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## WEATHER



**Today**  
Partly Cloudy  
High 34 Low 19

**Tuesday**  
Snow Shower  
35/25

**Thursday**  
Partly Cloudy  
49/28

**Wednesday**  
Few Snow Showers  
34/27

**Friday**  
Partly Cloudy  
51/35

## MARKET WATCH

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## DUKE DAYS Events Calendar

MONDAY, FEB. 16 - WEDNESDAY, FEB. 18, 2004

## Monday, Feb. 16

The Academic Advising and Career Development Center is having a session on career options and internships related to women's studies in Wilson Hall, room 303, from 4 to 5 p.m. For information contact Mary Lou Wylie at [wylieml](mailto:wylieml).

## Tuesday, Feb. 17

SafeRides is hosting a Mr. Hot Rod auction in PC Ballroom at 8 p.m. Admission is \$2 at the door and gives the opportunity to bid and try to win a date with one of JMU's male students. All proceeds benefit SafeRides.

UREC's Alternative Spring Break is having an a capella and dance concert in the College Center Grand Ballroom from 7 to 9 p.m. The Overtones, Exit 245, Note-Oriety and PROMotion will be performing. Admission is \$3 and will support the UREC ASB Trip.

Submitting events to the  
DUKE DAYS Events Calendar:

Contact Lauren at [mckaylm](mailto:mckaylm) 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.

Amnesty International is having a meeting in Taylor Hall, room 400, at 7 p.m. For more information visit [orgs.jmu.edu/amnesty/index.html](http://orgs.jmu.edu/amnesty/index.html) or e-mail [wunf](mailto:wunf).

## Wednesday, Feb. 18

The "Works Progress Administration Art from the Madison Art Collection" is in the Great Room at the Leelou Alumni Center Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. until March 15.

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... to apply to be a *Breeze* editor, that is.

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a cover letter and  
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in chief, at *The Breeze*,  
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of Anthony-Seeger Hall.

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## FUN FACT of the Day

Rabbits are  
born hairless  
and with their  
eyes closed.  
Hares are born  
covered with fur  
and with their  
eyes open.

## CORRECTION

■ The photos included with the Megan Smith article in the Feb. 12 Softball preview were in fact not of Smith. We apologize for the error.

## POLICE LOG

By LAUREN MCKAY  
police log reporter

A JMU student woke up and observed a college-aged white male, about 6 feet 2 inches tall and 180 pounds, standing in her doorway staring at her in White Hall Feb. 9 at 3 p.m.

In other matters, campus police report the following:

## Peeping Tom

A JMU student reported that, while in the shower, a male with a gray messenger bag and brown shoes exited rapidly after being noticed in White Hall on Feb. 7 at 11 a.m.

## Grand Larceny

A JMU student reported the theft of a secured bicycle outside of Gifford Hall between Feb. 10 and Feb. 12.

## Petty Larceny

A non-student reported the larceny of a cell phone Jan. 24.

JMU staff reported a missing plaque that had been hanging on a wall in Jackson Hall between Feb. 6 at noon and Feb. 9 at 9:30 a.m. The plaque, written in Chinese, read, "All men are brothers within the four seas" and was on silver-colored metal.

A printer ink cartridge was removed and a used ink cartridge was taken from the JMU Bookstore Feb. 11 at 1:22 p.m.

A JMU student reported that an unknown person(s) entered an unlocked dorm room in Potomac Hall and stole two computer parts and broke a camera Feb. 7 between 10:30 and 11:30 p.m.

Property Damage/  
Grand Larceny

A JMU student reported the drivers side door of a car was shattered in the Convocation Center Parking Lot Feb. 10 between 10 and 11:50 a.m. A compact disc case containing about 25 CDs was missing, along with a shoulder bag containing about \$20 in loose change.

Number of drunk in public charges since Aug. 25: 60

Number of parking tickets issued between Aug. 25 and Feb. 12: 19,349

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## Lights, Camera, Action

Valentine wishes were sent overseas to Iraq by spouses and children.

see story below

# NEWS

"At least half of all students ... have failed to realize their dreams."

WATSON SCOTT SWAIL

president of the Educational Policy Institute

see story below

## AROUND CAMPUS

### Thousands of visitors to tour campus today

About 3,000 prospective students and family members will be on campus today for the President's Open House Program.

This is for students who received early admission acceptance, and it will allow these students to get better acquainted with the campus and programs.

### Wind turbine workshop to answer questions Saturday

A workshop will be held Saturday, Feb. 21, on "the fundamentals of small wind turbines and ongoing programs in Virginia to promote wind energy," according to a Jan. 28 press release.

The workshop is from 8:15 a.m. to 4 p.m. in ISAT, room 159.

This workshop will help show people the different incentives on getting a state grant so one can install a wind turbine on one's property.

There is a cap on the grant, which is \$10,000 or 33 percent of the installed costs — whichever is less.

For more information contact Kate Loughney at [kloughn1d.com](mailto:kloughn1@loughn1d.com).

## IN THE VALLEY

### Church offers music, lectures this Lent season

**HARRISONBURG** — Asbury United Methodist Church is offering a mid-day music in Lent 2004 series.

There will be 30-minute organ recitals Tuesdays at 12:05 p.m. This will take place for the next five Tuesdays. The church is located at 205 S. Main St.

There also will be Brown-Bag lunch gatherings throughout March. John Barr, professor of organ and piano at Bridgewater College, will be speaking Tuesday, March 2.

### Childcare sessions offered in Spanish

**HARRISONBURG** — There will be a Spanish-language training for Spanish-speaking childcare providers.

The sessions are sponsored by both Childcare Connection and NewBridges Immigrant Resource Center and the winter session classes will be held Feb. 17 and 24 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Ridgeway Mennonite Church located on Franklin Street.

Topics of these sessions will include "child abuse and neglect prevention, requirements of good childcare," among others, according to a Jan. 30 press release.

To register, contact NewBridges Immigrant Resource Center at 438-

## ACROSS THE NATION

### Bush to meet with Sept. 11 representatives

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**, (The Washington Post) — The White House said Saturday that President George W. Bush plans to meet only with a limited number of representatives from the commission investigating the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks, despite a statement issued Friday that suggested he would meet with the whole panel.

The new details surprised some commission officials and members — who believed they had secured a promise from Bush for a private meeting with all 10 members — and could add to the tensions that have strained relations between the two sides.

"While details of the private sessions are still to be determined, the White House does not expect the president to meet with the entire commission," an administration official said Saturday.

# Long-distance love delivery

## Military spouses send valentines to loved ones

BY VIKKI ORTIZ  
The Washington Post

Mary Whitehouse, wearing her brand-new red Valentine's Day sweater and holding a pink rose in her lap, looked nervously into the video camera and began to speak.

"Hi, honey, I love you very much," she said, forcing a gentle smile for her husband, Army 1st Sgt. James Whitehouse, who left two months after their September wedding to serve in Iraq.

The video valentine was nothing close to the seafood dinner and movie date the couple usually enjoys on Feb. 14, but Whitehouse said she was still grateful for the opportunity to communicate with her husband.

"Just know that I'm thinking of you every day," she concluded, not allowing the smile to fade from her face until the videographer pressed stop.

Whitehouse was one of dozens of military spouses who were offered the chance to record video valentines at Fort Meade in suburban Anne Arundel County, Md., during the installation's first National Marriage Week Celebration.

The event, held a week before the much-hyped holiday for couples, was organized by the Army post and Anne Arundel County as a way to recognize and comfort those whose spouses are deployed to Iraq and other countries.

"They are not alone," said Stacey Hale, acting family program manager at Fort Meade. "The community supports them."

For several hours, spouses enjoyed a morning that — though their significant others were missing — had all the makings of a Valentine's Day



Kristi Stephens and daughters Lauren, 4, and Lindsey, 2, tape a Valentine video message for Capt. Hubert Stephens at Fort Meade in Anne Arundel County, Md. Lauren also sang "Happy Birthday" to her dad, who will turn 30 in Iraq.

date. The 200 guests dined on eggs, salmon, potatoes, sausage and waffles in the post's banquet hall, where tables were covered with white cloths and red napkins.

They listened to romantic music, including live renditions of "You Are the Sunshine of My Life" and "Travelin' Soldier," performed by the U.S. Army Field Band.

Babysitters watched children in a room next door, freeing the spouses of their busy, and often tiring, parental duties — in some cases, for the first time in months.

As some of the guests — most of them wives —

wiped away tears and held hands for support, Gen. George W. Casey Jr., the Army's vice chief of staff, told them he could understand the array of emotions they were feeling.

Casey said he remembered, when he was little, the day he and his mother watched his father leave for a tour of duty in Vietnam.

Then 21, Casey recalled commenting to his mother that it must be easy watching her husband leave, after doing it so many times. His mother set him straight.

"She looked at me and said, 'Nope. It only gets

harder,'" Casey said.

Army and county officials hoped that the spouses, in gathering together, would not feel so lonely on Valentine's Day — or any day.

A host of businesses donated gifts to them and their children as part of the festivities: a rose, a teddy bear and a gift bag with chocolates and coupons for free Pay Per View movies on cable television were among the gifts.

The video valentines, though, were the major gift. This week, Fort Meade's public information office will edit the videotapes and ship them

to wherever the troops have been deployed.

Jennifer Mills, 27, used her video time to show her husband how their 6-month-old son, Ryan, had learned to stand up on his own last week.

Lauren Stephens, 4, sang "Happy Birthday" to her father, who will turn 30 in Iraq.

And Dianna Terpin, 32, told her husband not to worry about her or their 7-month-old son, Andres.

"Wee-Man has promised to be my date for Valentine's Day," Terpin said to the camera. "He's just going to hold your place until next year."

## Kisses of appreciation



KURT STREETER/Los Angeles Times

Metropolitan Transportation Authority bus driver Success Ballard plants a kiss on Arthur Winston's cheek. The veteran employee works at the Arthur Winston Bus Division, the only one of the MTA's 15 yards named for a person.

## Gay couples rush to San Francisco

BY EVELYN NIEVES  
The Washington Post

The couples began lining up outside City Hall at 4 a.m., four hours before the marriage license bureau opened.

By 8 a.m., more than 50 couples were waiting for the new gender-neutral licenses that would allow same-sex couples to marry. By 9 a.m., there were 100 couples; by 11 a.m., 200 couples. Some had flown in from New York or had driven all night from such places as Los Angeles, Portland, Ore., and Palm Springs, Calif.

