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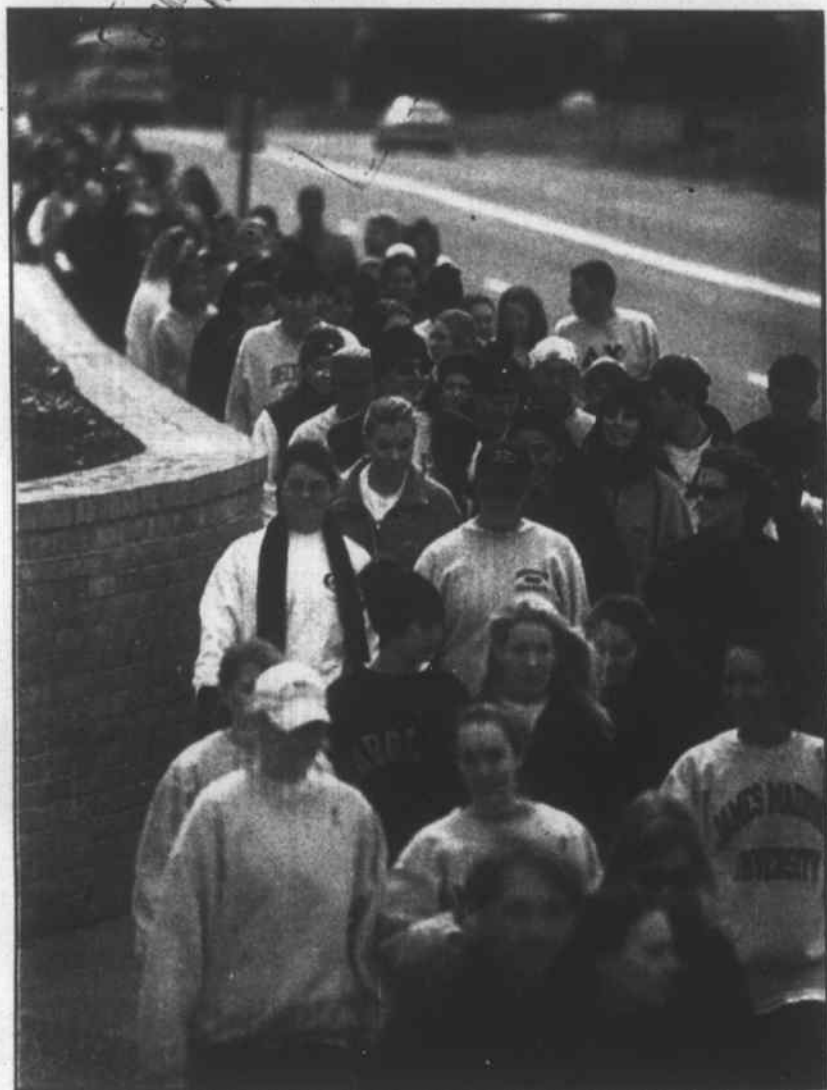
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MONDAY, MARCH 29, 1999



MEGHAN MONTGOMERY/staff photographer

Students show their support for the first AIDS Walk as they form a procession early Saturday morning at JMU.

Doing walk of life

900 students combat AIDS with their feet

KELLY HANNON & BRIAN WESTLEY
senior writers

Despite overcast skies and chilly temperatures, nearly 900 students showed their support in the fight against AIDS Saturday morning at the first AIDS Walk.

Co-Sponsored by Alpha Sigma Tau sorority and Students for Camp Heartland, the 5K walk through campus and downtown Harrisonburg raised more than \$6,500 for Camp Heartland and the Valley AIDS Network (VAN), said senior Allison Jenkins, Alpha Sigma Tau's events co-chair.

Camp Heartland is a summer camp devoted to bringing together children living with HIV/AIDS and children with family members who have the disease into a welcoming and fun atmosphere. VAN is a non-profit organization that provides physical and emotional support for those affected by HIV/AIDS in the Harrisonburg area.

Between 25 and 30 JMU organizations participated in the AIDS Walk, including social fraternities and sororities co-ed service fraternities and co-

ed business fraternities.

Steve Taylor, a volunteer case worker for VAN, who has been living with full-blown AIDS since 1994, thanked the red-ribbon decked crowd of students on Godwin Field and volunteers before the walk for their participation.

"We have a very small organization and cover 400,000 square miles," Taylor said. "It takes a lot of community support. We depend on the government for grants . . . and we had a 30 percent budget cut this year."

The funding VAN receives goes directly toward the clients by providing assistance with food, clothing, medical expenses, transportation and paying rent and utility bills, Taylor said.

Many residents in the area VAN provides services for don't think they're at risk for HIV/AIDS because "they're not gay or drug users," he said. "One of the reasons I feel it's important to get out into the public eye is to increase awareness."

The AIDS Walk started on Bluestone Drive near Godwin Field at 10:15 a.m. and then snaked its way onto Port Republic Road and South Main Street as

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Steve Taylor

volunteer case worker, Valley AIDS Network

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Scrambled SMAD is main dish

High faculty-to-student ratios force departments to get strict

ALLISON MANSER
staff writer

Increasing student-to-faculty ratios have left academic departments scrambling for ways to deal with the problem.

One case in point: the School of Media Arts and Design. Becoming a SMAD major now involves a more lengthy process and three courses within the major are being restructured to improve the major's curriculum and to coincide with admission changes.

The changes in the admission policy and curriculum effective this fall affect SMAD majors who have not yet taken SMAD 200, 200L, 300 and students

interested in applying to the major.

The changes won't affect the credit requirement for graduation as a SMAD major; however, it may change in the near future, SMAD school director George Johnson said.

The new admission policy creates a temporary major called Pre-SMAD. Any JMU student is eligible to enroll in this new major, but it does not guarantee a student a spot as a SMAD major. In Pre-SMAD, students complete SMAD 101, a new class necessary for the application process into SMAD.

Johnson said he hopes that the creation of Pre-SMAD will allow students to take one introductory course worth three credits and

Busting at the Seams

Exploring a Growing Student Population

Part 1: Defining the Resource Problem

With increasing student population & student-to-faculty ratios, there is only funding for 25 new faculty positions next year. An administrator shares his opinions on why.

Part 2: Finding Solutions

Academic departments across campus are scrambling to find ways to manage an increasing student population. Explores one school's efforts, with a brief look at others.

Part 3: Looking Forward

How will JMU deal with growth & lack of funds in the new century, and how will growth affect the university's reputation?

MICHELE JOHNSTON/senior artist

determine their interest in the major. In the past SMAD 200 and 200L served as introductory courses and required six credits.

Under the new policy, applications to the major will be reviewed once a year in the spring. By that time, students will be required to have completed, or be enrolled in, SMAD 101. They will also have to complete the competency test, a

change of major form, major card and questionnaire.

An admission committee will then review the applications and notify accepted students on March 3.

If accepted, students will be eligible to register for SMAD courses. Those students who are not accepted can re-apply to the major in the following

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Lemish takes temporary job on stadium planning study

KELLY HANNON
senior writer

Don Lemish, former JMU athletic director, will continue working at JMU as a consultant on the pre-planning and the financial feasibility study on the possibility of an extension of Bridgeforth Stadium, said Lemish and JMU President Linwood Rose.

"The pre-planning study is to determine the feasibility to build a new stadium," Lemish said. He said his involvement with the study will be temporary. "This is just an opportunity to help that get off the ground," Lemish said. "I'm just finishing off a project . . . after it's finished up that will end anything I have to do with JMU."

Rose said Lemish's role in the studies will be short-lived. "I've asked him to stay on to work with this project . . . and after that it will sever his

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BREEZE

"To the press alone, chequered as it is with abuses, the world is indebted for all the triumphs which have been gained by reason and humanity over error and oppression."

— James Madison

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POLICE LOG

STEVEN LANDRY
Police reporter

Campus police report the following:

Distribution of Psilocybin

- Leonid L. Perskii, 19, of Fairfax, was arrested and charged with distribution of psilocybin on March 24 in Hoffman Hall.

Psilocybin is a hallucinogenic drug.

Warrant for Assault and Battery

- Glenda R. Powell, 21, of Newport News, was arrested and charged with assault and battery on March 23 at 1:55 p.m. in Burruss Hall.

Campus police served the warrant for the Harrisonburg Police.

Hit and Run/Property Damage

- James R. Huffman, Jr., 20, of Culpeper, was arrested and charged with a hit and run and property damage on March 23. The location and time of the hit and run were not disclosed.

Destruction of Public Property

- Unidentified individuals allegedly broke out the glass of a vending machine in Hoffman Hall between March 22 at 11 p.m. and March 23 at 7:29 a.m.
- Unidentified individuals allegedly damaged an exterior door of Duke Hall between March 25 at 11:15 p.m. and March 26 at 12:13 a.m.

Screws holding the door hinge were broken. Maintenance was notified of the damage.

Assist Off-Campus Business

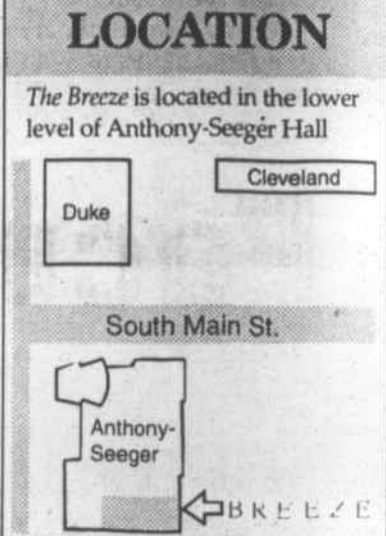
- Campus police located a student who reportedly attempted to enter a downtown bar and grill through the roof after being denied entry on March 25 at 12:54 a.m.

Damage was done to the ceiling of the establishment and

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DUKE DAYS EVENTS CALENDAR

- ### MONDAY, MARCH 29
- ☛ Campus Assault Response Helpline, 6:30 p.m., Jackson 1B, call Melanie at 438-8053
 - ☛ College Republicans meeting, 8 p.m., Taylor 400, call Stephanie at 438-3160
 - ☛ Historian Thomas Burruss, "Role of the Black Church in the Freedom Movement," 7 p.m., Grafton-Stovall Theatre, call x6991
 - ☛ Reconciliation Service, 7 p.m., CCM House (1052 S. Main St.), sponsored by Catholic Campus Ministry, call Kelly at 801-0829
 - ☛ UPB Cinematic Events Publicity meeting, 6 p.m., Taylor 233, e-mail Matthew at staleyjr@jmu.edu
 - ☛ UPB Marketing/PR Committee meeting, 5 p.m., Taylor 306 or 233, call Eunice at x7822
- ### TUESDAY, MARCH 30
- ☛ Bible Study, 7:15 p.m., Canterbury Episcopal Campus Ministry, call Jason at 432-0302
 - ☛ Circle K meeting, 6 p.m., Taylor 404, call Michele at 438-3009
 - ☛ Clothesline Project Display, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., PC Ballroom
 - ☛ College Libertarians meeting, 8 p.m., Keezell 307
 - ☛ Harmony meeting, 8:30 p.m., Taylor 311, call Chris Dolce at x6000
- ### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31
- ☛ JMU Faculty Recital with Dr. John Little, 8 p.m., Anthony-Seeger Auditorium, call x3481 or x6863
 - ☛ Madison Brass Concert, 8 p.m., Emmanuel Episcopal Church, \$2 donation, call x3481 or x6863
 - ☛ SGA meeting, 5 p.m., Highlands Room, call x6376
 - ☛ Students for Camp Heartland meeting, 7 p.m., Taylor 309, call Sarah at x6332
 - ☛ Take Back the Night, protesting violence against women, 6:30 p.m., The Commons, call x3598
 - ☛ Visiting Scholar Lecture, Dr. Leo Chavez presents, "Covering Mexican Immigration: Popular Images and the Politics of the Nation," 5 p.m., Anthony-Seeger Auditorium
 - ☛ WXJM 88.7 F.M. interview with Mickey Matthews, JMU football coach, 8 p.m.
- ☛ Brown Bag Lunch, Laurie Kutchins and student writers present "Student Writers Meeting," 12:20 p.m., Hillcrest House, call x6953
 - ☛ InterVarsity Christian Fellowship Large Group, 7 p.m., ISAT CFW room, e-mail Sarah at wauersb@jmu.edu
 - ☛ Junior Class Council meeting, 9 p.m., Ashby Clubhouse, call Erin at 564-0976



WEATHER

TUESDAY: Sunny, high 64°F, low 38°F.

WEDNESDAY: Sunny, high 73°F, low 33°F.

THURSDAY: Partly Cloudy, high 77°F, low 44°F.

FRIDAY: Partly Cloudy, high 74°F, low 42°F.

CORRECTION

In the article "Ward focuses on role of black churches" in the March 25 issue of The Breeze, the paragraph that states, "During her time at the theatre, [Val Gray] Ward never performed any onstage-roles, but instead handled most of the publicity and behind-the-scenes work, including applying for grants" is incorrect. That describes her husband, Francis Ward, a professor of journalism at Syracuse University.

Gray Ward is an actress, director and producer and has performed many onstage roles. The Breeze regrets the error.

Commute, commute, wherever you are

About 87 percent of adults commute to work by car. Washington, D.C. and New York share the top spots for the longest commutes. Average commute times, in minutes:

Longest	Washington D.C.	28
Shortest	Minneapolis	18.3
	Pittsburgh	18.3

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Friday, March 26, 1999

Digging in for handicapped access

CORIE SHOMPER
Contributing writer

Construction on the hill in front of D-hall is being done to make JMU more wheelchair-friendly.

The construction is for a handicap ramp being built, said Carl Puffenbarger, assistant director of facilities management.

