

A holiday for all

Students discuss how they celebrate Valentine's Day when they are single.

Battle of the sexes

Sometimes Cupid shoots and misses. As Valentine's Day approaches, two contemporaries — one male, one female — aim to explain what the day means to each sex.

Among the top dogs

Men's basketball head coach Sherman Dillard praises senior forward/guard Dwayne Broyles, who scored his 1,000th career point Monday night.

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Snow showers
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Study: JMU short on female professors

BY DREW LEPP
contributing writer

There nearly are 23 times more female full-time undergraduate students than female faculty in the College of Science and Mathematics. But, the college is recruiting more female professors in order to better represent the female student population, according to the administration.

In comparison, there are five times the number of male full-time undergraduate students than male faculty in the College of Science and Mathematics, according to the 2003-'04 Statistical Summary.

This means that females comprise approximately 58 percent of the students within the College of Science and Mathematics, yet only represent about 25 percent of the faculty, according to the summary.

Among the nation's top 50 research universities about 47 percent of the students graduating with a degree in chemistry were women, but only about 12 percent of the faculty were female, according to a recent study on diversity from *Now.org*, which can be found at now.org/issues/diversity/diversity_report.pdf.

David Brakke, dean of the College of Science and Mathematics, said, at JMU, 65 to 70 percent of those studying chemistry are female, but females comprise about 36 percent of the faculty.

The study also states that those female students without female faculty as role models are more likely to drop out or pursue a career outside their major.

Although JMU's numbers significantly are better than the nationwide average, efforts still are being made to improve, he said.

Brakke said the shortage of female representation in the college's faculty is a problem.

"JMU is doing well," he said. "Our female students are doing well. But, we could do even better, and we are trying."

The college is in the process of interviewing new instructors to teach next year. Brakke said he is hoping to hire five or six female faculty members for next

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CAROLYN WALSER/
contributing
photographer

The Student Government Association and the Brass Band Club both received money after finance bills were passed.



SGA passes finance bills

BY ASHLEY MCCLELLAND
SGA reporter

The Student Government Association passed several finance bills this week, as it was its first meeting in several weeks due to snow.

The Senate referred two bills to finance, and passed two bills that came out of finance which gave money to both the SGA and the Brass Band Club.

One of the passed bills asked the SGA to spend money in its reserve account in order to purchase several software programs for the new SGA computers it bought this year.

The bill originally asked for six programs — three different programs for each of the two computers — but the finance committee decided that the SGA did not need programs for each of the computers. Adobe Acrobat was cut from the bill, and one of

each of the other two programs, which include Adobe Sweep Premium and Macromedia Studio MX 2004 Professional.

"As the SGA, we set an example for other organizations," junior Matt Gray said, finance committee chair. "We apply the same standards we would apply to any other group. We are getting what we need — the bare minimum. The programs are needed for the director of technology and the communications director to do their jobs."

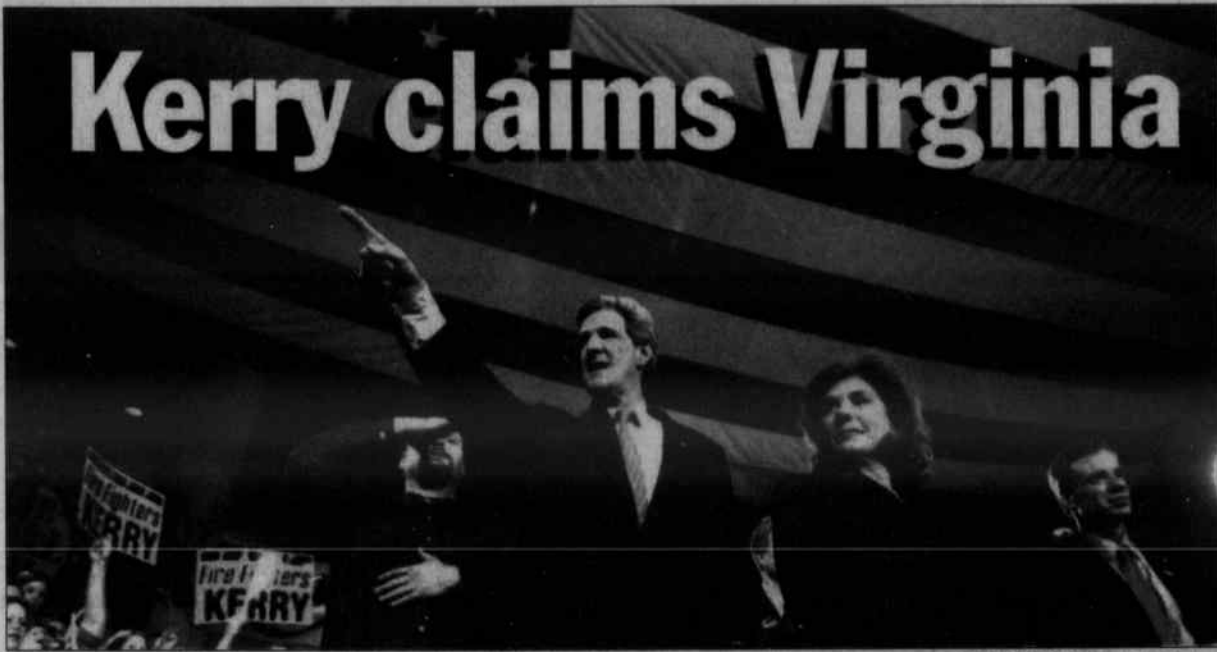
Another finance bill passed was for the Brass Band Club to receive \$3,958 from the SGA for two new tenor horns in order to attend the North American Brass Band Association



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VIRGINIA DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY FEB 12 2004

Kerry claims Virginia



CHUCK KENNEDY/Knight Ridder Tribune

Democratic presidential hopeful John Kerry, D-Mass., celebrates with his wife Teresa during a victory party at George Mason University Tuesday in Fairfax.

Edwards finishes second, Clark bows out of race

BY STEVEN THOMMA
Knight Ridder Tribune

Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts swept primaries in Virginia and Tennessee Tuesday, decisively defeating two Southern rivals near their home turf and all but assuring that he will be the Democratic Party nominee for president.

Kerry easily won in Virginia, taking about 50 percent of the vote, followed by Sen. John Edwards of North Carolina with 26 percent and retired Army Gen. Wesley Clark of Arkansas with 9 percent.

Kerry also breezed to victory in Tennessee. With three-quarters of the vote counted, he had 47 percent, Edwards 26 percent and Clark 23 percent.

After finishing third in both states, Clark decided to abandon his presidential bid, a campaign aide said late Tuesday night.

"General Clark has decided to leave the race," said Matt Bennett, the Clark cam-

paign's communications director. "There was tremendous momentum for John Kerry, and the mountain got too steep to climb."

Bennett said the decision was a difficult one, and that the campaign opted to wait until all the returns were in before announcing the decision.

A formal announcement is planned Wednesday in Little Rock, Ark.

Kerry's victories, his first in the South, gave him a new jolt of momentum as he heads into a showdown next week in Wisconsin that could leave him the acknowledged nominee of his party.

He enters the coming week having won five states in four days and 12 of the 14 that have voted so far. With Tuesday's wins, he has shown political strength in every region of the country and among Democrats from all demographic, economic and racial groups.

More importantly, he approaches next Tuesday's

Wisconsin primary without any clear threat to his nomination.

Clark was teetering on the edge of political collapse Tuesday evening. Edwards lost back-to-back in the region that he boasted was his "backyard." And former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean, winless in 14 states, didn't even contest Virginia or Tennessee and was hoping for a comeback in Wisconsin that showed no sign yet of materializing.

"Once again, the message rings out loud and clear," Kerry told supporters in Fairfax. "Americans are voting for change, East, West, North and now, in the South."

The nomination virtually within his grasp, Kerry focused on President George W. Bush rather than Democratic rivals as he ticked off states vital to a fall election victory.

"From Missouri to Wisconsin to Ohio, from the

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Free trade 'harms' Americans

Globalization has disadvantages, according to visiting scholar

BY KELLY MCCORMACK
contributing writer

Globalization has many disadvantages, and the majority of Americans "are being harmed by" free trade and the unfettered expansion of global capitalism, according to a visiting scholar who spoke Feb. 10.

The lecture entitled "Why Corporate Globalization & Free Markets Are Not the Answer," Robin Hahnel, professor of economics at American University, said all countries benefit as a whole from trade liberalization, but prefers a "bottoms up" form of globalization that stresses sustainability and equality.

Those supporting the idea that the expansion of market activity and free trade causes efficiency gains and enhances the rate of growth in the global economy "got a free pass and nobody got to grade the exam," he told students.

Since the 1970s, the gross national product per capita has declined in six of seven regions that were included in a study conducted by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and

Development, according to Angus Maddison, an economist quoted by Hahnel in the lecture.

Maddison also found gross domestic product per capita in those seven regions was cut in half from 1973 to 1992.

"Relative to other countries, we [in the United States] have been immune to globalization," Hahnel said. "That is why we are less vociferous than those of Brazil, India, etcetera."

"However, the majority of Americans are being harmed by the happenings of the market today. The average real wage for Americans has not risen at all," he added.

The belief that shifting industries and jobs to low-cost and low-wage will ensure benefits to business, "does not take other dynamics into account," he said.

Wages in Third World nations are going down, not up, creating long-term implications, he said. Also not being addressed are the environmental impacts of new industrial production in Third World countries, Hahnel said.

"There is always an effi-



CHRIS LABZDA/senior photographer
Robin Hahnel, professor of economics at American University, spoke Feb. 10.

ciency loss and gain, so locating machinery abroad is not necessarily more productive than keeping jobs at home," he added.

Hahnel said he and Paul Volcker, former Federal Reserve Board chairman to former President Ronald Reagan, share the view that the disparity crisis that exists in the world today was caused by unleashing international finance on less able global economies. It has been the greatest falling from grace since the depression of the 1930s, according to Hahnel.

Junior David Hamric agreed

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DUKE DAYS Events Calendar

Thursday, Feb. 12

The Adult Degree Program is having an informational meeting at the Paul Street House at noon. For information contact Vickie Lilley at x8-6824 or e-mail adult-degree@jmu.edu.

The Asian Student Union is holding its annual Rose/Chocolate Sale on the Warren Hall patio between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. There are a variety of colored roses for sale. They are one rose for \$3, or two roses for \$5. Chocolates are \$2 per box. For more information e-mail Sharon at kimb6sx.

SafeRides Rock-off will be held in the Festival on the downstairs stage at 9:30 p.m. JMU bands will be competing for a \$500 prize. Donations benefit SafeRides and will determine the winners.

Friday, Feb. 13

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The Overtones is hosting its annual Valentine's Day concert in the College Center Grand Ballroom at 8 p.m. The Madison Project and Note-Oriety also will be singing.

Submitting events to the
DUKE DAYS Events Calendar:

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

KRISTY NICOLICH/
photo editor

The glistening, frozen surface of Newman Lake serves as waddling ground for a gaggle of geese Tuesday afternoon. Geese often are a prominent fixture of the lakeside area.

FUN FACT of the Day

Expressing recognition rather than love, Utah prairie dogs exchange "kisses." By the touching of incisor teeth, they quickly confirm the identity of group members.

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POLICE LOG

By LAUREN MCKAY
police log reporter

An unknown person drove down a landscaped terrace near R2 Lot causing damage Feb. 8 at 1:30 p.m.

In other matters, campus police report the following:

Possession of Marijuana

Brian W. Harris, 19, of Roanoke, was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana in the Convocation Center Feb. 8 at 9:30 a.m.

Uttering Bad Checks

Non-student Terry L. Butterworth, 43, of Harrisonburg was charged in PC Dukes Feb. 6 at 12:15 p.m. with using bad checks in various on-campus locations.

Grand Larceny

A JMU student reported the larceny of a debit card in the Music Building between Jan. 20 at 8 a.m. and Jan. 26 at 5 p.m.

Property Damage

An unknown person damaged a debit card deposit system at Warren Hall Card Services between Feb. 5 at 9 a.m. and Feb. 9 at 8 a.m.

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Musical medleys

Many musicians participated in the 24th annual Contemporary Music Festival held Feb. 8 to 11.

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News

"... I believe they can come up with a better idea of equal than that."

JOHN STOKES
civil rights activist
see story below

AROUND CAMPUS

Graduation speaker applications available

The Student Government Association is accepting applications from graduates who wish to be the 2004 May commencement speaker.

"This is one of the most honorable and esteemed selections for a JMU graduate," according to a Feb. 11 current students release.

Information and application can be downloaded from the SGA Web site at sga.jmu.edu/grad_speaker.html, and are due to the SGA office in Taylor Hall, room 203, by noon Feb. 25.

Those with questions should contact senior Brian Nido, SGA vice president of student affairs, at nidobj.

Spring and May Commencement 2004 will be held Saturday, May 8. Events will begin in Bridgeforth Stadium at 9 a.m.

Valentine Variety Show to be held tonight

Women of Color and the Brothers of a New Direction are holding their first Valentine Variety Show.

It will be held tonight from 8 to 10 p.m. in the PC Ballroom.

Performances will include Note-Oriety, Exit 245, Spoken Word and more, according to a Feb. 10 current students release.

Tickets are \$2. For more information on this event contact Kristie Fleming at fleminkm.

IN THE VALLEY

Harrisonburg Democrats elect council candidates

HARRISONBURG — Mayor Joe Fitzgerald and Harrisonburg resident Allen Finks were elected Monday as the Harrisonburg Democratic Committee candidates for city council.

Candidates "warned that Harrisonburg faces tough decisions ahead ... and both Fitzgerald and Finks said they would make no rash promises to the people of Harrisonburg concerning the city's fiscal health," according to a Feb. 9 press release from the Harrisonburg Democratic Committee.

ACROSS THE NATION

White House releases National Guard papers

WASHINGTON, D.C., (Knight Ridder Tribune) — President George W. Bush Tuesday released payroll records and other documents tracking his service in the National Guard, but the paper trail didn't close all the gaps in his military record.

White House officials acknowledged that the Coast Guard records provide little information about Bush's activities in 1972, when he transferred from his Texas Air National Guard unit to an Alabama unit to work in a political campaign there. Critics contend that he shirked his duties and essentially went absent without leave.

The payroll records include a six-month gap — from April 16, 1972, to Oct. 28, 1972 — when Bush didn't get paid. The gap roughly corresponds with his stay in Alabama, from May 1972 until November of that year.

Retired Col. Albert Lloyd Jr., an expert in military personnel issues who examined the records for the White House, said Bush "completed his military obligation in a satisfactory manner." Bush was honorably discharged in 1973.

Music to JMU's ears ...

Music festival brings array of performances, talents



Juniors Travis Pope, on the guitar, and Joey Darragh, on the keyboard, perform Tuesday at Anthony-Seeger Hall Auditorium.

DEBBIE WAZDOWSKA
staff photographer

Eugene O'Brien discusses "Musical Beginnings and Endings" Tuesday at Anthony-Seeger Auditorium.