Licenses in hand, gay couples were exchanging vows all over City Hall — on the grand steps of the rotunda, upstairs, in corners, out front — as the line for licenses grew longer by the hour, cheers and applause broke out

every few minutes, and opponents of gay marriage tried — and failed — to stop the city from handing out the licenses at a hearing Friday afternoon in state Superior Court.

As the unofficial gay capital of the country, San Francisco entered the raging national debate on gay marriage Thursday, when it defied state law and issued the first marriage licenses to same-sex couples. But, the clerk's office, which had changed marriage license documents to make them gender neutral by replacing the words "bride" and "groom" with "first applicant," and "second applicant" had not publicized its new policy Thursday to make sure the day would run smoothly, officials said.

Friday was a different story. With the news out, by

11 a.m., 90 same-sex couples had been married — three more couples than all day Thursday. At the same time, one of two conservative groups that filed suit to stop the marriages asked a judge to issue an emergency order. The Alliance Defense Fund, a religious rights group, asked Superior Court Judge James Warren to grant an emergency order stopping the marriages on the grounds that the people of California "want the rule of law." The judge refused and scheduled hearings for the Alliance Defense Fund and the Campaign for California Families, a Sacramento group, Tuesday.

The marriages continued; the county clerk expected between 600 and 700 recorded by day's end. To meet the

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## Graduating in four years no longer norm

BY LAUREN KAMM  
The Daily Iowan

Most students are familiar with the term "super senior," but with an increased number of students taking longer than four years to earn a bachelor's degree, the term may have to be amended for students who need more — as many as six or seven years — to graduate.

The National Center for Education released preliminary statistics based on a study of one million students, showing that, nationwide, 33.1 percent of students who started college full-time in fall 1996 graduated in four years.

The study also indicated that 16.5 percent graduated in five years and 5.1 percent finished in six years. The remaining students took longer to earn a degree or never finished at all.

"At least half of all students who have entered a four-year institution have failed to realize their dreams and aspirations that led them there in the first place," Watson Scott Swail, the president of the Educational Policy Institute, wrote in the January issue of *The Chronicle of Higher Education*.

But while institutions create a picture of slacker students and overloaded classes, Lola Lopes, the University of Iowa associate provost for undergraduate education, said she thinks otherwise.

"Iowa's graduation rate is actually quite high," she said. "Our four-year graduation rate is about 37 percent, and we are very proud of that because that is a higher number for public institutions that admit a

broad range of students." UI has undertaken two key approaches to raising the graduation rate, Lopes said.

In 1995, the university implemented a four-year graduation contract, in which the school promises that a student will graduate in four years without being delayed by the unavailability of classes.

For UI students who enrolled before the plan was established, 33 percent graduated in four years from 1991 to 1994. From 1995 to the present, the percentage has remained steady at approximately 37 percent, according to a university report.

Graduating in four years is like leaving a party at 9 o'clock.

— Aaron Lagneaux

University of Iowa sophomore

Aaron Lagneaux, a UI sophomore and pre-journalism major, doesn't anticipate earning a bachelor's degree in four years.

He entered his freshman year fall semester as a pre-business major and plans to change again to pre-law.

"Between switching majors and all the different course requirements, it is hard to graduate in four years," he said.

But, he expressed no regrets and said he loves college.

"Graduating in four years is like leaving a party at 9 o'clock," he said.

## MARRIAGE: Couples proud of 'historical moment'

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extraordinary demand, the clerk announced that City Hall would be open Saturday, Valentine's Day, as well as Sunday and Monday, and asked for 200 volunteers to help with the crowds.

Even with the threat of their marriages becoming void days after the event, the couples lining up at the clerk's office Friday said they were proud of being part of a historic moment and eager to have their relationships sanctioned by government officials. Many already were registered domestic partners, had been married in Canada or had taken part in religious "commitment ceremonies" performed by their ministers or rabbis.

"No matter what happens Tuesday, today, I'm marrying the woman I love," said Leslie Bulbuk, 41. She and her partner, Marta Donayre, 34, had flown back to Sunnyvale, in Silicon Valley, late Thursday night, from Miami, where they were guests on Spanish-language television's "The Cristina Show" to discuss same-sex marriage.

Donayre, an immigrant from Brazil who was granted asylum on the grounds of persecution because she is a lesbian, said that the couple had another hurdle after getting married Friday. "The immigration department doesn't recognize same-sex couples," said Donayre, who founded an organization with Bulbuk — Love Sees No Borders — to fight for the rights of immigrant same-sex couples. "So, Tuesday, we're going to the immigration office to fight for our rights."

San Francisco entered the gay marriage debate the same day the Massachusetts legislature suspended a marathon debate on a proposed gay marriage ban prompted by a ruling in the state's highest court that sanctioned the nation's first gay marriages, scheduled to begin taking place in May. The state constitutional convention will resume March 11 when lawmakers renew the debate on an issue that has thrust Massachusetts into the national spotlight and galvanized opposition from conservative groups this presidential election year.

By contrast, San Francisco began issuing licenses to same-sex couples with relatively little fanfare. Monday, the city's new mayor, Gavin Newsom, announced that a ban on same-sex marriage was

unconstitutional, and said he wanted the city to explore ways to allow same-sex couples to marry. By early Thursday morning, employees in the county clerk's office, in consultation with the city attorney and civil rights lawyers, had changed the marriage documents. By 11 a.m., the city's first same-sex marriage took place in City Hall between Del Martin, 83, and Phyllis Lyon, 79, who have been together for 51 years.

Friday, City Hall was ostensibly business as usual. The mayor, who had performed two marriages — both for senior staff members — remained in his office while lines wound around the building, and the rotunda became a daylong scene of jubilation. Groups of schoolchildren stopped to watch the marriages; the city Recreation and Park Department sent flowers and plants to decorate the rotunda staircase; at least a dozen city employees were deputized as marriage commissioners to fill the demand.

Jim Ilig, a deputy marriage commissioner, had been volunteering to marry couples for 10 years. He said he had married more than 5,000 couples. "Three couples every half hour for 2 and a half hours every Friday for 10 years." But, on this Friday, he said, he was especially proud. "This is so special because I am the only gay marriage commissioner in the state of California," he said. "I never thought I'd live to see the day I would marry gay and lesbian couples."

One couple, Alice Heimssoth, 52, a health worker in the city's AIDS office, and Christmas Leubrie, 54, a nurse, have been together 19 years. They had "married" at a gay rights march in Washington in 1987, and came wearing the same outfits they wore that day — Leubrie in a lilac satin and lace gown, Heimssoth in a cream satin blouse and slacks. They also carried the same large cardboard heart they carried for that march. "This is really a beautiful day for all of us," Heimssoth said.

Leubrie added, "Small-minded views could never hold out against the tidal wave of love." They had not planned this wedding, but they were ready.

"We heard about the marriages yesterday at the end of the day," Leubrie said. "We were going to go swimming this morning, and I said, 'Let's get married instead.'"

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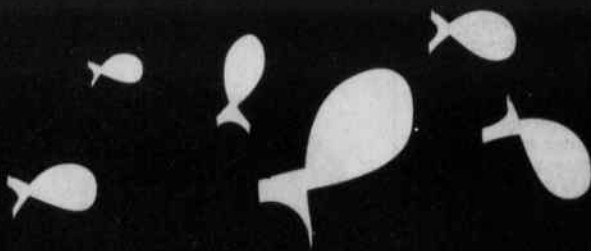
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# HOURS: 'Face-to-face ... is best'

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not be able to respond it until he or she next checks his or her e-mail.

History professor David Owusu-Ansah said he communicates mostly by e-mail now. "I do not see many students [during office hours] until right towards exam time."

E-mail has revolutionized office hours, yet many students and professors think that eliminating office hours is not a good idea.

Math professor John Adams, who said e-mail was "nothing but trash," holds out against this technology. "If you try to do business by e-mail, something tends to get ignored," Adams said. "If something is important

to a student, a face-to-face meeting is the best."

Office hours are used by some students for a variety of reasons that e-mail is not an effective substitute.

"Sometimes I do not even pay attention to office hours," sophomore Michelle Summa said. "I'll just stop by, and my professors are always willing to talk."

Junior Paul Golden realized the need for visiting professors more. "I used to not [stop by my professor's office for help], but since I am in higher-level classes, I find I need to more," he said.

Some complaints by students about office hours include inconvenient office hour times, professors not being in their

**"It is reasonable to expect faculty to have office hours ..."**

— Michael Galgano  
history department head

office during designated hours and sometimes a feeling of unwillingness by the professor to speak to the student.

Michael Galgano, the department head of the history program, acknowledged all these problems. "Our goal is to accommo-

date students," he said. "It is reasonable to expect faculty to have office hours sometime during the daylight hours."

He also mentioned that many professors will agree to see a student by appointment, and many are in their offices much more than their office hours indicate.

In his years at JMU, Richard Whitman, dean of the College of Arts & Letters, said he never has had a student complaint about office hour related problems.

There is a new advising initiative in development, according to Whitman. "The university is concerned with providing students good advising, and giving more opportunities to allow students to relate to faculty."

# RA: Programs for outside learning

RA, from page 1

Some RAs said it can be difficult for them to get residents to attend programs.

"I have had a minimum of five people at a program to about 62 people," Curtis said. "It is all based on the content of the program, the publicity for the program and, of course, food and prizes usually work the best."

Massey said, "I've had between five and 20 people attend my programs. The hardest part about getting people to come is finding a time that works for the maximum amount of residents."

While planning programs that are interesting and different that will attract residents can be difficult, RAs can receive help from an Office of Resident Life Program Adviser.

"Program Advisers assist RAs with the brainstorming, planning and advertising of programs in anyway possible," said senior Pierce Bello, a Program Adviser for First Year Involvement. "Each PA is assigned to four to five residence halls, in

which we provide individualized assistance and help RAs assess the needs of their residents in order that they provide programming that will help residents learn, change and grow."

The purpose of RA programs is to help students learn outside of the classroom, expose students to a wide variety of ideas and experiences.

"In a nutshell, we do programs to meet resident needs in all of the above elements of the college experience," Bello said. "We do programs to help our residents learn, change and grow."

Sophomore Missy Lann said she only has been to one program this year because she has been busy with other activities.

"But the one I went to was fun; we tie-dyed T-shirts outside during first semester," she said.

Sophomore Tiffany Weaver said, "Typically I do not go to the RA programs because the hours they have them I am normally trying to get work done or I have other obligations."

