after a company like Microsoft for alleged anti-trust violations if it was a shareholder? Breaking up a company in the event of a guilty anti-trust verdict could have an adverse effect on one's investment.

In addition, how would the government determine who its brokers would be or what stocks it would invest in? The government should not favor any company over another. Perhaps Mr. Clinton should take a second look at a plan filled with potential pitfalls and conflicts of interest, think about its long-term ramifications, and talk to people like Mr. Greenspan before trying to fix a substantial problem with a plan of such unprecedented and questionable merit.

Clinton Social Security plan suspect

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Topic: Do you think the cigarette price increase will discourage smoking?

CAMPUS SPOTLIGHT

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“It may keep people from starting to smoke, but it won't stop those who are already addicted.”

“No, if lung cancer doesn’t stop people from smoking, then raising the price won’t either.”

“It may stop people who smoke once in a while, but not those who smoke all the time.”

“It really depends on how important smoking is to you — if it’s really important, then money won’t stop you.”
Not at peace with the State of the Union

When I first signed on to write this column, I made a promise to myself to stick to the more whimsical side of life. But I'm breaking my promise. I was going to waste this space today talking about the insanity of my winter break, but something happened in this country on Tuesday night that I think might be a little more important than going on about something that happened three weeks ago. Ladies and gentlemen (of the jury), the greatest actor of our time, the master showman, the slickest of the slick, the man who Don King should get into a ring because he is the most promotable fighter I've ever seen, has gone out and completely used his bully pulpit to denigrate anything of meaning in the office of the presidency of the United States of America. If I wasn't ill before, I am now. Clinton affects me like E-coli, and it ain't pretty.

He's used his bully pulpit to completely stare it in the face, mowed it down and lose. Two talking heads on ABC said it well last night. "He is the consummate State of the Union speaker," former Chief of Staff Leon Panetta said. "He touched every button, and helped himself in terms of preserving his presidency." Another said, "Clinton uses these (State of the Union speeches) to unite himself from the railroad tracks."

The state of the Union is (surprise)! . . . strong, he says. What else is he going to say? Of course it is. However, this has nothing to do with his leadership. Washington has been paralyzed since the Lewinsky scandal broke around this time last year, and it's his fault. But he comes out smelling like a rose anyway.

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And Parks? How can he pull a national icon, a woman that so many respect and admire into his spider web? The man, we all know, has no shame. Ms. Parks will mean more to this country than Clinton ever will. She should not have been called on as a pawn to save this man's presidency.

And what about Sosa. What the heck was he doing there? He's not an American citizen, and proud of that fact. What, was Mark McGwire not available? The thing that really makes me mad, though, is the fact he was carrying bags under his eyes larger than the Grand Canyon.

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endless and it's all a bunch of crap.

That was not a man up there who had been impeached. That was the greatest politician in the history of the world, and it makes me sick. I had always heard that he was the finest politician of his generation, but he eclipsed anything he's ever previously done in this speech. Amazing. Masterful even. He made himself look so good last night, it's like the man had not a care in the world, despite the fact he was carrying bags under his eyes larger than the Grand Canyon.

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Excessive waste is problem for everyone

All students should make an effort to conserve water, energy, recycle

"It's not my problem," my former roommate proudly stated after I informed her of the benefits of recycling her beverage bottles. I seriously think that steam came out of my ears and my face went beet red, as in child-hood cartoons. How dare she think that not recycling has little-to-no impact on the environment? What about the exorbitant amount of water she wasted (we're talking 30 minute or longer showers and leaving the tap on high while brushing her teeth)? Her energy conservation also left much to be desired. As you may safely assume, we weren't the best of friends.

My point here is to show my ex-roomie performed habitual practices without thinking "where does it all go?" "Where did it come from?" Most likely, many of you are much like her — and I don't blame you. America is a throw-away society; the easier it is for us to discard (i.e. cans, bottles, instant meals), the more likely we are to buy it. Not bothering to reuse or recycle items gives us more time, something we all need more of, especially in college. Unfortunately for all involved, this cultural mentality has devastatingly destructive consequences for the environment.

Before you write me off as some tree-hugging lunatic who is about to tie herself to a tree rather than allow one to be destroyed in the name of "progress," let me assure you that I'm trying to fight for the environment legally. That is, environmental law is calling my name and I'm enthusiastically responding. I do, however, attempt to enlighten and conserve from a more local standpoint.

The thing that really irritates this nutty nature-loving liberal is when people are too apathetic and lazy (yes, lazy) to recycle a can, bottle or newspaper when they are finished with it. For crying out loud, there is almost always a recycling bin somewhere nearby, can’t you hold onto the item for a minute or two?