DEBBIE WAZDOWSKA
staff photographer

John Hilliard, Thomas LaVigne, Michael Johnson, Jason Haney and O'Brien explore contemporary music.



Soprano Dorothy Maddison performs Monday.

Scholars discuss segregation, racial relations

Elementary school protest helps change Virginia race politics

BY JANDI CLARK
contributing writer

Showing that students can influence politics, a visiting scholar spoke Monday in Grafton-Stovall Theatre on segregation and an elementary school protest.

Joanne Gabbin, from the honors department, explained that civil rights activist John Stokes was a student leader in the Prince Edward County student protest against the condition of their schools. He went on to be a teacher and principal in Baltimore, Md., city schools and was featured in the PBS Documentary "The Rise and Fall of Jim Crow."

Stokes said in Farmville, April 23, 1951, black students walked out of an elementary school to get an equal building. Stokes showed figures from 1903 concerning Prince Edward County public elementary schools. There were 10 schools for 287 white students, while there were 11 schools for 974 black students.

"I used to teach third and

fourth grade, and I believe they can come up with a better idea of equal than that," Stokes said.

He then presented figures from 1910. There were 42 schools for both white and black students, but there were 976 and 1,882 students, respectively.

In a period from 1912 to 1927, Prince Edward County built seven high schools, Stokes said. Only one — the seventh, Robert Russa Moton High School — was for African-American students, he added.

"I don't think a third grader could come up with the formula to make that equal," Stokes said.

He said "colored schools" were built of wood, had outdoor toilets, potbellied stoves and no other sources of heat. "White schools" were built of brick, had indoor toilets and heat. Farmville High School had a cafeteria, auditorium and gym.

Tired of going to school in shacks heated by nothing

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U.S. Supreme Court cases define legal terms of 'equality'

BY JANDI CLARK
contributing writer

Showing the steps it took for desegregation, the Center for Multicultural/International Student Services presented a Virginia Connection program Monday night in Grafton-Stovall Theatre.

Joanne Gabbin, from the honors department, said the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in the landmark *Brown vs. Board of Education* (1954) case overturned the "separate vs. equal" policy, which resulted from the decision of the *Plessy vs. Ferguson* (1892) case.

The separate but equal decision did not provide for equal opportunities and protection under the law for African-American students, Gabbin said.

Jacqueline Walker, history professor, said segregation historically is one of the older instruments of social control. Contrary to popular belief, she said, segregation first began in the North before moving to the South.

Only with the institution of the 13th Amendment Dec. 18, 1865, did the South hasten to institute "black codes" and to

control separation.

Then, according to Walker, the Civil Rights Act of 1866 spelled out what citizenship was and meant to U.S. citizens.

The 14th Amendment nearly echoed the Civil Rights Act of 1866, saying that, as a citizen, one is entitled to equal protection and due process under the law, according to Walker.

... when blacks started to sit down, that's when the trouble began.

— Joanne Gabbin
honors department

In the late 1800s, Homer Plessy sued a train company for not giving him first class accommodations, despite his possession of a first-class ticket.

The U.S. Supreme Court said the framers of the 14th Amendment couldn't have meant for social equality and

insisted that the races must be separate but equal, Walker said.

Charles Hamilton Houston, a World War I veteran, nearly was lynched by fellow American soldiers while fighting in France, Walker said. When he returned to America, he entered law school and graduated "numero uno" in his class.

He moved to Washington, D.C., to aide William Hastings, dean of the Howard University Law School. According to Walker, he didn't care about making money, but what he wanted to do was "go forth and make revolution."

Professors at the school used their classes to find a way to overthrow or abide by *Plessy vs. Ferguson*, Walker said. They found a loophole in the "equal" bit of the ruling, and strategized to get everything exactly equal for African-Americans.

Gabbin said the rules were often unclear on what people could do. She said, "Blacks in the South could stand almost anywhere at counters. They could go around the back of restaurants to get food. They could stand in stores to buy things. But, when blacks started to sit down, that's when the trouble began."

FIGHT: Students protest

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more than a potbellied stove, Stokes, his twin sister Carrie, Barbra Johns and Irene Taylor began meeting to discuss what they could do about their situation. They called their plans "The Manhattan Project."

On April 22, the group decided to set its plans for a walkout in motion. They lured the principal out of the building, called an assembly and tricked the teachers into leaving. After that, the entire student body left the building and marched around the school, according to Stokes.

Stokes explained that a news blackout was placed on the march censoring the protest, so Carrie, Stokes and Johns drafted a letter to the National Association of the Advancement of Colored Persons. This letter put in motion the events needed to get the students their school.

He said the case of the children in Prince Edward County was especially instrumental because it was the only child-led protest. He explained

that parents still sent their children to school in the two weeks of the protest.

"Buses picked them up at home and put them out at school," Stokes said. "Our chauffeurs picked them up at school and took them home. I was a chauffeur."

He also explained that a cross was burned in the Moton schoolyard, but the only news organization that covered the event was the *Richmond Afro-American* newspaper. Every other newspaper denied that the event happened.

Schools were closed from 1954-'59 as a result of the protest.

Stokes said, "You have to fight for what you believe in because no one will fight for you." He also urged the audience to vote and to write their congresspeople.

Junior Andrew Price said, "I thought, on the whole, it was a really interesting presentation. I was expecting more of a history lesson and less personal stories, but it was still very fascinating."

Students gain knowledge at Service Fair

BY STEPHANIE STRAUSS
staff writer

Many students curious about volunteer opportunities said they found a wealth of knowledge at the Service Fair in Transitions Monday.

About 15 organizations were represented at the fair, ranging from small ministries to large, well-known groups.

For some students, volunteering offered hands-on training to supplement their classroom experiences.

The ARC of Harrisonburg/Rockingham County, dedicated to educating people with mental retardation, provides valuable practicum training for special education or psychology majors, according to Dan Suggs, executive director of the ARC.

"Students get a real world experience, and have a chance to get away from dusty textbooks for once," Suggs said.

For students fulfilling service requirements for class or

wanting to volunteer in Harrisonburg or throughout the world, Community Service-Learning offers hands-on application as well, according to Lindsay Brannan, the aging service coordinator at CS-L.

Kate Duffy said the Free Food for All Soup Kitchen at the Little Grill restaurant, run by Our Community Place, is popular among volunteers.

"A lot of JMU students come in and help," Duffy said. "It's a cool opportunity to get involved with the Harrisonburg community and to get away from the JMU bubble."

The National Multiple Sclerosis - Blue Ridge Chapter also was represented at the fair. Students who only want a one-time commitment can help raise money for MS research and local programs.

"This is a great volunteer opportunity for students because they can team up with their friends and work toward a good cause," said Diane

Farineau, program director for the National MS Society.

Some booths devoted to volunteer work with children.

Joy Ranch is an organization designed to help at-risk youth. "It's really tough to work in a children's home," said Program Director Angel Hartt. "But, it challenged me, helped me grow and helped me discover myself. When you can see you changed a child's life for the better, you forget about the hard stuff," she added.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of America also was represented at the Service Fair.

"Students can get involved in lots of ways," said Cori Cave, intergenerational project manager for Big Brothers Big Sisters.

The mentoring program attracts the most JMU students, particularly because the time commitment only is an hour a week and most of the schools involved are within walking distance of the JMU campus, according to Cave.

Senior Kristin Bracht, a social work intern who works in conjunction with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Harrisonburg, enjoyed working at the organization. "You get to know a child well," she said. "It's very rewarding. Kids love having a big brother."

Sophomore Alina Foo, who attended the Service Fair, said, "Everyone here gave a lot of good information. I'm here to explore my options after graduation."

Senior Naomi Sandler said the Peace Corps booth attracted her to the Service Fair. "I was looking for options in environmental work," she said. "Peace Corps is a big name, and I felt that they'd have a lot to offer."

Graduate student Stephen Field attended the fair specifically to sign up for Big Brothers Big Sisters. "Friends of mine currently are doing it," he said, "and they have a great time with the kids."

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Fraternity: Father John Grace, Theta Chi
Sorority: Cannie Campbell, Zeta Tau Alpha

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TRADE: Lecture helps students understand economic principles

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with this belief. "If one of the top economists sees something is wrong with this system, his opinion should still be one that is listened to," he said.

Hamric said Joseph Stiglitz, the chief economist at the World Bank Group who criticized many of the policies of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, was fired after he saw something wrong with neoliberal globalization and voiced his concerns.

Hahnel explained how the economic gap between people affects the economy.

"The neoliberal school of economics aggravates the gap of global inequalities between the have and the have-nots," Hahnel said.

"This widens inequalities both within and between countries, and is very destructive to the environment. Empirically and theoretically, open markets and free enterprise need to be seriously analyzed."

Japan and China, the success stories of Asia and the past couple decades, did not rely on the traditional comparative advantage of free trade and open markets. They shut their

doors and strictly managed the financial market, a situation Hahnel called a "\$900 billion liquid guerrilla that sits wherever it wants."

Sophomore Katie Clark said, "Corporate globalization has a disastrous effect on the lives of those forced into sweatshops and the undemocratic nature of the international economic institutions that get to dictate how globalization will spread."

"Hahnel's lecture helped me understand how those issues are tied to real concrete economic principles, and thus helps me discredit corporate

globalization in its own language," she added.

Senior Brian Bernhardt, leader of a progressive group that co-sponsored the event, said, "I was particularly impressed with how thoroughly Dr. Hahnel went through the arguments."

Bernhardt said he liked the professor's "detailing of not only how corporate-led globalization increased inequality and environmental destruction, but also of how capital liberalization and trade liberalization can actually lead to efficiency losses and slower rates of growth."



NIKKI KAHNS/Knight Ridder Tribune

Presidential candidate Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., speaks over the applause of supporters during an appearance Monday at Johnson Hall at George Mason University.

PRIMARY: Edwards second

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heartland to both coasts, the wreckage of the Bush economy is all around us," Kerry said. "To all of America we say tonight, get ready, a new day is on the way."

Kerry picked up the majority of the 151 delegates awarded Tuesday, ending the day with a total of 499. That's about 23 percent of the 2,162 needed to secure the nomination.

Through Tuesday, Dean had 182 delegates, Edwards had 146, Clark had 84, the Rev. Al Sharpton of New York had 12

and Rep. Dennis Kucinich of Ohio had two.

Though it will take several more weeks of voting for Kerry to clinch the nomination mathematically, Tuesday's voting confirmed that Democrats around the country largely are ratifying the choice made in the first two states to vote, Iowa and New Hampshire.

And with an accelerated primary calendar set up by the party to wrap up the nomination quickly, voters in late-voting states could be left without a voice in the process.

STUDY: Geology, physics departments have JMU's worst female-to-male ratio

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year and further close the gap in the gender ratio of faculty.

Of all potential employees interviewed so far, Brakke said about 50 percent were female. Among those are a female candidate for head of the biology department and a female astronomer for the physics department.

Geology and physics are the two programs with the worst female-to-male ratio at JMU.

According to records obtained from Sandra Delawder, an administrative assistant in the geology department, geology has 37

female and 39 male majors.

Records from Ioana Niculescu, a physics professor, show the physics department has 16 female and 63 male majors. Both only have one female faculty member out of 11 total in geology and 12 total in physics.

Niculescu the lone female JMU physicist, who was an undergraduate student in Romania said of her early studies, "In Romania, about half of my physics professors were female. It never occurred to me having female professors would ever be a problem until I came to the [United States]." Niculescu said the prob-

lem was that not many women in America are encouraged to get a doctorate in physics. This shortage of female physicists has caused pressure from the college to hire women, she said.

She also believes that more female faculty are needed because "somebody like [the female students] might help."

Senior geology major Melissa Orndorff agreed. "I think it would be good if we had more female faculty as role models."

Geology professor Cindy Kearns said she has no problem working in her male-dominated field.

"Maybe it has to do with

geologist's personalities, but to every female geologist I've ever known, this doesn't seem to be a problem," she said.

Sociology professor Mary Lou Wylie said she hears very little complaints from students regarding the male-to-female faculty ratio.

Despite a lack of complaints, Wylie still helped establish a faculty group on campus called Women in Science a few years ago. She said this group hopes to create courses that would integrate women's issues into science.

Budget crunches have restrained the group's activities, but it is hoping to expand soon and offer more classes.

Last chance!

Tomorrow is the final day to turn in applications to be an editor at *The Breeze* for the 2004-'05 school year. Submit a cover letter, resumé and five clips to Alison Fargo, editor in chief, to *The Breeze* office in the basement of Anthony-Seeger Hall by 5 p.m. Friday.

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The closest thing men have to a male holiday is the Super Bowl. I think we need a masculine holiday to even out the field a bit.

DEAN CAMP
sophomore
see column, below

OPINION

As a student, one has a responsibility to JMU and the community, and, therefore, Judicial Affairs exists to uphold that responsibility. Being called to a hearing ... isn't like being thrown to a pack of hungry wolves.

see house editorial, below

■ A Scoop of Good Humor

Annual 'War of the Roses' approaches

DeanCamp

We see the decorations are up. We notice the pharmacy has stocked up on teddy bears and that all our favorite candies only are now sold in girl-ish-colored wrappers.

From this point on, a man's reaction to Valentine's Day is a lot like that of a dog who knows it's on its way to the vet.

As we start putting the pieces together in our head, our eyes begin darting around the room in a frightened panic. Then, finally, the realization hits us, and an overwhelming anxiety cascades down our bodies. That is about the point when we pee in our carrying cages and gnash our teeth at anybody who tries to pet us. Some of us even carry our metaphors on so long that people stop reading our column altogether.

We do have reason to panic though, for we fear what we do not know, and Valentine's Day is a complete female enigma to us.

However, there are multiple aspects of this holiday that boggle men's minds. First off — the roses. I just recently found out from a female friend of mine that each color carries a specific meaning. Let me share what I've learned of this rose code so far:

RED: love
WHITE: friendship
PEACH: happiness
CORAL-PEACH: impending doom
IRIDESCENT BLUE/PURPLE: You've recently experimented with acid.

I think I speak for all men when I say that I didn't know a secret language existed at all, much less how to use it or that I shouldn't eat the stems. So girls, to clear up any confusion, the following is how guys perceive the rose color code.

RED: pretty
WHITE: pretty
PEACH: pretty
IRIDESCENT BLUE/PURPLE: pretty awesome

I didn't even bother to put both peach and coral on the same list because our eyes are incapable of distinguishing between the two.

Make no mistake about it, Valentine's Day is a female holiday. The closest thing we have to a male holiday is the Super Bowl. I think we need a masculine holiday to even out the field a bit. How about a "Die Hard"/Steak

Day? The festive color would be grill-burn black and the official symbol would be an explosion. Instead of a dozen roses and a box of chocolates, your significant other presents you with a 12 pack of lager and a 34 oz. porterhouse.

After dinner, you'd dim the lights, curl up in each other's grossly bloated arms and settle down for a Bruce Willis movie of your choosing, with the obvious exception of "Look Who's Talking." It is off limits because I don't believe "Mikey" ever was packing heat — that is, unless you count what was in his diaper. Women ven may have the option of choosing the movie, just so long as the title and/or opening sequence begins with the word "die."