# SURVEY: Culture involvement down

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more about JMU students, in hopes that the information could be used to improve the community. This survey is helpful in learning — in general — about JMU students."

The survey was administered during class time late October and early November 2003 with cooperation of 45 professors teaching 112 sections of classes.

Two of the most common uses of the survey are to gauge response to student services, including Carrier Library, the post office, resident halls, dining facilities and class scheduling, he said.

Responses also are gathered based on statements relating to availability of faculty and staff, equipment and activities.

Menard said, in regard to the high number of students who agree that the school is friendly. "We don't look at the absolute number as closely as we look at the trend. Impressions are more positive every year."

Sophomore Shaina Grant

agreed with Menard.

"This campus is extremely friendly," she said. "Everybody always says thank you. It is more friendly than my high school was, and that's impressive because JMU is so much bigger and, yet, so much friendlier."

Although the percentage of students who find the school personable has increased, the students involving themselves in cultural events or racial diversity has decreased.

Involvement with students of another race or ethnic group has gone down from 75 percent in 2002 — the last year the survey was conducted — to 68 percent in 2003. Attendance at cultural events has gone down from 64 percent to 55 percent, as well.

The level of satisfaction with racial harmony is down to 66 percent from 70 percent last year. Promoting racial understanding was considered to be "essential" by 23 percent of respondents.

Sophomore Becca Rotz, who lives in Ashby Hall, as a mem-

ber of the international living experience, said she is not surprised by the drop in attendance of cultural events or involvement with diversity.

"As a resident of Ashby Hall, I place great importance on cultural diversity," she said. "Despite that fact, I find that I have to seek out cultural experiences instead of coming across advertisements for them. Perhaps a greater effort should be made to represent the diversity that is becoming more important in today's society."

Some levels of satisfaction or agreement increased 5 percent or more, including attitude from non-teaching staff toward students, student assessment testing and academic probation and suspension policies.

Levels of satisfaction or agreement decreased 5 or more percent in campus media (student newspaper, campus radio, etcetera), course content in a major field, preparation for future occupation and Carrier Library's online catalog and

computers available for electronic reference sources.

Political preference of students has changed from last year as well. Those describing themselves as "middle-of-the-road" has remained at 44 percent, while conservatives have increased from 20 to 28 percent and liberals decreased from 36 to 27 percent.

Satisfaction with campus parking remains very low with a 16 percent level of satisfaction.

"With the help of my assistant, we use a unique computer program that selects class sections that will hopefully give us an accurate representation of students," Menard said. "We add and delete sections until we get a sample that we know will represent all demographics. In the end, we have a representative sample."

"Since we know exactly how many people fit into the demographics, we can be sure we are representing the school," he added. "The test is anonymous, and the results are based on student response."

# HEALTH: Consume chocolate sparingly

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high in sugar and fat, but finer chocolates with high concentrations of real cocoa.

Top quality chocolate can stimulate both the brain and the body with energy and calmness, according to the Web site.

Some students said that chocolate lifts their mood and gives them energy.

"I've heard that chocolate mimics the feelings of being in love, so when I feel unloved, chocolate is my new best

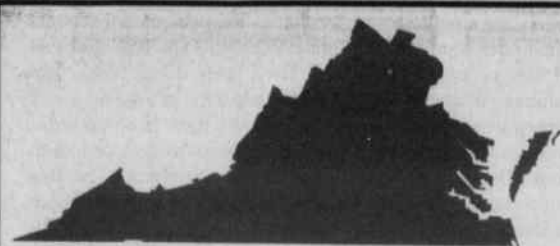
friend," freshman Rachel Barker said.

However, chocolate also has some negative effects.

Chocolate is high in calories, aggravates heartburn and can help create headaches, but only when consumed in large doses, according to [www.headachadrugs.com](http://www.headachadrugs.com).

Elizabeth Somer of book "Food and Mood" advised chocolate lovers to keep chocolate in their diets, but to limit the intake.

The Breeze editor application deadline has been extended until this Friday at 5 p.m.!



## Governor's Fellows Program

### Program Goals

The historic and prestigious Virginia Governor's Fellows Program offers a select group of outstanding and highly motivated individuals the opportunity to experience firsthand the administration of state government in the Commonwealth. Established in 1982, the Governor's Fellows Program brings exceptional students with creative ideas to state government — an experience that often leads to careers in public service.

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Qualified applicants must be graduating college seniors or enrolled as degree candidates in a graduate or professional school. Applicants must be enrolled in a Virginia college or university or must be a Virginia resident if enrolled in an out-of-state institution. They must also have a demonstrated commitment to excellence in academics, proven leadership ability, and involvement in extracurricular activities and community service. The selection of Fellows will be based solely on merit, without regard to race, sex, national origin, religion, age, disability, or political affiliation.

### Length of Program

Fellows will be required to work full-time in Virginia state government. The 2004 Governor's Fellows Program will begin Monday, June 7, 2004 and continue through Friday, July 30, 2004.

### Assignments

Participants are placed in different positions in the Governor's Office and in various agencies throughout the Executive Branch. The program attempts to match Fellows with compatible assignments according to background, interests, and future goals.

### Funding

State funds are not allocated for the Governor's Fellows Program. However, in previous years, colleges and universities have distributed stipends to the Fellows selected from their institutions. Institutions are urged to make summer grants available. Applicants who will require financial assistance in order to participate in the program should discuss this matter with school officials before applying.

Senior Vice President for Student Affairs and University Planning 568-3685.

### Application

The deadline for applying for the Summer 2004 Fellows Program is 5 p.m. February 27, 2004.

For application and additional information, please see this website: [http://www.governor.virginia.gov/education/Virginia\\_FellowsProgram.htm](http://www.governor.virginia.gov/education/Virginia_FellowsProgram.htm)

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SHAUN MADSEN  
sophomore  
see column, below

# OPINION

RA programs offer students a chance to meet new people in their living communities. It opens the door to the discussion of issues ranging from campus issues to those of national concern.

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## ■ Breeze Reader's View

### Gay marriage proves detrimental to society

Shaun Madsen

The Massachusetts Supreme Court made a landmark ruling last week, declaring that only allowing civil unions and not marriage for gay couples is "unconstitutional, inferior and discriminatory status for same sex couples."

If this ruling follows through, it will have social implications that will be detrimental. The very concept of marriage and family is being opposed. To understand how such a ruling can affect society in a negative way, we have to realize the importance of a family.

Families are the foundation of civilized nations. When children grow up in a home with a father and mother, they learn how to interact with others and learn morals and behaviors. With positive father and mother role models, boys learn how to be men and girls learn how to be women — they learn how to treat others in society.

It is not surprising that, with the decrease of traditional families, society's problems have increased. With divorce rates on the rise and the number of children born out of wedlock increasing, how can we expect a man to know how to be a good father or husband if he never had a father from which to learn.

The principle purpose of marriage is to form a family.

By ruling in support of gay marriage, the Massachusetts Supreme Court only is adding to a problem that already is out of control.

When trying to consider if gay marriage is really that big of a problem, we must consider what it will mean if it is allowed. By opening the door for gay marriage, the Supreme Court is paving the way for more radical social reform directed at mangling the definition of marriage.

Many groups associated with gay marriage advocates already are pushing to legalize polygamy and polyamory — group marriage, according to the Aug. 11 issue of *The Weekly Standard*. Some of these trials already have gone to court. Most of the defenders of polygamy and polyamory

make direct comparisons with gay marriage.

Gay leftist Richard Goldstein stated that the political reluctance of gays to support polygamy was understandable, "but, our fates are entwined in fundamental ways," reported *The Weekly Standard*. The article also exposed other gay activists who advocated polygamy and polyamory because it has direct comparisons to gay marriage.

This year Stanley Kurtz, a researcher for the Hoover Institution, a research group, published an article Feb. 2 on how gay marriage has affected Scandinavia.

In the article, Kurtz shows how gay marriage has undermined the institution of marriage by "[driving] home the message that marriage itself is outdated, and that virtually any family form, including out-of-wedlock parenthood, is acceptable." He gives statistics showing how gay marriage has eroded the social structure of Scandinavian countries.

In Norway, a country with lower out-of-wedlock birth rates, stronger religion and public opposition to gay marriage, same sex marriage has played an especially detrimental role in the marital decline, Kurtz said.

"America's situation is not unlike Norway's in the early '90s, with religiosity relatively strong, the out-of-wedlock birthrates still relatively low and the public opposed to gay marriage," Kurtz said. "If, as in Norway, gay marriage were imposed ... it would likely speed us on the way toward the classic Nordic pattern of less frequent marriage, more frequent out of wedlock birth and skyrocketing family dissolution."

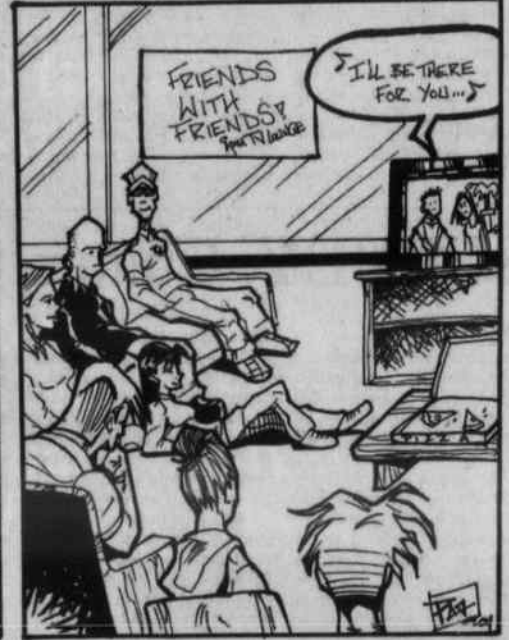
President George W. Bush's response to the Massachusetts ruling was correct when he said it is "deeply troubling." Bush also condemned the court for over stepping its bounds by taking responsibility reserved for the legislature.

In the State of the Union Address, President Bush announced a proposal to add an amendment to the Constitution defining marriage as being between a man and a woman.

"The only alternative left to the people would be the constitutional process. The nation

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## HOUSE EDITORIAL



### RA programs important despite low attendance

Each year, a portion of students' money is used to pay for white T-shirts, dye, pumpkins, triangular wooden wedges and pizza, among other things. This money goes to pay for Resident Adviser programs held in every residence hall on campus.