JMU's campus is not very accessible for handicap people, project engineer Charles Smith said.

"The ramp will enable people in wheelchairs to bypass the two sets of stairs," Smith said.

The wheelchair ramp will eliminate one of the greatest barriers handicap people face moving around campus, Smith said.

In order for students in wheelchairs to get from the upper part of campus, around the library and Keezell Hall, to the lower part near Warren Hall, students have to go all the way around D-hall.

The ramp will eliminate the need for them to do this, said Tim Miller, building services coordinator.

The building of the ramp was a priority of the Americans with Disabilities Act committee at JMU.

"The ramp was a project that had been in the works for a while and we felt it was a priority to get it done," said Louis Hedrick, coordinator at Disabilities Services and member of the ADA committee.

The committee is made up of about a dozen people who represent services that cater to students around campus, professors and administrators, Hedrick said.

"We are delighted [about the ramp] I think it will really open up the campus to people with mobility problems," Hedrick said.

The ramp will cost about \$250,000, Smith said, "but it depends on how much rock construction workers

hit. It shouldn't [cost] more than that. If anything it will be less."

The Virginia General Assembly allocated the funds for the ramp, Miller said.

The ramp is expected to be completed in the middle of the summer, so it will be ready for students returning in the fall, Smith said.

The patio outside Warren Hall is also under construction for resurfacing.

"It was in pretty bad shape," said Miller.

"The ramp will enable people in wheelchairs to bypass the two sets of stairs."

Charles Smith
project engineer



ALEX VESSELS/senior photographer

Construction crews plowed into the side of the hill on the commons last week to begin construction on a handicapped-access ramp. The ramp will provide handicapped students with a centrally-located alternative to stairs.

Faculty Senate meets

Changes in disability leave plan discussed

CRISTINA COOK
Faculty reporter

The implementation of changes under the Virginia Sickness and Disability Plan was the focus of discussion at Thursday's Faculty Senate meeting.

Faculty Concerns Chair Kirk Elwood introduced two representatives from the Human Resources Department to discuss the new plan that would change the nature of disability leave for JMU faculty and administrators.

The old system, Peer Coverage, required faculty to submit a leave card for every hour missed, and was not conducive to teaching faculty and administrators, said Shelli Short, human resources director, and Wanda Rodgers, human resources team leader.

Teaching faculty under the Virginia Retirement System will be required to report absences of seven or more calendar days to Human Resources. A third party is then contacted about the leave and the decision becomes the decision of third party whether the person qualifies for disability.

Under the new plan, weekends and holidays will be counted in a seven-day leave of absence. Faculty who are approved for short-term disability begin receiving full salary from the eighth calendar day absence for up to six months.

After six months, teaching faculty who are still unable to return to work can qualify for the long-term disability plan. Pay is reduced to 60 percent of their salary until the age of 65.

Tenured faculty and administrators receiving disability are still considered JMU employees and their positions are kept for a two-year period. Faculty and administrators who are not tenured are no longer considered JMU employees as soon as their long-term disability begins.

Faculty Senate Secretary Bill O'Meara said faculty will have to decide if they want the new plan instead of the current one.

The Faculty Senate also discussed the following at the meeting:

- Carter Lyons, Faculty Senate Treasurer, announced that money is still being collected from each of the JMU departments to finance the faculty computer lottery. The lottery is a way for JMU professors to win computer grants. Lyons reported 11 departments have not paid money, while pointing out that twenty to fifty of the lottery winners come from those departments.

- Nominations and Elections Committee Chair Elizabeth Ihle announced the approval of an amendment proposed in January to have changes made to the nature of voting for faculty/senate constitutional amend-

ments. The amendment passed by a vote of 350-40. Amendments become effective when approved by a two-thirds majority vote by the faculty. Previously, 50 percent of all faculty had to vote for an amendment to occur, but now one-third of all faculty need to vote for an amendment.

- The Senate also approved the names of nominees for positions on University Committees and Commissions. Faculty had volunteered for consideration to be members.

The names will now be sent to JMU President Linwood Rose for approval.

- Reconciliation Chair Greg Versen announced that a meeting will be held with the hearing committee in preparation for Faculty Handbook changes April 1 in Harrison Annex B4.

CHANGES IN JMU FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATION DISABILITY LEAVE PLAN

Instead of submitting a leave card for each hour of work missed, faculty and administration members now only have to report absences of seven calendar days or more to Human Resources. A third party will then be contacted who decides whether or not the absence should be considered disability leave.

Student arrested on additional charge

STEVEN LANDRY
Police reporter

JMU Police charged a freshman who was arrested March 1 with possession of marijuana with intent to distribute and underage possession of alcohol with five additional criminal offenses on Wednesday.

JMU Chief Lee Shifflett said Leonid Perskii, 19, of Fairfax, was arrested and charged on March 24 with distribution of psilocybin, which is a felony charge. Psilocybin is a hallucinogenic "mushroom" drug, Shifflett said.

Perskii was also charged for reproducing a Virginia operator's license, a handicap hang tag violation and two counts of possession of stolen property.

Both counts of possession of stolen property refer to handicapped hang tags Perskii allegedly stole, Shifflett said.

Shifflett said campus police will likely not place any more charges on Perskii. "The investigation is pretty much closed at this point, unless other information surfaces," Shifflett said. JMU police reportedly found a number of drug distribution materials, including packaged marijuana, drug packaging material and records pertaining to the distribution of drugs in Perskii's room on March 1, which led to the additional charges, said JMU police Officer Sid Hartman, the investigating officer on this case.

Use
Your
Voice

Make
A
Choice

Wednesday, March 31st
9a.m.-7p.m.

Elections for:

SGA President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary
and Honor Council President and Vice President

UREC, Zane Showker,
and on the commons

***Bring your JAC
card in order
to vote!***

Breeze-ing to first-place finish

JMU's student newspaper takes home individual, overall awards

GINA MONTEFUSCO
Assistant news editor

Endless hours in the dank basement of Anthony-Seeger. Long nights spent editing stories and fine tuning photos and ads. Way, way too much Domino's pizza.

Producing *The Breeze* is a labor of love — but now, it's also an award-winning labor of love.



Crowley

The Society of Professional Journalists named *The Breeze* the Best All-Around Non-Daily Student Newspaper in the eastern region in the 1998 Mark of Excellence competition.

"The awards mean so much to this staff because we were so young coming in," *Breeze* Editor Courtney A. Crowley said. "We're one of the youngest *Breeze* staffs in 76 years and were expected to fall on our faces. But we surprised a lot of people. The best part is that none of this was expected."

The Breeze has not won the award for best newspaper since 1993. This is the most awards *The Breeze* has ever won, one of *The Breeze's* advisers, David Wendelken, said.

Breeze staffers and writers also won first-place in five other categories.

"This is the most firsts in the Mark of Excellence competition that *The Breeze* has ever won," Wendelken said. "We've earned three or four firsts before, but six is a truly outstanding achievement. To win more firsts than the University of North Carolina and the University of Maryland combined is a strong indicator of the strength of our program and the dedica-

tion and talent of the entire staff."

Flip De Luca, another adviser, said, "This is really great! Everyone who works on *The Breeze* pours their heart and soul into the paper. Winning these awards, especially against much larger schools, should make the entire staff proud."

Senior Kelley Blassingame won the General Column Writing category; Crowley, a junior, won for Sports Column Writing; sophomore Dylan Boucherle won for Feature Photography and Best Sports Photography. Crowley, senior Brad Jenkins, senior Katheryn Lenker, Andi Metzler ('98), senior Rob Speirs and junior Julia Filz won for Spot News Reporting.

Virginia falls in Region II for SPJ, which also includes Delaware, Maryland, the District of Columbia and North Carolina, SPJ region director Julie Asher said. Other schools that participated were



Blassingame

the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, George Washington University, the University of Maryland-College Park, Howard University, Virginia Commonwealth University and Washington and Lee University. *The Breeze* now advances to the national SPJ competition, which includes the other 11 regions in the country.

"It doesn't matter where you go to school for journalism, it's the kind of people who work for the paper that matters," Crowley said. "And we have incredible people down here in the basement."



Jenkins

Blassingame said, "I just thought it was a pretty big deal to beat Maryland and UNC because when I was applying to school, those were the big journalism schools. So it was definitely pretty cool."

The 36 categories include magazines, newspapers, photography, radio, television broadcast and online publications. In several categories, only first place awards were given because the judges felt those entries were by far the best, Asher said.



Lenker

Judges, who are journalism professionals, based their decisions on overall excellence, accuracy, completeness and writing style.

"They take into account effectiveness, enterprise, ingenuity and extenuating circumstances," Asher said. "Sometimes when people write up a little description of the obstacles they might have overcome, this sets the scene so that judges can take that into consideration."

In the Best All-Around category, the judges said "good design and solid writing make this newspaper a winner." *The Breeze* sent in the March 5, Nov. 5 and Dec. 7 issues from 1998.

"Winning Best All-Around is really special for us," *Breeze* Managing Editor Manny Rosa said. "It sends a message that we have done a good job of not only re-designing the paper's appearance, but of also changing and expanding our coverage, which were two of our goals at the beginning of the year."



Speirs

The series of articles on former JMU President Ronald Carrier's retirement in the March 26, 1998 issue of *The Breeze* won for the best spot news reporting. The judges said "the writers used their time wisely in assembling [these stories]. It is obvious they did their research and did appropriate interviews. The content is concise and well-written. Nice job."

Speirs said, "Putting together the [Carrier spread] was the most fun I ever had at *The Breeze*."

The judges awarded Crowley first place in the Sports Column Writing and said her articles were "highly readable, had vivid prose and was [were] well-organized. Her passion for sports really comes through."

"After having professors mark me down on papers for writing in a style that's 'too conversational' in classes, it's nice to know somebody likes to read my stuff," Crowley said. "Now at least I know all those endless hours spent memorizing sports facts as a kid instead of doing homework weren't a complete waste of time."

Boucherle's photography impressed the judges in both the sports and feature photography competition. "What a talent!" they wrote. "Outstanding composition and contrast..."

"It's a great compliment," Boucherle said. "Stuff like that makes me want to keep taking pictures. It's a great honor to receive such an award, especially only being a sophomore. I've never entered many contests, and to come in first is a big deal."



Boucherle

Board votes to approve tuition changes

KELLY HANNON
& **BRIAN WESTLEY**
senior writers

The JMU Board of Visitors agreed to reduce tuition and mandatory fees for in-state students by 7.5 percent for 1999-2000.

The reduction for in-state students was made possible because of a state-mandated 20 percent tuition cut for in-state students at Virginia's public colleges and universities for next year.

JMU reduced tuition by \$390, or 20.1 percent, lowering tuition from \$1,940 to \$1,550.

However, tuition for out-of-state students increased by \$210.

Comprehensive fees, which cover a wide range of campus programs at JMU not related to instruction, such as athletics and recreation, will increase by \$66, lowering the net decrease to \$324 for in-state students.

Comprehensive fees are being

increased by the university to help pay for the cost of the new academic CISAT building, which could cost as much as \$40 million, JMU President Linwood Rose said.

Comprehensive fees aren't factored into the state's mandated 20 percent tuition cut.

Additionally, room and board expenses will also increase \$174 for both in and out-of-state students. Overall, the cost for an in-state student who lives on campus will decrease by \$150, or 1.6 percent. The cost for out-of-state students who live on campus will increase by \$450, or 3.2 percent.

JMU's tuition costs are one of the lowest in the state to begin with, so the 20 percent state-mandated reduction will have less of an effect on JMU students than it will at schools with higher tuition expenses, Rose said.

The board also discussed JMU's \$5.1 million budget

increase for next year.

Rose acknowledged that JMU didn't get as much funding as it had requested from the state, but he said he was pleased with the amount it received, considering that this was a bi-ennium budget year. Money is allocated for institutions of higher education every two years.

Institutions typically request and receive more funding during the first year. After the first year, or a bi-ennium year, institutions compete for the residual funding, and is more difficult to secure funding.

Charles King, vice president of administration and finance, said he was pleased with the \$925,000 allocated to hire new faculty.

"That'll go a long way to fill those 61 positions [JMU has permission to hire]," he said.

"I think that it's extremely good for higher education to get 12 percent of a one billion budget surplus," he said.



STEVE GLASS/staff photographer

Henry Harrell, rector of the Board of Visitors, examines the meeting's schedule Friday. Tuition and fees for the 1999-2000 school year were among the issues discussed.

King also said he was pleasantly surprised that JMU received \$800,000 in funding to begin planning for the third academic building on the CISAT campus.

He said JMU will employ

architects in July to begin designing of the new building.

Next year JMU will ask the state for \$20 million to fund construction costs.

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The Bluestone

The Yearbook of James Madison University

Applications available for the
1999-2000 Editorial Staff



Positions available:

Position descriptions available with applications.

- Photo Director
- Photographers' Assistant
- Designer
- Copy Editor
- Student Life Editor
- Classes Editor
- Sports Editor
- Organizations Editor
- Campus Life Photographers
- Sports Photographers
- Organizations Photographers
- Campus Life Writers
- Sports Writers
- Organizations Writers
- Webpage Manager
- Business Manager

**Applications, cover letter and résumé
due by 5 p.m. Friday April 9.**

Questions? Call Leah, Wendy or Jeff at x6541.

SGA CANDIDATES 1999

Elections for all positions in the Student Government Association and the Honor Council will be held Wednesday, March 31 on the commons, at UREC and in Zane Showker Hall.

