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Withdrawal policy now offers more options

BY COLLEEN SCHORN senior writer

A new withdrawal procedure has been proposed by the JMU Faculty Senate that would allow instructors the option of assigning a grade other than F to students who withdraw after the course adjustment period.

adjustment period.
The new policy will allow professors to assign a WP—withdrawal while passing—or WF—withdrawal while failing

— withdrawal while failing
 — according to Douglas
Brown, provost and vice president for academic affairs.
 A W only will be given if a student withdraws before the course adjustment date, which occurs about 60 percent of the way through a semester.

occurs about 60 percent of the way through a semester.

Current policies state that any student withdrawing after the course adjustment date will be given an F unless the grade is appealed and changed. Medical withdrawal after the course adjustment date still is possible with the new procedure.

Brown said the proposed changes would be more beneficial to students.

"I think that students interpreted that there are fewer

Trink that students inter-preted that there are fewer options in the proposal, but there are more," Brown said. "In the proposal, the discretion will

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Virus fears force game port closings

By MIMI LIU contributing writer

In response to the Blaster worm and other online virus attacks recently occurring on campuses nationwide, JMU Technical Services continues to implement its policy of Internet restrictions on sources attempt-ing to open up ports on student computers.
As a result, students may not

be able to access some of the recreational or gaming Web sites

that they normally used.
"Our Internet protection
does not allow outside systems does not allow outside systems to connect to open doors on student computers unless the communication was initiated from that open door," said Dale Hulvey, assistant vice president of Information Technology. "Games that don't open doors for other computers to come into should work fine. Those that do will not work properly." Ports, also known as "open doors," allow connections and

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MAR 19 2004 Dillard resigns under pressure

Dukes' lack of success during coach's tenure forces JMU to move in new direction

By DREW WILSON senior writer

Men's basketball coach Sherman Dillard signed under pressure March 7, two days follow-g the Dukes' first-round exit in the Colonial

resigned under pressure March 7, two days following the Dukes first-round exit in the Colonial Athletic Association Tournament.

In his seven years of coaching his alma mater, Dillard compiled a 93-106 record.

Dillard's resignation is effective immediately, and includes his staff.

"It is indeed a sad day for my family and me because of the love I have for this fine university and this community," Dillard said in a written statement. "... As we all know, winning is extremely important and perhaps, depending upon who is making the judgment, the most important thing."

Dillard replaced "Lefty" Driesell as the Dukes coach in 1997 and led JMU to a tie for the 1999-'00 CAA regular season title. Since that season, howev-

... As we all know, winning is extremely important and perhaps, depending upon who is making the judgment, the most important thing.

- Sherman Dillard former men's basketball coach

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er, the Dukes did not have a season record above .500. The team struggled to a 7-21 record this season and a last place finish in the conference, a first since the 1985-'86 season.

JMU will buy out the final year of Dillard's

\$130,880 contract. Dillard also agreed to give up his

\$130,880 contract. Dillard also agreed to give up his summer basketball camp.

Should Dillard get another college coaching position next season, JMU would subtract that salary amount from the buy out payment.

Following the Dukes' 44-41 loss to the University of North Carolina-Wilmington March 5, a teary-eyed Dillard expressed his desire to stay on as JMU's coach.

"If I make that discision 171 be back." Dillard

'If I make that decision, I'll be back," Dillard

said at the postgame press conference.
Yet had Dillard not resigned, most critics feel he would have been fired within a matter of days.
"Coach Dillard has been very dedicated to our program and to JMU's student-athletes and their success, both on and off the court," Jeff Bourne, JMU athletic director, said in a written statement. "He gave our team and program his total commit-

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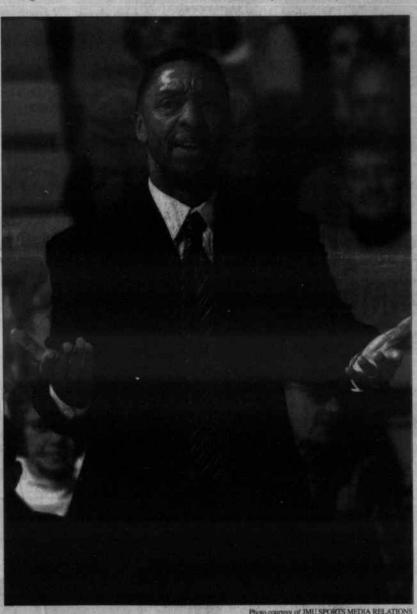


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Sherman Dillard stepped down as the Dukes' coach following a first-round loss in the CAA Tournament March 5. His team finished 7-21 this season, and 93-106 in his seven seasons at JMU.

Source: JMU interviewing **Larry Eustacy**

ns conducting AIDS Thursday, March 18 and Friday, March Run/Walk. Saturday, March Sixth Anni at 10 a.m. at the Registrat College 10 for students, \$15 Sunday, March 21 nd UPB Cabaret Show nter Grand Ballroom at 8 p.m. Mis \$5. nyone can have an anonymous HIV rom 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the UHC. Monday, March 22-Tuesday, March 23- AIDS benefit con at 7:30 p.m. ormation visit www.jmuast.org/o

MARC CHOl/graphics editor

AIDS walk to raise money, awareness

Alpha Sigma Tau-sponsored event to benefit Valley AIDS Network

BY ERIN HILL

contributing writer

With AIDS still being an epidemic in the world, Alpha Sigma Tau sorority is working to raise both awareness and money for the Valley AIDS Network this week.

Following its theme "Know now.
Prevent now, Fight now," AST hopes to get the campus involved through a series of events that lead up to the biggest event—the AIDS Run/Walk.

"AIDS awareness has been an involved and awareness has been and the came for our compiler and the came for our c

"AIDS awareness has been an important event for our sorority, and so through tradition and seeing the success people before us have had has just made this a service event very dear to our hearts," said junior Krista Gallagher, AST president. "While we commit to other types of service events, AIDS awareness is our central

focus and what we are most known for

involvement in."
From March 17 to 19, AST will be on the commons conducting AIDS awareness and education, where there will be information available on AIDS.

The sixth annual AIDS Run/Walk

is Saturday, March 20 and is open to everyone. Registration for the everyone. Registration for the run/walk begins at 10 a.m., and the race begins at 11 a.m. The race starts at the College Center and continues throughout the campus.

All of the proceeds go to the Valley AIDS Network, which assists children

and adults living with or affected by the HIV/AID6 epidemic here in the Shenandoah Valley. Registration is \$10 for students and

\$15 for nonstudents. Last year's AIDS Run/Walk raised \$2,560. "In the past, the run/walk has

been a solo event," said junior Michelle Cary, AST's philanthropy chair. "However, this year, we wanted to "However, this year, we wanted to extend our efforts to an entire week and take a more educational approach as well. Therefore, we are shooting for raising \$4,000."

AST will hold a Cabaret Show from the Valley AIDS Network in the College Center Grand Ballroom Sunday, March 21 at 8 p.m. Admission is \$5.

The sorority has arranged with the University Health Center that all day Monday, March 22, anyone can walk in without an appoint-ment for anonymous HIV testing

from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. An AIDS Benefit Concert will be held March 23 at 7:30 p.m., which will

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DUKE DAYS Events Calendar

THURSDAY, MARCH 18 - SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 2004

Thursday, March 18

The Office of Academic Advising and Career Development is accepting applications for career education officers. The position includes presenting career programming, leading resource center tours, assisting with Academic Advising and Career Development events and interacting with employers. The application deadline is Friday, April 2. Applications can be picked up in Wilson Hall, room 301. For more information visit web.jmu.edu/career/ceo.html.

The Zirkle House Galleries currently is featuring artwork by seniors Robin Walker and Erica Van Voorhis. These shows will be on display through this Saturday. Also on display is a senior graphic design studio exhibit. Zirkle House is located across S. Main Street from the Quad, two houses down from Buffalo Wild Wings. For more information contact x8-6869.

Friday, March 19

Submitting events to the DUKE DAYS Events Calendar

The Department of Philosophy and Religion Colloquium present Noel Hendrickson, a visiting assistant professor of philosophy at JMU with his discussion on "What is the Evidence That We Have Free Will?" This event will take place in Keezell Hall, room G9, from 3 to 5 p.m.

There will be a planetarium show in John C. Wells Planetarium tonight at 7 p.m. The show will focus on fea tures visible in the summer sky. For more information call x8-6109 or visit csm.jmu.edu/physics/html/planetarium.htm.

Saturday, March 20

Alpha Sigma Tau sorority is having its sixth annual AIDS Run/Walk beginning at the College Center, where registra-tion will begin at 10 a.m. The race begins at 11 a.m.

Sunday, March 21

KRISTY NICOLICH/

Madison Anniversary flags line the quad and Bluestones in celebration of

Madison's birth-day. Various events celebrat-

ing the anniver-sary have been scheduled for

Purple James

The University Program Board and University Health Center are presenting a Cabaret Show in the College Center Grand Ballroom at 8 p.m. The show will feature 13 professional female impersonators from three states. Admission is \$5 or \$3 with a toiletry item. Contributions will go to the Valley AIDS Network.

POLICE LOG

By Lauren McKay police log reporter

A JMU student reported that on an unknown date in January at about 2 p.m., a white male, college age, about 5 feet 10 inches tall, with brown hair and wearing a hat, was looking into one of the shower stalls in Weaver Hall.

In other matters, campus police report the following:

Possession of Marijuana Nonstudent Stacy V. Brower, 18, of Harrisonburg was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana in G Lot March 6 at 1:48 a.m.

Property Damage An unknown individual pried a padlock and hinged the plate off the roof access hatch on the second floor of the Studio Center March 4 at 9:11 a.m. No damage was done to the roof

Patio furniture was damaged with I ettering on the table and chairs out-side of Weaver Hall between March 4 at 3 p.m. and March 5 at 9:45 a.m.

Grand Larceny

after access was gained.

A JMU student reported the larceny of a laptop computer from a room in Weaver Hall March 2 between 7:45 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. There also was

A JMU student reported the largeny of a Play Station II, two game con-trollers, a memory card and a game from Eagle Hall March 3 between 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.

Petty Larceny
A JMU student reported the larceny
of a cell phone from the Festival een Feb. 25 at 8 p.m. and Feb. 26 at 5:01 a.m.

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AROUND CAMPUS

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Students enrolled in GCOM 121, 122 or 123 during the 2003-'04 academic year may enter the Communication Studies Resource Center's speech contest.

There are three categories in which students may enter: individual persuasive speech, individual informative speech

or group presentation.

The competition will take place Wednesday, March 31 from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Communication Studies Resource Center

Entry forms and contest rules are available in Wilson Hall, room 414, or the Modular Building, room 100. Entry deadline is March 24, at 7 p.m., and entries may be returned to either Wilson Hall room, 414, or Wilson Hall, room 416.