Overall, few students take the time to regularly attend these programs. Why is student money spent on activities that benefit so few and are poorly attended?

One of the reasons for the lack of attendance is that people have varying schedules and, while they may not be able to attend many programs, attendance still could be higher in most instances. Students have a number of activities and obligations that vie for their time. The programs offer the opportunity to choose activities with productive, beneficial results.

Despite limited numbers of participants, this money continually is put toward programs ranging from addressing issues of diversity to social activities, such as watching "Friends" and eating pizza. Pizza

only is one of the numerous expenses that students' money is used to cover. Other programs include movie rentals, poster board and advertising elements used for the construction of fliers to be posted around dorms for publicity. Other times, the money is used to pay for special theme-oriented food that correlate with the topic.

The reason for these expenditures is simple — it is important for students to have programs available to them regardless of whether or not they widely are attended.

RA programs offer students a chance to meet new people in their living communities. It opens the door to the discussion of issues ranging from campus issues to those of national concern. These programs provide a forum for students to share their opinions with others and experience a stimulating conversation with new people outside the pressure of the classroom.

Students can congregate during the week in a positive setting contrary to the normally raucous

stomping grounds of a typical Friday or Saturday night, which is a typical environment for meeting people. These types of conditions differ from those in RA programs, which are conducive to cultivating meaningful relationships or the discussion of educated issues.

Many times the RA programs simply are a fun way to pass time or to break up the monotony of an especially rigorous study session. They offer students a chance to come out of their rooms and interact with others. Sometimes, the planned activities are similar to activities students otherwise may have been doing alone, like watching television or a movie.

In this case, there is an opportunity for students to find people to share in the experience. In this respect, the old adage, "the more the merrier" rings true. Having others to laugh or cry with makes the experience more enjoyable overall.

RA programs, while seeming to benefit a limited few, actually promote a better lifestyle for the entire residence hall.

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— James Madison

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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 "you-girls-look-good-no-matter-what-you-are-or-aren't-wearing" pat to the sorority girls involved in the bow-in-hair debate. From a guy who's glad he's not involved in this overexaggerated drama.

### Dart...

An "I-should-call-the-Animal-Protection-Agency" dart to the girl who stands in the doorway of her townhouse while her dog pees right outside the door instead of taking it for a walk. From a quiet observer feels for your poor little brown mutt.

### Pat...

A "special-thank-you" pat to a UREC participant who saw me choking behind the welcome center, ran to the vending machine and got me a water on his FLEX. From an employee who really appreciates your unselfishness and now always keeps water at the desk.

### Dart...

A "the-left-one's-the-brake" dart to the jerk who decided to run the stop sign, speed up and swerve around us on the ISAT bridge. From four girls who don't appreciate almost being run over because you decide to overcompensate for other lacking areas.

### Pat...

A "you-kicked-my-butt" pat to the group fitness instructors at UREC for giving me a good workout every time. From a UREC-goer who is thankful for the dedication and excitement you have toward helping us keep healthy bodies.

### Dart...

A "way-to-ruin-my-Valentine's-Day-present" dart to the inconsiderate person who ate part of the giant cookie being frozen in my dorm's kitchen for my boyfriend. From an irate junior who wanted nothing more than to surprise her boyfriend with a sweet treat.





"Pineapple because they're juicy, sweet, tropical and I am tired of the snow."

Colin Frankenfield  
freshman, economics



"D-hall because then I'd have lots of friends come and visit me."

Chelsea Young  
freshman, undeclared

## CAMPUS SPOTLIGHT

CAROLYN WALSER/ contributing photographer



"Rock 'n' Roll or love — they make the world go round."

Jonny Sismanis  
freshman, pre-SMAD



"Chocolate because people would want me."

Valerie Schoonover  
freshman, chemistry

## What scent of scratch and sniff sticker would you be?

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Capital liberalism emphasis of lecture, not free trade

Dear Editor,

I wish to correct several outright errors — as well as major distortions — that appear in the front-page story titled, "Free trade 'harms' Americans" by Kelly McCormack in the Feb. 12 issue of *The Breeze*.

Regarding outright errors, professor Robin Hahnel, the speaker, is quoted as citing Angus Maddison that, "Since the 1970s, the gross national product per capita has declined in six of seven regions [of the world]" and that "Maddison also found gross domestic product per capita in those seven regions was cut in half from 1973 to 1992."

Hahnel was referring to the growth rates of per capita GNP and GDP in these regions, not their levels — a very big difference. Most of the people in the world have not seen their incomes plunge to half of what they were 30 years ago.

Regarding distortions, the story makes it appear that the overwhelming emphasis of the lecture was on problems related to free trade. This is what is mentioned in the main headline and in the header inside — "TRADE: Lecture helps students understand economic principles."

Furthermore, problems with free trade are mentioned in each of the first three paragraphs, and in several places later in the story.

In fact, Hahnel spent the majority of his talk criticizing capital liberalization and repeatedly made it clear that he considers this to be the most serious problem with economic globalization.

The phrase "capital liberalization" appears exactly once in the story, in the final paragraph

in a quote from a student attending, who also mentions "trade liberalization" as if it was a matter of equal concern. There also is a poorly explained reference to the issue earlier in the discussion of former Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker's remarks about "unleashing international finance on less able global economies."

However, a later reference seriously is distorted. In discussing China and Japan, the focus is first on how they "did not rely on the traditional comparative advantage of free trade," with a very vague reference then to "strictly managed the financial market," a "\$900-billion liquid guerrilla [sic] that sits wherever it wants."

Furthermore, Hahnel spent quite a lot of time emphasizing the problems with Inter Monetary Fund imposed structural adjustment programs, which he also said are a bigger problem than free trade.

However, there was not even a mention of this matter at all in the article.

Finally, Volcker, former chief economist of the World Bank, and Nobel Prize Winner Joseph Stiglitz are cited in the article as seeing "something wrong with neoliberal globalization," which, based on the article, would lead one to believe that these gentlemen oppose free trade.

However, both support free trade — as was noted by Hahnel. It is capital liberalization and — in the case of Stiglitz — the IMF-imposed structural adjustment programs, that they criticize. However, one would never know this from this piece of reporting.

J. Barkley Rosser Jr.  
professor of economics

### College newspapers training ground for young journalists

Dear Editor,

J. Barkley Rosser Jr.'s letter to *The Breeze* concerning the story about Professor Robin Hahnel's lecture was written with enmity, scorn and derision. The invective you use to describe a very well-intentioned, bright young woman are not words that enable learning and growth.

Kelly was not writing a scholarly article for a periodical to be read by the world's top Ph.D.s in economics. She approached one of the most difficult assignments known to journalists — one that many seasoned journalists avoid — writing about a highly technical, convoluted subject that takes years — sometimes decades of study — to understand.

You also need to know a little something about journalism. I have spent my career in the field in Washington, D.C., and have hired dozens of journalists.

The entire reason for a college newspaper is that it is a place for people to learn. The only way journalists learn is by getting it wrong. Where better to get it wrong than in a college newspaper — a publication written for a cloistered audience.

When a journalist gets it wrong — and even skilled reporters who have been in the trade 40 years still get it wrong — it makes them acutely more observant, meticulous and cautious in what they report and how

they report it. They learn by their mistakes.

Journalism always has been considered to be a "trade." Historically, the profession had seven year long apprenticeship programs. Those are gone.

What has replaced them is the college newspaper. It is where people get trained, and part of an effective training routine is teaching.

Being malicious is not how you teach people. Kelly took the risk inherently associated with journalism and exposed herself — putting herself on the line — and you cut her legs out from under her.

You can aid the learning process by helping students like my daughter by talking to her directly, not through the cover of what could be viewed as being a sycophantic letter to the editor.

You can make college a learning process; it is not a place where you attack a person's character, degrade them and make them cower and become introverts, unwilling to participate in the betterment of our society.

Your petulant attack on her and *The Breeze* was baneful and abhorrent.

It could have been handled with aplomb and magnanimity. But, it wasn't.

Richard A. McCormack  
editor & publisher  
Manufacturing &  
Technology News

## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

### The Breeze realizes mistakes occur on road to perfection

Dear readers,

*The Breeze* is a campus newspaper that has two purposes. The first is reporting news accurately. The second is to provide future journalists with a forum to gain experience and learn the ropes of reporting and newspaper production.

The letter to the editor from J. Barkley Rosser Jr., professor of economics, concerning the Feb. 12 article titled "Free trade 'harms' Americans" criticizes the writer for "several outright errors," as well as criticizing her lack of understanding and interpretation of the lecture.

Rosser also criticizes *The Breeze* for its inaccuracies.

I agree with Rosser that inaccurate reporting presents many problems. As any well-respected newspaper does, *The Breeze* strives for accuracy. However, realistically, 100 percent accuracy of content and grammar in every issue is rare. I read through a handful of newspapers daily, ranging from the *Daily News-Record* to the *Washington Post*.

There are mistakes occasionally. Even *The New York Times* couldn't prevent inaccuracies in the case of Jason Blair. Any reader must understand *The Breeze* is no different.

As for the interpretation of some of the issues mentioned in the lecture, readers must realize no

one interprets things the same. I have written over 130 stories in my four years at *The Breeze*.

In addition, I probably have written at least 100 stories for several daily newspapers in Virginia. I can attest that not one of the many stories I have written has started with the same lead or content that another writer covering the same event used in his or her story — that's characteristic of the trade of journalism.

Just as Rosser, any reader has the freedom of speech to criticize an article, a writer or the newspaper. But I ask that all criticisms come through me first. As editor, I am responsible for all components of the newspaper.

Please address any concerns to [breezeditor@hotmail.com](mailto:breezeditor@hotmail.com). Thank you for your continuing readership of *The Breeze*.

Drew Wilson  
editor in chief

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## GAYS: Decline in values developing

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must defend the sanctity of marriage," he said.

This amendment not only would change court rulings in favor of gay marriage, but it also would prevent other groups, such as polygamists and polyamorists from being able to pervert family values.

Many people, however, do not oppose homosexuality for social reasons, but for religious ones.

The Bible, the Torah and the Qur'an strongly condemn homosexuality. Scripture, doctrine or creed cannot justify any clergy that accepts homosexuality.

Some hold the opinion of Howard Dean, who said, "... if God had thought homosexuality is a sin, he would not have created gay people." Well, if God had thought killing people was wrong, he would not have made Charles Manson insane.