Austin Adams

Junior international affairs major



- Work to improve relations with the City of Harrisonburg's citizens, police, Alcoholic Beverage Control and City Council
- Create a JMU memorial service to commemorate the lives of current students and faculty who pass away
- Take a proactive approach to improving administration's concern for students' opinions on budgeting, housing, grading policy, etc.
- Raise the quality of academic advising, improve the quality of service at the Health and Counseling centers, bring back the UPB movie channel
- Current SGA position: Secretary

Mike Swansburg

Junior political science major



- Increase campus safety with funding efforts for lighting improvements, safety fixtures and safety education
- Improve JMU's cultural awareness with increased diversity representation and scholarship incentives
- Better relationship between the SGA and student body with publicity and increasing the student voice
- Current SGA position: College of Arts and Letters Senator

SGA PRESIDENT

Matt Conrad

Sophomore political science major



- Throw a May Day Ball on the Quad, in honor of James and Dolley Madison
- Create a welcoming atmosphere for minority recruitment, including faculty
- Scrutinize our high student fees
- Current SGA position: At-large Senator

SGA VICE PRESIDENT

Heather Herman

Junior marketing major



- Begin Student Legal Defense Fund, designed to inform and protect students of their legal rights
- Work for more spaces in the upcoming parking deck for students
- Educate groups and organizations on the contingency account
- Current SGA position: Director of Class Governments

SGA TREASURER

Steve Moss

Sophomore finance major



- Make sure that all SGA funds are distributed to student organizations who need them
- Continue to pressure administration and the legislature for adequate funding
- Launch a letter writing campaign to get students to pressure their legislators to support additional funding for JMU
- Begin town hall meetings with SGA and students to allow students to give their opinions, ideas and complaints
- Current SGA position: Gifford Hall Senator

Mike Parris

Sophomore quantitative finance major



- Ensuring equitable and responsible allocation of student fees to clubs and organizations
- Increased student involvement in academic policy
- Reform of criteria concerning contingency allocations
- Current SGA position: At-large Senator

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SGA CANDIDATES 1999



Mike Flaherty

Freshman history major

- Challenge students to elect officials that reflect their everyday lives, whether they be Greek, a minority, an athlete, or just a normal student not involved in clubs and organizations
- Through the use of SGA TV, e-mail, sandwich boards on the commons, and help from resident advisers and hall directors, students will be able to take a proactive role in SGA, instead of reading about events and legislation after they happen
- Current SGA position: Eagle Hall

SGA SECRETARY

Kristen Vetri

Sophomore political science major

- Increase communication between the Financial Aid Office and the students
- Have the students be able to use the percentage of the new parking deck the students paid for
- Increase communication between the SGA and the students with a SGA newsletter
- Current SGA position: Frederikson Hall Senator



Lauren Weiss

Freshman political science major

- Instill tradition
- Create more academic scholarships
- Begin a Council of Presidents for all club and organization presidents and send out a flyer with information about every organization on campus
- Current SGA position: At-large Senator

HONOR COUNCIL CANDIDATES

HONOR COUNCIL PRESIDENT



Jon Higgins

Sophomore management major

- Work with the JMU Admissions Office to get an honor related essay on the application
- Establish an extensive Honor System education program during freshmen orientation
- Develop and assess opportunities for Academic Integrity Week (Honor Awareness Week), hold public forums to clarify and analyze the system
- Develop a more organized and accountable system for general, as well as executive meetings, create a committee to work with executive members to develop formal by-laws to supplement the Honor Code, and implement a uniform system for running council meetings



Erik Wolfe

Junior marketing major

- Allow students to directly report violations of the Honor Code
- Simplify the deliberation process of all Honor Council hearings
- Increase student education of the Honor System to reduce the number of Honor Code violations

HONOR COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT



Avneet Hundal

Sophomore kinesiology major

- Get involved in campus
- Campus wide education of the Honor Code for students, faculty and various clubs and organizations
- Extend education to incoming freshmen
- Begin working with other universities and plan a conference where various schools come together to ask questions and share ideas



Katie McDonough

Sophomore international affairs major

- Increase student and faculty education of Honor Code and System through forums, orientation media presentation, a class for academic credit that discusses the Honor Code and increased department presentations
- Organize a formal evaluation of Honor System that would allow for feedback of the new system. Develop changes that need to be made
- Make changes that would allow for a more capable and proficient method in determining penalties and carrying out the deliberation process

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SMAD changes to ride out crowded wave

SMAD, from page 1

spring. If a student is applying to SMAD in the second semester of their junior year and doesn't get accepted, they're going to be in trouble, Johnson said.

"There are some implications," he said.

There are about 700 majors, including freshmen and graduating seniors.

This year, about 30 students applied for the major and 10 students were accepted, Johnson said.

Limited faculty, funding, space and computers within the major has created a problem for the department, he said.

"We hope this will control enrollment," Johnson said. Last January, 120 new freshmen declared SMAD as their major, by May, 150 new students had declared, he said.

The competency test contains several sections including English grammar, English usage, a timed writing sample, basic computer knowledge and basic multimedia design concepts. Each component will be taught in SMAD 101.

SMAD 200, 200L and 300 have been restructured and replaced with SMAD 101, 102 and 305 respectively, according to the SMAD web page.

The Curriculum Committee, composed of five faculty members, put these courses

together with input from other SMAD faculty. The committee usually meets only when necessary to discuss course proposals or review curriculum once or twice a year. During the formation of these curriculum changes, the committee met up to twice a week during the revision period, Curriculum Committee Chair Charles Turner said.

"Curricular changes were an overall adjustment planned for this year before the admission crisis," Turner said. "It became necessary to cooperate the two together."

The introductory courses should help weed out students who become disinterested in the major before they have to take six credits. They will also serve as a review process to look at the students' progress, Johnson said.

Several students weighed in on the changes.

Jennifer Hawkins, a freshman SMAD major, said she became a major by indicating it on her application to JMU.

"It sounds like the changes are going to be a good thing for students," she said. "Someone who takes the introductory courses will be able to decide if this is what they really want to do."

Senior SMAD major Steve Cusek said, "I guess [the changes] are a pretty good idea. There is

probably a good number of students in the major who are unsure if it is what they want to do. It's good to have a pre-major so people can be sure that SMAD is what they want to do."

Cusek, who is also a lab assistant for the SMAD computer labs, often sees the labs crowded. "We don't have enough facilities," he said. "This might be better for the department."

Junior Michael Olson

"You can only fit so much into a container — that's our problem."

George Johnson
SMAD director

attempted to become a SMAD major this year and was turned down.

"I don't think it will help," he said of the changes. "It sounds like much more of a commitment to take all of the tests and only be able to apply in the spring semester."

The 1997-'98 ratio of students to faculty within the SMAD major is 18.5 to 1, according to Office of Institutional Research 1997-'98 statistical summary. SMAD's ratio has been on a

steady rise since the 1993-'94 school year when the ratio was 13.1 to 1. In 1994-'95 the ratio jumped to 16.0 to 1; back down to 15.2 to 1 in 1995-'96 and then to 16.4 to 1 in 1996-'97 before the current, and highest, ratio.

"You can only fit so much into a container — that's our problem," Johnson said. "With the admission policy, we can control the number of students coming in."

Anthony-Seeger Hall, completed in 1958, houses classrooms and offices for SMAD and the School of Speech Communication. Anthony-Seeger has an auditorium that seats 228 students, according to the 1997-'98 Undergraduate Catalog.

The building has five general purpose classrooms, no class laboratories and four open labs, said Rosemary Brenner, a JMU statistical analyst. A 'class lab' is termed as either a science or computer lab that is heavily scheduled and is only occasionally available to the student body. An 'open lab' is one that is not formally scheduled for classes, but may be, occasionally, Brenner said.

The SMAD program also shares Anthony-Seeger with another college experiencing growth problems, the school of Speech Communication. SCOM had 208 students as majors as of

1998, according to Institutional Research statistics. The latest head count within the department, taken only weeks ago, finds 437 SCOM majors. "We've increased approximately 150 percent in the past year and our resources have not increased accordingly," Eve McMahon, head of the department, said.

The department enacted a 2.5 minimum GPA for students interested in becoming a major or minor excluding the 1998-'99 freshman class on Feb. 18. "We obviously regret any inconvenience it places on students interested in the major," McMahon said.

Jane Halonen, head of the school of psychology, which has the highest number of majors on campus, said the school also has enrollment problems.

"We do have problems [accommodating majors], in part because it is a very popular major," Halonen said. "We are pleased that it is popular and are discussing ways to accommodate students."

Halonen is new to JMU this year, coming from a women's college in Wisconsin which had "very poor resources," she said.

"I think trying to figure out how to distribute resources in both the short term and long term is clearly an objective I see JMU moving toward," she said. "I'm not sure we are there yet."

Lemish to exit after project

LEMISH, from page 1

relationship with JMU," Rose said.

Lemish would not comment on the current search for a new athletic director.

Rose said the pre-planning and feasibility studies aren't necessarily signals that JMU will be moving to Division I-A football in the near future.

"I don't think it makes sense to say we're going Division I today or tomorrow," Rose said. "We want to dominate

our division first, so we can declare our movement from a position of strength."

After Lemish announced on Jan. 6 he was retiring from the position of athletic director, Rose appointed an interim athletic director, Tom Martin, the men's head soccer coach, on Feb. 19. Rose also appointed a search committee to conduct a national search for the athletic director position.

King said the committee is going to analyze the pool of applicants and make a recom-

mendation to Rose as to the best candidate. "We hope to start the process the first week in April," King said. "Our goal is to by the first of May invite some candidates to campus."

King was unsure as to how many applicants would be considered. "It could be as many as five or six, or as few as two or three. It just depends on the pool of applicants," he said. "We'll receive feedback from the various constituencies on campus and make a recommendation to Dr. Rose."

AIDS Walk raises \$7,000

AIDS WALK, from page 1

the walkers made their way to downtown Harrisonburg on South Main Street. The walkers then made their way back to Godwin Field.

Members of Alpha Sigma Tau provided motivation along the way to inspire walkers by using signs and cheers.

As the walkers shuffled along at their own pace, they also received honks of encouragement from passing cars.

One of the walkers, sophomore Erin Leddy, said she decided to

attend the walk because, "The least I can do is walk a few miles for a good cause."

Alpha Phi Omega Service Chair Jennifer Morse said she and 20 other fraternity members came to the AIDS Walk to show support for the organizations who sponsored the event and to support the cause of fighting AIDS, a disease that still has deadly ramifications all over the world.

Junior Kathleen Houser, Alpha Sigma Tau's philanthropy chair and co-chair of the event, said she hopes the AIDS Walk will become an annual event.

POLICE LOG, from page 2

the owners of the bar and grill requested the assistance of JMU police in locating the student.

The student was reportedly located on Greek Row and agreed to pay for repairs to the building

Grand Larceny

• Unidentified individuals allegedly stole \$250 cash and a credit card from a wallet a faculty member lost in A-lot on March 23 between 6:30 and 8 a.m.

The faculty member canceled the credit card before it had been used by anyone.

• Unidentified individuals allegedly stole a computer from the South Main Street Bookstore Annex on Nov. 11, 1998.

The computer was discovered missing from storage. The time the computer was found missing was not disclosed.

• Unidentified individuals allegedly stole four wheel covers from a vehicle in Z-lot between March 23 at 10:45 p.m. and March 24 at noon.

The wheel covers are valued at \$320.

Petty Larceny

• Unidentified individuals allegedly stole products from a

vending machine in Hoffman Hall between March 22 at 11 p.m. and March 23 at 7:29 a.m.

• Unidentified individuals allegedly stole \$112 from a wallet left in an unlocked and unattended room in Chappellear Hall on March 22 at 10:30 a.m.

• Unidentified individuals allegedly stole four PlayStation games, a PlayStation controller and \$28 in quarters on March 18 between 9:15 and 10 a.m. from a room in Hanson Hall while the resident of the room was asleep in the suite.

• Unidentified individuals allegedly stole an employee hang tag from an unlocked car in

the Godwin parking lot between March 24 at 8 a.m. and March 25 at 8 a.m.

Reproduction of Operator's License

• Leonid L. Perskii, 19, of Fairfax, was arrested and charged on March 24 with reproduction of a Virginia's operator's license.

Handicapped Hang Tag Violation

• Leonid L. Perskii, 19, of Fairfax, was arrested and charged on March 24 with a handicapped hang tag violation.

Possession of Stolen Property

• Leonid L. Perskii, 19, of Fairfax, was arrested and charged on March 24 with two counts of possession of stolen property.

Fire Alarm

• A plastic ice tray that came into contact with a stove burner inadvertently turned on causing smoke, activating a fire alarm in Garber Hall on March 25 at 2:23 a.m.

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U.S. plane shot down, pilot rescued

NATO will broaden and intensify bombing campaign against Yugoslavia

**TYLER MARSHALL
& JOHN-THOR DAHBURG**
The Los Angeles Times

U.S. forces staged a stunning rescue of a downed American pilot early Sunday, six hours after his F-117A Stealth fighter crashed during NATO airstrikes over Yugoslavia, the Pentagon said.

"I am happy to report the pilot has been rescued and is safe at an allied base," Defense Department spokesman Kenneth Bacon said at the Pentagon. "He and the combat search-and-rescue team that picked him up are all safe."

The Stealth fighter landed in flames about 30 miles west of Belgrade, the Yugoslav and Serbian capital, around 10 p.m. local time, according to Yugoslav officials.

Bacon declined to identify the pilot or provide any details of the rescue effort, saying that to do so might compromise future rescue attempts. Although Yugoslav officials claimed that the aircraft was shot down by Serbian air defenses, Bacon said the cause of the crash remained uncertain.

"That's something we'll learn when we interview him," Bacon said of the pilot. "This plane was reported missing at about 3 p.m. (EST). From that time until the moment we learned the pilot

was safe, we concentrated on nothing but rescuing the pilot. It is premature to speculate now on what made the plane crash."