Positions available at **Judicial Affairs center**

The Office of Judicial Affairs Resource Center is looking to hire two highly dedicated and energetic students to be program assistants for the upcom-ing academic year. Program assistants facili-

Program assistants facul-tate educational program-ming and provide office cov-erage in the Judicial Affairs Resource Center. The position descriptions and application are available at www.pnu.edu/judicial.

Walt Disney World offers internships

The Walt Disney World College Recruiters will be on campus looking for enthusiastic students to participate in the WDW College Program. The informational session will take place March 22 at 6 p.m. in Taylor Hall room 404.

Students will take college courses while working with this paid internship program. The WDW College Program is open to undergraduate students of all ages and majors. Attendance is mandatory at the presentation to interview for the program.

Further information is available at www.wdwcollege-

available at www.wdwcollege program.com.

VALLEY

James Madison's home opens spring season

MONTPELIER - James Madison's historic residence will host a variety of educational and entertaining events throughout the spring season. Special tours of the mansion's restoration are being given daily on a first-come, first-serve basis serve basis.

More information and a complete calendar of events are available at 540-672-2728 or at www.montpelier.org.

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Suicide bombings kill at least 10 in Israel

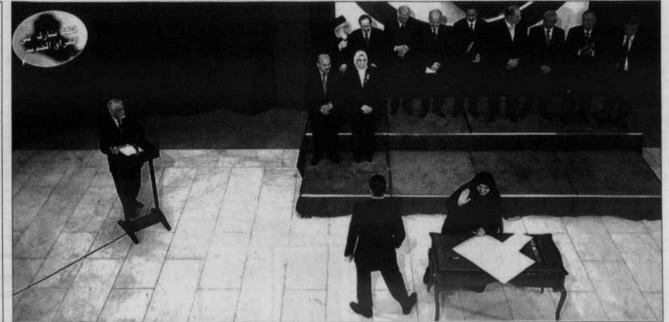
Palestinian suicide bombers killed at least 10 people and wounded 18 at a seaport late Sunday afternoon, coming dangerously close to stores of hazardous chemicals in the first attack on a strategic target dur-ing the ongoing conflict. Israel launched an strike

against the Gaza Strip early Monday, with attack helicopters firing in and around Gaza City, according to Palestinian witnesses. No injuries were immediately reported.

The bombings prompted Prime Minister Ariel Sharon to postpone his first meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, with his Palestinian Authority counter-part, Ahmed Qureia.

"We don't see any point in meeting with a Palestinian who hasn't lifted a partner who hasn't lifted a finger to fight terrorism," said Foreign Ministry spokesman Jonathan Peled. "We are compelled to fight terrorism on our own."

"Any law ... will not have legitimacy until it is ALI SISTANI



SYLWIA KAPUSCINSKI/Detroit Press

Salam Al-Khafaji looks to the crowd after she signed the new interim constitution at the Baghdad Convention Center in Baghdad, Iraq. Members of the Iraqi Governing Council, who had just signed the constitution, stand in the background. Due to internal arguments, the signing almost didn't occur.

Iraqis sign interim constitution

By Melissa Kronfeld U-Wire

After forcing its near collapse last Friday, the five-member Shiite Muslim faction that had delayed the signing of an Iraqi interim constitution agreed to lend their signatures Monday without any changes to the document.

Governing council President Mohammed Bahrululum declared, "Here we are today standing in a his-torical moment to lay the strong foun-dation for rebuilding a new Iraq. A new, free, democratic Iraq that protects the dignity of the human being and protects human rights."

Soon after the Iraqi Governing Council finished with the ceremony,

seven rockets exploded, one just a block away from where the Council had convened. Five of the seven rockets struck the al-Rashid hotel, where a United States "Green Zone" has been estab-lished for American officials. One civil-

isned for American onlines. One civilian was reported injured.

The long repressed Shiites of Iraq withdrew their support Friday at the last minute, citing discontent with certain provisions.

The Grand Ayatollah Ali Sistani, the behavior of Naid was the

of the holy city of Najaf, was the leading voice of unease, stating, "Any law prepared for the transitional period will not have legitimacy until it is approved by the elected National Assembly."

The holy leader rejected provi-

sions granting the ethnic Kurdish population, also a long repressed group, the power to veto a drafted constitution. Ayatollah believed that the Kurds, comprising 20 percent of the popula-tion, would have too much power in the final decision-making process.

He also rejected a provision establishing a single president in a transitional administration, for fear of overly centralizing authority. Although the religious group signed the Transitional Administrative

Law, a statement of Shiite criticism from within the group was released directly after the ceremony, criticizing the top clerics for supporting the agreement. The U.S.-backed law, ciples of self-government and the pro-tection of individual rights, is tection of individual rights, is drenched in clearly visible U.S. ideological rhetoric.

Its Fundamental Principles and Bill of Rights are completely American in range and scope. The law will remain in effect until an law will remain in effect until an elected assembly agrees on a permanent charter and a referendum of the Iraqi people is held. These elections are scheduled for January 2005 and will bring together 275 delegates to draft a formal constitution and elect a president and two deputies, who will be responsible for formulating a cabinet and a prime minister to lead it.

Student Ambassadors offer scholarship

Annual award given in memory, honor of former member

BY ASHLEY MCCLELLAND senior writer

Every year, the Student Ambassadors give \$1,000 to one student on campus through the Carrie Kutner Scholarship Fund, and the application

Scholarship Fund, and the application deadline is Wednesday, March 24.

"Carrie Kutner was a freshman student ambassador in 1994-'95," said junior Heather Davis, member of the Student Ambassador Scholarship Committee. "She lost her battle with cancer in the summer of 1995."

Kutner was an inspiration

Kutner was an inspiration to the people who knew her, and the Student Ambassadors wanted to create a scholarship as a memorial to her, according to Davis.

The scholarship is not based on need, but students need a minimum 2.5 grade point average, must be a current JMU student be a current JMU student Ambassadors will be and not a student ambassador. The applicants are judged based on signifiant ask questions regarding ask questions regarding sale, and the proceeds went Saturday, April 3.

cant community service and love for JMU.

The money goes toward the student's tuition, with half awarded during each semester, according to the Student Ambassadors Web site, www.jmu.edu/orgs/amba sadors/2004scholarships.html.

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Carrie gave 110 percent, even when she didn't have 110 percent to give.

- Heather Davis junior, member of the Student Ambassador Scholarship Committee

This week, the Student

the scholarship. The schol-

the scholarship. The scholarship committee of about 15 people will meet to select the next recipient, according to Davis.

"We (on the selection committee) read all the applications; all applications are reviewed several times. Then, we select around 10 finalists and then we interview them and pick we interview them and pick a winner," said junior Barbara Shockley, member of the Student Ambassador

Scholarship Committee.

Davis said, "Our biggest target when selecting the winner of this year's schol-arship is someone who truly embodies what Carrie was all about — her spirit and her enthusiasm for everything that JMU had to offer. Carrie gave 110 per-cent, even when she didn't

Throughout the year, the ambassadors help to raise money for the scholarship.

to benefit the scholarship," Davis said. "Also, there was an a cappella and benefit concert for the [Carrie Kutner Scholarship Fund]. Since then, it has been in the bank acquiring interest. We're excited to see how much interest has acquired, and how much more money we can give to someone in Carrie's memory."

The Student Ambassador Scholarship Committee received 66 applications last year, from which 15 applicants were invited back for further interviews. Three people were

awarded a scholarship. Student Ambassadors represent and promote JMU to prospective students and guests, current students and alumni, according to

their mission statement.

Applications are due Wednesday, March 24 by 5 p.m. to Carriekutnerscholarship @hotmail.com or at the front desk of Sonner Hall. The winner will be selected, and reception will be held

All nighters can be bad for one's well-being

BY JOANNA RUBICK Kansas State Collegian

Sleep can be difficult to come by for college students — especially when midterm exams are in full force.

Cramming is a study tech-nique many students use when preparing for those big tests, but this technique could work more against a student than it will help them.

will help them.
"I would not recommend cramming," said Diana Fritz, lead sleep technician with Mercy Regional Health Center's Sleep Lab. "You should never stay up all night." She said everyone needs to get a full eight hours of sleep.

"The biggest thing is to get a good amount of sleep every night, or there will be a lack of concentration and loss of sleep," she said. sleep," she said. Although the standard is

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Spain's election results show recent public anger



A forensic policewoman examines the remains of a carriage of a local train where a bomb exploded March 11 in Madrid, Spain.

reflected in last presidential election BY GLENN FRANKEL The Washington Post

The hand-lettered sign at the sidewalk memorial for the 200 victims of last week deadly train bombings stark-ly summed up a sentiment of many who came to pay respects Monday afternoon. It read, "They Died to Support Bush."

Support Bush.
Sunday's stunning elec-toral defeat for the ruling party of Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar, one of President George W. Bush's closest

European allies, reflected a late surge of public anger over the government's support for the U.S.-led war in Iraq triggered both by the attacks and by the sense the government had sought to exploit the bomb-ings for political gain, accord-ing to political analysts and

Spaniards upset from train bombings,

Several added that the votes also reflected a sense of alarm and despair that seems to cut across the political spectrum over the way the United States is wielding power in the world.

"We love America Faulkner, Hemingway, Coca-Cola and Marilyn Monroe but we have something against your government," said Luis your government," said Luis Gonzales, 56, a high school Spanish literature teacher, as he topped to view the rows of can-lles, flowers and makeshift signs at the central Puerta del Sol. "Aznar took us into a war that wasn't our war but only for the benefit of the extreme right Some analysts said the vote

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SPAIN: Voters pick new Prime Minister

cast doubts about Spain's com-mitment to the war on terrorism, and warned that the extremists responsible for last week's attacks would view the results as a clear-cut victory

results as a clear-cut victory.
Virtually all agreed that the
result would have impact far
beyond Spain's borders. "It's
important to see Spain as part of
a much wider phenomenon, not
only European — but global —
and what's affected the election
there could affect other countries
and other placticing as well "said and other elections as well," said Mark Leonard, director the Foreign Policy Center, a Londonbased think tank

Usually, analysts expect a dramatic disaster such as last week's synchronized attacks on morning rush-hour com-muters to solidify support for governing parties with well-defined law-and-order policies. At first, when offi-cials blamed the Basque separatist movement known as ETA for the bombings, the

pattern seemed to be holding, with opinion polls sug-gesting the ruling party might increase its grip on power. The Aznar govern-ment has been widely credited for taking a tough stance

But, in the ensuing 48 hours, as suspicion shifted toward Islamic extremists connected with the al-Qaeda network, the tide seemed to turn. Opposition politicians and journalists alleged that the Aznar government was withholding evidence impli-cating al-Qaeda, triggering unprecedented street demon-strations outside Popular Party headquarters here and in other major cities on the

eve of Sunday's elections.