Another advantage of "Die Hard"/Steak Day is that it is easier to notice if somebody waited until the last minute. With Valentine's Day, your valentine could buy a box of chocolates at the 7-Eleven and grab some flowers out of your neighbor's garden and you would never know. This is because you cannot necessarily tell the difference between cheap and expensive chocolates or between store-bought and handpicked flowers.

However, I think you'd notice pretty quickly if the neighbor's dog was missing a 34-oz. section near its hind legs. You'll also know right away your date did things last minute if, instead of Guinness, they run in with a partly consumed Colt 45, sweat running down their face and a cursing hobo chasing close behind.

However, I must admit that there are some aspects of Valentine's Day that I do like. For instance, Valentine's cards make saying "I love you" a whole lot easier. I just wish that all of life's events came with catchy little cards to sugarcoat them. For example: FRONT: My heart is all yours ... INSIDE: ... And so is the kid. Look me up if you're ever in Mexico.

I'd really like to see Hallmark make more "Look me up if you're ever in Mexico" cards. Another card I would like to see them make is a "Sorry I never finished my column" card. That would really come in handy when, say, this sentence ends.

Dean Camp is a junior SMAD major.

HOUSE EDITORIAL



Judicial Affairs promotes healthy lifestyles

It's big. It's bad. It's scary.

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Judicial Affairs has a reputation just as any other law-enforcing institution — you don't want to mess with it because it can get you into some deep trouble.

But, what students fail to realize is that Judicial Affairs has something else in mind when it sends its latest offenders to outreach programs.

"Really, we're here to promote an environment at the university that best leads to education," said Michael Way, director of Judicial Affairs.

As a student, one has a responsibility to JMU and the community, and, therefore, Judicial Affairs exists to uphold that responsibility. Being called to a hearing for a violation isn't like being thrown to a pack of hungry wolves. In fact, half of those who make the final judgment are student volunteers.

That's right — despite contrary belief, Judicial Affairs isn't made up of adults who get pleasure out of sentencing students with

strikes and boring programs. Of the 50 individuals who sit on the Judicial Council, 25 are students — the other 25 are faculty or staff members. And, chances are, if you are sent to a two-hour program on alcohol awareness, the instructor also will be a student.

Judicial Affairs is here to lead JMU students down the right path. Students' newly found freedom of living away from home comes with responsibility, and they are treated with just as much respect and fairness as adults in the "real world."

In its mission statement, the Office of Judicial Affairs declares its purpose that they "are committed to promoting student learning, civic responsibility and, in partnership with others, developing the environment necessary for the university to best achieve its educational mission."

Notice that there is nothing in the statement that claims it is out to cause the student body headaches. Any student caught

and charged with a violation of university policy receives the right to a fair trial. There also are "flexible violations," which can be considered major or minor offenses subjectively — alcohol, drugs and gambling are among these. And who wants someone who commits such as sexual assault or theft, to be around campus, anyway?

"We're only as effective as students perceive us to be fair," Way said. In other words, if students realize that Judicial Affairs is here to do good, they'll be more open to learning and benefit from the program.

Next time you're caught red-handed (or red-cupped), don't be so scared of Judicial Affairs. The punishment you are about to receive probably is deserved, and Judicial Affairs is here to make sure that you aren't going to do harm to yourself or others once again. Remember that being a student also means having a responsibility — and that is what you should live up to.

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DARTS & PATS

E-mail darts and pats to breezep@jmu.edu

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

Pat...

A "thanks-for-letting-us-have-fun-by-taking-away-your fun" pat to the couple who couldn't get romantic in the UREC spa or sauna.

From four junior guys who loved watching you both move back and forth between the two and following you wherever you went.

Dart...

A "budget-cuts-can-kiss-my-butt" dart to Library Services for having every single one of its copiers break down without giving students other copying options.

From an annoyed senior who has had to spend several nights in the stacks hand-writing pages out of books as a result of yet another example of this university's cheapness.

Pat...

A "you-made-our-night" pat to the police officer who cited us for off-roading in the commuter lot, but treated the situation lightly and with understanding — joking around with us during the process.

From two guys who appreciated that you realized we were just being idiots and were bored, but not really trying to cause any trouble.

Dart...

A "grow-up-immature-brats" dart to the individuals who insisted on throwing waffle mix onto the windows and exterior walls of D-hall.

From a diner who does not appreciate your disrespect of his school, and hopes that you will be adults and volunteer to clean it up.

Pat...

A "you-saved-us-when-we-were-cold" pat to the pizza delivery guy who picked us up on the side of the road and drove us where we wanted to go.

From the three cold and poor sophomore girls who couldn't find a ride on a cold, wintry Friday night.

Dart...

A "get-a-life" dart to the two "classy" girls who so eloquently bashed a fun accessory and made themselves look like bitter, ugly, ignorant fools.

From two real classy sorority girls who love wearing bows and have been on the dean's list for three semesters.

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Aries March 21-April 19



Today is a 7 - Controversy could erupt when you try to please everyone. If anyone can work out a compromise, it's you. However, it may not be possible this time.

Taurus April 20-May 20



Today is a 6 - Together, you and your partner can get terms that are more to your liking. You don't have anywhere near as much clout on your own. Get a strategist on your side.

Gemini May 21-June 21



Today is an 8 - Your fantasies are glorious, but there are still a few things you have to do before you can get from here to there. Reality can be a hassle sometimes.

Cancer June 22-July 22



Today is a 8 - You may not be able to afford everything you want to provide for your loved ones, but don't let that stop you cold. It's a temporary condition.

Leo July 23-Aug. 22



Today is a 7 - Your enthusiasm should still be high, but don't let expectations soar. You should know ahead of time that something you try won't work. Fit that into your plans.

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22



Today is a 6 - It's easier to concentrate now, and it's also easier to plan ahead. Unfortunately, you're still handicapped by something that's hard to contain. Just do the best that you can.

Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 22



Today is an 8 - OK, how will you bring in all the money that you've already figured out how to spend? A strict taskmaster can provide an option that could work out for you both.

Scorpio Oct. 23-Nov. 21



Today is a 7 - Your charm and imagination give you a couple of wonderful - and subtle tools. You won't win by being assertive this time. Try being attractive instead.

Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21



Today is a 7 - Don't rush into anything now, including a conversation. You don't need to tell everybody what you're thinking. Wait 'til you have it worked out.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19



Today is a 6 - Schedule a meeting with your teammates to discuss recent developments. Something that's too hard to do by yourself is easier when everyone pitches in.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18



Today is a 6 - Don't whine if you get to a difficult place, or others won't let you proceed. You usually get your way when you can prove that you're right. Use this delay to align your data.

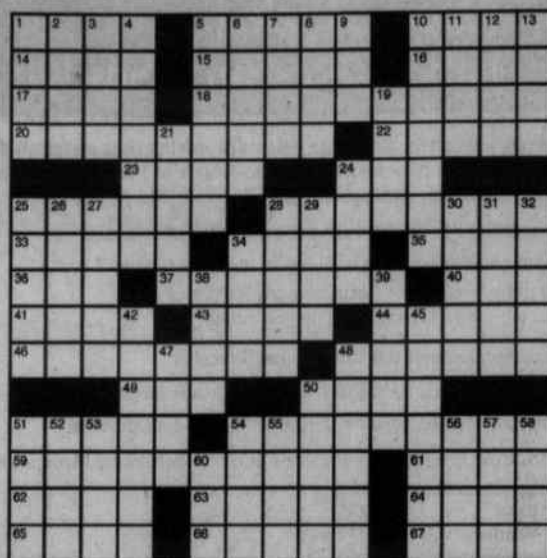
Pisces Feb. 19-March 20



Today is a 7 - You're eager to get started, but there's a warning light on. Go through your checklist one more time. Remember whatever you've forgotten, then fix whatever's still broken.

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students create ways to celebrate day

Story by staff writer Andrea Lange • Photo by photo editor Laura Dean

Last year, Blakemore's Flowers in Harrisonburg sold approximately 500 Valentine's Day flower arrangements, over 4,000 roses and two to three dozen plush animals, according to Blakemore's design manager Cathi Hemmris.

On Valentine's Day, the emphasis seems to be placed on romantic love. However, Valentine's Day doesn't have to leave singles feeling bitter or lonely. It's not just about celebrating romance; it's more broadly about celebrating Cupid and the love he brings to people, according to a Feb. 9 article in *The Breeze*. Everyone can be involved in celebrating love — singles and couples alike. By finding different ways to celebrate and different people with whom to celebrate, single people can turn Valentine's Day from a depressing day into a happy holiday.

Bring the fun to you

One great way to celebrate Valentine's Day is to have a party, or at least a gathering of close friends.

Last Valentine's Day, senior Christy Eroo planned a special evening for some of her single friends. Senior Katie Hoyt, who was in attendance, said, "She (Eroo) picked six guys and six girls who she thought would be good matches for a date. It was all friends, so there was no romantic pressure involved."

As everyone got ready, Eroo asked them funny questions for a videotape she was making. She used their answers to make a tape that showed how compatible each couple was, and showed it at the end of the night. "She taped it so that the guy and girl on the date together were right after one another," Hoyt said. "It was funny to see which couples' answers were similar."

The date officially began with the men and women meeting each other at the kissing rock on the Quad. "She set it up blind, so you knew who your date was by which guy was holding your favorite flower," Hoyt said.

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— Katie Gilroy
junior

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The events of the evening included a scavenger hunt of activities for each couple to complete, a candlelit dinner and sundae making. "It was a fun way to celebrate Valentine's Day because we had something to do, but without any pressure. We all just had a really good night, and now have a great story to tell," Hoyt said.

Seeing couples celebrate on Valentine's Day can make even the most optimistic single person get down on him- or herself. Going to a Valentine's Day party specifically for singles, or with single people, can make it easier.

"I think that everyone who is single needs to find someone else that is single to hang out with," junior Josh Kirby said. "That way, there will be no weird feelings about being left out."

Spending time with singles also can give people the opportunity to hit it off with someone new. Last Valentine's

Day, Kirby went to a Valentine's party with two single friends.

"I ended up hitting it off with one of them, and we were together for 10 months," he said.

Kirby said it's important to keep an optimistic attitude. "Don't get down on yourself just over one day because you don't know what the night holds for you," he said.

Make it about the friends

Since Valentine's Day is about celebrating all types of love, spending time with good friends can be a great way to celebrate. It provides the chance to show them how special they are, and makes the holiday fun at the same time.

Juniors Holly Brennan and Katie Gilroy celebrate Valentine's Day with their good friends by having a special "girls night in."

"Big parties are great," Gilroy said, "but sometimes a low-key evening with friends can be just as much, if not more, fun."

The friends get together to watch their favorite romantic movies and eat junk food. "Last year, we put on sweatpants, ate pizza, baked cookies and watched 'Someone Like You,'" Brennan said.

"Guys come and go, but your best friends are always there," she added. "It's nice to celebrate with friends because they are some of the people you love the most."

Those who always are there

Friends aren't the only people with whom to celebrate. Many single people use Valentine's Day to remind their families how much they care for them.

Every year, senior Amy Martin gets a Valentine's gift from her mom — a surprise, along with a box of chocolates and a card. Martin then goes to visit her mom and brings her a gift as well.

"My mom always makes us feel special — especially on Valentine's Day — so we try to do the same for her," she said.

Senior Jordan Crotty also remembers his mother every Valentine's Day, whether he's single or not. "I always send my mom something on Valentine's Day because she is such a vital part of my life," he said.

Crotty feels that remembering loved ones on Valentine's Day can help singles feel less lonely. "The nature of the holiday can make single people feel isolated," Crotty said. "But, they don't need to feel that way. They just need to celebrate their loved ones."

Sophomore Brenton Moseley even suggested using Valentine's Day as a time to appreciate oneself. "Since Valentine's is a celebration of love between people, why not celebrate your love for yourself? Go out to dinner and order all the food you want, and laugh at those fools paying double. At least you are saving money."

For those who still feel that Valentine's Day only is for couples, there is one thing to keep in mind. "Try to enjoy it as if it were just a regular night," Brenton said. "Because, in reality, Valentine's Day is just another day."



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Sophomore Stephen Atwell and senior Andrea Lange impart gender perceptions of the meaning of V-Day.

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STYLE

"Is there some deep-seeded, Freudian back story to these mutant emotions?"

ZAK SALIH
senior

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Uncensored meaning of Valentine's Day

Women just want to celebrate day

BY ANDREA LANGE
staff writer

On Valentine's Day, the stereotypical woman is sitting at home, anxiously awaiting the arrival of a flower bouquet or box of chocolates — a symbol to the world, and herself — that she is cared about. To this woman, Valentine's Day is a day to be spoiled by your Valentine with tokens of love.

"There are strong messages in our media and culture, which you can see simply from commercials around Valentine's Day, that men are expected to woo women by spending money [on diamonds, dinners, and flowers], and that women will respond with their affection," said Christine Robinson, sociology of gender professor.

While there are women who think Valentine's Day is about superficial tokens, many women believe it is about more than having a Valentine.

To some women, Valentine's Day is a special day set aside to celebrate love and romance. To them, it is a reminder to express yourself to loved ones, according to the findings of a student survey by human sexuality professor Maria Wessel.

She said, regardless of their relationship status, these women want to celebrate the day. If they don't have a partner to spend the day with, they may feel upset, or choose to celebrate with family or friends.

Traditional gender roles in our society may be responsible for these reactions, according to Wessel. She said women may value Valentine's Day because "the traditional expectation is for women to be nurturing and the caretakers of the home and its traditions such as holidays."

"They are allowed — and even expected — to be sentimental,"

Wessel said. So, women may feel they have to value and celebrate the holiday, even when they otherwise might not.

Some women have more cynical reactions to Valentine's Day. They feel that it is a "corporate holiday" designed by greeting card companies to make a profit. These women say you should express your love all year long, not just on one day.

This reaction to Valentine's Day may be related to how it is celebrated. Most holidays, like Christmas or Independence Day, have two parts — their true religious or historical significance and their commercially influenced side. But, since Valentine's Day no longer is celebrated religiously, one must conclude the latter is afoot.

This upsets some women because it makes money the lone way to express love. Love is a serious emotion that all people, not just women, value. No one wants their emotions exploited, especially not for a profit.

In the end, both of these reactions point to the same theme — love. Women want Valentine's Day to be a day when people celebrate love and relationships in a way that is unspoiled by commercialization.

So, men, when planning your celebrations this year, keep something in mind — we women are not as superficial as we may seem. It's not about the jewelry and candy and cards — and we don't want it to be. In the end, all women need is some love.



The great Valentine's Day debate

- 45 percent said it meant nothing to them
 - 31.8 percent said it was rooted in commercialism
 - 56.8 percent said it was about love
 - 25 percent said it was about romance between couples
 - 11.4 percent said their feelings depend on their relationship status
- survey of Maria Wessel's human sexuality class

Photos by LAURA DEAN/photo editor

BY STEPHEN ATWELL
senior writer

I think someone sabotaged Valentine's Day very early on. The most famous symbol for the holiday is a fat guy in a diaper with a bow and arrow. He probably was about to go bag him a nice meal and then sit around watching television in his diaper — all his underwear were probably in the dryer.