While the rescue of the pilot provided an unexpectedly upbeat ending to an otherwise unsettling day for the allies, the loss of an aircraft that embodies some of the world's most advanced military hardware not only tarnishes the image of NATO invincibility, it could jeopardize highly secret U.S. defense technology.

The crash of the Stealth fighter came only hours after NATO announced that it will broaden and intensify its air campaign against Yugoslavia. It further darkened an already gloom-filled day dominated by sketchy but chilling accounts that Serbian security forces might have embarked on a rampage of ethnic cleansing of Kosovo Albanian civilians. A year-long civil war in the separatist Serbian province has left thousands dead, mostly civilians.

In other developments Saturday:

- President Clinton, in his weekly radio

address to the nation, said the reports of continued Serbian attacks on Albanian civilians should only stiffen America's commitment to end the killing in Kosovo. "That is all the more reason for us to stay the course," Clinton said.

"We must, and we will, continue until Serbia's leader, Slobodan Milosevic, accepts peace or we have seriously damaged his capacity to make war."

"We must continue until Serbia's leader accepts peace or until we have seriously damaged his capacity to make war."

Bill Clinton
President

- The White House denied knowledge of a published report of a "forced march" in which a refugee column consisting of 15,000 to 20,000 ethnic Albanians was proceeding through central Kosovo under the control of Serbian security forces.

- In Brussels, Belgium, military sources reported that despite bad weather, NATO aircraft flew 249 sorties in the 24

hours ending late Friday, focusing mainly on targets in Kosovo and the Serbian cities of Nis and Belgrade.

- Yugoslavia's air forces violated the "no-fly" zone over Bosnia-Herzegovina for a second consecutive day, sending a helicopter across the border into territory patrolled by U.S. troops with the international stabilization force, or SFOR, spokesman Cmdr. David Scanlon said in Sarajevo, the Bosnian capital.

"It retreated to (Yugoslav) airspace before it could be intercepted," Scanlon said, noting that SFOR has reminded the Belgrade government and armed forces that the peacekeeping forces in Bosnia "remain ready and capable of addressing any threat to peace in this country."

- Russian President Boris N. Yeltsin, sent a letter of support to Milosevic, while popular anger about NATO's bombing of Yugoslavia continued to boil in Russia. In an emergency session of the Duma, the lower house of parliament, Russian deputies made heated calls to send arms to Yugoslavia.

Earlier in the day, the decision to escalate the airstrikes came after Clinton conferred with European leaders amid deepening concern that the mission launched four days before to force Milosevic to halt ethnic cleansing in Kosovo might be having exactly the opposite effect.

Students get involved locally, not globally

CAROLYN BARTA
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

A cartoon in the student newspaper at Southern Methodist University shortly before the November election lampooned a sorority girl being reminded to vote. "Don't be silly," the cartoon coed replied. "Homecoming isn't for another two weeks."

At the University of Texas, student Cecilia Conti recently explained to a reporter why she wandered away from a student union TV during Gov. George W. Bush's inauguration: "Not to be rude, but I'm not into government."

Typical attitudes on college campuses today? Hardly. While partisan politics hold little attraction for collegians, interviews on some Texas campuses show that doesn't mean students are uninvolved or disinterested.

Two and three decades ago, campuses were a hotbed of anti-Vietnam War demonstrations, civil-rights activism and anti-establishment protests. College students saw politics as a way to change the world.

Today, they would rather work for changes in their campus community.

"If they think there is a direct effect on them, they get involved," said Michael Mulcahy, editor of UT's *Daily Texan*.

Annie Holand, UT student govern-

ment president, said students are "politically active but in a different sense."

"It may not mean holding rallies and marching on the Capitol, but working in different ways with legislators, the administration and with each other to see that issues are addressed and problems are solved," she said.

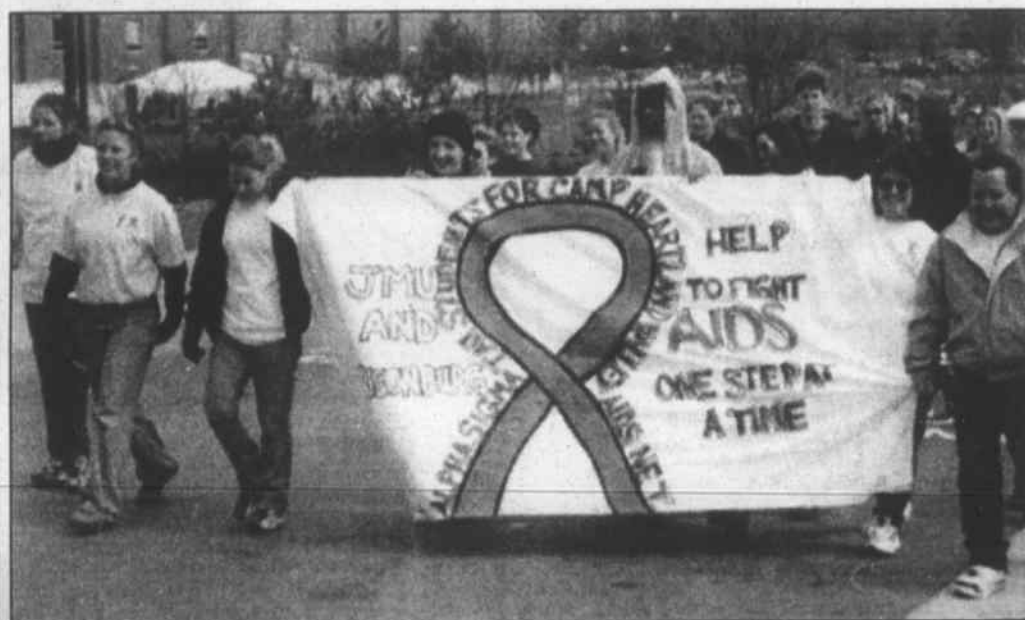
At UT, that has meant student government working with the administration to reopen the university tower, closed almost 25 years because of a sniper attack and suicides, or students seeking ways to increase diversity after the Hopwood decision barred racial preferences in admissions.

Sure, there are groups involved in global issues, such as the Free Tibet Society whose followers at SMU are planning a benefit concert to raise student awareness about Tibet.

But, Holand said: "Typically students tend to be interested in issues that are going to affect their everyday life, such as tuition raises, financial aid and affirmative-action issues."

Memorial Student Center director Jim Reynolds said students at Texas A&M are more interested in attending programs "to expand their knowledge and personal understanding" than trying to "promote issues."

Students today generally are more conservative and more career-oriented than those 20 years ago, said UT Vice President James Vick.



NIKKI REED/ staff photographer

WALKING TO FIGHT AIDS: Chilly temperatures and overcast skies didn't keep nearly 900 students from waking up early on Saturday morning to walk in the fight against AIDS. The AIDS Walk raised between \$6,500 and \$7,000 for Camp Heatland and the Valley AIDS Network. See related story (front page).

Foul-mouthed prof. sues

An English professor who was suspended from teaching at Macomb Community College because of his use of foul language in class is suing to be reinstated.

John Bonnell, who has taught for 32 years at the school, argues that his civil rights and freedom of speech were violated when he was suspended and placed under a gag order. His federal lawsuit, filed March 10, seeks unspecified damages.

The school investigated Bonnell after a female student complained in November

about his use of vulgarities and swear words in class.

Bonnell's attorney said the language his client used was within the context of course lectures that included discussion of President Clinton's affair with Monica Lewinsky and a criminal case involving necrophilia and gender chauvinism in the Catholic Church of the Middle Ages. Bonnell's lewd comments were neither directed at individual students nor spoken in general conversation, the attorney said.

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BOV discusses tuition

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"Typically, when the state gives you planning money, you get construction," King said.

In addition to budgetary issues, Rose mentioned recent praise JMU's General Education program has received from members of SCHEV, the state council for higher education of Virginia.

Doug Brown, vice president for academic affairs, said members of SCHEV said JMU's General Education program was "among the two or three very well-

run programs in the state." Brown said SCHEV said that JMU is on the "cutting edge" of higher education general education programs and are a model for the nation.

Conrad Helsley, member of the JMU Board of Visitors, stated in his report on education and student life that a proposal has been submitted to the University Council by the SGA to make Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day a university holiday beginning Jan. 2001.

Helsley recognized in his report the

efforts of SGA President Tim Emry. His report quoted Mark Warner, vice president of student affairs, as having said Emry was "the most diligent SGA president they've had in years."

Helsley also said construction will begin on the new alumni center this summer, with the dedication tentatively scheduled for September 2000. The board also elected junior public administration major Emily Couch as the board's student member for next year. She will serve on the board from July 1, 1999 until June 30, 2000.

Leaders meet to combat drinking

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Three university presidents credited with trying innovative programs to fight binge drinking among students told a national meeting of attorneys general that they are determined to redefine what college students consider socially acceptable behavior.

Among those speaking at the March 24 meeting was Michigan State University President Peter McPherson, whose campus has strengthened its anti-alcohol abuse

message during student orientation, tightened its penalties for intoxicated students who commit crimes off campus and begun a "safe ride" program for students who have had too much to drink.

The university also scheduled round-table discussions with local bar owners — a group of whom have decided to stop having "specials" that offer students alcohol at cheap prices.

McPherson said he's bent on making binge drinking as taboo as drunken driving. "There has been a shift, and society is beginning to be will-

ing to do this," he said. "But it's going to take time."

William Jenkins, chancellor of Louisiana State University, and Pennsylvania State University President Graham Spanier also spoke. Jenkins said campus groups at his school are sponsoring more alcohol-free events, while Spanier said officials at Penn State are working hard to ensure that some fraternities and dormitories are alcohol-free.

The trio said they're not trying to eradicate alcohol on campus, but to encourage those who drink to do so more wisely. So far, Jenkins said he's encouraged by the progress

he's seen at his school. Sixty percent of LSU students recognize that excessive drinking on campus is a problem compared to 44 percent three years ago, he said.

There were 20 alcohol-related deaths of students nationwide in 1998. Among those who died was Michigan State student Bradley McCue, who drank 24 shots on his 21st birthday.

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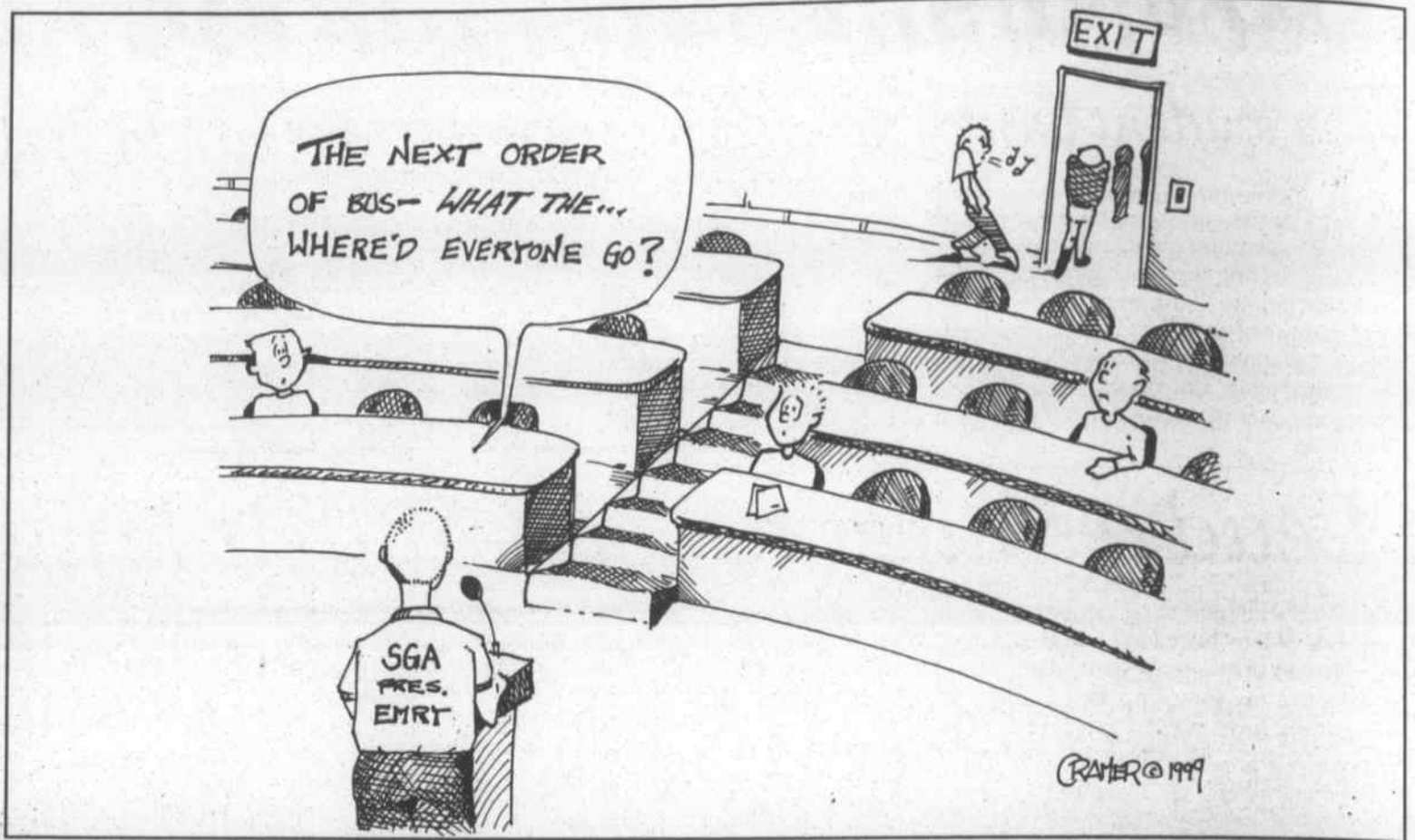
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Impatient senators should prioritize

Something unusual happened at Tuesday's Student Government Association meeting. No, it wasn't the two hours of campaign speeches given by the nine candidates running for SGA executive offices. Sure, those were somewhat strange, but then, stump speeches always are because the candidates stand up promising things they can't always deliver.