Before you even consider throwing that next can or box away, take a trip to a landfill, as I did my senior year in high school for my A.P. Environmental Sciences class. To see, for miles, nothing but mounds of trash (i.e. anything and everything from food waste to recyclables to old car parts to furniture) covered with a thin layer of barren dirt will make you think twice about what you toss in your garbage can. Not only do landfills have a high potential to leak (depending on the technology) into the soil and therefore the water supply, they also consume a tremendous amount of land which is fairly unusable after the land is filled to the brim. The "trash" is prone to move beneath the ground and laws prevent anything from being built upon the sites. Parks and golf courses are currently the majority of uses for former landfills.

Of course, the "garbage" can also be burnt, thereby increasing the pollutants in the air and contributing to the greenhouse effect. Or, the "trash" can be shipped into the middle of the ocean and pollute yet another being's habitat. But don't worry, we'll see it again when the currents eventually bring it around.

A few things that you could do to help conserve is reuse those water bottles by simply refilling them — it's quick, it's easy and it's free!

In case you were wondering, yes I am the "freak" giving you dirty looks as I fish out that Coke can you just threw in the trash can. And yes, I am also the one who turns out the lights in the hallways — they're not needed — as well as various bathroom lights around campus (do they really need to be on when no one is there?)

As for water conservation, try to limit your showers. How long can it take to wash your body and hair? For women who shave, turn off the water while you do it (it works, I promise!). For the guys, I have two words: electric razors. Brushing your teeth also involves very little water usage, just turn off the tap while you are actually brushing. All of these suggestions are so simple and yet do so much.

The smallest things, such as taking only what you can eat and using reusable containers, adds up to a lot, especially if we all participate. Even if you're one of those people who doesn't think that the degradation of the environment will affect them (by the way, I have a word for that mentality: selfish), think of the future generations. Your children, if you choose to have them, nieces, nephews and the people of the future, where will they live if everything is contaminated? It's up to us to maintain the inhabitability of our planet.

Just remember one thing: the earth will continue on with or without the human species. It's up to us to practice and teach conservation methods in order to maintain the ability for human life on our Mother Earth.

Harris Parnell is a sophomore English major who wants everyone to look around at the good Earth and not take it for granted for a change.

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Theatre II production captures essence of American dream

LAURE GABRIEL, contributing writer

“True West,” a play by Oscar-nominated actor and respected playwright Sam Shepard, is the captivating and brutally honest story about the glamorous success of one man and the dismal failure of another. This age-old motif is reinforced by the fact that the men are brothers—and because each comes to discover the power of his own influence in the other’s life—in ways surpassing one man’s wildest fantasy...and the other’s most horrific nightmare.

The opening scene introduces Austin, played by senior Al Domeyko, and his older brother Lee, played by junior Vince Terlep. Austin is a successful, ivy-league-educated writer who has found his career in screen plays. While Austin has received significant attention and respect for his work, he has yet to get his “big break” in order to catapult himself into Hollywood fame and fortune. Lee, on the other hand, is a wretched wanderer whose ambition has not propelled him beyond a career of burglary and beer.

The set is a fully-equipped, operational kitchen and dining room which doesn’t vary throughout the play. The kitchen belongs to the men’s mother, played by senior Alison Coleman. Their mother is away and the other’s most horrific nightmare.

As the plot unfolds, Lee seeks to make his own connections with a Hollywood producer named Saul, played by Austin Bragg, who had already decided to sign his brother’s latest script on for a movie.

The story heightens when Lee attempts to try his own hand at scriptwriting, and in doing so, challenges Austin’s confidence and skill. In a violent whirl of emotion and force, both men are compelled to reconsider their personal motivations and desire to succeed. Together, they find themselves totering on the edge of insanity—choosing between family ties and lust for money.

The character of Lee is humorous as he stumbles in a bitter drunkenness about the stage. Unkempt and homeless, Lee’s resentment for his secure and prosperous younger brother is delivered with a consistent and entertaining sneer.

Domeyko portrays Austin as a hard-working and self-righteous writer whose attention to his brother stems from both fear and a reluctant sense of duty. In the beginning scenes, Austin serenely endures the insults and distractions of his brother—only to further incite his brother’s jealousy and frustration. Austin’s patience seems unrealistic and almost monotonous at first, and as the play progresses, the character eventually loses its one-dimensional front.

One particularly notable aspect of the production were the sound effects. When appropriate during the play, there is the nighttime humming of crickets, which reminds the audience of the time and atmosphere of the story: scorching evenings in Southern California. In addition, there is an ominous coyote howl which becomes louder and more intense at climactic points in the plot.

Director Mike Sag guides the characters in “True West” through a story teeming with startling effects and convincing emotions. Sag uses dramatic silence between the brothers at pivotal moments in their relationship which accentuates the transition each character is about to manifest.