The media wants us to believe that the majority of Americans are accepting of homosexuality. Many television shows use gays as regular characters and portray homosexuality as popular. Anyone who tries to disagree with that kind of lifestyle automatically is demonized as a "homophobe" or as being close-

minded and old fashioned.

The majority of Americans are opposed to gay marriage, according to a poll taken by FOX News Nov. 18, 2003. It shows only 26 percent of Americans are in favor of gay marriage. The poll also showed every social, age, gender and political group were opposed to same-sex marriage.

Gay marriage, if allowed, will erode the social fabric of society and will have repercussions that will destroy family values. This is fact. It already has happened in other societies, and it will happen here.

Shaun Madsen is a sophomore Spanish major.

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**Aries** March 21-April 19

Today is an 8 - If you've been following orders, a bonus can be yours. You could get another assignment, too, leading to a pay raise. For you, learning discipline is the most important part.

**Taurus** April 20-May 20

Today is a 7 - The lessons you're learning are starting to sink in and proving to be quite useful. An old trauma, for example, will tell you what not to do with your heart.

**Gemini** May 21-June 21

Today is a 7 - It's a good day to go shopping for a household item. By doing the research and taking decisive action, you'll find the best bargain.

**Cancer** June 22-July 22

Today is a 6 - You can learn a lot from a person with experience. This individual may be cranky, though, so ask questions respectfully.

**Leo** July 23-Aug. 22

Today is an 8 - It's not that the honeymoon is over; it's just that you now realize how much work is required to get where you want to go. Dig in.

**Virgo** Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Today is a 7 - It ought to be easier to get your way now that somebody strong is on your side. This person always has your best interests at heart. The worst is almost over.

—Tribune Media Services

**Libra** Sept. 23-Oct. 22

Today is an 8 - It may be hard to get out of bed this morning. If you don't have to, don't. It's not that you're sick or even lazy; it's more likely that you're in love, or making plans, or both.

**Scorpio** Oct. 23-Nov. 21

Today is a 6 - Think and act quickly to correct a mistake that somebody else makes at work. The others may think it was funny. You see it differently, and you're right.

**Sagittarius** Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Today is a 7 - Finances aren't your favorite subject. You may even have an old hurt associated with them, but don't let that stop you. Do what's required to pay the bills.

**Capricorn** Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Today is a 7 - Input from far away confirms your suspicions and shows that you're on the right track. Don't despair if you don't see results yet. Keep making improvements at home.

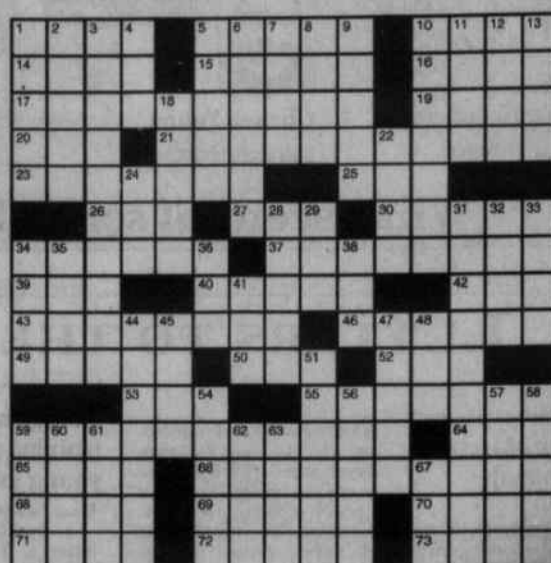
**Aquarius** Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Today is a 7 - If you slow down and think, you'll find a more profitable way. Money may not be your greatest concern, but it never hurts to have too much.

**Pisces** Feb. 19-March 20

Today is a 7 - You have the ability and the resources. Don't let old insecurities slow you down. If you messed up before, figure out what to try in order to be more successful. You can do it.

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17 Help up  
19 Roman fiddler  
20 Form starter?  
21 Tart and far from tart?  
23 Able to perceive  
25 Pay add-on?  
26 Gloomy guy?  
27 Morning condensation  
30 Start of a bet?  
34 Filtering organ  
37 Avoid and not avoid?  
39 Lemon drink  
40 Venture a thought  
42 Inventor Whitney  
43 Top and bottom?  
46 Bad-mouths  
49 Ms. Comaneci  
50 Egyptian viper

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- 1 Phony  
2 Fashion shape  
3 Breathing and not breathing?  
4 Unknown John  
5 Circuit  
6 Sure follower?  
7 Blow the whistle?  
8 Caesar's existence  
9 Like a PT Cruiser  
10 Type of corduroy  
11 Curved molding  
12 Aching  
13 Jogging pace  
18 Humiliate  
22 Smelting residue  
24 Early riser?  
28 Prepares copy  
29 Finished first  
31 Lovely and far from lovely?  
32 Golfer Irwin  
33 Writer Kingsley  
34 Madeline of "Blazing Saddles"

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36 Never \_\_\_ mind  
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47 Book div.  
48 "\_\_\_ Be There"  
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54 Colorado resort  
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57 Time after time  
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59 Frozen treats  
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What has four fingers and one thumb, but is not flesh, fish, bone or fowl?

Answer to last issue's riddle:  
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# Focus

Section Two

## the mane story

*Students discuss  
thick and thin  
of natural hair color*

Story by focus editor Cheryl Lock and contributing writer Natasha Laptik  
Graphics by art director Jessica Taylor

**H**oney blond, sunny red, cinnamon brown and wine auburn are just a few colors among the many options on the market for hair color dyes. The dye comes in tiny bottles that can be mixed together and applied to hair. Within an hour, a person can change his or her entire appearance by simply dying, frosting or even highlighting his or her hair.

People tend to have strong feelings about the hair color they were born with. Some choose to stay natural, while others change color as often as they change clothes. Junior Lindsay Perry is the only red-headed person in her family. Perry believes she inherited the unique color both from her great grandmother and her father's family, which has Scottish, Irish and English roots.

Perry feels that her hair holds her back because it is hard to change. She admitted to being jealous of people with brown hair because they are able to dye it different colors.

To some, dying hair is not as glamorous as others think. "I like [my hair color]," freshman Melissa Francisco said of her brown hair. "I wouldn't want to change it. I just highlighted it once, but that was a while ago."

Sophomore Maggie Mintzer, who has red hair, sees her hair color as an asset. "I like it because it's different," she said. "A lot of people [commented on the color] when I was little. I used to tell people I had beautiful hair because people would tell me that."

It may seem that people with certain hair colors tend to travel in packs. "I don't do it consciously, but I have acquired quite a few redheaded friends," Perry said. One of her redheaded buddies, junior Clint Curtis, met Perry at a party while standing in line for the bathroom with another redheaded friend, senior Melanie Oglesby. A conversation about redhead jokes was the start of their friendship.

Perry confessed that she had transitioned from hating her hair to appreciating it "for novelty." She said she started to value "the things [about her body] that go along with the red hair, such as a pale complexion and out-of-control freckles, and white-blond eyelashes and eyebrows ... that at one time [she] disliked."

Senior Annie Provencher and her mother are the only people in their family to have red hair. "Growing up I stood out, especially since my name is Annie, so I got a lot of 'Little Orphan Annie' and 'Anne of Green Gables' jokes," Provencher said.

She also said she would never color her hair. "I'm too scared to ruin it forever," Provencher said. "You can't get this color in a bottle."

**O**ne other color that seems to have been replicated from the bottle many times is blond. With multiple versions of the color being offered, including honey blond, blond frost and pale champagne, the color has taken on many dimensions. Blonds always have been rumored to have more fun. Whether this is true or not, some students have strong feelings about it.

Freshman Bristol Savage, who has naturally blond hair, thinks that blonds do have more fun. Her friend, freshman Leah Twardzik, didn't agree. "I don't think blonds have more fun," she said. "I don't think hair color has anything to do with it."

The girls do agree that condescending comments about being blonde can become irritating. "If I say something dumb, people comment on it," Savage said.

Some students look to their hair color as a defining aspect of their personality and a way to set them apart from everyone else. Sophomore Mallory Napier is the middle child in her redheaded family. Both her older sister and a younger brother have natural red hair, although Napier's sister dyes her hair blond.

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*I don't think blonds have more fun. I don't think hair color  
has anything to do with it.*

— Leah Twardzik  
freshman

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All the siblings in Napier's family took after their redheaded father. "I love having red hair," Napier said. "It's something that makes me different than the majority of people." Napier didn't always feel this way, however. While she said that in elementary school she couldn't avoid teasing, she tends to receive more compliments about her hair than about anything else, she said.

Junior Julia Redden is the first person in her family who ever had red or curly hair. "I have so many memories of me screaming and crying while my mom tried to brush through my hair, and then eventually gave up," Redden said.

"I feel that being a redhead has made my personality more quirky and crazy in response to the environment I have grown up in, and now I have responded accordingly," Redden added.

So, whatever the hair color, from black to blond, the fact remains that hair seems to leave a big impression on people. "I just like change I guess," sophomore Jenna Milnes said about dying her hair. And the changes will continue, as long as the options remain open for the choosing.





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## Wade contends

Senior Gavin Wade nominated for national award for work with Exit 245.

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# STYLE

"People tend to think that fairy tales have happy endings, but fairies have always been evil spirits."

SARA TOMKO  
junior  
see story below

## THEATRE

### Whimsical 'Skriker' no grim tale

BY SARAH MANLEY  
staff writer

There are plenty of people who have heard of fairy tales involving princes, princesses and happy endings. The less commonly known are the fairy tales involving evil spirits, as are featured in the tale of "The Skriker," which will open at Theatre II tomorrow.

The anti-fairy tale, directed by junior Ariella Bowden and written by British playwright Caryl Churchill, is a display of art in everything from sets, costumes and lights to language and movement, according to Bowden. The plays use of constant movement, which is demonstrated in the inclusion of a character that dances during the entire show without stopping, sets it apart from its contemporaries.

The Skriker, played by junior Sara Tomko, is a spirit from an old fairy tale who survives off two girls by following them around and abusing them mentally and physically, according to Tomko.

"People tend to think that fairy tales have happy endings, but fairies have always been evil spirits," Tomko said. "Disney and Hollywood changed that, and now people think they are nice."

The human race's emission of pollution in the environment is endangering the lives of evil fairies who coexist. The Skriker, the lead villain of a malicious supernatural race, decides to retaliate against human corruption by ordering her fairies to harass humans — thus weakening them, which gives the fairies power. The Skriker selects two sisters in their late teens — Lily (freshman Megan Tusing) and Josie (senior Leigh Diversi) — as her prey. The Skriker possesses supernatural powers — she changes shape and becomes anything that Lily is attracted to in order to bait Lily so that she can hurt her. Other fairies also use their powers — such as the power of invisibility — to carry out their revolt against humans.