While ETA widely was seen as an unavoidable domestic enemy that had to be confronted, many voters believed al-Qaeda would never have targeted Spain had Aznar not supported Bush in the Iraq war. "Americans need to understand that Bush's attitude is causing more hatred and more terrorism, Marie Isabel Garcia, 31, a foreign language graduate stu-dent who visited the Puerta del Sol memorial.

Others said their votes reflected both a lack of confidence in Spain's intelligence and security services, which failed to detect warning signals that the attack was imminent, and a lack of trust in Aznar, who has been accused of manipulating and selectively using intelligence informa-tion for political purposes. Some of the highly visible anti-American sentiment here

is aimed directly at Bush, who is viewed by many as a hardliner with no empathy for other countries.

Many here believe Aznar has adopted a servile stance toward the United States. In contrast, Socialist Party leader Jose Luis Rodriguez

Zapatero stressed his inde-pendence, in addition to his willingness to openly criticize Washington. Many approv-ingly cited an incident during last last Cottaber. Columbia last last October's Columbus Day military parade when Zapatero sat down as the American flagged passed by. "It's not my flag," he report-edly said later.

Zapatero's image as a rela-tive political neophyte also was widely seen as an advan-tage. He promised voters what he called "full transparency," implying that Aznar and his Cabinet had been less than honest in the aftermath of last week's attacks.
"All the negative elements

of his political personality were shown at this stage and the election became a plebiscite against Aznar," said Antonio Lorsa, a University of Madrid political scientist. "People felt ne cannot trust this party and this man.

SLEEP: Health threatened

eight hours, everybody needs a different amount of

sleep, she said.
"To find out the amount of sleep you need, you should go to sleep at X time and only get up when you feel refreshed. Then, you can figure out the amount of time that was," Fritz said.

The amount of sleep a per-son needs can vary with time, said Al Golden and Carl Hunt, program analyst and director, respectively, with the National Center on Sleep

Disorders Research. Sleep is divided between non-rapid-eye movement, or non-REM, in addition to rapid eye movement, or REM, Golden and Hunt said. Non-REM has four stages to it, and after those are completed, REM begins and includes the

dreaming period.

If sleep deprivation occurs over a long period of time, more serious health problems than

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lack of concentration and loss of memory can occur, such as heart complications, Fritz said.

It can help when preparing for a test to review or study before you sleep, she said.

"If you study before you sleep, it processes and stays in your long-term memory," Fritz said. "Even if you do a quick review of something, it will be easier to remember

Arthur Rathbun, biofeed-back specialist with Kansas State University Counseling

Services, said creativity and sleep go hand in hand.

"General creativity is enhanced by sleep," Rathbun said. "If you don't have enough sleep, creativity diminishes sleep, creativity diminishes

because of sleep deprivation."

Cramming can become
the only option when preparing for a test, if a student hasn't done a good job of time management, he said.

No matter what the circumstances are, sleep is a must, Fritz said.

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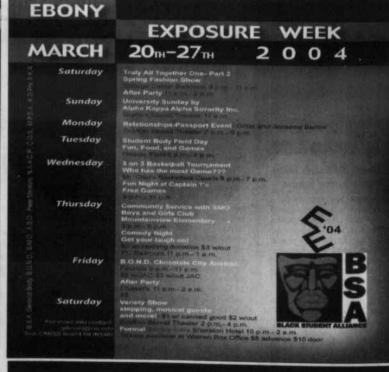
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PORTS: Actions to protect against viruses

sources to access student computers. Although having open ports are beneficial in some ways, severe consequences also can arise from this situation.

"These doors are often left open needlessly by manufac-turers, mistakenly left open by operators, and/or have defects that allow unwanted access [such as the Blaster worm]," Hulvey said.

A main concern of Technical Services in regard to

open ports is hackers.
Security engineer at JMU
Gary Flynn recounts past incidences when students had their computers taken over by password theft, allowing hackers to obtain bank accounts,

Walk a way

feature. Adelyn, Ross Copperman and some JMU a cappella groups.

"I believe it is important for the campus to be

"I believe it is important for the campus to be involved with AST's philanthropy, as it benefits a local organization vs. sending the money nationally, and is to fight against a disease where the fastest growing population being infected is our age group," Cary said.

"Without the support and attendance of the JMU and surrounding community, there would be no event to plan," Cary said.

"By taking an educational approach this year, we are not only trying to raise money, but to raise prevention awareness for the benefit of JMU students. This is why our campaign slogan is "Know now. Prevent now. Fight now.""

to inform

students

AIDS, from page 1

AIDS:

Webmail access and person information of an individual.

Other universities also experienced similar technical problems. At Harvard University, a virus called Bugbear circulated around students' personal e-mails, mak-ing the individual think the email was from a friend.

Bugbear automatically selected an e-mail address from an individual's address book or e-mail history, and from there the virus spreads on the computer. Harmful effects included stolen sensitive infornation such as credit card numbers and passwords. Harvard computer services offered students a program to download that would scan e-mail viruses before the e-mails were sent to inboxes, according to the Jan. 16 issue of *The Harvard Crimson*.

At Longwood University, worms and Trojan horses, pro-grams that claim to eliminate viruses but in actuality produce wruses but in actuality produce more, are still the recurring dangers among student com-puters, according to Flynn.

At the beginning of the year, the Blaster worm affected hundreds of thou-

sands of computers, Flynn said. JMU was fortunate to have only a few hundred computers infected earlier this year, but the incident was enough to put Technical Services under precautions, according to Flynn. Flynn said he and his staff

were anticipating student

open/closed ports policy.
They had received some complaints from students about not being able to access certain Web sites.

However, Flynn said not

much can be done about these problems.

"If there are academic and business Web sites needed, we will make arrangements and work around it," Flynn said. We try to do the best we can [to have] balance between usability and security."
Technical Services will con-

tinue to block sources that attempt to open ports on stu-dent computers, confirming that the number of viruses and malfunctions with computers has decreased after implemen-

Despite the responsibility of Technical Services to assist students with problems on their computers, the real responsibility comes from the students

themselves, Flynn said. "Safety really comes down to the person in front of the keyboard," he said.

Students are encouraged to visit the JMU Computing Help Desk Web site at www.jmu.edu/computing/security and download the recomputing of the students of the st mended software protections and updates

Those living off campus should visit the Network Telecommunications Web site, www.ntc-com.com, or apartment networks in their area.

COACH: Dillard resigns

COACH, from page 1

ment. His efforts have been appreciated and valued; unfor-tunately, the team's perform-ance is not where it needs to be."

Dillard played for the
Dukes from 1974-78, and cur-

Dukes from 1974-78, and currently ranks second on the Dukes' career-scoring list with 2,065 points.

Before joining the JMU staff, Dillard was the head coach at Indiana State University, where he compiled a 29-52 proped in these seasons. a 29-52 record in three seasons. He also was an assistant coach at the University of Maryland from 1979-'85, University of California from 1985-'88 and Georgia Tech from 1988-'94.

Two days before the CAA Tournament was to begin, Dillard fired assistant coach Kevin Baggett over an unspecified disagreement. Baggett had been an assistant with the Dukes

for two seasons.
"JMU basketball has a history of success, and we expect to renew that tradition," Bourne stated.

JMU basketball has a history of success, and we expect to renew that tradition.

- Jeff Bourne

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The search for a new coach will continue over the next few weeks, and JMU likely will find

Bourne is leading the search, and will get assistance from Bill Carr & Associates of Gainesville, Fla., a company that specializes in helping schools search for a new coach.

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POLICY: Withdrawal options become effective fall semester

POLICY, from page 1

be given back to the indi-vidual faculty member, whereas now students are given an F unless the grade

is appealed.
"What students may "What students may not know is that the majority of appeals were denied, so at least this gives the students more opportunity," Brown said.

However, students still can appeal their grades if they so choose.

"The standard grade can

they so choose.

"The standard grade can still be appealed, but what disappears is the special committee set up to deal with the appeals," Brown said. "Appeals will go through the department head."

Brown said he feels the change will help students.
"In my view, this provides additional flexibility that wasn't there before," Brown said. "This should be beneficial to students."

Junior Ricardo Pineres, SGA committee chairper-

said, "When [the Faculty Senate] approved the pro-cedure it was done by an 18 to 13 vote, which indicates even within the facul-ty there was a lot of debate nd discussion on this

"This indicates to the administration that this procedure needs to be revised. This [new with-drawal procedure] is detrimental to JMU students and faculty," he said.

Prior to this decision, the

Prior to this decision, the Student Government Association took a stance against it. The SGA disapproved of the changes with a two-thirds vote in the Student Senate and a unanimous vote of the Executive Council.

"An overwhelming majority of SGA did not agree that the process should be changed, mainly because there is nothing rong with the current pro-

don't fix it," Student Body

don't fix it," Student Body President Levar Stoney said. "The new procedure gives faculty members too much discretion," Stoney said. "SGA is going to be proactive in this issue; we will make sure students know what is ening on babind the is going on behind the scenes. We are here to serve, inform, educate

Pineres agreed that there was no reason to change the current with-drawal procedure.

drawal procedure.

"We, the SGA, do not think the changes benefit the students," Pineres said.

He added that he thought there is already too much ambiguity in the grading scale, and the new policy would add more even subjectivity.

"Currently, some professors use pluses and minuses, while others choose not to: some say that 90 to 100

to; some say that 90 to 100 percent is an A and others say that 93 to 100 percent is an A," he said.

P-LOG, from page 2

A JMU student reported the lancerry of a portable com-pact disc player from Eagle Hall between Feb 28 at 7 p.m. and Feb. 29 at 9 a.m.

A JMU student reported the larceny of a wallet contain-ing a JAC card, cash and a driver's license in UREC March 5 between 9:30 a.m.

The front tire was reported missing off a bicycle sitting on a bike rack outside Carrier Library March 6 at

JMU staff reported the larce-ny of three uniform tops, one trouser part black uniform, shoes, a backpack and other personal ctothing articles from the College Center March 15 at 10:09 a.m.

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> JARED BOWIE See column below

EDITORIAL HOUSE

New withdrawal policy allows students grading options

This fall, students who withdraw from a class after the course adjustment period won't necessarily receive an F as the current policy states because the Faculty Senate recently approved a policy that will give professors more grading options.

Under the new policy, professors can give students a WF for withdrawn failing or a WP for withdrawn passing.

Under the new policy, professors can give students a WF for withdraw failing or a WP for withdraw passing. Students who withdraw before the course adjustment period will continue to receive a lone W.