Of the play’s four actors, the only one whose character seems slightly undefined is that of the brothers’ mother— who is away in Alaska until the last scene. If it is a confused shock Coleman is trying to portray, then it is not convincingly relayed. However, if her character is intended to parallel the odd and somewhat manic personalities of her sons, then her portrayal is indeed appropriate.

Overall, “True West” is an entertaining tale about the precariousness of good fortune and the maniacal effect it has on those who make its procurement the center of their existence.

TRUE WEST
WHEN: Jan. 26-30, 8 p.m., Jan. 29, midnight.
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Database puts art at your fingertips

Students and faculty may take advantage of 1,700 images on-line

KATIE PLEMMONS contributing writer

A recent innovative database of images made possible by the JMU Center for Instructional Technology remains popular among professors and students within the School of Art and Art History. Students no longer have to view works of art from postcards or old textbooks.

The database, which features a library containing about 1,700 images, is on-line for faculty and student use. The virtual library currently displays a variety of images from the Paleolithic period to the 18th Century, including non-Western art. As the Center describes, the database is a "virtual gallery," enabling websurfers to view not only the image, but also particular sections of the image for closer study.

The database is also similar to an on-line textbook, as it incorporates maps and diagrams, as well as biographical information that appear in text boxes for student study. Such study information is especially helpful because it eliminates confusion when trying to identify images.

"This is a wonderful resource. It's so much easier to use [than textbooks]," said Kay Arthur, a professor in the School of Art and Art History. Educators that use works of art to aid in teaching their classes can easily create a presentation by selecting the images they want to use, put them in the order of their lectures, and, if need be, ask students to access the database for review. Students are given a log-in name and a password that enables them to access the database. "It has opened up the usage of images to the students in a way that we've never been able to do before," Arthur said. "It's really quite extraordinary.

Sharon Pitt, director of the university's Center for Instructional Technology, is particularly pleased about how well the database is working out. "The database is being used by the faculty for many of their courses," Pitt said. "About 1,900 students per year will use the database."

Pitt also expressed her delight in the fact that the database will probably experience further, significant growth in the future. "We hope to continue to expand the images on the database [in the future]."

"We certainly appear the Center is upholding their commitment to "promote and support informational technologies for the faculty," she said.

Christina Updike, the visual resources curator in the School of Art and Art History, said that the help offered by the Center for Instructional Technology was "invaluable." Updike is also pleased with the assistance the database can offer to students.

"Before the database, there was no mechanism that enabled students to study the lectures outside of class," Updike said. "Now they can study on-line."

Updike said she primarily wants to see growth of the database in the future. "We need to add more images to the database to be able to teach upper-level courses and support the entire curriculum," Updike said. She also would like to incorporate images from the World Wide Web in the future, further expanding the usage of the database.

Bob Kolvoord, associate dean of Educational Technologies, is also pleased with the availability of the database and its continuing popularity. "It seems like a neat tool to meet a well-identified need," Kolvoord stated. For the future? "It's hard to say what the future may hold... we certainly hope to find more projects like this," Kolvoord said.

"Hopefully, similar tools will continue to be made available to students, and there's really no predicting what could be developed next," Kolvoord said.

According to Kolvoord: "We're just scratching the surface."

Lyrics earth-halting on latest Chesnutt album

BRIAN SHOWALTER contributing writer

Vic Chesnutt is a singer/songwriter from Athens, Ga., the hometown of a little band most of you may have heard of: R.E.M. Chesnutt has completed four albums for Texas Hotel Records and a side project with Widespread Panic. The Salesman and Bernadette marks Chesnutt's second album for a major record label.

Chesnutt is a musician who has his own unique brand of music through his songwriting ability, guitar playing and raw, warm voice. The Salesman and Bernadette is another example of this, as well as the album that makes the sales at nearly top form. He uses elements of juxtaposition: "Stone Age fax machine." His sense of humor is displayed in the line, "Sitting in the breakfast nook, flipping through a saucy book, browsing for a bit of titillation." The lyrics imply that Chesnutt plays the part of a man looking back on things with humor and "Maybe I'm dull, but you're pathological."

"Mysterious Tunnel" is like a delicate cry amplified and simplified for all of its beauty. The slower pace of the album makes it a bit of an underdog because it isn't as listener friendly.

The two faster-paced songs are "Replenished" and "Until the Led." These tracks provide the listener with a little variety and a sense of playfulness. The brass section in "Until the Led" could use more variety, but it probably makes it less interesting to the listener at first. It could use more variety throughout the record to make it less repetitive and more interesting to the ears.

"Replenished" and "Until the Led," along with the supporting cast of musicians, including Lambchop, his backing band. This CD is different from previous Chesnutt albums because 15 artists appear on the record.

One could think that a large number of musicians would make the album less intimate than an album containing simply vocals, acoustic guitar, bass and drumming. Well, it doesn't.