What was unusual is that after the speeches, SGA couldn't conduct any official business because quorum was called. According to SGA bylaws, when a quorum is called, two-thirds of the Senate's voting members must be present to continue with official business. However, when this happened, only 40 senators were present — just short of the 44 needed to continue with business.

The meeting was dismissed. It couldn't even be adjourned due to the fact that no official votes could be taken.

"It is extremely inappropriate when a few people who can't stay another 30 minutes hurt our ability to be effective and to help the student body," SGA President Tim Emry

said at the end of the meeting, according to the March 25 issue of *The Breeze*.

We couldn't agree more. There are a few problems here. The Highlands Room was a packed house during the speeches. It was only after SGA stopped for a short break that senators ran for their lives — and from

"Every senator who left because they didn't want to sit through any more of this meeting should be ashamed of themselves."

their responsibilities. SGA had a full agenda planned, but because there wasn't a quorum, an entire evening was wasted.

Every senator who left because they didn't want to sit through any more of this meeting should be ashamed of themselves. We're appalled that some people can't perform the primary duty for which they were elected.

Even some SGA executive board candidates — who are senators this year — were among those who exit-

ed early to go campaigning. But we ask which is more important: getting your name out there to be elected or doing your duty in your current elected office? While the former act could determine the makeup of SGA for the 1999-2000 school year, the latter is definitely more important. Each and every candidate should have stayed at the meeting until it was adjourned . . . their campaigning could have waited. The business of the SGA is more important to the student body than a Tuesday evening of campaigning.

Each and every senator who left should rethink their priorities — if they can't stay at a long meeting, can they really run the SGA?

Mr. Emry was angry following the meeting, as well he should be. As far as we're concerned, he should make it one of his last acts as president to upbraid and punish any senator who prematurely left the meeting.

We're just glad to see that Mr. Emry and 39 other senators had the decency to stay and do their jobs, despite the fact that the meeting went a little longer than was expected.

Topic: How do you feel about the U.S.'s involvement in NATO air strikes?

CAMPUS SPOTLIGHT
STEVE JANZEN/contributing photographer



"I think they made a hell of a mistake [getting involved]."

Gen Yamaguchi
sophomore, undeclared



"If the United States thinks it's necessary, [they should] go for it."

Shannon Jones
freshman, biology



"The U.S. should think about [how they are] abusing military powers. [They] need to consider another way out!"

Tomomi Shiraishi
senior, social work



"I'm very uninformed. I'd like to have heard more [about the situation]."

Kendra Lane
freshman, sociology

OP/ED

Never underestimate Mother Nature

One student battles the elements in order to return to JMU after spring break

When I started writing this column it was going to be a defense of spending spring break at home.

Emphasizing the need for some sound rest and a solid week of detox as well as the benefits of free food and accommodations, I planned on showing that a break at home, while not the most exciting, is far from the nightmare that some make it out to be.

I even had some funny quips to include regarding my mother's newfound obsession with the Tae Bo workout series, my sister's complaints of abdominal pains after eating WOW! potato chips and my own brave attempt to sit through an entire episode of the "New Hollywood Squares."

However, instead of writing about this topic, my own impatience and poor reasoning have turned this column into a warning: never underestimate Mother Nature.

As spring break was winding down and my days in New Jersey came to a close, reports of a horrible winter storm tearing up the East Coast started to run rampant. With significant snowfall guaranteed, a friend from home heeded the warning and left for his Virginia school a day early. Unfortunately, I didn't make the same decision.

Lured into staying home by a final

homemade meal and the NBA on NBC, I decided that such precautions were wholly unnecessary. I scoffed at the local meteorologist and dared the inclement weather to keep me from getting back to JMU on time.

The weather won. Once I-81 dropped down to about 25 mph and staying on the road became more challenging than having a good time on Greek Row, I was forced to spend \$40 on a room at a Travelodge in Carlisle, Pa. Scrambling to get a room, I found myself contending with two marooned bus loads of Florida-bound senior citizens.

As you can imagine, my fun was just beginning. The relaxing evening that I had planned quickly became a nightmare that I could not escape.

I could handle my dinner of a bag of Munchos and half a pack of cigarettes. I could handle the fact that only C-Span and the Food Network came in clearly on the television. But I was in no way prepared for the seniors. Hurling into some alternate universe, these rambunctious old-timers kept me awake all hours of the night.

They sang and danced in the hallways.

They knocked on my door mistaking me for one of their stranded brethren.

Something about the absurdity of my personal hell still allowed me to acknowledge the humor behind what was happening and not get too angry, but this ended with the impromptu accordion concert that started outside of my door and didn't

end for two hours. With a pillow over my head I finally drifted to bed, my ears still filled with the muffled sounds

of a shrill polka and the hum of the plows on the Pennsylvania Turnpike.

Still, my experience wasn't totally awful. Having so much time on my hands did allow me to get some revenge on my rowdy elderly neighbors.

The snow was great for packing, so I was able to take out my anger on grandma and grandpa with a few of my patented fastballs.

Also, knock and runs on their doors provided some enjoyment, as their deteriorating motor skills and sluggish reaction time made it impossible for them to catch me. These devious acts weren't enough to get my mind off of my hasty decision, but

boy did they help make time fly.

Needless to say, I didn't worry about the next morning's complimentary continental breakfast, but instead hurried back onto the highway. With the roads cleared, I made a relaxing return to Harrisonburg, but the experience of that Sunday night still haunts me.

Considering that I made it back in one piece and didn't miss any classes in the process, my harrowing tale might not seem so traumatizing. Still, everyone can identify with the feeling of being stranded and knows just how awful it can be. In my case, however, I have learned my lesson.

I pledge to no longer mock cold fronts bearing down on me. I will no longer assume that my driving skills will be enough to get me through the hazards that Mother Nature has to offer, for she has shown me that her power is infinite and her wrath substantial.

Similarly, I will never again accuse those who take necessary precautions of being overly paranoid or downright cowardly. Mother Nature showed me that my unwarranted cockiness can only lead to disappointment and frustration.

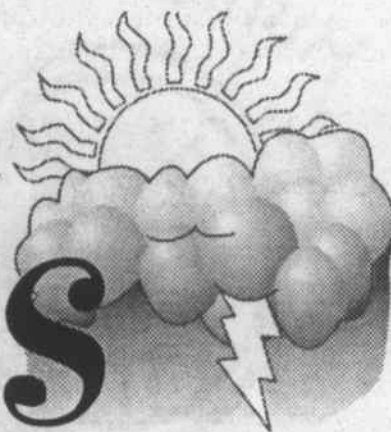
It will be a cold day before I put myself into a similar situation. Senior citizens are just too scary.

Michael Olson is a junior English major.

Breeze Reader's View

— Michael Olson

DARTS & PATS



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

Pat...

A "thanks-for-coming-to-lunch" pat to Linwood Rose for making an appearance at D-hall during the hectic lunch rush.

Sent in by students who appreciate seeing their president on campus.

Dart...

An "are-you-really-that-hurt?" dart to the football player in the Village with the prime parking space.

Sent in by concerned students who wonder why you have a handicapped tag but no limp.

Dart...

A "you're-a-sexist-pig" dart to my roommate who refers to all women as 'broads.'

Sent in by a student who thinks there are more creative ways to describe women.

Dart...

A "don't-be-so-territorial" dart to the women's club tennis coach who kicked a friend and me off the tennis courts and told us to move to Godwin.

Sent in by a student who wonders why the club team doesn't practice at Godwin.

Pat...

An "I-am-so-grateful" pat to Jason, the Showker computer lab assistant, who stayed with me an hour after his shift ended to post my résumé on a web site.

Sent in by a marketing major who will owe you a lot of money someday.

Dart...

A "learn-some-basic-communication-skills" dart to people who have to use *The Breeze* to talk to their roommates.

Sent in by a student who is sick of whiny people trying to fix their problems in print instead of actually talking to the person face-to-face.

Pat...

A "thanks-for-the-ride" pat to Campus Police for giving me a ride to class from Godwin.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Committee sought to form the Student Legal Defense Fund**To the editor:**

My name is Heather Herman and I am seeking the position of SGA vice president. There are many things I want to accomplish as vice president next year, but I am writing this letter today to share one specific idea that I have for the university. The program is called the Student Legal Defense Fund (SLDF).

Unfortunately, many of us have had to or know someone who has dealt with the law at some point during their college careers.

Many students don't understand their rights or the importance of having legal representation when it comes to these unfortunate situations. I want to ensure that every student will have the opportunity to seek such advice and have a council to represent them.

What I plan to do is set up a pool of money that students would voluntarily pay into and be able to petition for in the event they needed legal representation. The funds would be regulated and distributed by a committee appointed yearly by the vice president on a case by case basis.

This fund is not intended to condone illegal activity in any manner. However, it is designed to protect and inform students of their rights, assist those who would otherwise be unable to afford legal representation and also to represent those students who have been taken advantage of by the law.

The committee would also serve as a resource for every student on this campus. Many times students have

legal concerns or issues that they need assistance with. This committee would be available for students to come to in order to seek advice regarding legal issues.

This is something that I firmly believe is necessary for the university. This policy and committee can become a reality with your help and suggestions on the issue. I am not petitioning for votes (I am running unopposed), I am simply trying to get started on an idea that I plan to implement next year.



I have designed a web site that explains this issue and many others that I will be working on in the year ahead. I am encouraging everyone to check this web site out (www.heatherherman.home-page.org) and give me feedback on this issue and more.

I will be looking for a steering committee to work on this issue, so please contact me if you are interested in seeing this program implemented.

Heather M. Herman
junior
marketing
vice presidential candidate

Undergrads encouraged to vote in this Wednesday's SGA elections**To the editor:**

With the campaign season for SGA in full swing, I am launching one final campaign. While my term ends in May with my graduation, I am campaigning for JMU students to get the vote out for this election.

Surprisingly, JMU has the highest voter turnout in the state for our SGA elections. I also estimate that we are in the top five percent of all schools nationwide. However, despite that record, our turnout still hovers around 17 percent.

Thus, I cannot be content with our current members and I want to encourage all JMU undergrads to get out and vote on Wednesday. I have a goal of 20 percent turnout and I know that we are capable of it.

There are a lot of dedicated and passionate student leaders running for office in this election and they need your support. Voting is from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on the commons, at Zane Showker and at UREC.

The Student Government Association can only be as effective as the student body who votes for them. We need your support and I hope to see you out voting on Wednesday!

Tim Emry
senior
political science
SGA President

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STYLE

2 Skinnee J's stir up *Supermercado!*

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BRIAN SHOWALTER
contributing writer

Well then, in case you are not familiar with them, allow me to introduce you to the 2 Skinnee J's. They have been fiddling with music since the early '90s, and their latest release is called *Supermercado!*

REVIEW

Good luck trying to describe this CD with one word or phrase. 2 Skinnee J's uses a variety of ingredients for their recipe. Their sound contains influences from hip-hop, rap, funk, pop, rock music and film scores.

The strength of the 2 Skinnee J's is their ability to use instrumentation such as a flowing bass line in "Mind Trick" or a sexy trumpet in "Organic Machine."

A catchy chorus is another element of the music that enhances 2 Skinnee J's sound. The best chorus on the album

is in the song, "The Best." It goes like this: "Ain't nobody does it better than J." This effect is visual as well as audible — when the chorus kicks in, I get the image of the band wearing tight button-up shirts and bell-bottoms making their grand entrance.

Another characteristic of *Supermercado!* is the refusal of the 2 Skinnee J's to take themselves seriously. Instead, a line from "Organic Machine" explains, "We are greater than the sum of our parts." Most bands could not conceive of stating that about themselves, much less including it as a lyric in one of their own songs!

A few subjects in the lyrics include the Thundercats, Kool Aid, E.T. and the saying, "Shazam!" "Mind Trick" is a song, complete with atmospheric aircraft sounds and Star Wars laser bleeps from X-Wing fighters. The song is packed with allusions to Star Wars, including this lyric, "Chilling like Hoth, they can't touch us with their blasters/ We have learned from the feet of the masters." *

Since their sound includes elements of many musical genres, the 2 Skinnee J's appeal lasts

longer than other musicians who are more one-dimensional.

Overall, *Supermercado!* is a solid album. It sticks its tongue out at the "I am famous, I am a rock star; hear me roar" cloud of transparent smoke that today's musicians such as Third-Eye Blind and Orgy emit.

The album could use more musicianship, in other words, more musical talent. The way the album is layered makes up some of the lost ground. The stand-out tracks on the album, such as "The Best," make the listener wish there were more songs with a more memorable chorus or explosiveness on the band's part.

However, something can be said for a band that has a sense of humor and continues to attract fans without the help of MTV and most radio stations. The band seems to address this issue in "Pluto," by saying, "The immigrant's been left in the cold to grow old and disintegrate/ Discriminate against the distant and disclaim this/ 'Cause stun's just a phase/ And my odyssey runs two-thousand and one ways."

Roots *Falls* together

ALEX VESSELS
contributing writer

The Roots, long billed as "alternative hip-hop," are facing commercial success with their latest effort, *Things Fall Apart*. Taking its title from Chinua Achebe's novel, The Roots address how some parts of hip-hop are falling apart, but as they continue to innovate, The Roots display their musical and lyrical cohesiveness.