The play's title character is comparable to familiar characters from fairy tales, such as the boogiemer or Rumpelstiltskin. Bowden said she hopes audiences will recall their memories of what they have heard about fairy tales during the play and, therefore, be interested and entertained from making those connections in their minds.

Bowden said she knew she wanted to direct something by Churchill, so, after reading several of her plays, she chose "The Skriker."

"I chose to direct this play because it utilizes everything I have learned over the past several years — especially (what I've learned about) telling a story through movement," Bowden said.

The lighting and sets also will play an important role in this production, according to sophomore Cassie Sauer, the show's lighting technician.

"We are trying to match the lighting with the mood of the play," Sauer said. "We are using colors (such as purple and yellow) in the lights that are rarely used onstage to give it a more dramatic feel."

The curtains around the stage will be covered in large newspapers painted with spirals on them to make the audience feel like they are surrounded by the creatures in the play, according to Bowden.

"The Skriker" will run in Theatre II from Feb. 17 to 21 at 8 p.m. with a midnight show Friday. Tickets go on sale today for \$3 and can be purchased two hours before each show at the door.

## CONCERT REVIEW



Internationally recognized a capella group Naturally 7 perform Saturday night at Wilson Hall Auditorium. The Overtones and Into Hymn opened for the septet.

BY KATIE HANDLON  
contributing writer

### It all comes naturally A capella septet entertains with musical melting pot

The smooth, fluid vocals of the all-male a capella group Naturally 7 echoed through the corridors of Wilson Hall Auditorium Saturday night. The New York-based septet gave an outstanding performance as they sang, danced and charmed their way into the hearts of a mesmerized audience.

The internationally acclaimed group used no instruments — only their own voices — to mimic everything from the sounds of guitar and bass to a motorcycle rev. These sounds, combined with its intricately formed harmonies and comedic interludes gave listeners a taste of why the group currently is ranked No. 1 on the German music charts.

Members Roger Thomas, Warren Thomas, Dwight Stewart, Roderick Eldridge, Garfield Bucky, Jamal Reed and Marcus Davis started the a capella group after the Thomas brothers and Bucky played in a band together. One day, while rehearsing, Bucky simulated the sound of a harmonica without using the musical instrument. The noises all were vocal and the group decided to shift its focus to a capella, according to the Web site, [www.naturallyseven.com](http://www.naturallyseven.com). One by one, the other members joined the group.

When asked to place their music into a specific category, Roger Thomas, the group's founder, said, "We don't know. I'm serious; we really don't know."

Naturally 7 gives its audience a chance to decide which stylized musical category it thinks the band should be placed. Their music can be described as a unique combination of rhythm and blues, gospel, jazz and doo-wop with a touch of hip-hop.

Naturally 7 does all its performances with choreographed vocals and dance routines performed with perfect precision — reminiscent of the likes of Boyz II Men modernized by the infusion of hip-hop beats. These beats come compliments of Warren Thomas, the brother of Roger, who stole the show as the group's human beatbox machine.

During comedic interludes, Roger Thomas addressed the audience with background information on the origins of the group's musical techniques. He attributed the group's style to the music heard during the members' childhoods, and said Naturally 7's sound is rooted in gospel music. All the members credit their spiritual experiences as the foundation of their sound.

However, they also pay tribute to their secular influences by performing snippets of hit songs made famous by the talents of Stevie Wonder, Michael Jackson, Cindi Lauper and even Simon and Garfunkel. One of the most memorable performances was Eldridge's version of Louis Armstrong's "What a Wonderful World," complete with an imitation of Armstrong's unmistakable raspy, yet melodic, vocals.

Naturally 7's talents show its cohesiveness musically, which has contributed to its success as a group. "We've all been really blessed. Things are going really well for us," said Eldridge, the clown of the group. Naturally 7 has been touring Europe and has found great success abroad, according to its Web site.

The group recently signed a deal with Sony records and has released its first album overseas. Its compact disc has yet to be released in the United States, but is available for order on the group's Web site. The night would not have been complete without performances by JMU's own a capella groups, the Overtones and Into Hymn, who opened for Naturally 7. Each group performed two songs and later received compliments and praise from Naturally 7.

"The show was great," senior Trey LeMond said. "I really liked how [Naturally 7] involved the audience in the show."

### Attempt to look good on slopes dead-end effort



by Melissa Boss  
staff writer

It's 12 degrees outside, there's no snow and no work to be done; therefore, my genius friends and I decided to go snowboarding.

A few hours later, when I am lying on the side of a mountain wondering if my tailbone is broken, I see what appears to be a large snowball fly by. Actually, it's not a snowball; it's a snowboarder clad in a metallic jacket and a ski hat with huge white spikes poking out.

It was then I realized I have no knowledge of snow sport fashion. This revelation brings me to the harsh reality that there are some areas in which I have no expertise. Therefore, I have embarked on a new mission to enlighten myself in this strange, cold area.

Regrettably, snow sports mostly are about function and little form. This implies that

staying warm means looking like stuffed poultry ready for roasting. This brings me to an important question — how does one look good on the slopes without the dreaded sausage effect?

Start by checking out a local store called Ski and Skate. This ski store has a variety of snow gear, such as insulated pants with reinforcements sewn over the knees for the less-than-graceful snow athlete.

Aside from clothes, there is also the equipment — the fashion equivalent to expensive accessories. Having your own equipment sets you apart from the renters with their generic sticks loaded with deep scratches from inexperienced skiers such as myself.

As for the buyers, I have divided them into two categories — "recently bought" buyers and "whoa, that's

from the '80s" buyers. The "recently bought" buyers own equipment that come in sleek colors and designs. In case the "whoa '80s" category wasn't explicit enough, these buyers' equipment come in colors such as bodacious purple, electric pink and other neon colors I haven't seen since third grade.

To avoid this quintessentially '80s look, I suggest buying equipment that comes in classic colors such as gray, black and blue. Also, keep in mind to look for high-quality makers. Insulated, waterproof gloves by Grandoe and clear goggles by Oakley all are Fashion Boss-approved.

Finally, there is the mystery surrounding the goofy hats; so, I decided I needed to do some more research to gain some sort of understanding about them. My first interview regarding the stupid hats was with senior Dave Allen, who also happens to be a self-proclaimed "snow snot." Allen said, "Well, I wear a Viking hat when I am skiing, but I would never wear it on campus."

JMU snowboarding team member George Bunch, a junior, said the wild and unique hats help him recognize his friends while on the slopes.

I have observed that the following conditions must apply



MARC CHOI/graphics editor

if you are going to wear a goofy hat. 1. You must be very good on the slopes and 2. You must be relatively young. A goofy hat is almost like a status symbol that lets others know, "I am so good, I can wear this really stupid hat. So please move out of my way before I make you snow-kill."

So, after all this in-depth research, what can I conclude about snow fashion? Nothing, for even if you are wearing well-known labels,

we all end up looking like we are the same width from the shoulders to the knees, similar to a log with toothpicks for arms and legs. In fact, the rescue squad should ditch the sled and just roll skiers down the mountain.

Then again, as I am laying in the middle of the trail, watching the swarms of sausage legs slide by, I realize it is not what you wear — gasp — but what you can do, that counts.





## Mexican fare adds flair to dinner table

BY MERI PRICE  
contributing writer

Between working hard and scraping for money, it is not every college student's first priority to host dinner parties. However, for those that do enjoy the occasional wining and dining without all the hassle, there is a solution — Spanish tapas, a long-held tradition in Spain.

Tapas can be likened to the Europeanized version of beer with pretzels and peanuts. The word "tapas," also called pinchos or banderillas, translates into snack or appetizer.

Esperanza Luca de Tena, author of "100 Spanish Tapas," said, "It used to be common practice in Spain for people to call into a bar or two just before lunch for a chato de vino tintado (glass of red wine). The first very simple tapas arose from the need to avoid drinking on an empty stomach and consisted of slices of bread topped with raw ingredients and combined with cold meat, cheese, tinned fish and mayo or oil."

As Spain began to modernize and cut back on leisure time, tapas began to replace full lunches. In many areas around the country, this has become the norm. "Tapas have kept an informal spirit through their popular origins as street-food," according to www.spaintour.com

In many ways, tapas share a history similar to that of the American fast food enterprise, though the ingredients are always fresher, the serving sizes smaller, and the act of going to tapas is most always a social outing. As Emilia Gonzalez Sevilla said in her book, "Tapas, Pinchos, y Tentempies," "The tapeo would be, without a doubt, the best fast food formula if it was not required time and a break long enough to practice with Spanish elegance the art of eating on foot."

So, if students are ready for a not-so-typical snack time to catch up with friends, try out some of these tapas. All you need is a little imagination, a bottle of vino — in tinto (red) or blanco (white) — and a lot of olive oil. Buenas Suerte

**Gazpacho:** Cold Tomato Soup — a Spanish summertime favorite — from [www.arrakis.es](http://www.arrakis.es)

Prep time: 20 minutes; Cook time: None

2 green peppers  
Tomatoes  
Half an onion  
1 cucumber  
Loaf of white bread with crust removed  
Olive oil  
2 cloves of garlic  
Vinegar (red wine or apple cider)  
Salt  
Choice of spices to taste — cilantro, cumin, tarragon, basil, lemon or lime juice  
Black pepper

Remove seeds from tomatoes and green peppers and mix in a blender or food processor. Add cucumber, garlic, onion and bread (soaked in cold water) and blend well. After blended, put mixture through sieve or cheesecloth to remove leftover seeds. Mix in about one-third of a cup of vinegar, 2 tablespoons of olive oil and salt to taste. Add all other spices. Refrigerate for at least one hour and allow flavor to set in. To serve, add chopped tomatoes, pepper and cucumber and eat with sliced bread.