This album has Chesnutt and his songwriting at nearly top form. He uses elements of juxtaposition: "Stone Age fax machine." His sense of humor is displayed in the line, "Sitting in the breakfast nook, flipping through a saucy book, browsing for a bit of titillation." The lyrics imply that Chesnutt plays the part of a man looking back on things with humor and "Maybe I'm dull, but you're pathological."

The majority of the songs on the album are slow-paced. This creates an overall feel of intimacy and deliberation. Some of the songs are perfect; it seems they could halter the rotation of the planet. "Parade" and "Mysterious Tunnel" are two examples of such songs. The guitar solo in "Neighbor, I'm famously late."
Exhibits of nature, nurture

JMU seniors George Allen, Adrianne Taylor make 1999 debut at Zirkle

SHANA ALTSTAETTER

contributing writer

Currently on display in Zirkle House Gallery are the works of seniors George Allen and Adrianne Taylor. The show will be on display through Jan. 29.

Allen's work is displayed in the Artworks Gallery of Zirkle House. Allen's color photography and cibachrome prints are close ups of foliage. The photographs are framed in wood, providing a nice companion to the natural subject matter. The color and lighting in the photographs is altered giving them a neon hue. The color and lighting are so intense that it is questionable whether the scene in some images is real. Allen gives nature a futuristic tinge making it appear computerized. This becomes an interesting contradiction that glamorizes natural objects. The natural objects in his images become strange and extraordinary, giving an everyday leaf a magical aura.

Adrianne Taylor's work is displayed in The Other Gallery of Zirkle. Taylor exhibits several collages. She uses photographs, kodoliths, felt, fabric and other objects stitched together. The pieces are displayed on the walls and then in rows on dividing planks in the middle of the room viewers walk through. The objects are mounted on fabric covered wood. These pieces are small and postcard-like, forcing examination. The bright colors and the busy nature of the pieces are loud in comparison to the size.

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According to the book, The Rules, by Ellen Fein and Sherrie Schneider, this scenario is exactly what old-fashioned dating is about. "If you're in a relationship and not seeing anyone else," Albanese explained. "For most students, dating means you're in a relationship and not seeing anyone else." "You're in a relationship and not anybody else," she said.

Senior Dannie Diego also said "old-fashioned" dating is somewhat atypical now. "There's not a set of rules for how you should go about it," she said. "It's not a kiss on the cheek, but everybody has a different idea." Senior Patrick Richardson said he thinks typical dating can exist at college, but it's not common enough to warrant a standard definition. "I remember growing up and being able to go out with someone and not be afraid of what people would think," he said. "It's very rare that a guy pays for everything fully. Either you're going to split the check or you're paying the whole bill." Sophomore Kevin Tougher agrees the type of dating done by college students today is different. "On a college campus, it's just a lot easier to find someone you like," he said. "You don't have to worry about what people would think as much." According to Diego, busy schedules and last-minute plans play a large role in making typical dating harder to come by. "I feel like it's a whole range of things depending on different people," she said. "It's messing around, but not actually following through," senior Dave Carroll said. "For Freas, like many students, the term is hard to define. "It's basically 'hanging out' because you don't want people to gossip," said senior Patrick Campbell. "I'm thinking it means french kissing."

"HANGING OUT"

"Hanging out means you might be attracted to each other, but have no interest in pursuing anything," Diego said. Sophomore Stephanie Nelson similarly categorized "hanging out." It's an attraction between two people, but not a relationship that means making plans for nights out together, she said. "You just chill and talk or get lunch together." Senior Patrick Campbell said it's a vague term used when two people don't really want to define their relationship. "You're not officially dating. You just say 'hanging out' because you don't want people to gossip," Campbell said. "It's understating the fact that you're more than just friends." Senior Heather Freas agreed it involves spending quality time together, but added it doesn't necessarily involve anything physical. "It implies more 'hominess' like sitting around in front of the TV," she said. Dempsey added it can mean different things under different circumstances. "Given a certain context, I would take it as seeing each other as friends, possibly dating," he said.

"HOOKING UP"