While the Student Government Association had qualms with the proposal in its March 2 meeting, stating that the policy is subjective and gives professors too much grading leeway, the new policy will give students who are passing a course a better option. An F on a transcript does not look positive, no matter the case, and a WP would show that a student did not withdraw merely because he or she was failing. The university grading scale can be somewhat ambiguous, but a WP or WF allows for some flexibility when deciding what mark a student will receive.

The Faculty Senate seems to have good intentions with the new policy, and it should be looked upon favorably by the student body. Many people withdraw from classes after the course adjustment period is over even if they are not failing the class, and it isn't fair to penalize them the same way a person who was failing the class would be.

Perhaps a student decided his or her workload was too much and withdrew from an elective course. For example, a student may withdraw because he or she does not feel a course is beneficial enough to continue. Whatever the reason, the new policy will amend student worries about receiving an F.

Of course, those who are failing and withdraw will receive a WF, but they aren't any worse off than before. The new policy is more specific, and thus, more fair, to the majority of students who withdraw after the course adjustment period.



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Pat...

A "send-it-my-way" pat to the titillating chicks playing strip Frisbee out on the Quad at 2 a.m. during midtern week.

From a hard-working student who is now refreshed, invigorated and ready to learn.

Dart...

A "do-you-think-you-are-Mr.-Technology?" dart to the guy who walks around D-hall with his super-high-tech earpiece phone as if he's actually talking to someone. From two junior dudes who see you unnecessari-

ly attracting attention to yourself every Thursday and think you should get real.

Pat...

A "way-to-show-JMU-pride" pat to the awesome Student Ambassadors who know how to make JMU students feel loved in any

part of the country.

From two JMU girls who enjoyed your note on their windshield in Charleston, S.C.

Dart...

A "thanks-for-nothing" dart to JMU Spring Break for making us go a whole week without The Breeze.

From an alumni who has nothing better to do at work but read Darts & Pats and was forced to actually do work this week

Pat...

An "I-would-like-to-have-you-over-for-dinner" pat to the cute trombone player who practices on the Quad.

From someone who really enjcys the arts and thinks that if you have time to lay around the Quad, you should try being a music major.

Dart...

An "I-hope-your-Spring-Break-ruled-because you-ruined-mine" dart to the per-son who stole my wallet at the library. From a senior who spent most of his time off at the Department of Motor Vehicles and on the phone with credit card companies, instead of enjoying his last Spring Break of college.

■ Breeze Reader's View

Iraqi war anniversary celebrated by few

Jared Bowie

As March 20 approaches, so does the anniversary of the beginning of the second Gulf War. A year since its start, Americans now clearly can see the mistakes made by the United States and other coun-United States and other countries that supported the war. We have found no weapons of mass destruction. We discovered major flaws in our security agencies' way of going about getting and using evidence.

There were no terrorist links between Saddam Hussein and al-Qaeda. Reports have come out stating that President George W. Bush may have been planning the war even before the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

But, at least we got rid of Hussein, right? He did break United Nations' sanctions and was responsible for all those horrible crimes against his peo-

horrible crimes against his peo ple. Maybe it was the right decision, or maybe all these reasons for ousting Hussein could be

The United States has bro-ken U.N. sanctions countless times; in fact, we defied the United Nations by starting a war without its support. The United States has a tendency to use the United Nations only when it is good for the United States. The embargo forced upon Iraq by the United States and other countries in 1990 was responsible for an estimat-ed 500,000 children's deaths, far more than Hussein is accused of causing.

And what about preemp-tive war? That has set a great example for the world to follow - now you don't even need to be attacked to go to war, all you have to do is come up with some false intelligence that states you could be attacked in the distant future

and that is reason enough.

At least the Iraqi people have democracy. Not exactly — the war has brought out a separation in the country between the different segments of Iraq's diverse population. There are daily attacks not just against the United States, but also against

CIA analysts have warned that civil war is likely. And, meanthat civil war is likely. And, mean-while, the American media has portrayed the formation of a new Iraqi government as progress towards democracy, after the U.S.-selected Iraqi Governing Council approved the U.S.-backed constitution. Nevermind the frequent cases of U.S. troops firing on Iraqi protesters. So what good has come out of this war? We're keep-ing jobs in the United States

ing jobs in the United States because war means that missiles, guns, planes, ships and all other various assortments of war materials are going to be needed and created.

Plenty of U.S. businesses have found a little niche in Iraq for reconstruction projects and oil ventures. Halliburton, an oil/gas industry service provider former-ly headed by Dick Cheney was awarded a \$73 million dollar contract from the government. Chency still receives up to \$1 milyear from

according corpustch.org.

It's important not to see Iraq as an isolated incident — something that happens when a conservative extremist steps into office, — it represents a pattern of the type of U.S. imperialism that has been going on for the past 50 years. The U.S. policy has been varied quite a bit, there are cases where economics can be used to where economics can be used to dictate a country as frequently is done by the International Monetary Fund and World Bank.

Then, there are cases where the United States can prop up a dictator and have success controlling a country that way. There are cases in which the United States can support mili-tants led by former death squad leaders to overthrow a democratically elected government, as just was seen in Haiti. Then there are cases — such as Iraq — where all other methods fail and the only sure way for control is a U.S.-led invasion.

Yes, war is great for busi-ness. First, you destroy a coun-try, which costs taxpayer

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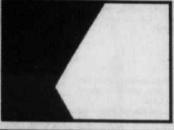
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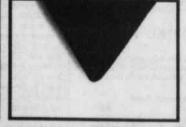


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Aaron Stewart freshman, undeclared



"The Bible because it tells me how to live my life, T.J. because he's the bomb diggity and the funk.

Jimmy Chapman

senior, philosophy



If you went into exile, what three things would you take?

Noise violation penalties too strict.

no warning given

Dear Editor,
This letter is to discuss how noise violations are handled in the city of Harrisonburg. No longer do the police issue a warning and promise to return with a ticket; now they offer you a citation and a warning that if they have to return, you will be taken to the city lockup.

Where is the justice in treating honest, hard-working citizens.

citizens like common crimi-nals for playing their music too loud or having a few friends over to relax after a grueling week of work? Residents of Harrisonburg's

noncollegiate apartment com-plexes should not be penalized for the mere fact that they can-not afford a house with acres of land. I live in an apartment and, like all apartments, the walls, ceiling and floor are not made to be soundproof.

Honestly, the real crime is that decency and kindness for one's decency and kindness for ones in eighbors has disappeared. I do not live in college housing and I am not some crazy 20-something who constantly throws raging parties and keeps her neighbors up all times of night. I am a single woman, who just purchased himiture after seven months of niture after seven months of struggling and saving. I invited four — not 14 or 24 — friends over to celebrate the end of the

week and my new furniture.

Yes, I am sure we were loud, but certainly, I was not loud enough to have my hard-earned money taken away in court costs and fines or loss of time from work to do community service.

I received no warning from e offended party. Since the the offended party. Since the police no longer will issue warnings on the matter, I believe that people filing the complaints with the police should be required to say when they call whether they first have duly warned the person before the police come to your front door. If they have not warned the accused, it should be recommended that they do so.

mended that they do so.

I just want fairness in the little things in life. I am just like everyone else; I pay taxes,

go to work every day and treat people fairly. I believe that it is my right and the right of many others to express them-selves and speak out when we believe we are wronged. People need to realize that for every story there are truly two sides; in this case, the angry unknown person who was disturbed by the banter of my friends and the hard-working person who has to pay a price that is too high for this infraction. All I ask is for a warning and warnings for others. ing and warnings for others in my situation.

Candace H. Wilborn Harrisonburg resident

IRAQ: Those lacking 'conscience' favor war

IRAQ, from page 7

money, then you pay U.S. corporations to rebuild it with taxpayer money. But, there seems to be something missing from this equation.

There are an estimated 10,000 Iragi civilians dead from the war and 550 U.S. soldiers dead.

How about the dead Iraqis and U.S. soldiers and journal-iss. There are an estimated 10,000 Iraqi civilians dead from the war, according to www.iraqbodycount.net. According to the March 29 issue Nation Magazine, the war in Iraq claimed the lives of 549 U.S. soldiers

There also are countless numbers injured — people who will never walk again, people who will never see again and many other physical ailments that will last a lifetime.

Then, of course, those in Iraq who will have to suffer from other things. Despite the United States' almighty technological pow ers, many areas are still with-out running water — never-mind electricity. Food is hard to come by, and hospitals are in shambles

So, when March 20 comes around, there will be people cele-brating. They won't be the friends and families of U.S. soldiers. They won't be the Iraqis who barely have enough food and water to make it through a day. They won't be Americans, at least not those with any conscience.

They'll be the chief executive They'll be the chief executive officers, shareholders and employees of companies involved in the production of weapons. They'll be the CEOs, the shareholders and employees of companies involved in the reconstruction of Iraq. Well, harmy applications of the production of the product

happy anniversary ... murderers. Jared Bowie is a junior philoso-

Multiculturalism force that unites American people

Dear Editor,

According to Jonathan Kelly's column titled "United States lacks multiculturalism' in the March 1 issue of Breeze, Western-based culture has given us a better society than the societies many other cultures have developed."

As justification, he looks at the AIDS epidemic in Africa

to prove we are more open-minded than they are. He wrote that "neither contraception nor abstinence is accept-ed as part of the culture."

One might say the same of our culture, given the opposi-tion to teaching and distribu-tion of contraception in our schools. Besides, one reason people in Africa might be wary of Western ideas is that they have been brutally

oppressed by them.
The AIDS epidemic does not

prove that our culture is more open to learning than other cultures. For years in the United States, the epidemic was ignored because it was thought to be a gay issue. Kelly also asserted that in Africa women are treated "as merely second-class birth-givers," but ignored the female deities revered in many African societies.

The treatment of women in

The treatment of women in the United States has an oppressive history as well, in voting, in equal access to jobs

and in equal pay. Let him without sin cast the first stone. Last semester, I studied in Madagascar and was delight-Madagascar and was dengined ed with the people's jubilance of everyday life. Kelly's article brings up an important question — if the

important question — if the United States lacks multiculturalism, then besides the nationalism exhibited in Kelly's article, what unites us?