REVIEW

The Roots, the tightest live hip-hop band, show their musical prowess on *Things*. The seven member band is led by emcees Black Thought and Malik B., as well as drummer Ahmir "Questlove" Thompson. Other members include Rahzel, "the Godfather of Noyze," a man who can keep beats while making scratches and sound effects with his mouth.

The first track, "Act Won (Things Fall Apart)" addresses what seems to be a trend in black music. As in the case with *Rock and Jazz*, two forms of black created music, the liner

notes say that after black music is created, it's "nurtured, elevated and abandoned."

"Table of Contents" is a two-part mike check with stripped down beats and tight lyrics. One notable song on *Things Fall Apart* is "The Next Movement." The neo-soul group, the Jazzy Fatnastees, provides a hypnotic background for the Black Thought's lyrics: "Freeze, stand still unless you're dealing with the Next Movement... You theatrical as a Broadway play, this ain't Renti how many people feeling this love music?"

Some of hip-hop's best under-hyped emcees drop lyrics with The Roots. Black Star's Mos Def guests on "Double Trouble," where he and Black Thought tag team the mic.

"Act Too (Love of My Life)," a love song about hip-hop, features Common. He questions the status of how hip-hop has been abused by Puff Daddy and others: "Called in to Hype Williams/lost her direction... her Daddy will beat her eyes all Puff."

The apex of The Roots genius comes on "You Got Me," a love song. Longtime collaborator Erykah Badu sings the blues-tinged hook "If you were worried bout where/I been or who I saw, or / what club I went to

with my homies, baby don't worry, you know that you got me-eee..."

Ruff Ryder's "Eve of Destruction" guest raps in this song about trust in relationships. Black Thought tells the story of meeting an "Ethiopian queen taking from Philly taking classes abroad... she said she loved my show in Paris/At Elysee Montmartre/And that I stepped off the stage/And took a piece of her heart." The song ends with "Questlove drumming an out-of-time, syncopated, jungle-like beat, contrasting Badu's gorgeous chorus about commitment.

Philadelphia poet Ursula Rucker who ends every Roots album, reads a vivid, haunting and brilliantly disturbing poem, "Return to innocence." It's about how Rucker's brother, though witnessing violence as a child, hid his innocence in machismo because of fear of facing his own life and how sadly his innocence is "finally rediscovered through death."

A hidden track follows Rucker's poem, but you have to listen to the poem to hear the song.

Things Fall Apart is a brilliant album that has incredible music and remains socially conscious.

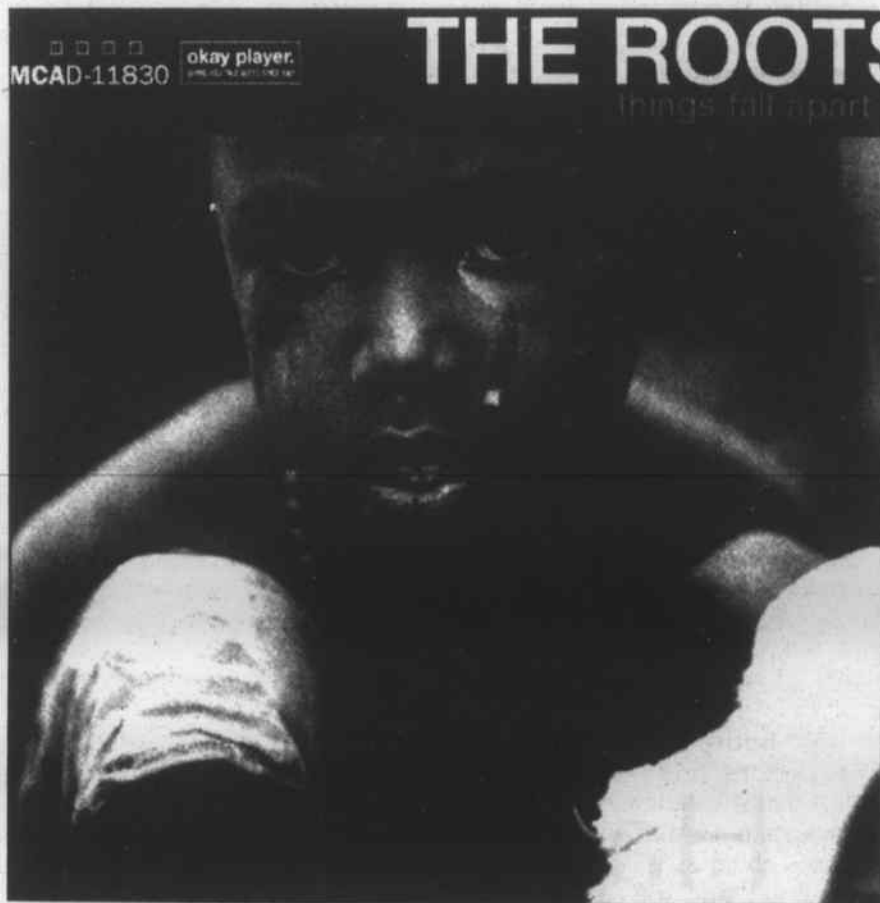


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The reason The Roots and others such as De La Soul and A Tribe Called Quest have been pigeonholed as "alternative hip-hop," is because they continue to innovate and stray from the status quo of what has become "hip-hop."

The Roots demonstrate their immense talent without suc-

cumbing to the typical rap bragadocio of telling how dope they are, rather, they show you. On this album, you won't find tales of how much Cristal they pop, nor will you find catchy, made-for-radio samples.

You'll find originality and talent. This is the real, intelligent, hip-hop.

Benigni's 'Life' is truly 'Beautiful'

BRENT BOWLES
Breeze film critic

Foreign films are a tough sell to audiences these days. It's hard enough to find a casual moviegoer willing to sit through a film longer than 100 minutes, much less one where they're expected to read subtitles.

REVIEW



Roberto Benigni's Oscar-winning triumph "Life is Beautiful" is an even greater rarity: a film that speaks in a language that needs no subtitles. With a fairy tale sense of humor and a sun-dried lyricism all but alien to American cinema, Benigni's movie situates itself eloquently between its seemingly incompatible poles: a charming tale of the wooing of a princess, the love between father and son and the harsh reality of an unspeakable atrocity. The result is a motion picture of grace and beauty, justly celebrated as a daring, individual and poetic achievement.

One of Italy's most celebrated performers (his trippy 1991 comedy "Johnny Stecchino" is the country's highest grosser), Benigni carries a disarming innocence about him, which makes events in "Life is Beautiful" all the more affecting. His glorious smile and sparkling eyes are positively infectious, making his antics throughout the film as much touching as they are amusing. Benigni's charming performance, which earned him an Oscar, is one of heartbreaking nimbleness; he seems hardly the actor to manage the delicate balance of comedy and pathos on which the success of "Life is Beautiful" shakily rests, and yet he seems the only person able to so honestly achieve it. Benigni is a clown, but he's the one with the white painted face and a brightly colored tear on one cheek.

His character, a klutzy waiter named Guido who dreams of owning a bookstore, is knocked off his feet by Dora, a beautiful schoolteacher played by Benigni's real-life wife Nicoletta Braschi. Crying "buon giorno, principessa!" Guido decides she's The One, and despite the fact that she's engaged, he proceeds to ingeniously (and hilariously) woo her.

That's about as simple a love story as you can get, and the series of vignettes leading to its denouement are among some of the funniest in any movie I can recall. But when Germany occupies Italy in the early 1940s, Guido's family is splintered and packed into box cars bound for concentration camps (he and his son are Jews, while Dora is not). Desperate to protect his child from the horrors around him, Guido informs the boy that it's all just a lavish game mounted for his birthday; the person with the most points wins a tank, and you lose points by crying, asking for your mother, or complaining that you're hungry.

"Life is Beautiful" treads an extremely fine line. It's not fluff that makes light of horror, nor is it a horrific drama attempting a little levity here and there. Although many critics and organizations denounce the film as monumentally disrespectful to the dead, Benigni simply approaches the matter from a daringly askew angle, one which seems to our conceited historical eye unconsciously bright.

The balance that Benigni and Vincenzo Cerami's screenplay manages to capture and maintain for two hours, is something truly universal. You could easily remove the subtitles from "Life is Beautiful," and it wouldn't be too difficult a task to understand precisely what's taking place. In Benigni's eyes (and I would argue he's exactly right) it takes the vision of a clown to observe that almost unattainable point at which comedy and tragedy intermingle; through Benigni's vision, the story celebrates humor as one of the last ways life could somehow remain beautiful for the millions consigned to Nazi extermination camps. Benigni never attempts to trivialize events with caricatures; rather, he gently gives us a character who will fight to protect his family no matter the obstacle. Those offended by "Life is Beautiful" might do well to examine just how little difference exists between the ingenuity of Guido and, for example, Oskar Schindler.

In Benigni's direction (for which he also received an Oscar nomination) lies a great deal of respect that might to some seem absent from his performance. Aesthetically speaking, Italian film still works from the neorealism that directors like Bernardo Bertolucci and Vittorio DeSica brought to postwar world cinema. "Life is Beautiful" gives Benigni a number of opportunities to show off comedically, none of which he takes. Listen closely to Nicola Piovani's score, in which he orchestrates the touching main theme for a small ensemble, but plays the melody on an out-of-tune piano, to see a deft translation of what Benigni far more abstractly achieves. To coin a phrase, there are moments in this film of epic simplicity, instances where Benigni uses small gestures and minute details (and Piovani a piano) to tell more about character than any pratfall or wordplay could ever hope to express.

When "Life is Beautiful" received the Best Foreign Film Oscar last Sunday night, Benigni energetically bounded across chairtops, waving his hands enthusiastically in the air and embracing presenter Sophia Loren with more passion than any moment in the show. It's just that level of emotional involvement that Benigni and his colleagues bring to "Life is Beautiful," and it shines in their unequivocal belief in the truth of this movie. Benigni rightly calls his film a fairy tale, but it's really a fable about the human spirit. There may not be any "happily ever after," but with a journey this truthful and spiritually rich, who needs one?

"Life is Beautiful"

WHERE: Court Square Theater, Regal Cinemas Valley Mall
RATED: PG-13
RUNNING TIME: 116 minutes

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MUSIC

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MOVIES

►Grafton-Stovall Theatre: "Velvet Goldmine," Wednesday and Thursday 7 and 9:30 p.m., free.
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Syphon Filter a sleeper hit

Playstation new release is an action espionage thriller

BRIAN BAGBY
Contributing writer

"No, please, don't shoot, I'm unarmed!"

REVIEW

But you must carry out your mission. *Metal Gear* fans rejoice, *Golden Eye* fans gather around, Tom Raider fans take a look, at *Syphon Filter*. The best game of 1999, even if we are only in March.

Syphon Filter crept on me like mold did on my cinnamon raisin bread over spring break. So you don't know what *Syphon Filter* means? Is it something you put in your fish tank, your air conditioner?

Nah, it's this year's sleeper hit you feed to your baby (your Playstation) if you can find it in the stores.

Syphon: a bottle for holding aerated water that is driven out through a bent tube in its neck by the pressure of the gas when a valve in the tube is opened.

Filter: a porous article or mass (as of paper or sand) through which a gas or liquid is passed to separate out matter in suspension.

Yeah, whatever, it doesn't matter, because *Syphon Filter* is one hell of a game.

This 989 Studios action espionage thriller is a 3-D third-person adventure following the exploits of counter-terrorist Gabe Logan and his partner Ling Xing as they attempt to stop a terrorist group that threatens to unleash a deadly virus upon the unsuspecting U.S. populace blah, blah, blah. You get the point.

A lot of shooting, a lot of blood and a lot of (zooming in the sniper rifle) head shots! The game's camera perspectives are exceptional. You'll play the whole game from the third-person angle, but depending on the weapon, you'll shift to first person. As situations and environments change, so do your objectives and the type of weapons you'll find.

The list of weapons, gadgets and their capabilities are unparalleled. My personal favorites, are the BIZ-2 pistol machine gun and the M-79 grenade launcher. Oh, and the HK-5 pistol machine gun, well, I like the G-18 pistol-machine gun, too. And sometimes I like to use the Nightvision Rifle (you saw this on the commercial), instead of the flashlight. Let me stop.

This game will challenge you. The AI changes and cycles around in different ways to create surprise. Enemies will strafe and run from you, or hide behind trees or other safe objects and they all carry different

weapons, so you're never sure exactly how to approach them.

The backgrounds are fully interactive (*Golden Eye*). You can shoot out lights, jump through windows, shoot down chandeliers on enemies, or just spray your name in bullet holes on the side of a police car.

Sometimes we need to stop being so critical and look at a game for being a game. Yes, there are some bugs, we are talking about 989 Studios here, and *Syphon Filter* blatantly steals the best parts of *Metal Gear Solid*, *Golden Eye* and *Tomb Raider*, but hey, who's complaining. This game is the \$@#!

SYPHON FILTER

WHAT: 989 Studios latest action video game release for Sony Playstation

WHERE: Purchase and rent at all video game suppliers

COST: Suggested manufacturer's retail price, \$44.99

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STORY BY CONTRIBUTING WRITER AMELIA TABER



Take Back the Night: the Power of the Past

Musicians, speakers and hundreds of students expected at annual ceremony to help prevent violence against women

March 30 means much more than just another Tuesday to the many women and men at JMU who are involved in Take Back the Night and the Clothesline Project.

Both events are held nationwide as a reaction to violence against women. They are sponsored locally by the Women's Resource Center, Campus Assault Response (C.A.R.E.), the Take Back the Night Coalition, the Office of Sexual Assault Education, the Office of Residence Life and First Year Investigations.

The events will take place tomorrow on the commons and in the PC Ballroom.