Most students asked agreed that "hooking up" involves physical contact, but can include a wide range of specifics. Anything from kissing to sex can fall under the term, but it's usually meant for casual encounters with no romantic significance. "It's messing around, but not actually following through," senior Dave Carroll said. For Freas, like many students, the term is hard to define. "I feel like it's a whole range of things depending on different people." Most students agree hooking up can include a variety of activities. Read said the term included, "probably kissing, but it can be something beyond that." Burres said, "I'm thinking it means french kissing. It's not a kiss on the cheek, but everybody has a different idea." Sophomore Jen Zorn said, "It can mean basically any type of sexual engagement." Niehenke included the idea of hooking up being a term most often applied to one-night encounters. "It can mean anything from kissing to sex," Niehenke said. "It's more like a one-night kind of thing." Tougher said, "I see it as someone getting drunk and making out with someone." For Sophomore Amanda Hinckley, there are two meanings of "hooking up," depending on the context in which the term is used. "The first meaning is kissing and the second is sex. But if you say it 'twice' it means sex," Hinckley said. "It's not a kiss on the cheek, but it's like, 'I'm still going out with you, but it's like, I'm still going out with you, but it's not a relationship,'" she said. Many students find seeing the term applied to more than one meaning of "hooking up" confusing. "It's not a kiss on the cheek, but it's usually meant for casual encounters with no romantic significance," said senior Ryan Bonistalli. Sophomore Pam Sharprr defined the term as, "A moment of personal things with someone you care about again sometime."
Kissing on the First Date?

The nature and labeling of dating relationships may have changed over time, but students still hold good old-fashioned values about issues such as kissing on the first date. In The Rules, women are told rule number 14 is "No more than casual kissing on the first date." Most students asked still agreed with this statement.

"Kissing on the first date is okay, as long as it's consensual and not really awkward," Zorn said. "It has to be sincere." For Campbell, whether to kiss or not depended on how the date had gone. "A peck on the cheek, or a hug if you're interested. I tend not to do heavy kissing on the first date," Campbell said.

Albanese believed that she could tell how a guy feels, whether or not he kissed her on the first date. "If a guy doesn't kiss you on the first date, it's not that he doesn't want to," Albanese said. "It shows that he's interested in more than just a physical relationship." "I don't rule it out," Dempsey said, "but it depends on the two individuals. It really depends on the context."

The Role of Alcohol

But no matter how good students' intentions might be, the underlying factor in college relationships is that alcohol seems to be a crucial part of the dating process.

"A lot more hooking up occurs because of alcohol," Campbell said.

Situations that are conducive to meeting new people have usually involved alcohol in Albanese's college experience. "It's a weekend, generally people have been drinking or have been at a party," she said. "Those are generally the scenarios when someone's going to be like, Hey, can I get your number?"

As students have defined, "hooking up" can mean anything physical between two people, including casual sex. A survey of 252,082 college freshmen conducted by researchers at the University of California, Los Angeles, found that "hook-ups" that lead to casual sex were OK with 55 percent of college males and 31 percent of college females.

"If you sleep with someone, it's a one-night stand," Burres said. "If it happens twice, you've got a relationship. It might not be a dating relationship, but it's a relationship."

So, while "old-fashioned dating" seems to be an option students are shying away from, casual physical relationships and "hook-ups" seem to be becoming more common.

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The men’s team proceeded to beat GW 120-77, a decidedly different outcome after last season’s 149-88 defeat. The Dukes (9-1), have now won nine meets for the first time in six years.

“The whole team came out with a lot of intensity today,” Teal said. “They beat us bad last year, and this was just an awesome performance by our team.”

Senior Adam Prem won the 100- and 50-meter freestyle events, his fifth victory of the season in both races. Senior Paul Ohling won the 100-meter freestyle and the 200-meter freestyle. He also won the 500-meter freestyle race.

Senior Cliff Parker set the pool record in the 400-meter individual medley with 4:04.80, beating the old record by seven one hundredths of a second. Parker also holds the school record in this event with 3:59.19.

“[Parker] beat a good swimmer in that race,” Teal said. “Our whole team was swimming out of their minds. This was one of the best dual meets we’ve had since I’ve been here.”

Last year, GW beat the women’s team 150-91, when JMU failed to win a single event. The Dukes turned that around on Sunday, coming from behind to win the last race for a 121-121 tie.

“I’m very happy with the meet today,” women’s head coach Gwynn Evans said. “It was a team effort today, with some real good events and no individual carried us today. We’re getting better and gearing up for conference.”

Both the men and women’s teams are building confidence as they head towards the conference meet, and with GWU out of the way, the rest of their seasons are looking good.

JMU basketball coach Sherman Dillard used “getting to 500” in the CAA conference as a rallying cry when he led his team into Bender Arena Saturday to battle American University. Following the Dukes’ 82-66 thumping of the cellardwelling Eagles, what will he use to get the troops fired up when conference-leading Old Dominion visits the Convocation Center this Wednesday?

“ODU is playing really well right now,” Dillard said on Saturday. “We played solid the last time we faced them (a 60-58 loss on Jan. 6). We had every opportunity to win that game. It’s gonna be a great atmosphere in the Convocation Center Wednesday. It’s gonna be a great game.”

The game is easily the Dukes’ biggest of the season, and it should answer one question: do the Dukes belong in the upper echelon of the CAA?