Julia Reis senior, geology/anthropology

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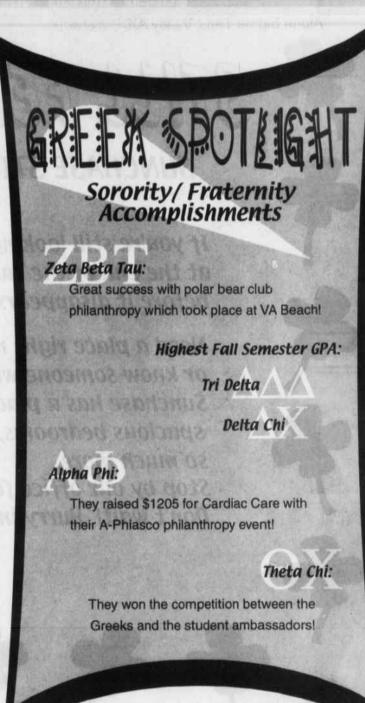
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Today is a 6 - There's another good deal coming up, but this one requires some thought. Insider information is helpful, too. Ask around. Find somebody

Taurus April 20-May 20



Today is a 5 - Don't punch out a person you find irritating. Just wait — he or she will get their just rewards, and you won't look like the bad guy. Besides, you might

Gemini May 21-June 21



Today is a 6 - An older person will think better of you, but not because of what you say. Just produce results and you'll win.



Today is an 8 - Your negotiations could turn out well, but don't think you have to tell everybody about the deal you've made. Keep it to yourself.

Leo July 23-Aug. 22



Today is a 6 - Sometimes the money you make doesn't come directly into your pocket. Money from appreciation counts too, as do savings on the stuff you buy. Figure out all the angles and keep more of what you have.

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22



Today is a 7- It's still possible to make your dreams come true, but reality keeps interfering. Don't give up.

RIDDLE of the Day

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head. I have two

arms, but no hands.

What am I?

the letter M

Libra Sept. 23-Oct 22



Today is a 7 - Don't dip into savings for something you can do without for a while. Figure out a way to make more money

Scorpio Oct. 23-Nov. 21



Today is a 7 - Watch out for breakage, or perhaps a thwarting of your intention. Later in the day is better for romance and everything else

Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21



Today is a 6 - It's probably a good idea for you to stay close to home tonight and per-haps even tomorrow night. Schedule your big date for Sunday.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19



Today is a 7- Continue to review your options. You'll find that one eventually stands out as superior to the others. It may take a while, but it will happen.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18



Today is a 6 - You could get a chance to make a lot of loot over the next few days This isn't easy, but if you serve well, you'll be generously rewarded.

Pisces Feb. 19-March 20



Today is a 7 - The harder you push yourself to finish what's on your list, the more enthusiastic you'll feel when it's done, even though you may be exhausted. It's a good kind of pooped.

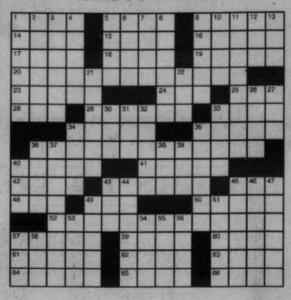
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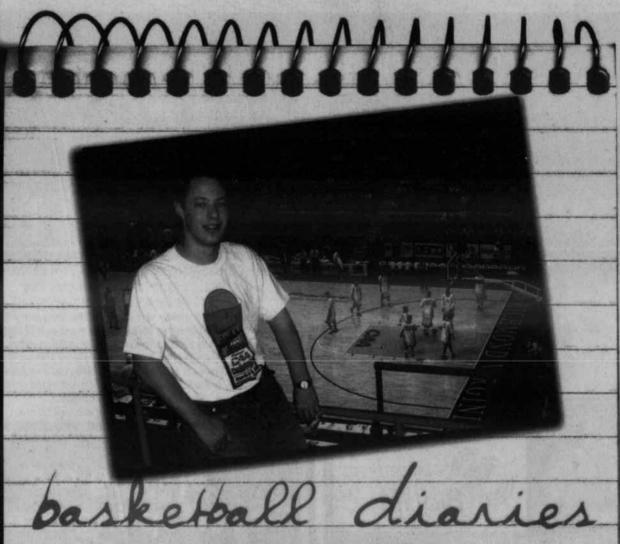






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Focus



Senior shares Spring Break memories, experience of last college basketball games

Story by senior writer Drew Wilson

hen Spring Break rolls around, most college students pack their bags for a Caribbean cruise of a trip to Key West, Fla. They trade the cold chill of the Shenandoah Valley in

March for the warm tropical sun.

I thought about booking a flight to Cancun or some exotic location. But, the more I thought about it, the more I realized that's just not me.

For the past three years, I spent my Spring Break covering the JMU men's and women's basketball teams at their respective Colonial Athletic Association Tournaments. Not cover-Attletic Association Tournaments. Not covering them for a fourth year — my final year as a student — felt like a crime. For most of us, you only can be a student once. And, for all I know, this could be the last time I would cover JMU basketball as a reporter. With my decision to cover the men's and women's CAA tournament games, I made hotel reservations and packed my bags for a week of travel.

off to an early start With JMU opening the CAA Tournament Friday night at the Richmond Colliseum, I was expecting to enjoy a Thursday night off by attending the women's basketball season finale at the Convocation Center as just a spectator. However, little did I know that the men's tour-nament would make the news on the eve of the

tournament's opening day. Shortly before I headed to the Convocation Center, I found out that the men's assistant basketball coach, Kevin Baggett, had been fired two days before the Dukes were scheduled to take the floor against the University of North Carolina-Wilmington. After arriving at the garne, rumors spread quickly on press row, and I already could as going to be a long week

Friday afternoon, I hopped in my car and headed for Richmond. After arriving at my hotel a little after 4 p.m., I headed to the colliseum for

william & Mary and Towson University.

The media hospitality room at the coliseum is set up underneath the arena. To briefly describe it, the makeshift room is in a cinder block loading area. However, there are royal blue curtains hung so the room doesn't feel like a complete dungeon. There was a small buffet line, along with a press conference area, a table stacked with all of the teams' media guides and a press area for reporters to file stories.

A few minutes after 7:30 p.m., the JMU

players took the court for warm-ups. Approximately 40 minutes later, it was game time and time for me to get to work.

I took my place on the baseline to shoot photos during the game. JMU got off to a horrible start, and I thought to myself, "Here we go again." However, JMU came back and made

again. However, JMU came back and made quite a game out of it. A few more free throws and the Dukes could have upset the Seahawks. Following the game, the reporters headed to the press conference. I think we all knew it would be the last time we would see coach Sherman Dillard at a JMU postgame interview. With the JMU men out of the tournament, I decided to stay in Richmond an extra day to see

With the JMU men out of the tournament, I decided to stay in Richmond an extra day to see some more games. Saturday morning started with the GAA Legends Breakfast, an event that honors one former player from every school in the conference. JMU honored Linton Townes, who played for the Dukes from 1979-82. Later that day, I made it over to the coliseum to catch a few more games before I called it a weekend.

the wad again

After heading home for a few days, I packed up for Norfolk early Wednesday morning and headed to the women's CAA Tournament. It was just my luck — when I arrived at my hotel, the computers were down and I couldn't check in. I wasted an hour at the nearby MacArthur Center mall, but when I returned, the computers still were down. With less than an hour until game time, I managed to get a room anyway so that I could change and get to the arena in time. It was my third visit to the Ted Constant Convocation Center, the home collseum of

Convocation Center, the home coliseum of Old Dominion University. Only two years old, "The Ted," as it is called, is probably the nicest basketball facility in the CAA. The hospitality room and media room was not a dungeon like in the Richmond

not a dungeon like in the Richmond Coliseum, but it was a lot smaller. After grabbing a quick snack, it was time for the Dukes to tip off against Towson.

Early on, it looked as though JMU would be exiting early. Yet, the Dukes put together a run that got them back in the game. When I was sitting on the baseline taking photos, a Towson player hit a shot to put the Tigers up by I point with 19.2 seconds. All I could think about was another disappointing exit for JMU basketball in less than a week.

Having covered the women's team all year, I knew they could find, a way to win. Sure

knew they could find a way to win. Sure

enough, red-shirt senior guard Jody LeRose nailed a 3-pointer that would give JMU the win. As a member of the media, it's customary to not class, so I had to bottle the excitement of the win. Nevertheless, it was a heck of a game.

The next day, JMU wasn't as lucky. The Dukes fell behind and never caught their breath.

The loss ended the Dukes' season and, for me, it, was hard to believe it was over.

For four years, I've lived for JMU basketball. I've attended almost every men's game that didn't conflict with a Brezz production schedule. On the women's side, I've covered the team for all four years. I'd always borned JMU, would make four years. I'd always hoped JMU would make the NCAAs while I was a student, but that never was the case. I'll have to settle for watching them make the NCAAs as an altimnus.

comus road trip

Before I left, I had talked with my local sports editor. He told me to call him if JMU had been knocked out of the tourna-ment early. Since it had, I called him and he said the newspaper had an extra press credential for Friday night's second ses-sion of the Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament. Growing up a big ACC fan, it was like a dream come true.

Instead of driving back to Harr

loaded the car and headed to Greensboro, N.C. I'd been to, and even covered, a few ACC games over the past few years, but I never had been to the ACC Tournament. To some, it's the mecca of college basketball.

This year, it proved to be just that.

I watched the first game, and wrote a game story for the Danville Register & Bee on the second game between Wake Forest University and the University of Maryland. my luck, the game ran really late and I didn't get to enjoy the game deadline. I finished my story and e-mailed it in shortly before I a.m. Then, I headed harrisonburg the night and left to return to Harrisonburg the next morning.

verall — in a week — I had put over 1,100 miles on my

car, watched more live basket-ball than most do in an entire season and was dead tired. I may have gotten little relaxation, but looking back, if I had to decide between Cancun or JMU basketball, I'd make the same decision all over again

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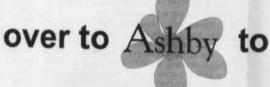
She was a spiritual leader and healer, a thinker, writer, publisher, speaker. In 1908, at age 87, she founded The Christian Science Monitor, an international daily paper, winner of 7 Pulitzer prizes (to date). Her book Science and

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> STEVE SHOUP UPB director of variety events See story below

JMU Breakdancing Club attracts national fan base with fifth annual competition

> BY COREY NELSON contributing writer

Busting a move is about to take a crazy turn at the upcoming Circles 5 break dancing competition, which will be held March 20 from 6 p.m. to midnight, the Circles Company.

held March 20 from 6 p.m. to midnight, in the Sinclair Gymnasium.

Circles is the JMU Breakdancing Club's annual charity competition to benefit the Harrisonburg Boys and Girls Club, according to junior Steve Shoup, UPB director of variety entertainment. The University Program Board is aiding in organizing and promoting the event, which is in its fifth year.

Circles is a national break

The point of the occasion is not only to enerate interest in the area of break lancing, but also to watch new moves

dancing, but also to watch new moves learn from other groups and showcase an unusual talent to a virgin audience.
"Crews that will finish at the top will always have new things to learn and that brings a lot of excitement," Shoup said.
It's all about polishing and sharpening talent. "The real fun about Circles is that, for most people, it is not your average event, you really get to see something you haven't seen before," said senior justin Busacca, former president of the JMU Breakdancing Club.