Somewhere along the way, a woman got involved and did some tinkering around and — wham — out pops this mushy love fest. The one thing that guys can look forward to about Valentine's Day is a little tender loving care — but it comes at a price.

Valentine's Day is like paying taxes at the end of the year in order to keep things running smoothly. It allows a man to show his special someone that they are important in his life. Valentine's Day provides an opportunity for men to be creative, and be made fun of by their single friends for their painstaking acts of sensitivity.

Despite these taunts, originality always is respected. "Baywatch Hawaiian Wedding," a microwave pizza and a six pack makes for a nice evening, but won't cause your grandma to blush and say

"what a sweet boy" at the next family gathering.

Valentine's Day is a nice way for guys to be able to show their feelings for the one they care about. But, if a guy needs a designated day to show his affection, then something is absent from the relationship, and it goes by the name of intimacy.

For those who are single, a strange phenomenon occurs on Valentine's Day. For some reason, women — who were burning their bras the day before and declaring their independence from male chauvinism — become sullen and dejected over not having a guy to fawn over them. As a result, unsuspecting guys can be duped into thinking that a relationship is what they always have wanted and then spend a night out with someone they hardly know.

But, a true angler knows that when women are in this state, it is easy to find a partner for the evening without the glitz of a night on the town and soft R. Kelly music playing in the background.

We shouldn't continue to put ourselves in these positions. Why are we getting all bent out of shape about a holiday that began because birds choose their mate midway through February.

According to www.valentines.com, as a result of these mating habits, "the day was looked upon as specially consecrated to lovers, and as a proper occasion for writing love letters and sending lovers' tokens."

So, I guess my Valentine shouldn't get upset when I try to put the moves on her by regurgitating my dinner into her mouth.

REEL | REFLECTIONS

'Fish' great catch

BY ANDREA LANGE
staff writer

"BIG FISH"
STARRING:
EWAN MCGREGOR
AND ALBERT FINNEY
RATED: PG-13
RUNNING TIME:
125 MINUTES
★★★★

Engaging, whimsical and optimistic, Tim Burton's ("Planet of the Apes") latest film, "Big Fish," stands out as a great catch among the season's many mediocre films as a result of its uniqueness — comparable to that of "The Wizard of Oz."

Albert Finney ("Erin Brockovich") stars as Edward Bloom, an old man who recounts his life through a series of outrageous tall tales. His son, Will, played by Billy Crudup ("World Traveler"), has heard these stories his whole life and no longer is enchanted by them. Angry with his father for never telling the truth, Will picks a fight with Edward and the two do not speak to each other for years. When Edward becomes gravely ill, Will comes to see him, hoping to find the truth behind all the stories and learn who his dad really is.

Much of the film is spent in bringing to life Edward's tall tales, including one about — you guessed it — a big fish. Young Edward (Ewan McGregor, "Down With Love") is a big fish that finds the pond of Asheville, N.C., too small for his liking. He goes off in search of his destiny, and has a series of adventures along the way that involve a giant, a fortune-telling witch, a werewolf, singing Siamese twins and a huge, elusive catfish.

The film has Burton's trademark quirkiness and beautiful visual style, but is uncharacteristically full of optimism, unlike Burton's dark comedies, such as "Edward Scissorhands" and "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow." The film is at its best when in the imagination of Edward, retelling his life with stunning visual effects and cinematography, which provided an almost magical feel to the picture.

"Big Fish" is a vibrant characters and its actors' excellent performances save the film from becoming a full-fledged fairy tale. The talented cast give convincing performances that lend the movie depth. Jessica Lange's ("Masked and Anonymous") portrayal of Sandra, Edward's wife, gives the film some of its

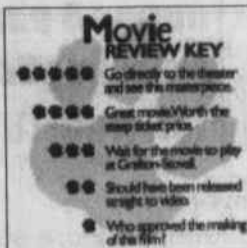
most poignant scenes, and McGregor is charming as the young Edward.

The casting also is dead-on, as McGregor and Alison Lohman ("Matchstick Men"), who plays young Sandra, actually resemble their older counterparts, Finney and Lange, in physical appearance.

"Big Fish," which is adapted from the 1998 book of the same title by Daniel Wallace, has a unique plot that distinguishes it from most current films. The film's bittersweet ending also attempts to reveal a deeper message about stories. As the father and son reconcile over time, Will learns the importance of stories — how they can give our lives meaning, and how they are for the tellers as much as they are for the listener.

The film's one flaw is its pacing. So much of the movie is spent visualizing the stories of Edward's past that the present action moves very slowly, similar to the flashbacks in "Fried Green Tomatoes." The climax, therefore, is somewhat drawn out, and there is a sense that some scenes in the past could have been left out.

But, this is a small problem in what is, overall, an excellent movie. Cast your line for "Big Fish," and you'll be sure to catch a great film.



THEATRE PREVIEW

Literary icon Ramona Quimby garners spotlight on JMU stage

BY REBECCA DORSCHER
contributing writer

Life is no picnic, and growing up sure isn't easy for Beverly Cleary's childhood star "Ramona Quimby," whose story is coming to life this Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the Wilson Hall Auditorium.

Theatreworks USA's production of "Ramona Quimby" not only will "tickle the audience's funny bone, but it is also intended to integrate issues that real families encounter daily," according to Jerry Weaver, executive assistant to the dean of the College of Arts & Letters.

According to Weaver, who is responsible for bringing the Theatreworks USA production to JMU, Cleary's books appear in over 20 countries in 14 different languages and she has been awarded over 35 statewide awards from her young readers.

At age 13, title character Ramona is faced with many childhood challenges — her dad loses his job, her older sister Beezus is a huge pain, her teacher dislikes her, and her Aunt Bea may be about to marry a dork. Life seems to be

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but with the support of her family and friends, she surpasses its challenges and entertains her audiences of all ages. Cleary has won numerous awards for her contributions to children's literature, and her books "Ramona and Her Father" and "Ramona

Quimby, Age 8" received Newbery Honors.

The play is directed by Ruth E. Kramer of Theatreworks USA and written by Len Jenkins, a playwright, screenwriter and director who received three of Off Broadway's highest honor Obie Awards, according to www.villagevoice.com/obies.

"Theatreworks USA has been doing performances at JMU for about five years," Weaver said. "We have done one to two shows with them each year, all of which have been well reviewed."

"We try to look for familiar titles and availability," he said. "We'd like to find things people can identify with."

Tickets are \$5 for students and children, \$9 for seniors and \$11 for adults. Tickets can be purchased at the Wilson Hall Box Office, at the door or by phone at x8-7000 or (887) 201-7543.

CONCERT PREVIEW

Naturally 7 promises quality show, workshops

BY KELLY JASPER
senior writer

They can't read or write music, but the seven men who comprise Naturally 7, an internationally recognized gospel-based a cappella group, learned to harmonize regardless. The group, whose only training is by ear, will perform jazz and R&B at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in Wilson Hall Auditorium.

"Naturally 7 is a secular group, but gospel-based," the group's agent, Ralph Pavone, said. "All of their music has a really uplifting, positive message." The group, which debuted five years ago with its first compact disc "Non-Fiction," was named The Harmony Sweepstakes A Cappella Festival National Champions in 1999.

Naturally 7's second CD, "What Is It?" has not been released yet in the United States, but hit No. 1 on Germany's charts after its release in December.

"These guys are huge in Europe," Pavone said. "It's

crazy, with fans screaming and ripping off clothing."

The members go by the nicknames Tweety Bird, Showtime, G-Swing, J-Boogie, M.D., Sorry Jim and Father Time, according to the group's Web site, www.naturallyseven.com.

Into Hymn, JMU's all-female Christian a cappella group, and the OverTones, one of JMU's coed a cappella groups, will open the show.

"They want people to know they're really laid-back, and want to meet their fans," according to Pavone. "They want people to know that it's possible to be in show business and still be nice and kind to people." Which is why, he said,

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Internationally recognized gospel-based a cappella group Naturally 7 will hold a free workshop Saturday at 1:30 p.m., and will perform at 7:30 p.m. at Wilson Hall Auditorium.

Naturally 7 will hold a free one-hour vocal workshop at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Wilson Hall Auditorium. While it's not a performance, the public is welcome to watch. Student

groups are welcome to prepare pieces to perform in front of Naturally 7 and then work on techniques together.

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stylish NOTES

mtvU hits university TV

Music Television is returning to its roots of being devoted to music videos with the launch of mtvU, a channel broadcast exclusively on college campuses. The idea behind the channel is to survey university students around the country to learn about less well-known bands that aren't getting airtime on mainstream radio stations.

The channel, which was launched one month ago, has the potential to reach 5.5 million students on 720 college campuses in the United States.

mtvU also is sponsoring a program for each week of the school year, wherein a \$1,500 grant will be offered to a social activist. They also are collaborating with the

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Missing links: excerpts also need love

In my almost 20 years of life as a reader — ignoring those first formative years spent toddling around the house producing froths of spit from my teething mouth — I never have abandoned books without having finished reading them. Call it respect for the authorial cocktail of blood, sweat and tears or an obsessive-compulsiveness that's never been overcome. Whatever the terminology, the fact remains that I've stuck with plenty of books long past the point of no return, if only to satiate my need for comprehensive reading.

Is there some deep-seeded, Freudian back story to these mutant emotions? Was a much-loved book ripped from this eager child's hands before reaching the last page, leading to a subconscious fear that I can never, ever finish a book in the true sense of the word? I doubt it; you'd have more luck psychoanalyzing the gyrating groins and exposed breasts of a sporting halftime show. Suffice it to say that when it comes to my reading practices, once some-

all things literary

by senior writer
Zak Salih

thing is started, it should not be put aside until finished.

Of course, as a student of literature, I've been exposed to more written works in the past four years and at such an alarming rate that my penchant for obsessive reading has gone haywire. All of a sudden, I find myself reading excerpts from texts — chapters, lines, sections and cross-sections excised like organs from their bodies.

To extend the medical metaphor further, we can learn a lot from an individual organ through splicing and meticulous analysis. But, isn't it

always better to look at the organ — a poisoned liver, say, or a malfunctioned kidney — as though the corpus is part of a whole?

This is why I've stayed away from "readers" (e.g. "The Faulkner Reader," "The Emerson Reader") save for extenuating circumstances. I'd much rather spend the \$10 or \$20 to read the excerpt in its original environment than amongst a jumble of others collected like partnerless puzzle pieces in a cardboard container.

I've always understood that, in the world of English instruction,

time is so crucial that it is impossible to read every single work as a whole. Thus was born the idea of the literary excerpt — developed in conjunction with the Xerox machine and taking the form of dense handouts that dog our binders and folders. And, when you get down to it, the idea of excerpting works for study makes perfect sense.

"Tis better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all," Alfred Lord Tennyson once said. The same holds true for reading, no? Better to have a read a book of Milton's "Paradise Lost" or a few chapters from DeLillo's "White Noise" than never to have come across these works at all.

And yet, this does nothing but enrage my obsession with comprehensive, from-the-first-page-to-the-last-page reading — especially when the excerpts are taken from works I had planned on reading. To borrow from the previous adage, is it better to ruin a good read and pass the exam than never to have passed at all?

SEVEN: Group sings

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"We try to find events that students are interested in, and we try to find events that the community is interested in," said Jerry Weaver, executive assistant to the dean of the College of Arts & Letters.

"People around here and on this campus are really interested in a cappella groups, and we wanted to work [Naturally 7's performance] in."

"Their visit is part educational and part a good show," Weaver added.

Naturally 7's perform-

ance is sponsored by the College of Arts & Letters Encore Series.

Tickets are available this week through the Wilson Hall Box Office from noon to 4 p.m. until Friday. All seats must be reserved. Tickets are not available at the door.

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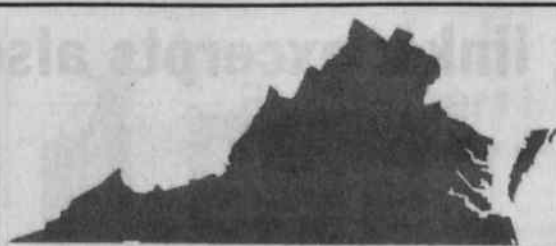
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Assignments

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Funding

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Junior guard Daniel Freeman and senior forward/guard Dwayne Broyles paced JMU past VMI Monday.

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"I really wanted to win the game. After the game I was like, 'Wow, I scored 1,000 points.'"

DWAYNE BROYLES
senior forward/guard
see story below

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Big man on campus hits milestone

Coach is pleased with Broyles' play and persona

SCORING LEADERS

| | | |
|-------|-----------------|-------|
| 2,126 | Steve Stielper | 76-80 |
| 2,065 | Sherman Dillard | 73-78 |
| 1,701 | Kent Culuko | 91-95 |
| 1,533 | Darren McLinton | 92-96 |
| 1,505 | William Davis | 38-93 |
| 1,458 | Pat Dosh | 74-78 |
| 1,380 | Linton Townes | 78-82 |
| 1,365 | David Fanning | 79-03 |
| 1,362 | Eric Brent | 33-87 |
| 1,298 | David Correll | 72-76 |
| 1,287 | George Toliver | 69-72 |
| 1,282 | Steve Hood | 89-91 |
| 1,276 | Eugene Atkinson | 95-99 |
| 1,255 | Dan Ruland | 79-83 |
| 1,151 | John Newman | 83-87 |
| 1,123 | Jamar Perry | 76-00 |
| 1,072 | Charles Lott | 13-97 |
| 1,055 | Louis Rowe | 3-95 |
| 1,037 | Roger Hughett | 5-79 |
| 1,027 | Dwayne Broyles | 0-04 |
| 1,022 | Charles Fisher | 79-83 |

3-POINT LEADERS (made)

| | | |
|-----|-----------------|-------|
| 320 | Kent Culuko | 91-95 |
| 237 | Darren McLinton | 92-96 |
| 192 | David Fanning | 79-03 |
| 161 | Dwayne Broyles | 00-04 |
| 148 | Jamar Perry | 96-00 |
| 131 | Bryan Edwards | 91-93 |

3-POINT LEADERS (attpd.)

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|-----|-----------------|-------|
| 774 | Kent Culuko | 91-95 |
| 566 | Darren McLinton | 92-96 |
| 562 | David Fanning | 79-03 |
| 454 | Dwayne Broyles | 00-04 |
| 443 | Jamar Perry | 96-00 |
| 330 | Eugene Atkinson | 95-99 |

* Stats entering Wednesday

JESSICA TAYLOR/staff director

BY BRANDON SWEENEY
contributing writer

Hidden behind the commotion of Saturday's overtime victory over George Mason University, history was made before the eyes of the 4,347 people in attendance. Senior forward/guard Dwayne Broyles scored the 1,000th point of his collegiate career.

Broyles scored 19 points — surpassing the 1,000-point plateau in his JMU career while — becoming the 21st JMU player to accomplish the feat.