Following back-to-back blowout wins over CAA bottom feeders William & Mary and AU, a win Wednesday could vault the Dukes into position to make a run at the top seed for the CAA championship at the end of February. Currently, JMU (11-7, 4-4 in the CAA) sits one game behind Richmond and UNC-Wilmington, and two games behind George Mason. ODU is sitting pretty at 18-3 overall, and 7-1 in the conference.

“We dug ourselves a hole with a couple losses early in the season that we let get away,” point guard Jabari Outtiz said. “We didn’t play well early. We just have to get some wins.”

In early season losses to ODU and W&M, the Dukes lost by a combined four points, a possible sign that there isn’t much separation between the top teams in the conference. Then you look at the home loss to VCU (8-12, 2-5) on Jan. 16, a game in which the Dukes trailed by 21 points, and you think again.

As the Dukes get set for their biggest two game stretch of the season, one thing is for sure: center Rob Strickland is back.

Just two games removed from arguably his worst performance of the year — two points in 21 minutes in a 82-78 loss to VCU on Jan. 16 — the 6’10”, 285 lb. junior came up huge in the win over AU.

“I’m just trying to give my all out there because I haven’t been playing well lately,” Strickland said. In 16 minutes of foul-plagued action, Strickland had 11 points, four rebounds, a block and a steal, and was a factor on both ends of the floor. At one point, he dove for a loose ball near midcourt to save the ball for JMU.

“I’m ready to do anything so we can win,” Strickland said. Strickland, who was replaced in the starting lineup against W&M by forward Eugene Atkinson, was given high praise by Dillard.

“Rob is a little more aggressive now, a little more assertive, a little more aware,” Dillard said. He went on to say Strickland has developed into a “threat on the offensive end, and a factor on the defensive boards.”

In JMU’s loss to ODU Jan. 6, the Dukes shot only 34 percent from the field, their second worst shooting performance of the season and attempted only eight foul shots.

In addition, the JMU bench was held scoreless. With back-up point guard Ned Felton still recovering from knee surgery (he likely will be lost until the second week in February), forward Kevan Johnson and Strickland will have to play big on the interior, and backup guard Dwayne Braxton likely will see more action.

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ODU is next test

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Strickland played possibly his best game of the season in his last go round with the Monarchs, tallying 14 points and 10 rebounds.

However, the Monarchs will invade the Convos riding a seven-game winning streak, including 10 of their last 11, with the only CAA loss being a 30-point blowout at the hands of GMU Jan. 4. The Monarchs lead the conference in field goal percentage defense, allowing opponents just 36 percent from the floor, as well as blocks per game (seven) and rebounds.

ODU, which uses an eight man rotation, features a player of the year candidate in the CAA, power forward Cal Bowdler. A three-time CAA player of the week this season, he is shooting 52 percent from the field, in addition to scoring 15 points and grabbing 10 rebounds a game. In the win over JMU, he was somewhat contained, shooting 3-12 from the floor, but finished with 13 points, 12 rebounds and four blocks.

Also in that win, three-point gunner Mark Poag was held in check, finishing with 10 points in 23 minutes, and only making 2-5 three-pointers. For the season, he is hitting 40 percent of his shots from behind the arc and averaging 11 points, four rebounds and three assists.

Strickland said of Wednesday's game, "Me and Bowdler and (center Reggie) Bassette (10 points, seven rebounds per game) go way back. We've never always been doing that."

"That zone works well for us," said Dillard. "We need to have the ability to play zone. We went to it and we had some success in it, so we decided to play our game," Howard said. "We gave on the glass," Dillard said. There was a stretch there where I was very disappointed, in the fact that we did not do a good job controlling the boards."

"I was displeased with the effort we put in and we didn't fall. Now we can go to Rob and have some kind of presence inside, and it takes some of the pressure off our perimeter guys."

Strickland was pleased with his performance, although it was somewhat limited due to foul trouble.

"I just wanted to play harder," Strickland said. "I wanted to do anything, all out there."

With key games against ODU and GMU, the Dukes feel they are ready to climb back into the upper echelon of the CAA.

"We just need to play harder," Dillard said. "Those were two key games that we lost but, if we can just go back and clean up one or two mistakes, we win those games."

If that happens, then Strickland and the rest of the Dukes can keep smiling.

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UVa. edges JMU for state crown
Rickman leads Dukes to second place at championship meet

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The JMU wrestling team made an incredible turnaround from last weekend's 0-2 performance and came within eight points of winning the Virginia State Championship Saturday at the Virginia Military Institute. JMU placed second at the meet with a school-record 129 points, while the University of Virginia took home the crown with 137 points.

"I thought our kids wrestled real hard," JMU head coach Jeff "Peanut" Bowyer said. "That was the first time we wrestled with emotion in a long time."

Sophomore Nate Rickman (17-7) turned in JMU's best performance, winning the individual title in the 174-pound weight class. Rickman is the first Duke to win a state title since 1994.