The event will be composed of numerous ele-

The event will be composed of numerous elements to help whet the taste buds of a hip-hop-infused fan base. There will be a graffiti expo, an emcee battle for \$100, a disc jockey exposition featuring internationally recognized DJs Geometrix and Lokee and a performance by Madison Dance Club, according to Shoup.

Graffiti artists exhibit their work on canvases 6

their work on canvases 6 to 8 feet high, he said.

"This is one of the big-ger competitions you'll see," Shoup said. "Last year ended in a tie and was followed by two rounds of very intense tiebreakers."

Crews, or groups of break dancers, will attend

from all over the country, according to Shoup.

Circles 5 will boast many JMU groups at the event including well-known crews Air Floor Dynasty, Not The

Awesome and Soup D'Jour. The night will entertain with the concoction of two battles, including a "Bonnie and Clyde Battle," which consists of one female and one male break dancer on each team.

The main event of the night will be the final battle a four-on-four BBoy, or break dancer, battle with the reward of \$2,000 to the winner.

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"Circles identifies areas of the underground hip hop/BBoy scene that many people are unaware of," said sophomore John Eppes, a member of JMU's Breakdancing Club. "The show-casing of talents and intense battles will leave you breathless.

"This is what real dancing is all about," he said. "Straight up in-yourface action." Every year, attendance only has increased steadily, from only 100 people in March 2000 to over 800 people at last year's event, according to Shoup. This year, organizers are expecting over 1,000 people from all over the East Coast to compete or attend, he said. "Last year's Circles coincided with Relay for Life and it doesn't this year, so we're hoping that will help us out," Shoup said.

All proceeds will be donated to the Harrisonburg Boys and Girls Club. Last year, the Breakdancing Club donated \$5,000, according to Shoup. "Circles is one of the main reasons why the Breakdancing Club exista," said junior Geoff Troidl, president of the JMU Breakdancing Club exista," said junior Geoff Troidl, president of the JMU Breakdancing Club. "It is our chance to not only throw a fun and entertaining event, but it is a chance for us to give back to the community."

The event costs \$7 with a student identification, and \$10 for general admission. There will be an additional \$5 charge for video cameras. Doors open at 5 p.m., and battles begin at 6 p.m.

PATRICK BREDLAND/staff artist

MARC CHOl/graphics editor

— Preview —

Cabaret funds AIDS network

BY ERIN LEE staff writer

Drag queens will reign the stage to raise money for the Valley AIDS Network at the sec-

ond annual Cabaret how March 21 at 8 p.m. the College Grand Ballroom. The University Health Center and

University

Program

Wanna Go? WHAT: ABARET SHOW WHEN: MARCH 21 AT 8 P.M. WHERE: COLLEGE CENTER GRAND BALLROOM

Board are sponsoring the event. The money raised will be donated to the Valley AIDS Network, which provides funds for AIDS educa-

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- COMEDY PREVIEW -

Comedian tells some kind of sick joke

Will Marfori uses disability to project humor through stand-up show

BY TRACEY HACKER contributing writer

A nationally touring comedian will bring a new flavor of cornedy to JMU — showing a unique perspective on life through his tribulations with cerebral palsy.

Comedian Will Marfori will be preferming at 8 n.m. March

performing at 8 p.m. March in Wilson Hall Auditorium.

Marfori was born with cerebral palsy and has been entertaining audiences by using humor about his condition to illustrate his unique perspective on life, according to his Web site, www.willmar fori.com. Marfori's upcoming, performance will be a Wellness Passport event with no admission fee. "[Marfori] is extremely furny and uses the medium of comedy to make us laugh and

to bring awareness to people [about those] with disabilities," according to junior Steve Shoup, UPB director of variety events. Junior Taylor Kennedy,

UPB director of issues and cultural awarness and senior Sara Whitney, the chairperson for Disabilities Awareness Week for the Council for Exceptional Children, are the organizers of the event. Members of the UPB execu-

tive board

s a w Marfori WANNA GO? perform at the annual National Who: WILL. Association of Campus MARFORI WHEN: MARCH 22 southern regional AT 8 P.M. conference in Oct. 2 0 0 3 , according senior HALL Amanda AUDITORIUM Jordan,

UPB executiv She said NACA is a leadership conference that gathers schools within the region to showcase taient and have

workshops on programming.
Marfori uses his humor and
experiences from living with
cerebral palsy to prove wrong
all those who doubt his capabilities despite his disability.

"This seems like a good way to raise awareness about disabilities without being abrasive," Kennedy said.

Senior Keri Schlosser, UPB director of finance, said, "He makes people understand what the truth behind (cerebral palsy) is and the misconception of the disease

"He makes light of the situation by using his talent he has to make people laugh," she said. "His show is one of the funniest things I have ever seen, and you feel as if

you come away a better per-son from your newly acquired knowledge."

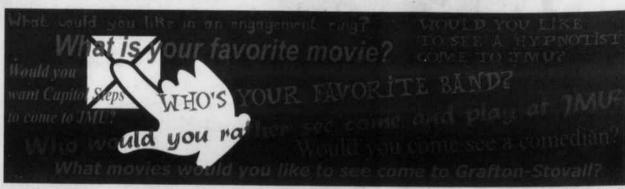
Shoup said, "He is also liv-ing proof that people with dis-abilities can still be viable mem-

bers of society."
Senior Meredith Weiss, UPB director

events, is looking forward to attending the show. "I think it's great that we can use entertainment to bring to light health issues that we don't normally hear about," Weiss said. "It offers us lessons and laughs," she added



sy of UNIVERSITY PROGRAM BOARD Comedian Will Marfori will perform his free stand-up comedy show at Wilson Hall Auditorium March 22 at 8 p.m.



The University Program Board began its weekly online poll last semester to gain feedback from students and to aid with decisions about events at JMU.

Students take to the e-polls

UPB surveys student entertainment desires through new medium

BY ERIN LEE staff writer

Why has Raffi never set foot on JMU soil? There is a secret behind the campus' reputation for hosting trendy, ter-rific performers — the University Program Board poll. In an effort to understand trends in the student body's tastes, UPB features an online

poll on its Web site.

The poll can be found at upb.jmu.edu and is powered a free account at

The polls are changed weekly, according to freshman Jeremy Paredes, UPB director of media and public relations. He said UPB posted polls to aid with decisions it needs to make about potential JMU events.

The questions come from any UPB board member who has a topic they would like campus-wide input on, or something that's just for fun, according to junior Jonathan Cronin, UPB director of multi-media and graphic design. The poll began in September

2003, according to senior Amanda Jordan, UPB executive director. Since its beginning last fall, the poll's popularity has been increasing. Cronin said over 5,000 votes were received regarding the spring concert.

Pollhost.com is a free service that keeps track of the votes cast on the Web site and gen-erates the bar chart to show the results, according to Cronin. He said it has precau-tions which keep people from voting more than once.

"In a perfect world, we would just have one vote from everyone who goes to JMU, but that's not going to hap-pen," Cronin said. "The best we can do is try to make the impact that everyone has on the poll's results equal." Sometimes the poll fea-

Sometimes the poll fea-tures random questions, too, such as this week's poll, "What do you want in an engagement ring?"
"It is important to know what the JMU public wants," Paredes said. "[The] poll is a great way to find out, although it is not the only way." UPB also must deter-

The best we can do is try to make the impact that everyone has on the poll's results equal.

> - Jonathan Cronin UPB director of multimedia and design

mine what groups are being routed in the direction of JMU, such as groups per-forming in Richmond or Virginia Beach. However, it is not always up to UPB and JMU whether or not a group will perform here; the group has to be available and willing to perform in a college venue as well.

Snoop Dogg won the opinion poll in November, and UPB tried to bring him to campus, but, because of management and other decisions, he was unable to perform at JMU, according to Paredes. N.E.R.D. and Black Eyed

Peas were the second runners-up in that poll, so UPB contacted them, but both groups could not be booked either, due to decisions on the

groups' management level.

"It (getting performers)
doesn't always work out as
planned, but it can work out
positively." Paredes said.

A recent poll asking stu-nts to identify who they would like to see perform at JMU included Maroon 5, Less than Jake and several other groups. Pop-rock group groups: Pop-rock group Marcon 5 won the poll by 40 percent and ska group Less Than Jake got about 30 per-cent of the vote. UPB was able to book both bands to perform April 21 at the Convocation Center at 8 p.m.

Junior Amanda Thon said, "I voted for Maroon 5 because I really wanted them to come this semester because they are one of my favorite bands right now." She found the poll on a friend's America Online Instant Messenger profile and copied the poll's link onto her own profile.

I put [the link] on my profile to get more people to see it, and hopefully get them to vote for Maroon 5," she said.

Paredes said one of UPB's main goals is bringing diverse performers to JMU. Last fall, performers to JMU. Last fall, UPB sponsored concerts by country singer Phil Vassar, alternative group 311, and Graham Colton and Sponge through the Music Industry 422 class. In February, Ziggy Marley and Michael Franti & Spearhead were the first re gae acts to appear at JMU. Hip-hop musician Rahzel will open the show. "We think the poll online is a great outlet for students to show their opinions," Paredes said.

"The poll has no official mission," Cronin said. "It is a tool we use to see what the JMU population thinks of cer-

UPB also encourages students to express their per-formance interests directly to UPB via e-mail. The UPB Web site, upb.jmu.edu, features contact information for various

committee members.

AIDS: Drag queens bring awareness in fundraiser

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tion and patients.

Sabrina B., Ms. Gay Harrisonburg 2002-'03, will emcee and perform at this year's show for the second year in a row. "We've been doing AIDS benefit shows for years and years and never raised a lot of money, so we wanted to team up with another organization." up with another organization," Sabrina B. said. "Then, we teamed up with the JMU Health Center and the AIDS benefit shows went to the next level."

Thirteen other professional drag queens from Virginia, Washington, D.C., and as far away as Kentucky will be lipsyncing to music tracks, dancing and performing comedy acts, according to Sabrina B. Freshman Jeremy Paredes,

UPB director of media and pub-lic relations, said this year's goal is to top last year's donations.

Ann Simmons, coordinator of health promotions, said that the Health Center hopes to raise \$5,000 this year. Last year, it raised \$2,300. "We hope this year, because we will have the whole ballroom, we'll have a full house," Simmons said.

Paredes said, "UPB is defi-Paredes said, "UPB is den-nitely working to enhance our community, and we believe in giving back to Harrisonburg — it's our home away from home."

... this year's show promises to be just as outrageous and entertaining as last year's.