Take Back the Night will begin at 6:30 p.m. on the commons with musical performances by Note-oriety, the Contemporary Gospel Singers and Thea Zumwalt.

Following the performances will be "Songs of Sexism," in which the coalition has prepared several popular songs that include lyrics degrading toward women. The group has edited the songs into a group of clips that will be played to the audience. In between each song clip, a member of the coalition will state the line that is degrading and then read a statistic about violence against women.

Two speakers will talk after the song clips. Jane Smith, a professor at Winthrop University in North Carolina and a member

of the National Organization for Women (NOW) and John Foubert, the assistant dean of students at the University of Virginia and a member of the National Organization for Men's Outreach and Rape Education (NO MORE) group.

After the speakers, there will be a speak out for all survivors and secondary survivors of violence against women to share their experiences with others.

"I think the most fascinating thing is that this part takes the majority of the night," said junior Sarah Greenleaf, student assistant of the Women's Resource Center.

In previous years, the event has lasted until 1 a.m. because of the large number of students and faculty who decide to speak.

"A lot of people don't realize that violence against women does not include just rape. It includes assault, eating disorders, even calling a woman a degrading name," Greenleaf said. "I think that when women realize it's more than rape, they get up and speak out too."

After the speakers are finished, there will be a candlelight march around campus to honor the survivors, friends and family of victims of abuse toward women.

The Clothesline Project is a visual display that can be viewed from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. in the PC Ballroom. It bears witness to acts of violence against women including child

abuse, incest, and victimization, Student Development Coordinator at FYI, Gloria Mast said.

T-shirts decorated by those affected by violence against women will be hung on a clothesline. The shirts convey the creator's particular response to an experience that has affected themselves or someone they care about.

"It's an extremely powerful display," Mast said.

Puffy paint and extra T-shirts will be available throughout the day for anyone who wants to make a T-shirt and have it displayed at the event.

Students are encouraged to come see the shirts and write down their responses to them on the "reflections wall" that will be available in the PC Ballroom along with the display.

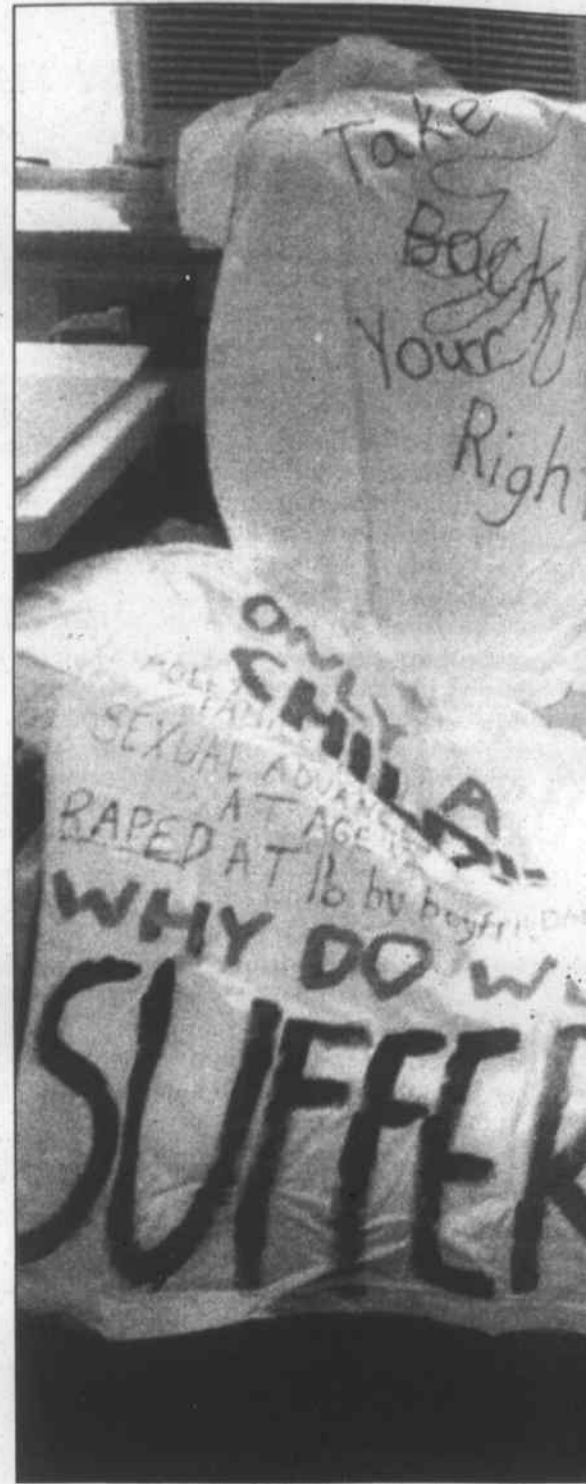
"Even students who don't feel personally affected, I would strongly encourage them to come see it because the T-shirts have been made by members of our own community," Mast said.

This is the sixth year for the Clothesline Project at JMU. It originally began with 31 shirts displayed in Hyannis, Mass. in October 1990. It was added to the annual Take Back the Night program and since then there has been a historical connection between the two events.

One of the goals of both Take Back the Night and the Clothesline Project this year has been to expand the collaboration. Fraternities and sororities have increasingly involved themselves, as well as faculty and staff.

Many more people want to help out this year and to be involved, Greenleaf said. The Women's Resource Center has been able to get its name out more recently, she said.

Over the past three years, Take Back the Night and the Clothesline Project have brought together over 3,000 men and women on campus. "The numbers have just grown



and grown, but people's awareness still needs to be raised," Greenleaf said.

Many students, however, are already well aware of the events and intend to go and support the causes.

"I plan to attend because I think it's important to support those speaking out against violence in all forms," sophomore Megan McEneely said.

Sophomore Pam Thompson said, "I think it's important to go and be educated and realize what's going on rather than ignoring it."

Ally Betar said, "It's important to be aware that these things happen on campus."

Senior Sean Tylenda said, "I've attended this event in the past and found it educational and also sad that these things occur in our JMU community. I urge people to attend at least once while they are here at JMU."

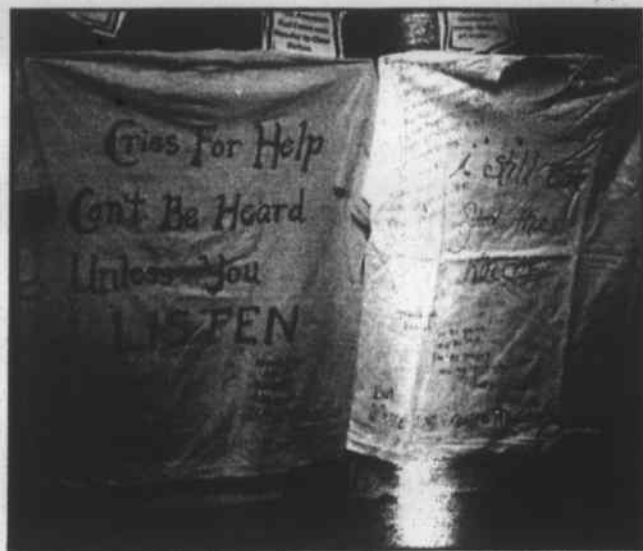
Some students have never attended, but are now interested because of the increase in popularity and prominence of the issues.

"I've never been before, but I've heard good things about it, and I'd like to go this year," sophomore Luke Treaster said.

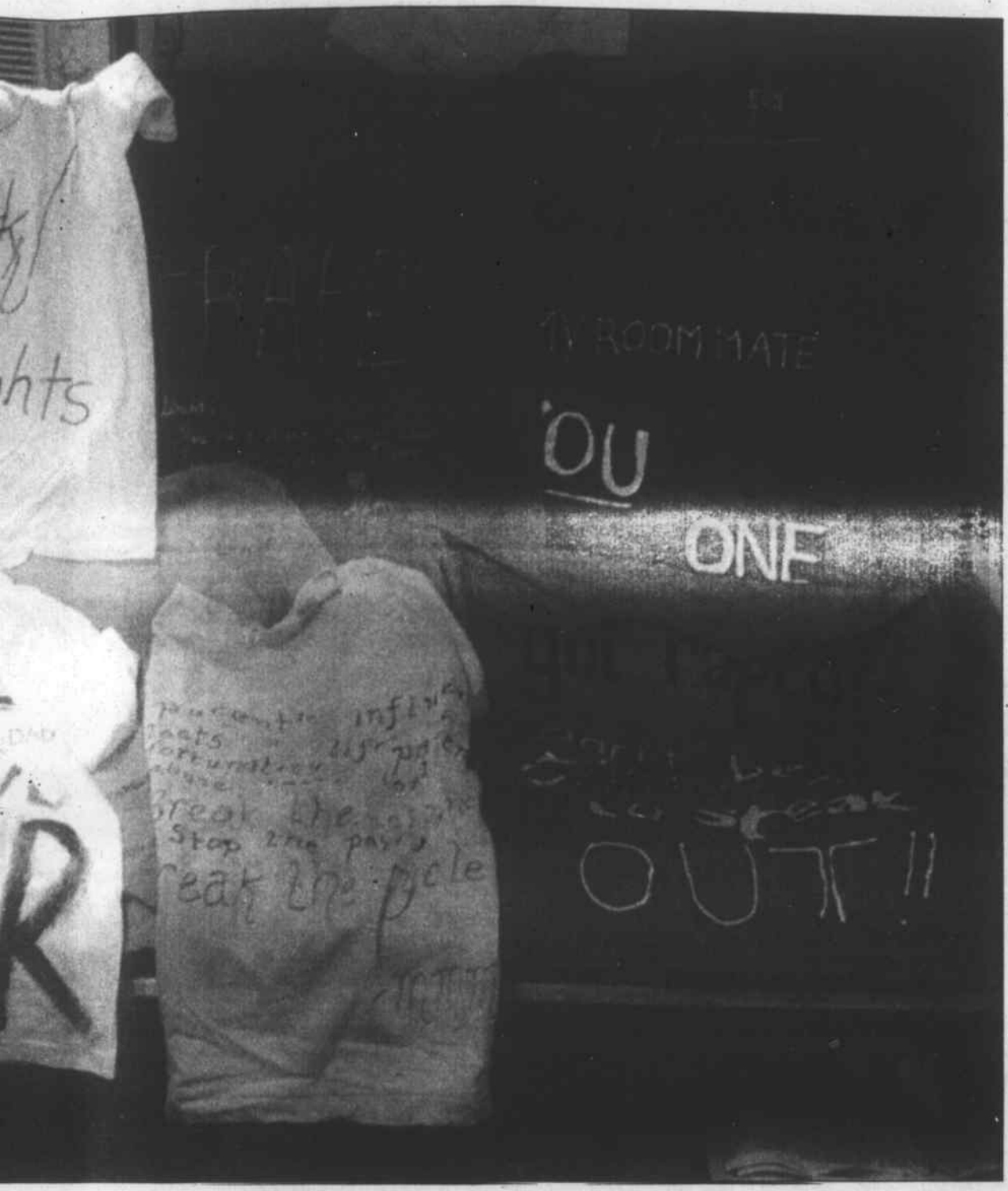
"I have great respect for those people who are able to share their experiences for the benefit of others, and for the prevention of future acts of violence against women," sophomore Kristen Klug said.

The events held for women's history month earlier in March were very successful, Greenleaf said.

There was an open mike night for women



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Women encouraged to take advantage of campus resources

BY STAFF WRITER MARGUERITE DANIELS

While reported assaults at JMU are low, one out of every four college women polled is sexually assaulted while at college, according to a 1995 study of sexual assault and rape in *Ms. Magazine*. JMU police reports show that three forcible sex offenses were reported in 1997, as compared to five in 1996 and two in 1995.

ety of resources for those concerned with their safety or in need of support.

There were nine reports of aggravated assaults, involving contact with arms and legs in 1997, seven in 1996, and six in 1995.

The Office of Sexual Assault and Substance Abuse (SASA) prevention offers counseling, clinical referrals and educational materials. Wing presents several programs each semester to raise awareness of sexual assault and sexual harassment.

"That's probably not an accurate depiction," said Mark Sties, Sexual Assault Abuse administrative assistant. "Stats will tell you it's more than that... It's the victim's choice to withhold reports due to threats or court hearings."

The SASA office, located in the Health Center, provides a safe environment that is confidential, empathetic and knowledgeable, said Sties.

To gain a more accurate report of sexual assault, a third party reporting system was developed for anonymous sexual assault victims. In 1997, 20 on-campus assaults were reported and 11 were reported off-campus.

JMU Chief of Police Lee A. Shifflett said the main issue with violence against women is prevention and common sense.

"We had a much larger report [since the third party system was developed]," said Hillary Wing, sexual assault education coordinator. "Many, many more come to our office that don't want to report to the police."

"Don't walk alone at night," Shifflett said. "Call the cadets if you're uneasy. We wish people would utilize them more."

There are also incidents in the area that do not involve violence, but leave women scared and aware of the possibility of violence.

Campus cadets will provide walking escorts from 7 p.m. until 2 a.m. each weeknight and until 3 a.m. on weekends. "We don't escort people who are intoxicated," Shifflett said. "We take them to jail because it's against the law."

JMU junior Amy Taylor awoke twice in her Hunter's Ridge townhouse to a man standing next to her bed and watching her sleep. "Since then, I can't stay in the house by myself at night," Taylor said. "I got sensors on our sliding doors where the 'sleeper peeper' came in. We keep the blinds closed at all times." Now that she and her roommates have a dog, Taylor said she feels much safer. Her roommate, however, said they are all still having trouble sleeping since the intrusions in August and September.