"I had two coaches come up to me and say what a tremendous improvement he [Rickman] has made this year," Bowyer said. "He's a hard worker and you can see that in the way he wrestles.

JMU received solid performances from nearly everyone of its wrestlers. Junior Mike Coyle earned second place in the 141-pound class, losing only to P.J. Bory of UVa. in the finals. The Dukes' other standout, junior Elliot Williams (who missed both of the Dukes matches last weekend after not making weight) rebounded nicely and finished third at 197 pounds. His lone loss was to UVa. 's Craig Fenstermaker, who was named the tournament's most outstanding wrestler.

But, it was the younger Dukes that made the difference in the tournament. Several of JMU's freshmen wound up placing in the top five of their weight classes despite early losses.

"It was a whole team effort," JMU assistant coach Doug Detrick said. "We had 12 guys that ended up placing. Plus we were the only team to place in each weight class. That's incredible."

Freshmen Jim O'Connor (149 lbs.) and Eric Leonard (184 lbs.) both lost their second matches of the tournament, but went undefeated the rest of the way to earn third place honors.

"I was really pleased with the way we wrestled back," Bowyer, who was named the Virginia Coach of the Year at the tournament, said. "That says a lot about the character of these guys. Everyone of those coaches came up to me before the third and fifth place bouts and said 'your guys wrestled their asses off to get back in the back door.'"

JMU freshman Eric Leonard attempts to pin VMI's David Budlong Saturday in Lexington. Leonard defeated Budlong to clinch third place in the 184-pound weight class.

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JMU fencers foil competition
Hard work and unity get young Dukes off to surprising start

The JMU Women's Fencing team came into their 1998-1999 season with a small, young team, and admittedly, a feeling of uncertainty as to the level of success it could achieve.

JMU head Coach Paul Campbell spoke candidly of his and the team's doubts. "We really weren't sure what to expect coming into the season," he said with a chuckle. Despite the odds, however, they have managed to brush many of those doubts under the rug.

At 2-2, the team has already been impressive not only in its two lopsided victories against National Intercollegiate Women's Fencing Association (NIWFA) members, Hollins College (29-3) and the University of Florida (23-9), but also in its ability to keep the matches they lost, against a tough University of North Carolina (22-10) and Duke University team (18-14), surprisingly close. The two close losses show the young team is certainly growing up fast.

"We have a young team, with one senior, one junior and two sophomores, so we lack the experience of some of the other teams, which makes it tough, but those [four matches so far] are pretty good results for us, considering the teams that we fenced," Campbell said.

The girls on the team have also taken note of their early success.

"I think we did surprisingly well, considering how small we are, and the fact that a majority of the team is all freshmen," freshman Belinda Greenberg said.

Senior team co-captain Susan Loeser, the only senior on the team, has taken note of the team's ability to pull together after only a few matches.

"The first half went really well," Loeser said. "We have a lot of new freshmen who fit right in, and we came together well as a team."

The team's unity hasn't come without some expense. The women have put in long hours of work since September, with little competition outside of facing fellow squad members. For Loeser, the hard work that has gone into building unity within the team should go a long way towards success in the second half.

"We've worked really hard," Loeser said. "These next two months (the remainder of the season) are going to be busy. We look to come out successfully after the hard work that we've put in the first half of the season. We need to get out there into competition. We've had a lot of practice, and now we all want to get out there and use what we've learned."

The team hopes to come in first at the 27th Annual Virginia Intercollegiate Women's Fencing Championships (Feb. 20) where they will face the likes of Sweet Briar College, the University of Virginia, Virginia Tech and Mary Baldwin College. The team also hopes to place in the top three at the conference championships of the NIWFA, which will take place on Feb. 27.

If the first half of the season is any indication of the future of JMU's young team, the second half should bring success for this little known varsity sport.

"Overall, we've been really excited about the season," Campbell said. "We've been happy with the JMU fencers sophomore Vicki Karousos (left) and freshman Allison Schwartz square off in practice."

"We're looking forward to an even better second half."

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Two sophomores — heavy-weight DJ Hockman and 174-pounder Scott Brubaker — finished in fourth place for the Dukes, while freshmen Jonathan Huesdath (120 lbs.), Mike Jeffrey (137 lbs.) and Seth Cameron (157 lbs.) and sophomore Chaz Gay (184 lbs.) placed fifth.

The JMU coaching staff was especially pleased with the performance of freshman Josh Fultz. Fultz moved up from his usual weight class.

"I thought Fultz did an outstanding job," Bowyer said. "He could have just gone in there and stood in the tournament. He then went on to the tournament. He then went into the finals."

"Anytime you lose to UVa. it's a disappointment," Bowyer said. "That's one program you like to beat, but it's one program that's hard to beat. Everything had to go our way for us to beat them."