- Steve Shoup
UPB director of variety events

- VIDEO GAME REVIEW-

'Crystal Chronicles' fulfills gamers' fantasies

BY LAUREN WALLACE contributing writer

The latest edition in the "Final revered series, "Final Fantasy: Crystal Chronicles" (\$46.95, Amazon.com), brings a differ-"Final ent kind of game play to this old favorite.

By connecting to the Nintendo Gamecube using either multiple controllers or Game Boy Advanced SP, up to four gamers can play together. The multiple player capabilities of "Crystal Chronicles" allows many gamers to experience the whimsical world Square Enix USASquaresoft dreamt up for the first "Final Fantasy" game for the Gamecube system. Rated "T" for teens due to

fantasy fantasy violence, "Crystal Chronicles" is nonetheless an enchanting game that can be played by the whole family.

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In the game, players are charged with saving a village from the threat of miasma, a kind of poisonous gas that

thing in its path. In order to keep the miasma from spread-ing, players must replenish the power of protective crystals. The crystals regain their power from myrrh — the water of life a substance players must collect from myrrh trees. All the trees are guarded by beasts that players must defeat.

"Crystal Chronicles" has a variety of character tribes players can choose. Gamers can play as a Clavat, Selkie, Lilty or Yuke, all of which are different species living in the world of the game. Each tribe has its own strengths and weaknesses, such as the Selkie's ability to use powerful focus attacks and the Yuke's

focus attacks and the Yuke's strength in magic use.

Players can customize their characters by choosing their gender, tribe and hair and clothing variation. In all, there are 32 character types to choose from, which allows for endless playing combinations. playing combinations.
One fun feature of the game is

that each character has a family

back at the home base village. Whenever a player defeats guardian monster, a moogle cute, furry staple of the "Final Fantasy" series that looks like a tailless cat with bat's wings — delivers a letter from a member of the player's family. Players have many options when creating their families, including the choice of the family's trade. If one chooses to be in a family of blacksmiths, the family will be able to buy things such as armor.

The graphics are simply breathtaking. Smooth lines and vibrant colors dominate every-thing in the game, from the characters to the lowliest bush.

One downside is that if a Game Boy is chosen as a con-troller using the GBA link cable, the game will freeze if it is left unattended for a few minutes. Also, while every member of the party who has a Game Boy as a controller will be able to use his or her own status and menu screens, any member of the party who doesn't have one will



In Nintendo's 'Final Fantasy: Crystal Chronicles" players can play forever without repetition due to many gaming options. vision screen, which interrupts

the action for all other players.

Considering the character customization, replay value and overall beauty "Final Fantasy: Crystal Chronicles," no one touched by its charm will be able to resist this stellar game. Round up your friends and start the adventure.

AIDS prevention and aware-ness also is a main focus of the event in addition to raising money for the network. R.E.A.C.H. peers coordinators will discuss statistics and pre-vention of the disease during

breaks, according to Simmons.
Raffle prizes will be given
out during the show ranging
from dinner at the Four Points Sheraton to Pamela's Secrets gift certificates.

While last year's Cabaret Show featured Student Body President Levar Stoney, a senior on the runway in drag, no word has been released if the audience will experience something simi-lar this year, according to junior Steve Shoup, UPB director of variety events

"No one has committed to the idea, but this year's show promises to be just as outrageous and entertaining as last year's," he said.

Paredes said, "I think it's a

really entertaining program, but that's not the entire focus of it. Its intention is to raise awareness about AIDS, and it's important for students to know about this sexu-ally transmitted disease."

Tickets are \$5 at the door or \$3 with a donation of a toiletry item such as toothpaste or soap for the Valley AIDS network, according to Simmons. Patrons also are encouraged to tip the performers, she said



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Flavor of the week:



Famous figures make cameos in Pearl's debut novel

'The Dante Club' captures avid readers with 'investigative skills, engaging plot'

Almost a century before the Fantastic Four and the Justice League of America, when trouble brewed along the gaslight lit streets in 1865 Boston, hope was in the hands of an intellectual fellowship of poets, doc-tors, publishers and professors known as the Dante Club.

Such is the conceit of Matthew Pearl's debut novel "The Dante Club," recently "The Dante Club," recently released in paperback. Real-life poets Henry Wadsworth Longfellow and James Russell Lowell, writer and doctor Oliver Wendell Holmes and publisher J.T. Fields combine powers to usher in the first American translation of Dante Alighieri's "Inferno." Until then, the Italian poet and his famous epic poem about a

journey of spiritual absolution through hell were unknown to the American masses

So we have the historical aspect of the novel. And the fic-tional aspect, you ask? It turns out that Pearl casts the brains of these four thinkers against the merciless brawn of a mysterious serial killer prowling the metropolis of post-Civil War Boston. What catches the attention of this group is that the murders are meticulously based on those punishments that Dante doles out for the sinners in his poem.

Fitting with a poem based on a journey through the circles of hell, the murders are executed with the kind of gruesomeness reserved for the cinema of Hollywood or the fiction of



Stephen King. A judge who refused to cast a vote on the Fugitive Slave Act is punished in the same way Dante punishes the neutrals in his fictive hell: his corpse is found on sandy ground next to a blank banner, suppurating wounds engorged

with maggots, flies and wasps.
Like most good whodunit
murder mysteries, there are
many potential suspects who
would use Dante's poetry to
exact violence upon Boston.
Irate Italian professors jealous
of their national treasure,

scholastically suffering stu-dents, Boston detectives, supston detectives, sup-university department heads and mischievous thieves — all are suspect. Ralph Waldo Emerson and Nathaniel Hawthorne make brief appearances as well, though thankfully not as murder suspects or victims. However, for all the lenien-

cies Pearl takes with history, "The Dante Club" is an engrossing and thoroughly engrossing and thoroughly entertaining read. There's something both awkward and awesome as you read the investigative skills of the Dante Club (who call it upon themselves to find the mur-derer). You'll know what I mean when you come across a passage where a famous poet

fires a gun at a fleeting sus-pect and gives chase. Who knew men of letters could be so damn cool?

Perhaps the greatest effect of reading "The Dante Club" is not the engaging plot, the gruesome Dante-esque murders or the complex effect of reading about intellectuals following in the footsteps of Sherlock Holmes, but rather the novel's apprecia-tion for the source work on

which it is inspired.

While I feel there will be no sequel to this work — unless a killer pops up modeling punishments on Dante's "Purgatorio" or blessings in his "Paradiso" (and really, where's the fun in that?) — at least Pearl sends us on our way with a curiosity for, or at least a better appreciation of, Dante's poetry.

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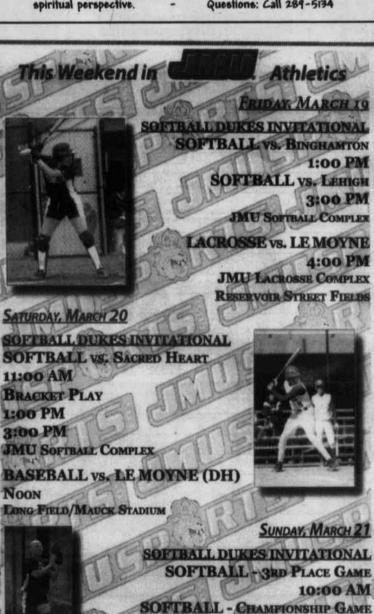
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GMU knocks out JMU

Alexis, Dukes get hit with a barrage of 3-pointers during the first half of their quarterfinal loss to the Patriots.

See story below

SPORTS

"We gave up some rebounds and gave them a lot of secondchance points.'

> CHRIS WILLIAMS senior point guard See story below

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Dukes stumble in CAA quarterfinals

LeRose, Dukes get victory over Towson in first-round

By DREW WILSON senior writer

A day after coming from behind to edge Towson University in the first round of the women's Colonial Athletic Association Tournament, one might have thought JMU would have come up dead against George Mason University in its

quarterfinal matchup.

After all, the Dukes came out performing flatly against the Tigers March 10 despite six days of rest. Yet, JMU opened its game a day later against the second-second. second-seeded Patriots with aggression and energy.

However, the quick turn-around eventually got to the Dukes. After 10 minutes, the effects of playing with only 15 hours of rest began to take its toll.

take its toll.

George Mason opened up its lead with a barrage of 3-pointers midway through the first half and never looked back, eliminating the Dukes, 84-67. The Patriots shot 57.6 percent from the field in the first half—including 5-of-8 shooting from the perimeter—to build a 48-31 lead at the half.

"After the 10-minute mark in

After the 10-minute mark in the first half, it seemed like the lane got wider and wider," JMU coach Kenny Brooks said. "I don't know if it was because of fatigue or coming out less than 17 hours later and trying to play

another game. "We didn't set out to just let them do what they wanted to do," he added. "They are a tal-

ented basketball team with a lot of experience — they're a very focused team."

George Mason senior guards Vernessa Neamo and Jen Derevjanik led the way for the

After the 10-minute

mark in the first half, it seemed like the lane got wider and wider.

- Kenny Brooks

Patriots. Neamo scored a team-high 18 points on 7-for-14 shoot-ing, while Derevjanik added 15 points and six assists.

"We were just pumped and ready to go," Derevjanik said. "We have a lot of seniors and we came out with initiative."

The Patriots showed their initiative, outscoring the Dukes 33-16 over the final 12:54 of the first half, and allowed JMU only to come as close as 15 points late in the second half.

George Mason went on to face Old Dominion University in the CAA Tournament finals, in the CAA Tournament finals, but the Patriots lost to the Lady Monarchs, 85-81. The win gave ODU its 13th consecutive CAA title.

JMU made it to the quarterfinals matchup against George Mason after squeaking past Towson University in the playing same.

the play-in game. Red-shirt senior guard Jody

LeRose's 3-pointer with 6.2 sec-onds to go lifted the Dukes to a

63-61 win over the Tigers.

Down 61-60 entering their final possession, freshman forward Lesley Dickinson penetrated down the lane and found LeRose in the comper for the LeRose in the corner for the

see DUKES, page 18



nan guard Andrea Benvenuto (No. 4) drives the lane during the Dukes' CAA quarterfinal loss to George Mason University.

- MEN'S BASKETBALL -

UNC-W edges out JMU

Cooper's last-second 3-pointer misses, Dukes lose

BY DREW WILSON senior writer

JMU had several opportunities to upset seventh-seeded University of North Carolina-Wilmington, but the 10th-seeded Dukes couldn't come

up with a win.

A last-second 3-point attempt by red-shirt sophomore forward David Cooper hit off the back of the rim, allowing the Seahawks to escape with a 44-41 win in the first round of the men's Colonial Athletic Association Tournament in Richmond March 5.

After trailing for most of the game, the Dukes bounced back against a poorly shooting UNC-W team. A 3-pointer by fresh-man forward Cavell Johnson gave JMU a 35-34 lead with under six minutes to play.