"When they announced it over the loudspeaker, that is when I realized it," Broyles said. "I really wanted to win the game. After the game I was like, 'Wow, I scored 1,000 points.'"

During his four years at JMU, Broyles currently is fourth all-time in 3-pointers made (160) and in 3-pointers attempted (449). As of Monday's game against the Virginia Military Institute, he leads the Dukes this season in scoring (15.3 per game), rebounds (5.3 per game), and is second in assists (2.3 per game). He has led the Dukes in scoring 12 times, has led in assists eight times and six times has been the team's assist leader. He also has started every game this season.

When Broyles looks back on his tenure at JMU, one event in particular sticks out in his mind.

"Day in and day out, he is the same way — he brings that leadership to the floor."

— Daniel Freeman
junior guard

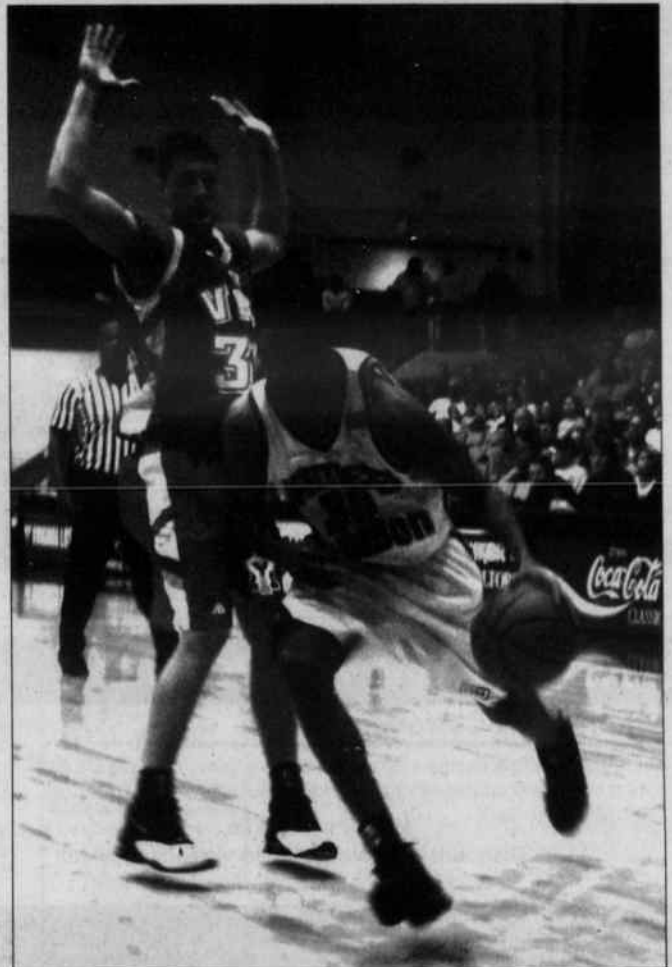
"My sophomore year, we won that tournament game down in Richmond," he said, referring to JMU's first round victory during the Colonial Athletic Association's conference tournament, March 1, 2002 when JMU beat the College of William & Mary, 78-67 at the Richmond Coliseum. "We rallied from behind and came together. That sticks out [in my mind]."

Since starting only two games his freshman year, Broyles has evolved into the team's captain and the leader of a young Dukes team.

Junior guard Daniel Freeman said Broyles has many attributes very valuable to the team. Of those qualities, his leadership stands out.

"Day in and day out, he is the same way — he brings that leadership to the floor," Freeman said. "He keeps guys

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CHRIS LABZDA/senior photographer

Senior forward/guard Dwayne Broyles became one of only 21 players to score 1,000 points in their career against the Virginia Military Institute Monday.

Dukes win battle against Keydets

Freeman scores 22 points in victory

BY JAMES IRWIN
staff writer

Thanks to junior guard Daniel Freeman's 22 points and a 14 to 5 run that opened the second half, JMU overcame a 32-28 halftime deficit to beat the Virginia Military Institute Keydets 76-65 Monday at the Convocation Center.

The non-conference victory now has the Dukes at 7-14 overall, and has increased their current winning streak to a season-high three games.

"As of late, since we started our second time through the Colonial Athletic Association, we've been playing our best ball," senior forward/guard Dwayne Broyles said. "Everything's starting to click."

Early on in the game, it seemed as if the Dukes would

need to do a lot more than just "click" to hold down VMI, as the Keydets shot 50 percent from the floor in the first half in jumping out to their 4-point halftime advantage. The Keydets were paced by forward Radee Skipworth, who scored 13 of his game-high 26 points in the first half.

"I thought VMI came to play, and it was evident that they had done a great job scouting us," head coach Sherman Dillard said. "They were prepared and played well."

Still, the playing of Freeman and Broyles kept JMU in the game early and, eventually, the Dukes were able to put the Keydets away. Freeman made two big 3-point shots in the first half to keep JMU within striking distance. In the second half, with

"I thought VMI came to play, and it was evident that they had done a great job scouting us."

— Sherman Dillard
men's basketball head coach

VMI down only 3 points, Freeman came up big again, hitting back-to-back 3-pointers to turn a 53-50 game into 59-52.

"Both Daniel and Dwayne have been coming up big as of late," Dillard said. "It's been the play of these two guys that has really helped us."

Broyles' overall effort included 16 points and six rebounds in

35 minutes. He also was five for six from the free-throw line.

"We expected a tough game from VMI, and we knew going into halftime that we had to come out with more intensity," Broyles said.

That intensity began right away, with red-shirt sophomore forward David Cooper's lay-up on JMU's first possession of the second half. Within two minutes, the Dukes had taken the lead for good on a pair of 3-pointers by freshman guard Ray Barbosa and two free throws from Broyles.

"We stepped up the defensive tenacity, and it helped create some easy buckets for us," Freeman said. "Ray and Dwayne both hit some big shots."

However, it was Freeman himself who put the game out of reach, hitting two free

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CHRIS LABZDA/senior photographer

JMU won its third-straight game Monday, defeating the Virginia Military Institute, 76-65.

Ayers' dismissal in Philly part of disturbing trend in coaching ranks

Winning and losing. That's what defines success in sports.

And, when it comes to coaching, it's not about what you have done — it's about "what have you done for me lately?"

That principle has made some sports — especially the NBA — a joke in recent years.

Look at the numbers — 14 of the 15 teams in the NBA's Eastern Conference have hired a new coach since the end of last season. With the Philadelphia 76ers' firing of coach Randy Ayers Tuesday morning, six Eastern Conference teams have made coaching changes since the season started.

However, not all of the six coaching changes this season have been "what have you done for me lately?" reasons.

m O'Brien resigned as the Boston Celtics' coach, citing difference in philosophy with management. The Orlando Magic, the Chicago Bulls and the New York Knicks all canned their head coaches because of bad records — the other two situations are a different story.

The New Jersey Nets fired Byron Scott Jan. 27, despite an above-.500 record (22-20), before he was shown the exit. Scott's fate seemed almost sealed, even though he had led the Nets to consecutive NBA Finals appearances.

For almost a year, rumors circulated East Rutherford, N.J., that Scott and star player Jason Kidd did not get along. Both denied the claims publicly, but it seems ironic that New Jersey is 8-0 entering Wednesday's game since Scott was fired.

Ayers' dismissal in Philadelphia is even more troubling. In a loss to New Jersey Sunday, Ayers benched Glenn Robinson for his lack of effort in the game. Robinson, who has been a cancer to every team he has played for in the NBA, criticized Ayers.

Robinson's insubordination should have led to a disciplinary action. Instead, Ayers was the one who was sent packing less than half a season into his first year as head coach.

Only a week earlier, 76ers star Allen Iverson criticized his teammates, calling them out at a press conference for their lack of effort this season.

So, if the team's top player pointed the finger at his teammates, why did the blame fall back onto Ayers?

Stephen A. Smith, a columnist for the Philadelphia

Inquirer, said the Ayers incident was a disturbing trend in the league. In his column Tuesday, Smith blasted some black players as the reason for why black coaches aren't getting the chances some white coaches are given.

Smith states that black athletes "march like soldiers in boot camp to the tune of those blessed with wealth, stability, power and, almost always, a different hue."

Yet, when that coach is of the same race, "that same black athlete ... leans toward indifference

ON THE SIDELINES



DREW WILSON

before regressing to defiance ..."

Smith adds that because white coaches make more money, they are less likely to go anywhere, whereas a black coach, who is making less money, would be forced out. More money equals more power, which, in turn, means more job security. In the 76ers' case, Robinson's contract through next season will pay him \$22.8 million, while Ayers only had a three-year, \$4.5 million deal.

For years, I have wondered why the coach always takes the fall for a team's poor performance, or why one player can determine the fate of a coach — whether it's a star player, such as Kidd, or a bad apple, such as Robinson.

Obviously, it's easier to can the coach than to replace the

entire team. But, I think it's unfair not to give a coach proper time to succeed. Owners and general managers are too worried the short-term success — hence the short leashes on coaches.

JMU has been criticized for having too long a leash on some of its coaches, such as Sherman Dillard or Mickey Matthews. I, too, sometimes have criticized their lack of success. But, the more I think about it, the more I am thankful the school's administration gives them the benefit of the doubt and a chance to right the ship, instead of kicking them to the curb after a few losing seasons.

Drew Wilson is a senior SMAD major who knows success takes time and thinks patience pays off in the end.

SENIOR: Broyles puts name among best

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up-tempo and upbeat. When he sees guys slacking off, he gets on them."

He also takes that example of a team leader off the court. He is in good academic standing and will graduate in May.

Head coach Sherman Dillard ('78), a 1,000-point man himself (2,065, second most all-time in JMU history), said he hopes that his own sons could grow up to have the pleasant disposition, the easygoing demeanor and the excellent manners that Broyles possesses. Dillard added that if his children ever decided to play basketball, he would want them to have similar basketball attributes as well.

"Dwayne is an exceptional human being," Dillard said. "He has got the total package. I have been extremely proud of his development and progression over the years."

"Since his freshman year, he has become stronger and smarter," Dillard added. "His leadership is phenomenal."

Dillard feels that Broyles has made him-

“Dwayne is an exceptional human being ... His leadership is phenomenal.”

— Sherman Dillard
men's basketball head coach

self into one of the best players in the league. "I have to credit Dwayne; he has worked hard on his game," Dillard said. "Dwayne is one of those players who can score in crunch times."

Broyles currently is seventh in the CAA in scoring — the only JMU player in the top 24 players. He also is 12th in rebounds and 18th in assists in the conference.



CHRIS LABZDA/senior photographer
Senior point guard Chris Williams dribbles the ball upcourt during the Dukes' third-straight win Monday. JMU is 7-14 this season.

JMU: Guard leads Dukes

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throws to give the Dukes an 8-point lead with 2:10 left to go in the game. Seconds later, Barbosa put the finishing touches on the win with a 3-pointer from the wing.

"Ray hitting that shot was definitely big," Freeman said. "I think it took a little wind out of them."

JMU shot over 53 percent from the floor in the second half, including 6 for 11 from beyond the arc. It outscored VMI 48-33 after halftime and put the clamps on the Keydets' 3-point shooting, allowing only two 3-pointers in the final 20 minutes.

"We got it together, came out and played a better second half," Broyles said. "Everyone got touches on offense. It's a lot of fun out there."

The Dukes played Old Dominion University Wednesday night in Norfolk. A final game score was not available at the time of production. JMU will next play the University of North Carolina-Wilmington Saturday at 7 p.m. in the Convocation Center.

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Meet the Dukes' 2004 coaches

'Spanky' McFarland

Joe 'Spanky' McFarland was named the 2002 Colonial Athletic Association Coach of the Year. He guided the JMU Diamond Dukes to a school-record 44 wins, a first-place regular-season finish in the CAA and to the program's first NCAA regional tournament since 1995.

His six JMU teams have combined for a record of 195-151-2, including last year's 29-27 squad.

McFarland was named the baseball coach in October 1997, a very unusual time of the year to take the reigns of a Division I baseball program. He did not have the benefit of evaluating his players during the fall session, and on-the-field time was limited during the few weeks between early January and the opener Feb. 14.

The 49-year-old coached for seven seasons (1991-97) at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, Ill., which reinstated baseball in 1991 after discontinuing the program in 1982. He previously was an assistant coach at South Florida (1986-90), Georgia Tech (1983-85), Florida State (1982) and Appalachian State (1981).

McFarland was born May 25, 1954, and is a native of New Carlisle, Ohio. He is a graduate of Hillsdale College in Michigan with a bachelor of arts degree in physical education and art. He received a master's in physical education at Appalachian State in 1981.



— from staff reports

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Katie Flynn



One of Katie Flynn's main goals after becoming the coach in November 2000 was to turn JMU softball into a competitive program on a regional level. In what was the first year of the team's existence, Flynn guided the Dukes to a 25-24 record in their first year and a berth in the semifinals of the CAA Championships.

Flynn joined the JMU staff with seven seasons of head coaching experience. A 1990 Colgate University graduate, she was the head coach at Colgate from 1994-97 and at the University of North Carolina-Greensboro from 1998-2000. "We are extremely pleased to have a coach of Katie's caliber join our staff," said

JMU athletics director Jeff Bourne. "She's an avid recruiter and has proven she can be successful in two other programs."

Flynn coached the 1998 Southern Conference Player of the Year while at UNC-Greensboro, and Colgate, in 1997, had only its third 20-victory season.

Before joining the Colgate staff, Flynn was an assistant for two seasons at Ohio State University, where she coached first base and worked with the team's outfielders. She also has worked as an assistant coach and as an intern in the sports information office at Stetson University.

A native of East Greenwich, R.I., Flynn earned a bachelor of arts degree in history from Colgate and a Master of Arts degree in sports management and athletic administration from Ohio State in 1993. She lettered four times as a catcher in softball at Colgate and helped the Red Raiders to an Eastern College Athletic Conference Tournament berth in 1987 and to a team-record 24 victories in 1990.

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Diamond Dukes counteract youth with talent

McFarland adds 12 freshmen to squad for 2004

BY TODD BAGCHI
AND JEFF TOMIK
contributing writers

JMU enters this season with only one senior, but coach Spanky McFarland and his Diamond Dukes believe that by the time Colonial Athletic Association conference play starts, the youngsters will have gained enough experience to win.

"We're young, but very talented," McFarland said.

Red-shirt senior outfielder and co-captain Alan Lindsey is the squad's lone senior. Lindsey has suffered from injuries in his time at JMU, but success from earlier in his college career makes him confident that he can lead the team.

"With the job the coaches are doing, I feel no pressure at all," Lindsey said. "All we can do with the young guys is give them experience, set an example and show them that winning is a day-to-day process."

Lindsey will lead a Diamond Dukes ball club that finished up its 2003 campaign slightly above .500, going 29-27 overall and 13-7 in conference play.

"It's no secret that last year was a huge disappointment, and everyone

“*It's no secret last year was a huge disappointment, and everyone who was on that team learned something from that.*”

— Alan Lindsey
red-shirt senior outfielder

who was on that team learned something from that," Lindsey said. "We are not taking anything for granted this year. We are going to use our youth as an advantage by looking at this season one game at a time."