**Spanish Tortilla — the easiest and most common Spanish tapa — from [www.globalgourmet.com](http://www.globalgourmet.com)**

Prep time: 20 minutes; Cook Time: 20 minutes

1 pound potatoes  
1 onion  
4 eggs  
Olive oil  
Salt

Peel potatoes and cut into thin slices. Thinly chop the onion and combine with potatoes. Sauté mixture over low heat in plenty of olive oil. Once done, drain oil. In another bowl, beat eggs and mix them with the potato mixture. Heat a frying pan with a tablespoon of olive oil and spread the mixture over the bottom of the pan with a pancake turner and shape the edges. Allow eggs to cook to a golden brown on one side (about three minutes). Next, flip the tortilla. Let it cook on the other side in the same way. Let tortilla cool and serve in pie slice shapes, or cut into squares on toothpicks. Also commonly eaten between bread with a touch of olive oil. Can be topped with Spanish alioli (garlic) mayonnaise.

**Spanish Alioli (Garlic) Mayonnaise — Esperanza Luca de Tena's "100 Spanish Tapas"**

Prep time: 10 minutes; Cook time: None

2 tbsp. sherry or red wine vinegar  
1 egg  
2 tbsp. chopped garlic  
1 cup olive oil  
1/2 tsp. salt  
Pinch of sugar

Place egg and chopped garlic in a blender or food processor. Blend until garlic is smooth. Continue to blend and add olive oil in a slow stream until the mixture is thick and emulsified. Add vinegar and salt.

The sauce should be creamy and have a garlic bite. If you choose not to use raw egg as an ingredient, use store-bought mayonnaise and simply blend with garlic, salt and a pinch of sugar.

## Senior singer up for top award

Exit 245 member second JMU nominee; awards began in 1992



Senior Gavin Wade, far right, is pictured with fellow Exit 245 members. Wade joined the group in 2000 when he was a freshman.

Photo courtesy of Exit 245



AMY PATERSON/Staff photo

Senior Gavin Wade was named one of four nominees by the Contemporary A Cappella Society for its "Best Male Collegiate Soloist" award. The winner will be announced in April.

BY SARA CHRISTOPH  
staff writer

Exit 245 member Gavin Wade, a senior, earned his heart-throb status on JMU's campus years ago for his smooth baritone voice, J. Crew-catalog good looks and down-to-earth personality. His legion of fans soon may expand, however, now that Wade is a finalist for the Contemporary A Cappella Recording Award's "Best Male Collegiate Soloist."

Members of Exit 245 sent the group's most recent compact disc to the Contemporary A Cappella Society for review. The panel was impressed with Wade's performance in the group's version of "Jeremy" — originally performed by Pearl Jam — and declared him one of four finalists for the national award. The winner will be announced in April.

"I was very surprised, flattered and excited just to be selected as a nominee," Wade said. "It's fun for the group to be nationally recognized and to have JMU's name on the list, considering we have such a talented a cappella community," he said.

No other JMU group obtained nominations this year, and only one — Note-Oriety, an all-female group — has been recognized by CASA since the awards began in 1992.

Wade traces his singing origins back to his church in "an ink splotch of a town" in Waynesboro.

"I have always loved performing," he said. "A cappella is a wonderful way to continue it."

"My older brother Jeff started Exit (245) with two friends in 1998 and insisted that I try out (when I came to JMU in 2000)," he said. Wade joined Exit 245 in the first semester of his freshman year and has been in the group since. "It was one of the best things that could have happened to me here," he said.

“You can tell [singing] is his passion.”

— Tim Eberts  
senior

Even with his national recognition — and perhaps future fame — Wade is quick to share the spotlight, endlessly praising his fellow Exit 245 members. "I can honestly say it would be difficult to find a nicer and more gentlemanly group of guys at JMU," Wade said. "I am very proud to consider myself their friends."

Senior Tim Eberts, a long-time friend of Wade, said, "I would even be as bold to say he has one of the best voices on campus. He really takes a lot of pride in and refines himself in his singing. You can tell it is his passion."

"He is always very true to the song he is performing, spending so much time assuming the role of the singer he is duplicating," said Eberts, a member of Low Key. But, Wade's talents don't stop there.

Outside Exit 245, he is a brother of Kappa Alpha Order and was a Freshman Orientation Guide for two years. He is a school of media arts and design major and puts his teachings to work doing all the publicity for Exit 245. "I wouldn't be surprised if Kinko's put a plaque up for me — I give them so much of my money," Wade said.

Eberts said, "Gavin is not only a great singer, but a good guy all around. I don't think there is anyone else more deserving of this award than he is."

## Comedy stars to come out Wednesday night

BY TRICIA FRENVILLE  
senior writer

In a Comedy Night sponsored by the University Program Board, two masters of wit will grace the stage in Wilson Hall Auditorium Wednesday night.

Both veterans of Comedy Central's comedy programs, Adam Ferrara and Mitch Fatel also have appeared on well-known shows such as "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno" and "Late Night with David Letterman," according to junior Stephen Shoup, UPB director of variety events.

Ferrara has appeared on "Comedy Central Presents" and two "NY Friars Club Roasts," which also airs on Comedy Central, according to Shoup.

Aside from being a talented comedian, Ferrara also is an actor who played the role of Pete on NBC's "Caroline in the City," according to [www.adamferrara.com](http://www.adamferrara.com). Ferrara most recently starred as Tommy Minetti on ABC's "The

Job," the Web site stated.

Fellow comedian Fatel also is a veteran of the late-night shows, and hosted the Talent Jam at JMU two years ago, Shoup said.

Fatel also appeared twice on "Dr. Katz, Professional Therapist," which aired on Comedy Central, according to [www.mitchfatel.com](http://www.mitchfatel.com)

Shoup had heard Fatel at the National Association for Campus Activities South Conference in Chattanooga, Tenn., in October 2003, and Fatel "had the entire conference cracking up."

"I thought the two comedians together would make for a great show that JMU would love," Shoup said.

Comedy Night with Ferrara and Fatel is Feb. 18 at 8 p.m. in Wilson Hall Auditorium. Tickets are \$8 with a JAC card, limit two, and \$12 for the general public, and can be purchased at the Warren Hall Box Office.

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# SPORTS

"I thought it was a very physical game. That's the way [UNC-W] plays. They are noted for that."

SHERMAN DILLARD  
men's basketball head coach  
see story below

**BASEBALL**

## Diamond Dukes strike down Lancers

*JMU wins both games opening day*

BY JAMES IRWIN  
staff writer

Sophomore second baseman Michael Cowgill went three for four in the season opener as the Diamond Dukes started their 2004 campaign with a pair of convincing wins over Longwood University Saturday at Long Field/Mauk Stadium.

Cowgill's offensive outburst was highlighted by a solo home run in the second inning — the first of the season for JMU.

"I was just looking to get on base and start something with two outs," Cowgill said. "I hit it well."

JMU head coach Spanky McFarland said, "Winning is good for our confidence — it's big for young clubs to get off on the right foot. We've got a long way to go before we're ready for conference play, but this helps. It's nice to start out 2-0."

The Diamond Dukes took the opener 13-0, pounding 14 hits and chasing out Longwood's starting pitcher Evan Weinstein

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EVIN SHOAP/contributing photographer

The Diamond Dukes defeated Longwood University twice Saturday in the team's opening day doubleheader of the 2004 season. JMU won the first game, 13-0, and put together another solid performance in a 12-3 win in the second game.

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**WRESTLING**

## Rider beats on Dukes

BY JENN CHAPMAN  
contributing writer

The wrestling team continued its season-long struggle this weekend, as it hosted conference opponent Rider University and non-conference opponent Appalachian State University Saturday.

"We just weren't wrestling well," assistant coach Chris Pirch said. "We didn't have enough intensity, and it was obvious that we need to improve our attitudes to become more positive and physical."

JMU lost to Rider, 32-18, and 34-3 against Appalachian State, bringing the Dukes' record to 2-15 in duals and 1-8 in the Colonial Athletic Association — 10th in the conference.

In the final match vs. Rider, red-shirt sophomore heavyweight Chris Cvitan pinned Carmelo Marrero, who is ranked No. 1 in the conference and No. 8 in the country. Cvitan came back from a 10-5 deficit in the third period to win by pinfall.

"I saw that I was down, and so I wanted to come back in the third," Cvitan said. "I

"We're a young team — we graduated nine seniors last year."

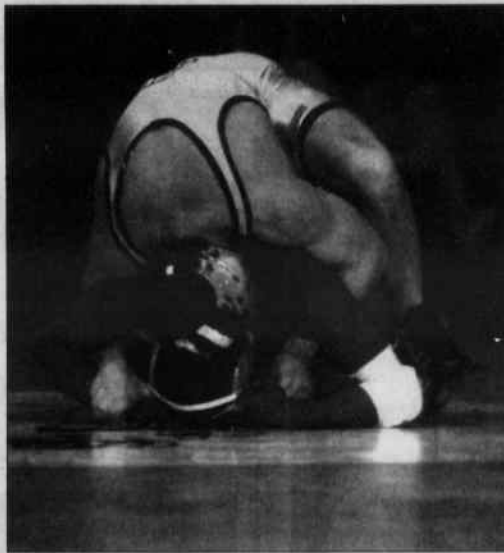
— Todd Schroeder  
senior co-captain

knew I could keep it close — he was about 15 pounds heavier than me — but I wanted it. I was definitely happy with that match today."

With the pinfall, Cvitan earned his fifth career victory, and is slated to meet two more nationally ranked challengers this season.

"Cvitan is a lot quicker than other heavyweights because he is a lot lighter; this really helps his technique," senior co-captain Steve Broglie said.

Junior Justin Gronlie, currently ranked sixth in the CAA, was the only other Duke to record a win against Rider. Gronlie collected his first victory of the season, winning the 197-pound



AMY PATERSON/senior photographer

JMU lost to Ryder University, 32-18, and to Appalachian State University, 43-3, Saturday in Godwin Gym.

weight class by pinfall.

Against Appalachian State, senior co-captain Todd Schroeder was the sole victor for the Dukes, winning the 133-pound weight class over Terrey Williams.

"We're a young team — we graduated nine seniors last year," Schroeder said. "It's

only a good learning experience for the younger guys, and, hopefully, they can learn from our setbacks."

The team will host its final home match of the season against conference foe Old Dominion University Thursday, at 7 p.m. in Godwin Gym.

**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

## Seahawks upend Dukes at home

BY BRAD RICHARDS  
sports editor

JMU didn't receive hugs and kisses from the University of North Carolina-Wilmington Saturday as the Seahawks defeated the Dukes, 66-56, in a Valentine's Day game.

"I thought it was a very physical game," head coach Sherman Dillard said. "That's the way [UNC-W] plays. They are noted for that."