Down the stretch, missed several free throws, as well as several other opportunities to score.

"We missed some crucial free throws down the stretch," senior guard Chris Williams said. "We gave up some rebounds and gave them a lot of second-chance points."

In the final minutes, a jump

shot and a pair of free throws by

UNC-W's John Goldsberry helped seal the Dukes' fate. "Wilmington stepped up late and did all the things they had to do," coach Sherman Dillard said. "I thought there was a moment there where there was window of opportunity for us to maybe take control of the ame, and we let it slip away."

Down 43-39, senior for-

ward/guard Dwayne Broyles made a field goal to cut the lead to 2 points with 14 sec-onds left. The Seahawk's Halston Lane hit a free throw



DREW WILSON

David Cooper collapses to the floor following JMU's 3-point loss to the University of North Carolina-Wilmington.

to push the lead to 44-41.

Following a 30-second time-out by the Seahawks, the Dukes set up for a final shot to tie the game. Broyles had the ball, but was double-teamed and got the ball to Cooper for the final shot.

"I was looking for a shot, but I got double-teamed," said Broyles, a Third Team All-CAA selection. "I didn't want to force a shot, and I knew somebody had to be open. I saw Cooper wide open, and he put up a good shot — it was just a little strong." Broyles finished with 19

points and a career-high 11

rebounds in the matchup.

JMU opened the game on a bad note, quickly falling behind 16-5 in the first 11 minutes. The Dukes chipped away at the Seahawks' lead and cut it to 24-20 at the break.

"I give credit to [JMU]," UNC-W coach Brad UNC-W coach Brad Brownwell said. "They made adjustments. We felt pressure the second half."

As the Dukes made their run in the second half, junior guard Daniel Freeman — one of JMU's offensive sparks — picked up

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL -

Arrests rock Murray State

12th-seeded Racers may be without Brown, Chiles in first round game against the University of Illinois

BY MARLEN GARCIA Chicago Tribune

The optimism surrounding Murray State University's resurgent basketball team, which will play the which will play the University of Illinois Friday in the first round of the NCAA tournament, was crushed Monday as news spread that two of the Racers' top players were arrested over the weekend.

University administrators are deciding the fate of Kelvin Brown and Adam Chiles, both juniors, after they were arrest-

ed on drug charges.
"No decision has been made yet," Murray State assistant sports informa-tion director David Snow said Monday night, con-cerning the players' status for the tournament.

Murray State (28-5), seeded 12th, will play the fifth-seeded Illini (24-6) in Columbus, Ohio.

You don't want it to happen anytime, and you sure don't want it to happen during the time when have your chance to go before a national audience in the NCAA tournament,"

in the NCAA tournament, Illinois coach Bruce Weber said. "No time is good, but this is probably the worst time it could happen."

The possible Murray State suspensions recall Illinois' early season troubles involving Luther Head. involving Luther Head, Richard McBride and Aaron Spears. The three players were implicated in an offcampus break-in. Charges were not filed in that case,

but the players served four-

No matter what they

say, it's a distraction

for the kids also. - Bruce Weber University of Illinois men's baskethall coach

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game suspensions.
"It is a distraction for the iching staff, I know that, Weber said. "No matter what they say, it's a distraction for the kids, also."

The Murray State players were arrested Saturday after police went to their off-campus apartment in response to a 911 hang-up call, detective Eddie Rollins told The Associated Press.

According to Rollins, police requested entry into the apartment, and Chiles, who had told police he and a female friend were alone inside, gave them permis-sion to do so. Brown, 21, is the team's

second-leading scorer at 12.7 points per game. He was charged with theft for his earlier transgression, possession of marijuana and a second offense of posses

a second offense of posses-sion of drug paraphernalia. Chiles, 21, the team's start-ing point guard, averages 10.2 points and 4.7 assists a game. He was charged with hindering prosecution, possession of marijuana and a first offense of possession of drug para-

phernalia. Both were released on bail, but their basketball futures — and the team's chances of pulling an upset against Illinois — hinge on the admin-

istration's pending decision.

Athletic director E.W.
Dennison said in a statement that school officials were looking into the charges. First-year coach Mick Cronin, who inherited a respected mid-major program, declined to comment.

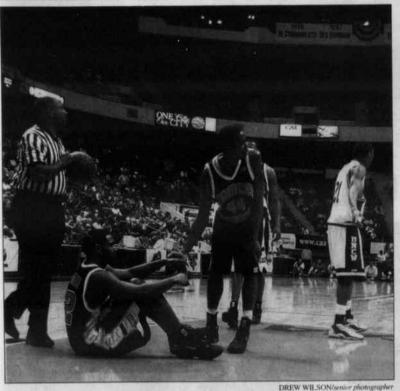
Asked when officials would make an announce-ment, Cronin said, "Hopefully as soon as possible. I wish I knew right now

Cronin did not discuss how his team could compensate if the players are suspended dismissed or from the team. When asked

players, about his about his top Cronin didn't mention Brown or Chiles. Instead, he focused on Cuthbert Victor, the Ohio Valley Conference's Player of the Year and tournament Most Valuable Player, who has led the Racers in their eight-game winning streak. Murray State finished sec-ond in the OVC, but won

its tournament. Brown, a Fort Lauderdale native, started out at University of South Florida transferred to a community col-

lege and then to Murray State. Chiles, from Louisville, played his freshman season at the University of Kentucky, where he was suspended by coach Tubby Smith for violating team rules and later was dismissed from the team. He transferred to a junior college



Freshman forward Cavell Johnson helps junior guard Daniel Freeman off the floor during the Dukes first round loss to the University of North Carolina-Wilmington.

JMU: Dukes get handed early loss by UNC-W

his fourth personal foul with 7:57 left in the game. the game, but inserted him back in the lineur second back in the lineup seconds later to shoot Williams' free throws. Williams was fouled, injured his hand and was unable to shoot his own free throws.

Dillard left Freeman in the game, where he picked up his fifth foul jumping for a loose ball, fouling out of the game with 6:11 to play. Freeman finished with 8 points and seven rebounds.

With 3:33 left to play and

the Dukes ahead 37-36, Cooper was charged with an offensive foul. Dillard picked up a technical foul for arguing the call with the officials. The two ensuing free throws by Lane gave the Seahawks a 38-37 advantage

"I thought to get an offensive foul there — I thought the game was pretty physical," Dillard said. "I thought that may not be the

right call at that point."

UNC-W went on to upset second-seeded Drexel University, but lost to George Mason University in the semifi-nals. Virginia Commonwealth

University won the CAA

Tournament, beating the Patriots, 55-54.

The Dukes finished the season with a 7-21 overall record.

Dillard resigned as JMU's coach two days later. In addition to Broyles' Third

Team All-CAA honors, fresh-man guard Ray Barbosa was selected to the CAA All-Rookie Team. Barbosa averaged 11.5

Broyles led the Dukes in scoring, averaging 15.4 points this season. He finshed his career 16th on the Dukes' all-time scoring list with 1,137 points.

Barnett calls investigation a 'bump in the road'

BY TEDDY GREENSTEIN Chicago Tribune

Suspended University of Golorado football coach Gary Barnett, always in search of a good metaphor, compared his plight to that of Abraham Lincoln in a recent letter to recruits and

Barnett reportedly wrote that Lincoln lost eight elec-tions, failed in two business ventures and suffered a nervous breakdown before earning his place in history as the 16th presi-dent of the United States.

"At times like this," Barnett explained, "I find it inspiring to look back inspiring to look back through history and see people that have been knocked down or slipped along their journey and fought back and experi-

enced great triumphs." Colorado, which sus-pended Barnett Feb. 18 in the wake of allegations of sexual assaults involving football players, last week released more than 10,000 pages of documents follow-

pages of documents following a request from the media for correspondences involving the team.

The Daily Camera of Boulder, Colo., reported that 11 letters dated Feb. 11, including one from now interim head coach Brian Cabral, turned up among the documents. the documents.

The university omitted the names of people to whom the letters were addressed, citing publicinformation rules.

Barnett reportedly told recruits in one letter that the

university's investigation would be a test of the team and its resolve. He called it a bump in the road

While coaching at Northwestern University from Barnett renowned for using analogies and parables to fire up his players. Before a game against Michigan in 1995, Barnett dis-

tributed a poem to his troops entitled "Eagle or Oyster?" "When God made the oys-ter, he guaranteed its absolute economic and social security. When hungry, the oyster sim ply opens its shell and food rushes in But, when God made the eagle, he declared, The blue sky is the limit. Build your own house!' The eagle, not the oyster, is the

emblem of America."
Barnett's Eagles beat
Michigan's Oysters, 19-13.

DUKES: Alexis posts another double-double in loss to GMU

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eventual game-winning shot.

"I saw Jody out of my peripheral vision and I just kicked it to her," Dickinson said:

Brooks said it was a play that allowed Dickinson to create, turn the corner and penetrate. "When people back down and try to help out, she can kick it out," he said.

Towson had a final chance to tie and send the game into overtime, but Tigers guard Kacy O'Brien's shot at the buzzer hit O'Brien's shot at the buzzer hit off the side of the rim. O'Brien had given the Tigers a 1-point lead with 21 seconds left before LeRose hit her 3-pointer.

The Dukes trailed by as many as 10 points for most of the game before mounting a comeback midway through the second half.

JMU took its first lead since the opening minutes of the game on a pair of free throws by Dickinson with 3:57 left in regulation.

I like to rebound, and I'd rather get 15 rebounds than 15

points in game ... - Meredith Alexis

"We came out really dead," said Dickinson, the CAA Rookie of the Year and Third Team All-CAA selection.

Freshman forward Meredith Alexis, a CAA All-Rookie Team and Third Team All-CAA selec-tion, posted double-doubles in each contest of the tournament. Alexis' two-day rebounding total in the CAA tournament helped her break the Dukes' single-season record with 322 rebounds this season. Katherine Johnson previously held the record with 316 rebounds during the 1974-75 season.

"It's an accomplishment," Alexis said following the game. "Ilike to rebound, and I'd rather get 15 rebounds than 15 points in a game because I think it helps the team out more."

In the tournament opener, Alexis grabbed a career-high 19 rebounds — one rebound shy of the CAA tournament record set the CAA tournament record set last season by Old Dominion's Kim Giddens, who had 20 against JMU. The mark also was the 10th highest rebound total in any CAA tournament game. Dickinson finished with 15

points and eight rebounds against Towson, while LeRose added 12 points on 4-of-8 shooting from beyond the arc.

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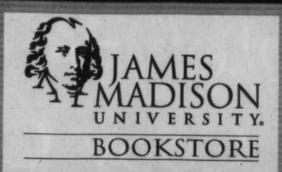
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