Expecting to pace the offense this season is junior outfielder and co-captain Mike Butia. Butia is a two-year starter and was picked as the CAA pre-season Player of the Year by opposing coaches within the conference. Butia finished last season second on the team in both batting average and home runs. He netted a .362 average, eight home runs, and made the CAA All-Conference team as an honorable mention.

Lindsey added, "Mike (Butia) is a solid outfielder who is going to carry much of the offensive [work]load."

The Diamond Dukes' pitching staff will feature an array of fresh faces, considering seven of the 12 freshmen on the team are pitchers.

"The freshmen are going to be a big part of our team," red-shirt sophomore right-handed pitcher Geoff Degener said. "Some of the freshmen pitchers are going to get a lot of innings, along with some position guys, and they are going to get better with every inning they play."

Freshmen pitchers, left-handed Ryan Lobban, right-handed Travis Risser and left-handed Jacob Cook, all will see time on the mound, according to McFarland. Junior right-handed pitcher and co-captain Brian Leatherwood is penciled in as the ace of JMU's staff. Number two in the rotation will be red-shirt sophomore left-handed pitcher Greg Nesbitt.

"Leatherwood works on his game constantly, and I expect that his work ethic will pay huge dividends for him this year," Lindsey said.

Leatherwood started seven games last year, and finished with a 2-0 record and a 6.96 earned run average.

With the added youth to JMU's lineup, the Diamond Dukes also have tacked on a wealth of speed and quickness, McFarland said.

"(Freshman outfielder) Brandon

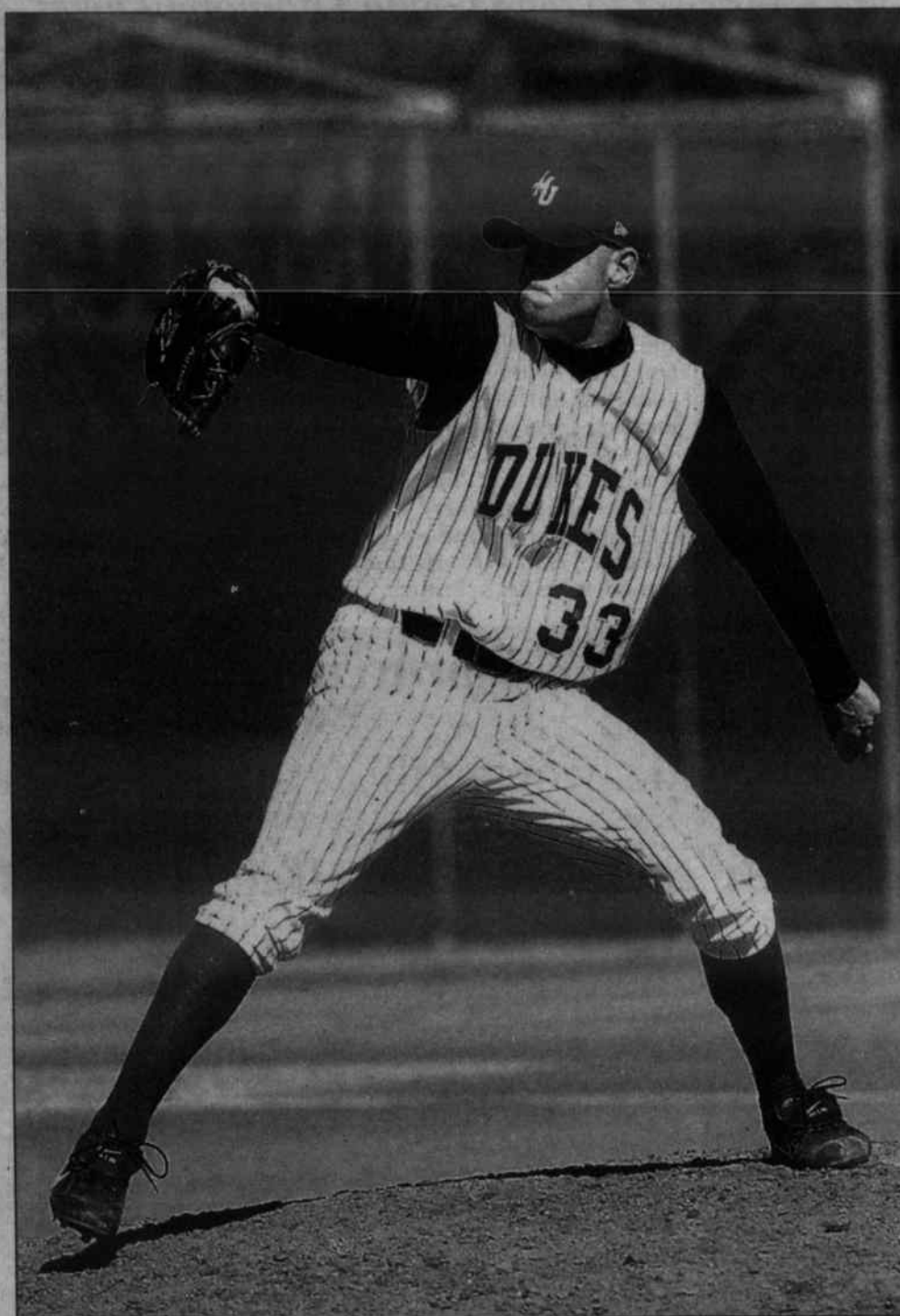


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Red-shirt sophomore left-handed pitcher Greg Nesbitt will toss a number of innings this year.

“*Some of the freshmen pitchers are going to get a lot of innings ... they are going to get better with every inning they play.*”

— Geoff Degener
red-shirt sophomore right-handed pitcher

speed by playing the short game and finding different ways to get men on base. He has worked with the pitchers to find two or three good pitches and encouraged them to go after batters. Defensively, he has worked on the basics and emphasized the importance of making the routine play.

"Thus far, it has been a fun year," McFarland said. "The guys are young, but working extremely hard and catching on fast. They seem to be buying into the system."

"I try to convince players to play against the game and not the opponent," McFarland said. "We will do what we do and not be concerned with who we play against."

The Diamond Dukes open up their season at home vs. Longwood University Feb. 14 at Long Field/Mauck Stadium at noon.

Bowser is probably the fastest guy in the league," McFarland said.

McFarland said he has been working on trying to utilize the team's



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Freshman shortstop Davis Stoneburner will be called upon by coach Spanky McFarland to anchor the squad's young infield in 2004.

Lindsey seeks healthy, winning senior season

Lone senior set to lead young Diamond Dukes, atone for time lost due to nagging injuries

BY MATT STOSS
contributing writer

It's been five years since red-shirt senior left fielder Alan Lindsey left Lee-Davis High School in Richmond.

At first, it seemed that his post-prep plans might lean toward professional baseball, as he was drafted in the 44th round in the 1999 Amateur Draft by the Boston Red Sox. But, coming out of high school, late picks are long shots at making it to the major leagues.

Out of high school, Lindsey went to Clemson University, but soon transferred, citing baseball as his primary reason for his trek to Harrisonburg.

Now, five years later, the left fielder

finds himself the lone senior on a youth-laden JMU baseball team.

"He just wants to win his senior year," coach Spanky McFarland said. "Right now, he just wants to win."

The Diamond Dukes are left without first baseman Eddie Kim ('03), who now plays for the Vancouver Canadians of the Northwest League, a minor league affiliate of the Oakland Athletics.

"[Junior outfielder and co-captain Mike] Butia and I are going to have to divvy up the offensive weight this year," Lindsey said. "I think Mike's going to carry a little more than me. [Kim's] are some big shoes to fill."

In the absence of Kim and other seniors, the young Diamond Dukes



Photo courtesy of JMU Photography

Red-shirt senior left fielder Alan Lindsey takes his lead away from second base during a game last season. Lindsey is the squad's lone senior and is a co-captain for the 2004 season.

will look to Lindsey for a bit of offense this year and, according to McFarland, a little leadership between and beyond the lines.

"The biggest thing we're expecting out of Alan is just to lead, on and off the field," McFarland said.

After an injury plagued collegiate career, Lindsey finally is well. Last year, he struggled with his health, hitting just .231, while starting only 31 of JMU's 56 games — far cry from his freshman campaign where he hit .345 and started 46 games. Yet in 2003, he still managed to muscle up for a career-high five home runs.

In his first season at JMU, Lindsey recorded four home runs and 25 runs batted in, while splitting time in right field and seeing action in 56 games. His early success carried over into his sophomore year. Lindsey hit .287 with four more home runs and 23 RBIs, while only starting 21 games due to injury.

For his career, Lindsey has totaled a .295 batting average, with 13 home runs and 73 RBIs.

This year, Lindsey and McFarland look to a healthy final season at JMU.

"The only time he's been healthy the whole year was his first year, and he had a great year," McFarland said. "I think his biggest problem is that he's been hurt and hasn't been able to get into a groove."

This season, however, is a little different for Lindsey and the Diamond Dukes.

JMU finished last season with a disappointing 29-27 record. But, after finishing second in the Colonial Athletic Association behind Virginia Commonwealth University in 2002 and 2001, there was talk of making a run at the conference title and perhaps even an NCAA Regional berth in 2004.

With considerably lowered public expectations in 2004, the red-shirt senior looks to use his final year in purple and gold playing underdog — a change from the attitudes of Lindsey's prior teams.

This season, instead of experience, JMU will take the turf and grass of Long Field/Mauk Stadium with a surplus of youth. The rest of the CAA is a different story, brandishing three All-

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— Spanky McFarland
baseball coach

American pitchers and an array of talent throughout the conference.

"All those clubs have experience coming back, and experience is a big thing," McFarland said. "But, at the same time, we feel we are very talented — young, but talented."

Now, Lindsey finds himself in the unique position of solitary senior, but changing situations is something Lindsey has become accustomed to in his college baseball career. He's done just about everything — he has been drafted, transferred, hurt and, now in 2004, he will be a leader.

Lindsey now leads his young teammates to what he hopes is a winning season, and perhaps a conference title, by utilizing the element of surprise.

"I think this year we are going to be underdogs, which is a lot of fun," Lindsey said. "Some guys might take us too lightly, and we can sneak up on somebody."

In looking to the future, Lindsey gazes no further than tomorrow. For him, it's all about attitude, and focusing on this year.

"I'm just looking to have fun and playing baseball," Lindsey said.

At this season's end however, professional baseball is not completely out of the question. The Amateur Draft and free agency are foreseeable when it's all said and done, Butia said.

"I'm thinking about today and getting better now," Lindsey said. "If [professional baseball] is an option at the end of the year, then I'll think about it. Right now, I just want go out, play hard and get a win."

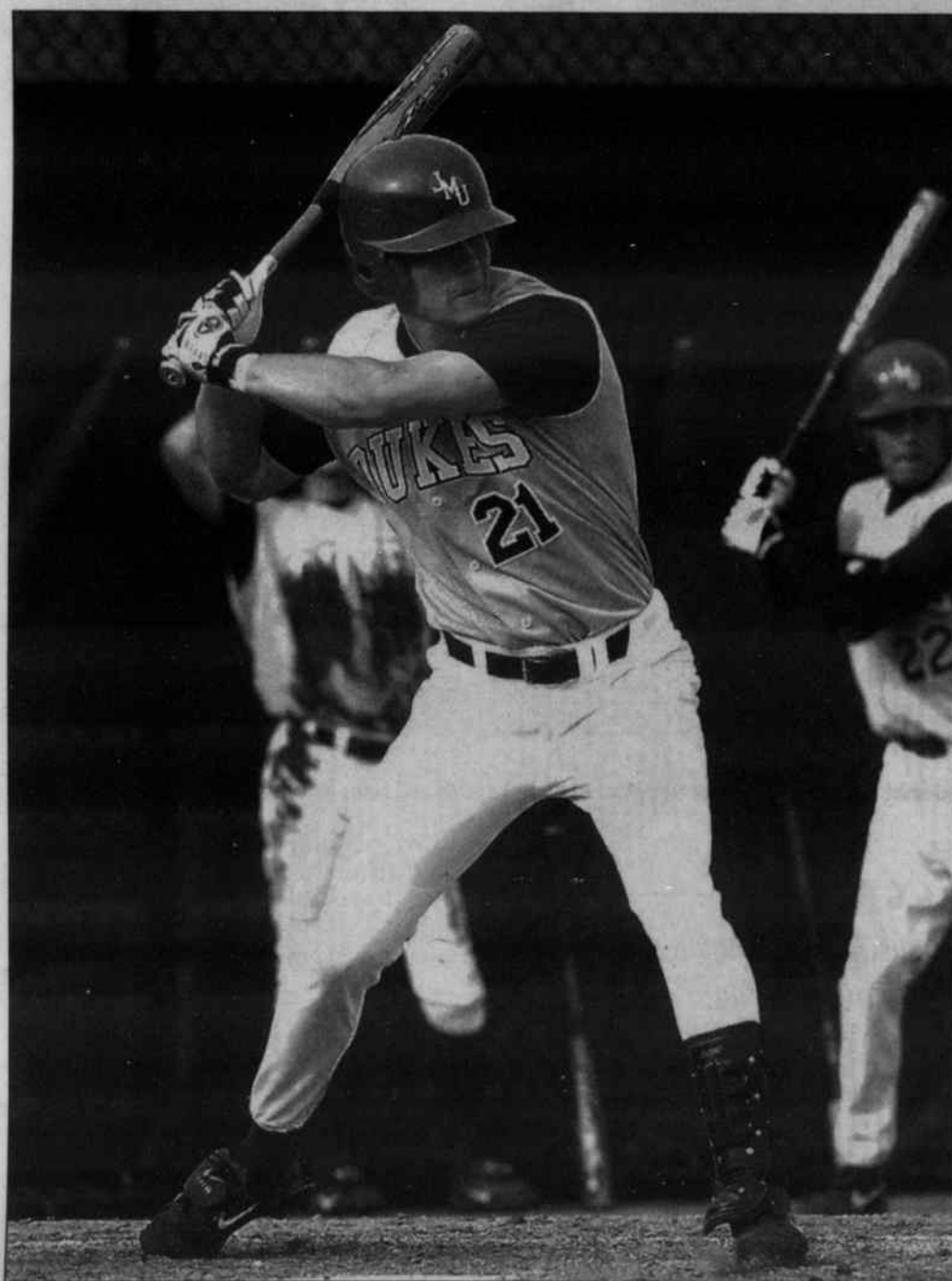


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After an injury plagued career as a Diamond Duke, red-shirt senior left fielder Alan Lindsey hopes to reproduce statistics similar to his freshman year when he hit .345 in 56 games.

Butia expected to carry JMU's offense, lead Diamond Dukes

Junior right fielder named preseason CAA Player of the Year

BY REBECCA SCHOFIELD
contributing writer

Junior right fielder Mike Butia is known for leading by example, and this season will provide the co-captain another opportunity to do just that — lead. After receiving JMU's Kevin Nehring Rookie of the Year Award during his freshman season in 2002, the outfielder has yet to stop pushing himself.