Bowyer is counting down the days until the Dukes get a chance to face UVa. in a dual meet on Feb. 9.

The Dukes have three matches before then, including one against a tough North Carolina State University team this Saturday at 8 p.m. in Godwin Hall.

"I think we have to keep building from here and get a little more consistent," Detrick said. "If we do, things will take care of themselves and hopefully we can reach our goal of being CAA champions."

The performance of the younger Dukes was key since the team was without junior co-captain Dave Vollmer, who is sick, and injured sophomores Kris Bishop and Eric Miller.

While the Dukes were certainly pleased with their second-place performance, they were also a little disappointed they couldn't knock off the Cavaliers, especially since the Dukes had a slim leading over UVa. heading into the finals.

The Dukes were not as fortunate Sunday as they lost to the College of William & Mary 9-0. JMU swept all three of the doubles matches against GWU. Puppo and sophomore Lauren Dalton, the seventh-ranked team in the region, won their match 8-6.

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The Old Dominion University's women's basketball team defeated JMU 79-52 Friday in the ODU Field House in Norfolk. Aubrey Ebin came off the bench to score 22 points to lead the 15th ranked Monarchs.

ODU (12-3, 6-0) also got 15 points from Sharron Francis and 15 points from Natalie Diaz.

Forward Mery Andrade scored 13 points and had 10 steals in the game for the Monarchs.

ODU was 27-49 (.55) shooting in the game and 9-11 (.818) from behind the three-point arc.

JMU was 18-49 (.367) shooting and just 1-10 on three-point attempts. Senior forward Shirlene Archer lead the Dukes with 15 points. Senior Hope Cook added 11 points for JMU.

The Dukes (8-12, 2-5) return home to face East Carolina University in CAA action Friday at 7:30 p.m.
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- Looks like you’ve got a plan, but you can’t see how it could work, and that’s got you down. You’re generally such a bubbly creature, it’s hard on your friends to see you like this, so don’t mention it yet. If you wait until tomorrow or the next day, you may have found a way around the problem.

**Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) — Today is a 5**
- Looks like somebody you live with has firm opinions about how things should be done. You may be churlish as to how this person can make such a ridiculous suggestion. If you’re smart, which you are, you won’t put up much of a fight. Save your energy for a battle you can win.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 6**
- A gamble that looks like a good deal could backfire on you. Be careful, especially if love or money is involved. This doesn’t mean you need to be repressed. Just don’t expect things to turn out quite the way they initially appear to be headed. What looks like an excellent deal could turn out to be quite a swamp land.

**As the World Turns**

Chris and Rosieanne set up their living arrangements. Jessica shows and appears slimmer and tells Roseanne she is no better than Tony. AJ says he wants to have another child if Ridge/custody meeting where the judge is a very old friend.

**The Bold and the Beautiful**

Kimberly sobs this week to Myles because she is so crushed that she couldn’t save Rick from marrying Another. She was not sure she could make a difference! Myles claims he’s going to get them out of town. Macy tells Myles out of bailing on Sally again due to her emotional state of mind. Taylor wants to have another child if Ridge does, and he says he will definitely go along with that idea.

**One Life to Live**

The Brady’s all wait at the pub to hear about the verdict. Sami tries to get Lucas to meet her and he is agreeable but Kate comes in and hears and takes the phone away from him and tells Sami he won’t be meeting her. Sami then spends quality time with Will. Austin overhears Craig talking with Nancy and gets him to tell him the verdict. Austin goes to see Lucas. He tries to get Lucas to confess but Lucas stands by his claims that he has told the police everything he knows about that night.

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My. Santos decorates the bridal suite with candles and flowers for Danny and Michelle. Michelle is stunned but suddenly realizes Danny is actually in love with her. Harley clings onto Susan’s backpack and tells Phillip she is going to mail it to her. She begins lamenting that she doesn’t have the right to bring another child into the world because she’s just a loser paying.

**General Hospital**

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17. Lovable lummox
19. Red or White follower
20. Endearing
21. Big _ CA
22. End of a sock
23. Backs of necks
27. Toga
29. Viewed
32. Biblical prophet
34. Part of mph
35. Masculine
36. Price ceiling
38. Work hard
41. Various functions
42. Andes animal
43. Vey'm (for)
44. Valuable stones
45. Farm towers
46. Ada or Shepard
47. More _
49. Sly cry
50. Newcastle's river
51. Epic by Virgil
54. Resource
56. Run into
57. Sine qua non
58. Disease spreaders
59. Nest-egg 
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71. Yol
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73. Liquid taste

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7. Muhammad's son-in-law
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9. Cancel
10. Capture once more
11. Spring flower
12. Go go go
13. Liquid
18. Al Gore's home state
24. Coffin covers
25. Actor Estevéz
26. Mogadishu's nation
28. Cover with splashed drops
29. Complacent
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