There were several altercations after the whistle that involved freshman forward Cavell Johnson, who had a career-high 13 points on 4-of-8 shooting. Johnson also played a career-high 22 minutes.

"I am one to play with my heart," Johnson said. "A couple of times (during the confrontations), I was just trying to get us [motivated] to match their toughness."

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| <b>Saturday</b> |    |
| UNC-W           | 66 |
| JMU             | 56 |



CHRIS LABZDA/senior photographer

Senior forward/guard Dwayne Broyles looks for a passing lane.

Dillard said during the game day shoot-around he felt the team was lacking its usual pep. Members of the team reassured him that things were all right, but that wasn't the case.

The Dukes struggled early — connecting on only 25 percent of their field-goal attempts

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## Dukes take to the Big Apple



AMY PATERSON/senior photographer

The JMU men's and women's track & field teams competed in the fourth annual New Balance Armory Collegiate Invitational Friday and Saturday at the Armory Track & Field Center in New York, N.Y. Senior Jennifer Lapetoda finished first in the 3,000 meter run with a time of 9:44.83.

**MEN'S SWIMMING**

## JMU has sights on conference championship

*Senior-led team seeks to restore glory of storied program with CAA crown*

BY ALEX EISENBERG  
contributing writer

This year, the men's swimming and diving team plans to regain the championship form that brought them three straight Colonial Athletic Association Championships, the first of which was just five years ago.

While still competitive, the Dukes have placed second in each of the past two seasons, falling both times to the University of North Carolina-Wilmington. The Dukes are determined not to let first place in the CAA slip away again this year, according to coach Matthew Barany.

"No coach is happy with second place," Barany said. Our program has a very storied

history. We either win the championship or we lose it. It's as simple as that."

JMU performed well during the regular season, going 9-4 overall and 5-1 in the CAA, taking second place in the conference. UNC-W placed first, and George Mason University finished third.

While JMU never faced UNC-W, it did square off against George Mason, losing 127-114.

"We went to GMU with a less-than-healthy team and swam well," Barany said. "GMU may have won, but our confidence soared that afternoon because we swam so well."

While JMU had a solid core of experience, it also had a number of freshmen who needed to develop. Early on, the sen-

iors had to carry the load while those freshmen developed.

It wasn't until the team's sixth meet, against Davidson College and Clemson University, that a freshman won a race. That freshman was Joe Moore, who won the 500-yard freestyle. By that point, there was noticeable improvement in all the freshmen swimmers.

"The freshmen have matured a lot," senior co-captain Jeff Hicks said. "This team is going to be in good hands."

In the following meet against the University of Delaware and Towson University, Moore posted another victory, this time in the 1,000-yard freestyle. Moore's victory was joined by

fellow freshman Josh Fowler in the 200-yard backstroke. Fowler again won the 200-yard backstroke later in the year against George Mason.

Even if it took six meets for a freshman to get a win, Barany said the freshmen exceeded expectations and contributed more than they were expected to.

A possible reason for their accelerated maturity, Barany sensed, was the close bond the seniors had with each other.

"The chemistry among the seniors is so contagious. Their closeness has helped bring the entire team together," Barany said. "This bond has helped our underclassmen mature quicker than expected."

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## Dukes: Seniors eye CAA run

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Four seniors collected the bulk of the team's victories — captains Aaron Nester, Mike Nicholas and Hicks, along with junior Geoff Meyer.

All four swimmers swam extremely well throughout the entire year. Meyer was named CAA co-swimmer of the week from Jan. 5 to 11. During that week, he recorded a pair of victories against Delaware and Towson, also while swimming on the winning 200-yard freestyle relay team against Davidson and Clemson. Nester went undefeated for the entire year in the 200-yard breaststroke.

The four got help from sophomore Danny Gray and senior Mark Depew, along with Moore and Fowler, to obtain their 9-4 record. Three of the four losses came against very tough schools.

"We swam against two ACC schools (North Carolina State University and Clemson) and one Conference USA school (Texas Christian University). Both are conferences that are way above the CAA," Nichols said.

On the diving side of things, senior Daniel Rotach and freshman Forrest Bassett each had an up and down year. They struggled against high-quality opponents from outside the conference, but performed adequately against opponents inside the conference.

While neither diver recorded any first-place finishes, Rotach had second-place finishes in both the 1-meter and the 3-meter against the College of William & Mary, while Bassett had a second-place finish in the 1-meter against Delaware and Towson.

JMU had one goal in mind entering the season, and still has that same goal in mind now that the regular season has ended.

"Our expectation is to win," Nicholas said. "No question."

## JMU: Diamond Dukes dominate Longwood



EVIN SHOAP/contributing photographer

Juniors catcher Matt Sluder and right-handed pitcher Brian Leatherwood discuss strategy in a conference on the mound during Saturday's home opener against Longwood University.

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after just 3 1/3 innings.

JMU scored early and often, plating a run in the bottom of the first inning. Sophomore center fielder Skyler Doom drew a walk to start the game and, after stealing second, came around to score on sophomore third baseman Nate Schill's RBI single.

"For the most part, [Longwood's pitchers] were around the plate," Cowgill said. "They were throwing more fastballs, which we're used to."

The Diamond Dukes continued to apply pressure, scoring three times in the second inning after two men were out. After Cowgill's home run, freshman shortstop Davis Stoneburner singled and stole second. Doom followed with a single of his own to score Stoneburner, and Weinstein then walked three straight batters, allowing Doom to score before the Lancers finally got out of the inning.

"It's big when you jump out early," McFarland said.

While the Diamond Dukes were making noise on offense, Longwood's bats were relatively quiet, as four JMU pitchers combined to throw a five-hit shutout. Junior right-handed pitcher Brian Leatherwood went five innings, striking out eight batters before he gave way to freshman left-handed pitcher Jacob Cook — who threw two perfect innings in relief of Leatherwood — making his collegiate debut. Freshman right-

handed pitcher Bobby Lasko and red-shirt freshman left-handed pitcher David Rich finished off the shutout.

"Basically, we just wanted to stay ahead of the batters," Leatherwood said. "We wanted to throw strikes and get ahead in the count early."

JMU led 9-0 after the fifth inning and exploded for four runs in the bottom of the eighth.

Freshman designated hitter Matt Armentrout drew a leadoff walk and came around to score on red-shirt senior left fielder Alan Lindsey's double. Junior right fielder Mike Butia tripled, scoring Lindsey, and Butia later scored on Schill's second RBI single of the day.

Game two of the double-header (a seven inning game) saw JMU capitalize early off mistakes by Longwood pitcher John Hines en route to a 12-3 victory.

Freshman center fielder Brandon Bowser started the first inning by singling and reached third after two wild pitches. Hines then hit Doom with a pitch. With runners on first and third, the Diamond Dukes executed a double steal to take a 1-0 lead.

Things didn't improve much for Longwood from there, as three JMU hits and two walks issued by Hines in the second inning made it 5-0.

In sharp contrast to Hines, red-shirt sophomore left-handed pitcher Greg Nesbitt began

the game by sitting down 10 straight batters. Nesbitt ran into some trouble in the fourth inning, where he gave up a three-run home run to senior right fielder Brian Medley, but rebounded to throw six strong innings, striking out five.

"I left that change-up (to Medley) up in the zone," Nesbitt said. "Overall, I tried to pitch my game and stuck to that plan for the most part."

The Diamond Dukes later scored five runs in the sixth inning to secure their second victory of the season.

"It's always important to win the first two games of the year," Nesbitt said. "The more wins we pick up early, the better we'll be when we get to conference play."

### Game Notes

Mike Butia left game two early with a cramp in his leg ... Longwood was 0-19 at one point in the doubleheader when facing left-handed pitching ... Doom and Cowgill each reached base six times in the double header ... Longwood pitchers walked 21 batters in 14 total innings

### JMU 13, Longwood 0, Game 1

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W — Leatherwood; L — Weinstein

### JMU 12, Longwood 3, Game 2

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## LOSS: Freeman nets 20 points in home loss to UNC-W

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in the first half, which allowed UNC-W to jump out to a 34-19 halftime lead.

Falling behind early, like JMU did, was a crucial mistake because the Seahawks are known throughout the league for their attacking style defense.

"I could see it slipping away at that point," Dillard said. "My concern was against a team like [UNC-W], if you get down 15 [points], it's like being down

25 to most teams."

Aside from JMU's poor shooting exhibition, UNC-W knocked down a season-high, 11 3-pointers.

Guard T.J. Carter had a career-high night, scoring 17 points for the Seahawks, connecting on 5 of 7 from long range. His performance surprised the Dukes somewhat, according to junior guard Daniel Freeman, but the hot shooting by Carter was bound to happen, according to UNC-

W coach Brad Brownell.

"For us to make 11 [3-pointers], I am sure coach Dillard is scratching his head," Brownell said.

[Carter] has worked and improved tremendously," Brownell added. "I've been saying all year that he is going to have a game like this."

The Seahawks' ability to score from the 3-point line helped open up the inside game, and that consistent balance is what Freeman

attributed to an advantage for UNC-W on the defensive side of the ball.

"We were fortunate to shoot the ball really well tonight," Brownell said. "That just makes things so much easier for you."

Freeman scored 8 of his game-high 20 points in the first three minutes of the second half, but JMU still was not able to close in more than 9 points. At one point, the lead had ballooned to 51-30 for the

Seahawks at the 13:41 mark and, from there, they just put the clamps on JMU.

"I give them credit," Freeman said. "They are a hard-nose group of guys."

UNC-W improved its record to 12-11, (8-7 in the Colonial Athletic Association), and JMU dropped to 7-16 (3-11 CAA) on the year.

The Dukes will play at Virginia Commonwealth University Wednesday. Tip-off is set for 7:30 p.m.

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**Roses are Red**, I love when we play, here's a Valentine's shout-out to 803 J. Love my roomies!

**To My Special Valentine** - Heather, Thank you for five wonderful months. I love you! -Drew

**Roses are red**, violets are cool. My staff's the best, all of you rule! -da box

**To the girls of Chap B 201** - We never leave a man behind (except on Valentine's Day!!) Love ya'll lots, KRO

**Regina** - I have never met someone who fishes so much in my life! But seriously, thanks for everything. I love you! -Jon

**To the awesome girls of Apartment E** - Thanks for a fun-filled year and brightening so many of my days! Lots of love, Jon

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**Q:** Who cooks the best hamburger helper, makes the funniest faces, and looks great in orange? At my favorite T. Thanks for an amazing 4 months! From your J.

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