Receiving All-Conference honors last season and recently chosen as the Colonial Athletic Association's preseason Player of the Year, Butia will be known this season as "the guy other teams fear," according to junior right-handed pitcher and co-captain Brian Leatherwood.

Coach Spanky McFarland agrees with Leatherwood, stating Butia's stellar hitting abilities as some of the best he has seen in his seven years coaching at JMU.

"Everyone gets their turn to do something in baseball," McFarland said. "It's more of an individual sport in that regard, and [with his ability at the plate] we always like to have Butia up during big situations."

Butia's combination of talent and ability in clutch situations, as well as his diligent work ethic, have been credited by McFarland as major motivating factors for this young team.

"When I was a freshman, there were a lot of older guys that took us under their wing," Butia said. "While we don't have the numbers as far as upperclassmen go, our younger guys are extremely hard workers."

One of only three upperclassmen, Butia tries to be an example to his teammates on the field.

"[Butia] has a great work ethic and is an amazing team player," Leatherwood said. "He makes everyone that much better just being around him."

McFarland said Butia's combination of both talent and leadership on the field greatly will assist the Diamond Dukes' team goal of playing their own game rather than focusing on specific wins and losses.

Baseball always has been a major part of Butia's life. Since Little League, he has developed as an athlete into a top Division I outfielder with aspirations of a major-league draft pick.

"JMU was the first school to show a great deal of interest in me," Butia said. "I was recruited as both a pitcher and an outfielder, but once I got here, it became evident that I was needed most in the field."

Butia rarely takes a break from his sport, as this past sum-

mer he played in the Cape Cod league in New England, as well as the Clark Griffith League in Arlington.

Modest in his accomplishments, Butia credits his parents and his hitting coach as influential people in the development of his career.

"My parents have supported me 100 percent from the very beginning," Butia said. "They never pressured me to continue playing, and if I were to quit tomorrow, they would still be my biggest fans."

Butia also acknowledged JMU hitting coach Chuck Bartlett as a key developer in progressing his hitting abilities.

As the season kicks off this Saturday against Longwood University, Butia holds high hopes for success.

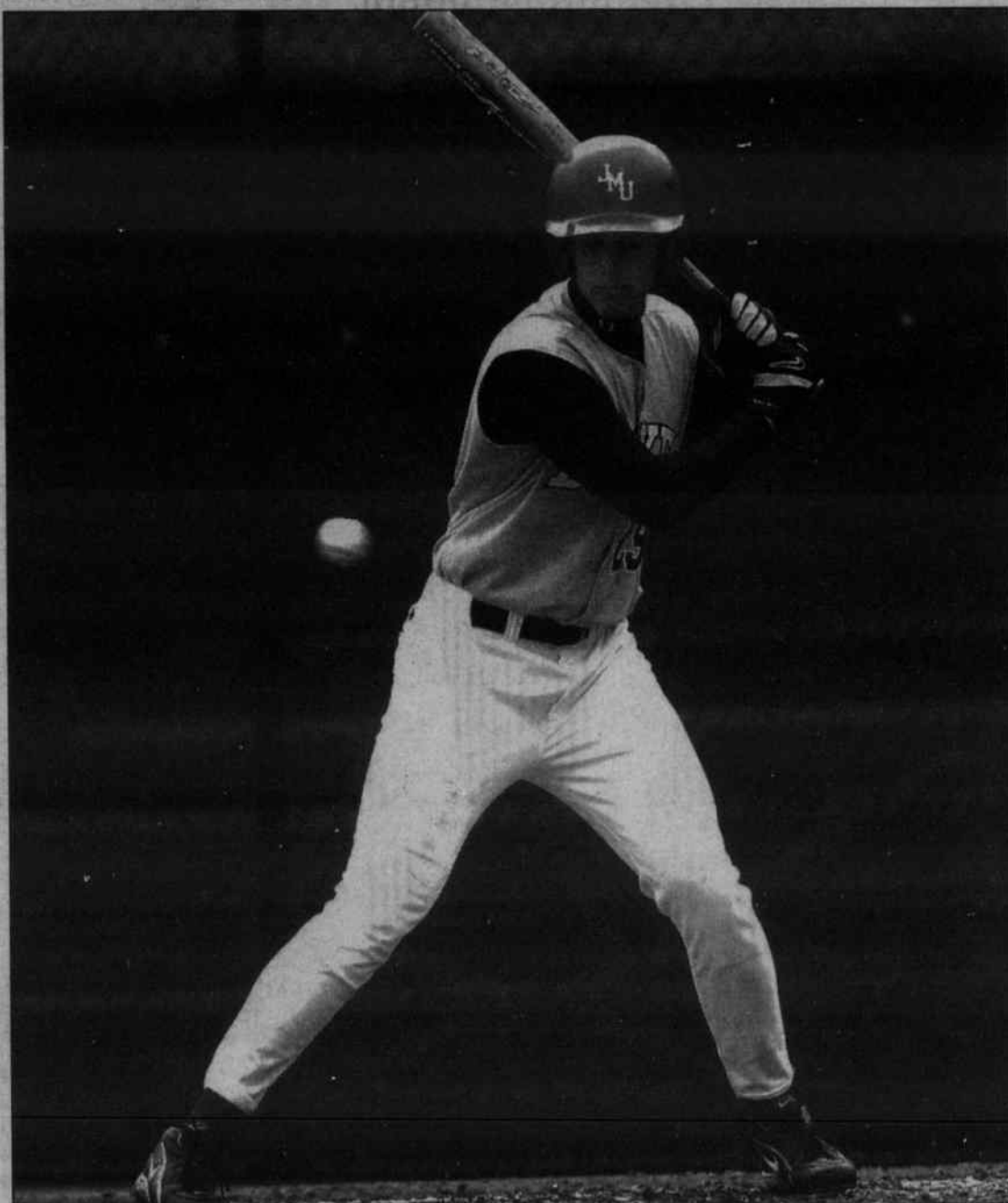
"We will defiantly exceed expectations this year — I have no doubt in my mind that we will be major contenders in the CAA this season," Butia said.

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in the CAA this season.

— Mike Butia
junior right fielder

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Photography

Junior right fielder Mike Butia was named the Colonial Athletic Association preseason Player of the Year. Butia finished second on the team last season in batting, posting a .362, eight home runs and 43 RBIs. With a young squad in 2004, coach Spanky McFarland said he expects a solid amount of leadership on and off the field from the Diamond Dukes' co-captain.



“
[Butia] has a great work ethic and is an
amazing team player. He makes
everyone that much better just being
around him.

— Brian Leatherwood
junior right-handed pitcher



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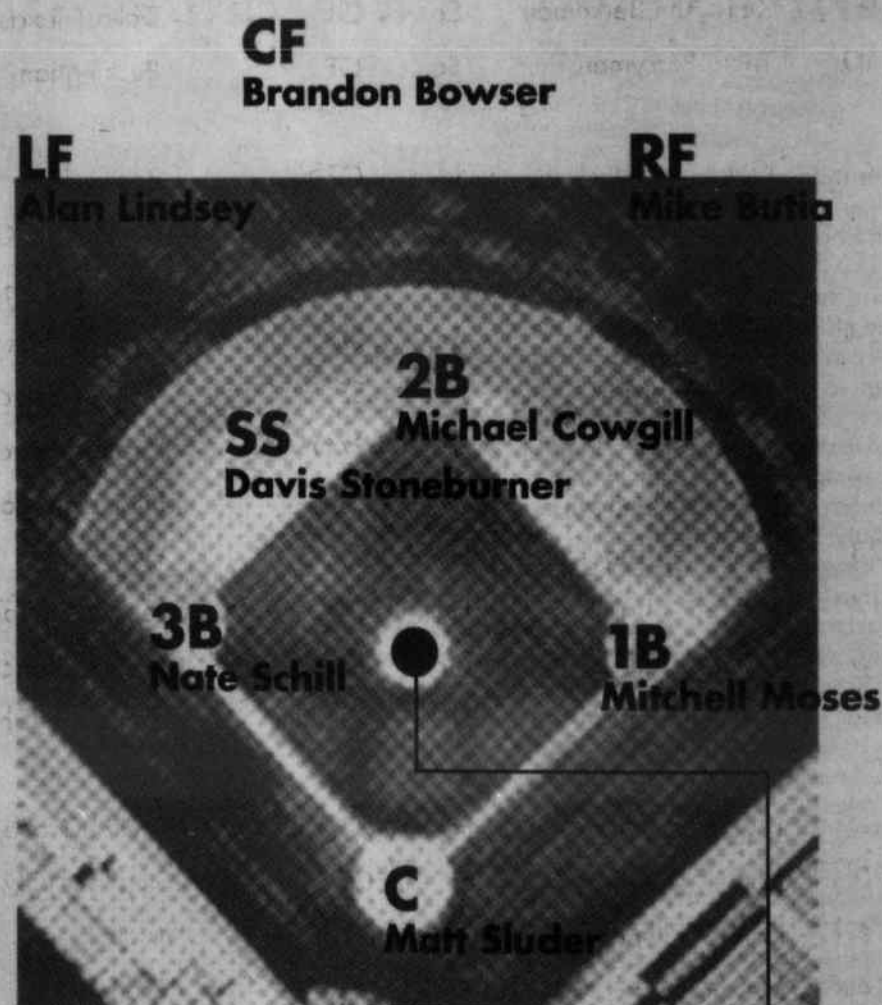
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| 29 | Mike Butia | Jr. | OF | Pittsburgh, Pa. |
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| 4 | Michael Cowgill | So. | INF | Lexington, Ky. |
| 9 | Geoff Degener | r-So. | RHP | Cape May, N.J. |
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| 5 | Shea Harris | So. | C | Washington Township, N.J. |
| 27 | Trevor Kaylid | Fr. | LHP/OF | Cary, N.C. |
| 18 | Joe Lake | Fr. | 2B/3B/OF | Elkridge, Md. |
| 36 | Bobby Lasko | Fr. | RHP | Athens, Pa. |
| 11 | Brian Leatherwood | Jr. | RHP | Norfolk |
| 21 | Alan Lindsey | r-Sr. | OF | Mechanicsville |
| 22 | Ryan Lobban | Fr. | LHP | Upper Saddle River, N.J. |
| 3 | Sean Loso | r-So. | 2B/OF | Harrisonburg |
| 37 | Clay McKim | So. | RHP | Hanover, Pa. |
| 26 | Travis Miller | So. | RHP | Harrisburg, Pa. |
| 35 | Mitchell Moses | So. | RHP/1B | Richmond |
| 33 | Greg Nesbitt | r-So. | LHP | Drumore, Pa. |
| 28 | David Rich | r-Fr. | LHP | Smithtown, N.Y. |
| 20 | Patrick Riley | So. | RHP | Johnson City, N.Y. |
| 38 | Travis Risser | Fr. | RHP | Palmyra, Pa. |
| 15 | Dan Santobianco | So. | C | Wilmington, Del. |
| 24 | Nate Schill | So. | 3B/RHP | Audobon, N.J. |
| 6 | Matt Sluder | So. | C | Mechanicsville |
| 15 | Davis Stoneburner | Fr. | SS | Richmond |

Head Coach: Spanky McFarland

Associate Head Coach: Chuck Bartlett

Assistant Coaches: Dustin Bowman and Jay Sullenger

depth chart



DH
Skyler Doom

LHP
Jacob Cook
Trevor Kaylid
Ryan Lobban
Greg Nesbitt
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RHP
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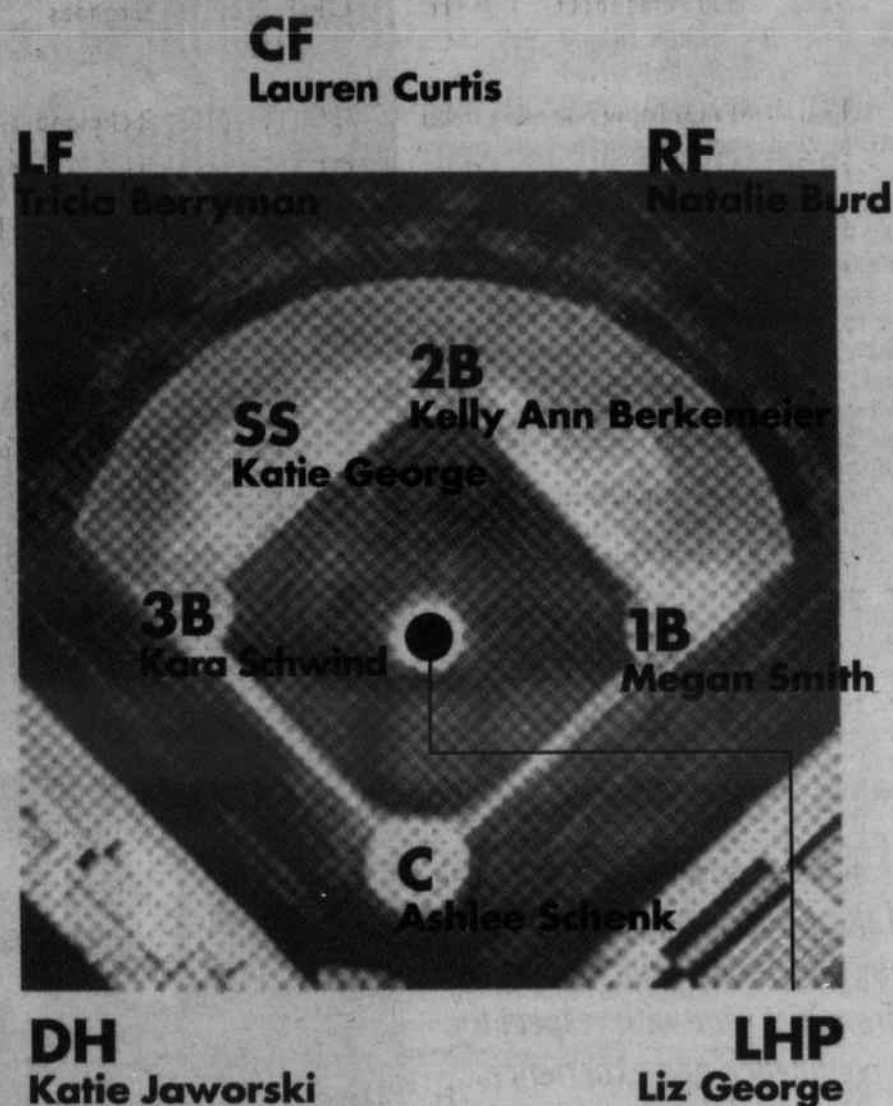
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| 4 | Natalie Burd | Jr. | OF | Bristol, Pa. |
| 6 | Briana Carrera | So. | UT | San Diego, Calif. |
| 2 | Leah Conley | Jr. | P | Levittown, Pa. |
| 24 | Lauren Curtis | So. | OF | Seattle, Wash. |
| 8 | Katie George | Fr. | SS | Virginia Beach |
| 3 | Liz George | Jr. | P/OF | Virginia Beach |
| 21 | Katie Jaworski | Jr. | UT | Pittsburgh, Pa. |
| 23 | Samantha Legorreta | Fr. | C/3B | Watsonville, Calif. |
| 17 | Andrea Long | Fr. | OF | Laury's Station, Pa. |
| 15 | Kristy Nixon | r-Jr. | 1B | Virginia Beach |
| 12 | Lindsey Romick | Fr. | C/SS | Hannibal, Ohio |
| 22 | Ashlee Schenk | Jr. | C | Nashville, Tenn. |
| 33 | Lauren Schmitz | Fr. | 2B/3B | Pacific Grove, Calif. |
| 20 | Katherine Schray | Fr. | OF | Stephens City |
| 16 | Kara Schwind | Sr. | C/3B | Midlothian |
| 14 | Megan Smith | So. | 1B | Sterling |
| 1 | Sally Smith | Fr. | P/OF | Mechanicsville |

Head Coach: Katie Flynn

Assistant Coaches: Lisa Ciavardini and Cheryl Denny

depth chart



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Dukes poised for successful year

JMU taking it one game at a time in 2004

BY JAMES IRWIN
contributing writer

Fifteen — the number of one-run games JMU lost last season. Nineteen — the number of defeats by two runs or less. To say that the Dukes were more competitive in 2003 than their 18-31 record suggests might be an understatement.

Fast forward to 2004, when, according to head coach Katie Flynn, JMU currently has a solid core of players coming back, and the team is battle-hardened and determined — prepared to establish itself as a formidable team in the Colonial Athletic Association.

Softball games begin and end with pitching, and Flynn believes that the Dukes will be both talented and deep in the circle this season. They would have brought back three pitchers, each of whom tossed over 85 innings last season, but junior Leah Conley will be out for the season with a knee injury. Despite Conley's injury, the Dukes still have (pitchers) sophomore Briana Carrera and junior Liz George.

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— Katie Jaworski
junior utility player and co-captain

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“We try and balance it out,” Flynn said. “Briana Carrera is going to get the ball in a lot of tough games. Liz George will get the ball, and we’re looking for (sophomore pitcher) Renee Bounds to step up and be that fourth starter, which will make us even deeper.”

At catcher, the Dukes have junior Ashlee Schenk, who has caught all 98 games in JMU softball history. The program played its first season in the spring of 2002.

Flynn said Schenk will be a leader in an infield that also includes sophomore first baseman Megan Smith, sophomore second baseman Kelly Ann Berkemeier, freshman shortstop Katie George and senior co-captain Kara Schwind at third base. A big boost also should come from junior utility player and co-captain Katie Jaworski.



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The Dukes will open their season Feb. 13 in Chapel Hill, N.C., against Elon College at 11 a.m. as part of the Triangle Classic. JMU is looking to bounce back from several close and disappointing losses last season.

“Each year, you know a little more and get better at what you do,” Jaworski said. “Kara (Schwind) and I believe that it’s our job to help keep things running smoothly.”

Flynn hopes that sophomore center fielder Tricia Berryman, who is coming off a solid first season, will continue her steady play. Although Flynn said the outfield is still open, Berryman most likely will start the season in center, teaming up with juniors Natalie Burd and Liz George to round out the starting outfield.

Schwind stressed that taking things one game at a time is another big concept for the long season.

“We have to focus on the game we are playing and not look too far into the

future,” Schwind said. “We need to succeed in the drills we practice every day. We have to know what to do with the ball and always know the situation we’re in.”

Jaworski added, “I think you will be able to see how much our team has grown from last year with respect to confidence and experience. If we play the way we are capable of, then we have a shot in the CAA.”

That shot, in a usually tightly packed division, is exactly what Flynn hopes for this year’s team. While she knows that Hofstra University is a big preseason favorite, she also believes that the Dukes can put themselves in a good position by winning close games.

“The middle of the pack is a cluster fighting for second and third place,” Flynn said. “[The University of] Delaware and George Mason [University] are there. We should be there as well; it’s really pretty balanced when you look at it.”

In such a balanced conference, the winners and losers ultimately will be decided not by who has the most dominant players or makes the biggest plays, but rather who is most fundamentally sound and able to capitalize on the other team’s miscues, according to Schwind.

“Fundamentals are the key to success in our game,” Schwind said. “If we, as a team, do the little things right, the big things will fall into place.”

Junior's intensity impacting team

Two-time member of CAA Second Team, co-captain receives high praise from coach and teammates entering 2004 season

BY TOM CIALINO
contributing writer

One of the main ways in which head coach Katie Flynn plans on improving upon last year's 18-31 record is in the return of junior utility infielder and co-captain Katie Jaworski.

Jaworski, a two-time member of the Colonial Athletic Association's Second Team, will be a fixture in the middle of a lineup that returns eight starters.

"It is unique to be a junior and a captain, so that says a lot about her and the type of kid she is," Flynn said. "She

brings a fierce competitiveness and intensity to the team. You just love your younger players to feed off that."

As a utility infielder Jaworski plans to spend some time at designated hitter as well, Jaworski was second on the team last year with three home runs. However, Jaworski sees plenty of room for improvement.

"One of the things that I tried to do over the off-season was become a better hitter," Jaworski said. "I felt that I was more consistent in the field than at the plate, so I tried to work on that."

Jaworski is known by her team-

mates as an intense and competitive player, according to fellow captain, senior third baseman Kara Schwind. The ultimate honor for such an attitude is the Purple and Gold Award, which was given to her last year as recognition of the JMU softball player with the most heart and determination during the season.

Schwind said that Jaworski is well liked and respected by her teammates because of who she is on and off the field.

"I have played baseball or softball going on 16 years now on many different levels, and I can honestly say that Katie is one of the most hard-working and intense players that I have ever had a chance to play with," Schwind said. "I have had the honor of playing with her going on three years, and every year she develops into a more mature player and individual."

She has helped me become the player I am today because she pushes me when I want to stop," Schwind added. "She will stay after and work on drills with me until I believe I have perfected them."

Part of the responsibility that comes with being a captain is helping the newcomers adjust to college athletics, and Jaworski said she and Schwind helped show the freshmen the ropes in the first few practices.

Jaworski believes that since this process ran so smoothly and the

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—Katie Flynn
softball coach

freshmen adjusted so well, it only will add to the poise and composure that this group will maintain throughout the season.

In fact, Jaworski feels that one of the main differences between last year's team and the current squad that returns 14 veterans, will be the valuable experience gained in several close losses last year.

"[Experience] will help us out so much, especially compared to last year," Jaworski said. "The games we lost by one or two runs last year will be a lot different this year; we should be able to win a lot of close games because of it."

Another reason why Jaworski plans to soar in 2004 is that she finally is starting to recover from a nagging arm injury that has hampered her ever since she arrived at JMU.

This shoulder injury is the main reason why Jaworski moved from her natural position to being inserted in the Dukes lineup as a designated hitter. The pain in her shoulder is so much that it limits her ability to throw the ball effectively.

Flynn attributed Jaworski's recovery to her hard work and determination during off-season rehabilitation.

"Through her hard work and intensity in the training room, she is finally starting to get healthy and play first and second base, instead of just starting at designated hitter," Flynn said.

Jaworski, a computer information systems major, is very excited to start this new season.

"[Katie] works hard on the field and in the classroom," Schwind said. "She is the type of player that will get down on herself if she knows she hasn't done her best, but will pick up her teammates when one of us is down."

"She's the type of player to work hard when nobody is watching," Schwind added.

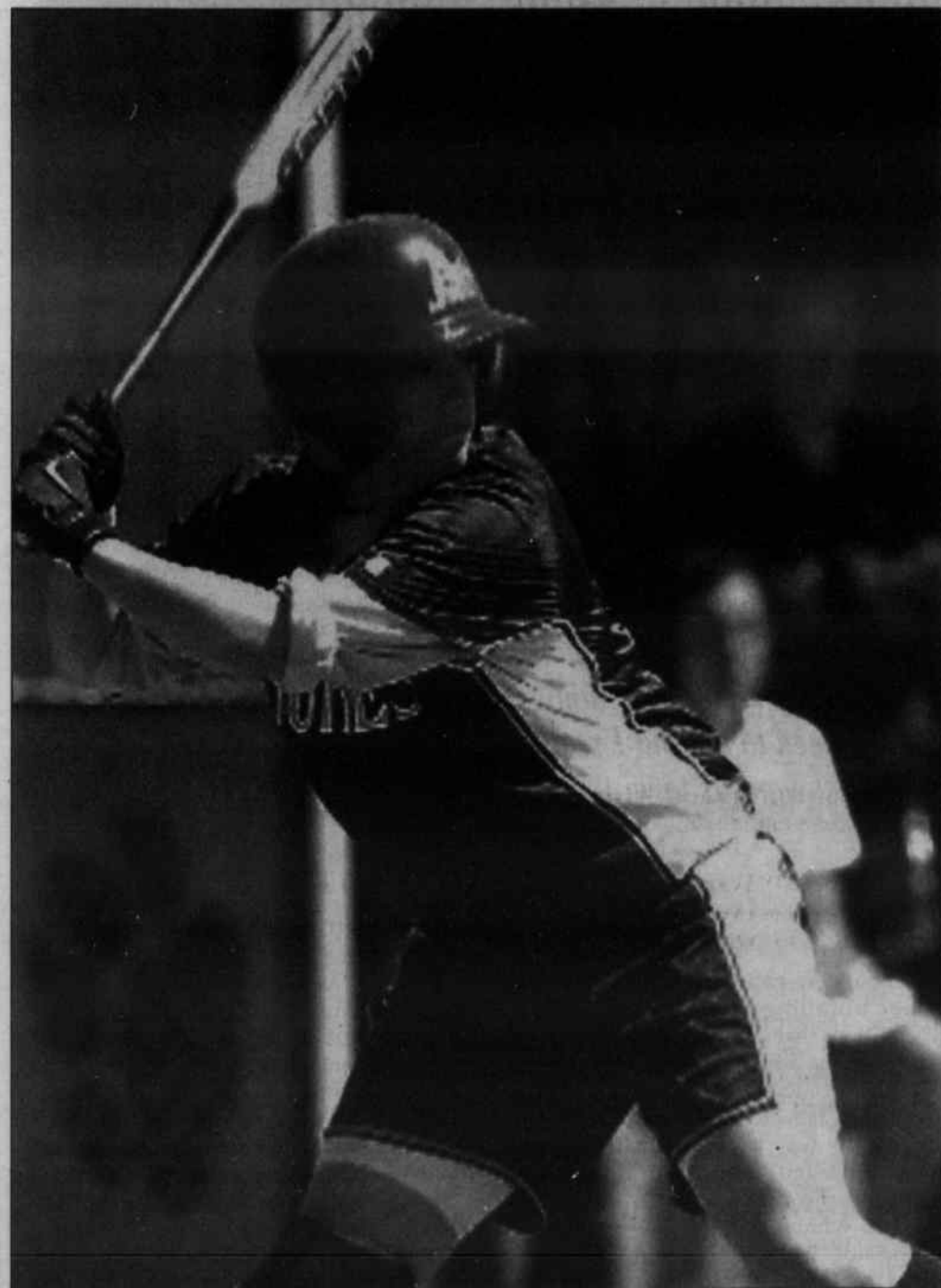


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Junior utility player Katie Jaworski was elected as a co-captain for the 2004 season.



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Utility Infielder and designated hitter, Katie Jaworski is getting geared up for a big season with the Dukes.



Photos by CHRIS LABZDA/senior photographer

Sophomore first baseman Megan Smith (above, right) is preparing herself to make strides on the impressive season she put together in 2003 as a freshman. Smith has worked on her swing in the off-season in order to help her increase the .232 batting average that she accumulated last year.



Smith lacing up for big season

Sophomore hopes off-season work will lead to more wins for team

BY MATT STOSS
contributing writer

The transition between the prep game and college is difficult to make for some and, for most, it takes at least a year to get fully acclimated.

As a freshman last season, Megan Smith not only played, but started in 43 of the softball team's 49 games. Only a dislocated kneecap kept her from competing in all 49.

"It was tough coming in last year and playing over some people who were very good and older than me," Smith said. "There are three of us [competing for playing time], and it just depends on hitting [as to who is going to play]."

Smith was prepared to play for the Dukes immediately after accumulating a lot of experience playing year round. Between her Park View High School team and Amateur Athletic Union teams, it was rare that she was not wearing a pair of cleats. It did nothing but aid Smith's first year success, according to head coach Katie Flynn.

"She played for the best team in the Northeast, if not the best in the eastern part of the United States," Flynn said. "She played for a very competitive team,

and there's no doubt that helped her play as a true freshman."

However, this first baseman was not always sporting spikes.

Before she was stretching at first base, she was stretching onstage. Smith's first love was dance, specifically jazz.

She began dancing when she was 7 years old and started pulling double duty, when she started playing softball at 10 years of age, often changing in the back of her mother's car on the way to one practice from the other.

"I've actually danced longer than I played softball," Smith said. "That is a big part of me, and the reason I'm able to do some things I'm able to do."

The dance lessons not only allowed her flexibility, but also gave her the coordination at first base that even a football player could admire. According to Smith, 13 years of jazz did fail to afford her an advantage in the speed category.

"[Dance] definitely helped with everything — except my speed," Smith said.

Despite her lack of speed, Smith is very superstitious and believes that her routines for getting ready and playing the game are what help her, counteract her physical inadequacies.

In her sophomore year of high school,

“It's always nice to do as well as I possibly can. And, hopefully, I'll continue doing what I need to do, but I really just want us to win.”

— Megan Smith
sophomore first baseman

the school newspaper even printed a story on her unfailing dedication to certain superstitions that she thinks bring her good fortune on the field.

With consideration for everything from putting on her cleats, to putting up her hair, all the way to never disturbing the chalk of the foul line, Smith makes sure luck is in her corner.

"I do whatever I think is working," Smith said. "It's crazy, but in my mind, it's what I think does it."

And it seems to have worked. Last year, Smith had the third most runs bat-

ted in on the team, knocking in 19, and led the Dukes in doubles with seven. Yet, Smith wasn't happy with her .232 batting average.

Flynn said Smith has been working on her hitting throughout the off-season.

"She's worked hard to shorten her swing," Flynn said. "The bottom line for her is pitch selection. If she can lay off the high ones that she loves so much, she'll bat over .300."

This year, Smith just wants to visit the outfield gaps with higher frequency by utilizing a quicker, more compact swing.

"I was letting my shoulder fly out and popping up a little too much," Smith said. "My coach and I discovered that my swing was a little too large so we shortened it up so I can drive the gaps more consistently."

Heading into her sophomore season, Smith has an updated swing, ready to contribute in whichever way she can with whatever opportunity she gets.

Smith has hopes of building on her solid freshman season.

"It's always nice to do as well as I possibly can," Smith said. "And, hopefully, I'll continue doing what I need to do, but I really just want us to win."

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| Mar. 13 | 9 a.m. | UNC — Greensboro |
| Mar. 14 | 10 a.m. | UNC — Charlotte |
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Dukes Invitational — Harrisonburg

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CAA Championships at highest seed

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