Female students can take a four-session self-defense course called Rape Aggression Defense System (RADS). Certified instructors offer realistic self-defense tactics, general awareness and risk reduction skills. The course costs \$12. Contact Sgt. Peggy Campbell at 568-6914 for more information.

In addition to the Women's Resource Center, JMU provides a vari-

C.A.R.E., Campus Assault Response Helpline, operates as a hotline for anyone with a sexual assault issue. Well-trained volunteers are available from noon on Thursday to noon on Monday. The helpline runs on a pager/voice-mail system. Victims can call 568-6411 and within 15 minutes receive free confidential compassion and support. The organization was created by and for the student body and is supervised by Wing.

For more information, visit the sexual assault web page at <http://www.jmu.edu/sassault> or contact Hillary Wing at wingjx@jmu.edu or at 568-2831. Dial 568-6913 for the campus cadets.

at Taylor Down Under that saw significant attendance. A lecture as part of the Brown Bag Lunch Lecture Series drew more than 100 people.

"Attendance at women's history month events has been great so far," said Greenleaf.

A lot of the success is due to the number of volunteers that help out at the Women's Resource Center.

"Students value the center and are willing to commit time to it," said Amy Springer, graduate coordinator for the Women's Resource Center. "My sense is that interest on the part of the students is increasing."

New volunteers this year added to a force of about 40 to 50 people, who are, as the center's mission statement says, "dedicated to the education and empowerment of our community by supporting and celebrating the diversity of women."

Mast said of the Clothesline Project alone, "We have probably about 50 to 60 volunteers helping out."

C.A.R.E. had extended hours all last week in preparation for the events. It is normally open noon on Thursday until noon on Monday. C.A.R.E. works on a pager system. Anyone who wants to call in leaves a message with a phone number and a C.A.R.E. representative calls the person back within 15 minutes.

For additional information, visit the Women's Resource Center, located in Warren 404 or access their web site at www.jmu.edu/womensrectr.



Clockwise from top: 1997 Take Back the Night candlelight vigil (file photo); T-shirts decorated by those affected by violence against women; crowd assembled for 1997 ceremony on the commons (file photo); T-shirts will be on display in the PC Ballroom from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday. Photos by contributing photographer Amelia Taber.



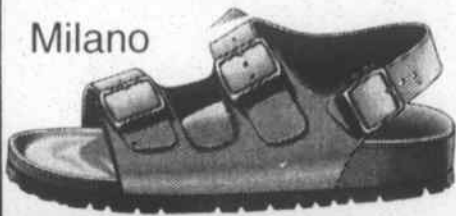
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The Paper Doll Project, on display in Warren Hall, makes students aware that violence against women is an issue facing the JMU community.

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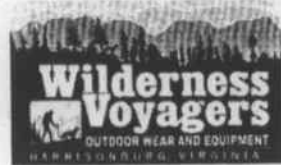


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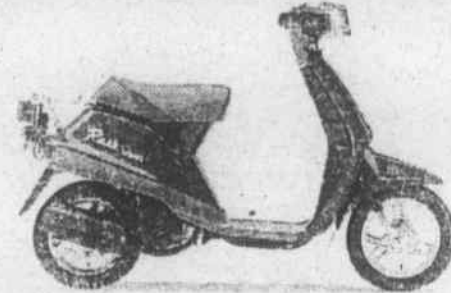
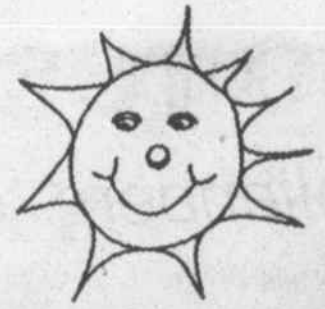
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No rest for basketball problems

Wollenberg to transfer from JMU; Colebank's future in question

JASON McINTYRE
senior writer

In a stunning turn of events, senior point guard Misty Colebank will not play basketball for JMU next year — she is switching sports to play lacrosse.

"As of right now, I'm not happy, and I won't be playing basketball next year," Colebank said. "Coach [Bud] Childers says that I'm not on the same page with him and it's caused a conflict with us. It's really hurt our player/coach relationship."

Last season the Dukes finished 11-20, their worst record in 15 years.

Colebank was contacted by lacrosse coach Jen Ulehla and was offered a spot on the lacrosse team as the backup goalie. Colebank, who has never played lacrosse before, accepted the invitation, and was on the sidelines Saturday for the Dukes game against Delaware.

"Coach Ulehla and the team has welcomed me with open arms," Colebank said. "I'm very thankful of coach Ulehla

"As of right now, I'm not happy and I won't be playing basketball next year."



Misty Colebank
JMU women's basketball player

for the opportunity to play lacrosse, and I'm going to take that opportunity."

Colebank, a Virginia Beach native, was a two-year starter on the basketball team and averaged a team-leading 8.2 points and 3.1 assists per game last season. As a freshman in 1996-'97, Colebank was named to the CAA All-Rookie team.

The loss of Colebank could not have come at a worse time for the Dukes. It comes on the heels of the departure of shooting guard Becky Wollenberg,

who asked to be released from her scholarship in February.

"It really wasn't a good situation [with Childers] from the start," Wollenberg said from her home in Annandale. "There was a big lack of communication and we never really saw eye to eye."

Wollenberg, who was recruited by former JMU Coach Shelia Moorman, was suspended from the team indefinitely in February for "breaking team rules."

She played in the Dukes'

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Riley breaks JMU scoring record

Senior scores 200th career point in Dukes' 16-7 victory over Delaware

JASON McINTYRE
senior writer

Senior Megan Riley's list of lacrosse accomplishments is a long one. Saturday she added one that will go near the top.

Riley netted five goals and had four assists, leading the Dukes to a 16-7 win over the University of Delaware, and in the process, set a school record for most points in a career.

Riley now has 119 goals and 83 assists for 202 career points. The former record of 99 points was held by Nora Maguire, who played from 1989-'92.

In Saturday's game at Reservoir Street field, the Dukes jumped to an early 3-0 lead and never looked back. Junior Julie Martinez got things started just 15 seconds into the game by scoring off an assist from junior Julie Weiss. Martinez got another one just four minutes later, and Riley capped the early burst with a goal one minute later as the Dukes, ranked seventh in the nation, used their speed to their advantage.

"We have been working on our fast break a lot in practice, and we just like to push it from the draw," JMU head coach Jen Ulehla said. "We definitely have a lot of speed, and that allows us to match up with the top programs around the nation."

The Dukes win, their fourth straight, ups their record to 5-1; the Blue Hens, ranked 16th in the nation coming in, fell to 2-2.

Despite the Dukes' early lead, they were unable to put away Delaware. The Blue Hens closed to 4-2 at the 14 minute mark, and senior Jaime Pleyo answered for JMU with her first of two goals on of the day, this one on an assist from Riley.

For the rest of the half, the Dukes used their distinct speed advantage to create scoring opportunities.

Riley beat a defender down the sideline and hit cutting sophomore Michelle Zurfluh for an easy goal at the 10:34 mark

for a 6-2 lead. Zurfluh had two goals on the day.

After two Delaware goals trimmed the lead to 6-4, Riley scored on a free position shot with 3:22 left in the half, and then scored on an assist from Martinez with 1:42 remaining to give JMU an 8-4 half-time lead.

"We really did a good job attacking on the fast break," Riley said. "We've been working on it in practice a lot, trying to use our speed advantage."

Sophomore goalie Jennifer Corradini played an outstanding game in the net, stopping 16 Delaware shots, including two from point blank range in the final 45 seconds of the half.

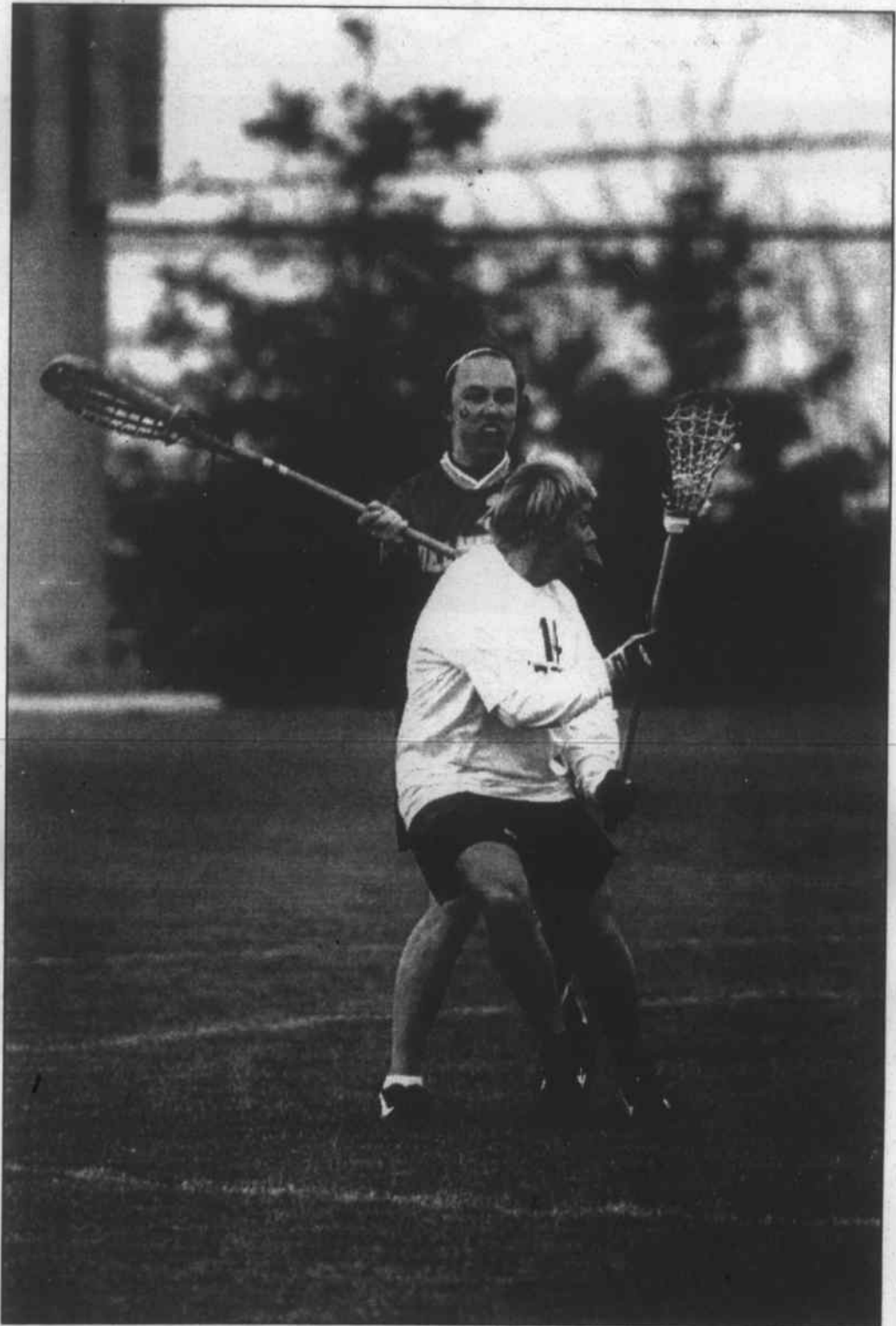
Riley, a first team All-American selection last year, got things going in the second half, scoring five minutes in, after flashing in front of the goal and taking a pass from Pleyo. Following Riley's goal, the Blue Hens counterattack was thwarted as Corradini denied two more shots from close range.

"Our defense played a great game," said Martinez, who had three goals and one assist in the Dukes' victory. "Giving up seven goals against Delaware is pretty good."

The JMU defensive back line of junior Jennifer Valore and seniors Meghan Branning and Lisa Banbury used their size and speed to beat the smaller Blue Hen attackers and make things in the second half easier for Corradini.

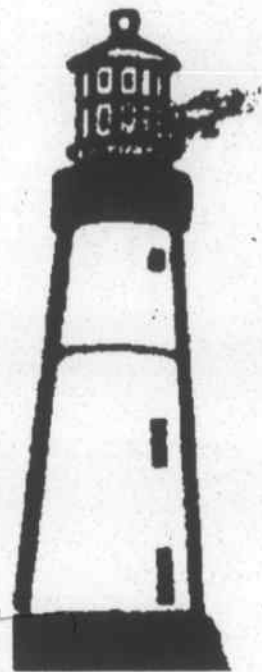
Junior Amy Brew suffered what appeared to be a bruised shin with three minutes left in the game and did not return. Her status for Tuesday's home game against the College of William & Mary is uncertain.

"It's a really big week coming up for us," Martinez said. "We are going to have to come out strong against three ranked teams. We really have to work on consistency and keep our desire and hunger for 60 minutes."



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Senior Megan Riley fights off a Delaware defender Saturday in the Dukes' 16-7 victory. Riley became JMU's all-time leading scorer in the game.



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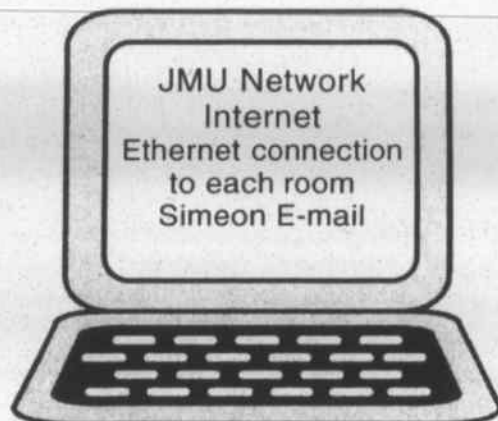
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Pirates sweep Dukes

JMU drops three games in first weekend of CAA play

BY YAN MURRAY
Staff writer

With swords at their backs, the Diamond Dukes were made to walk the plank by the East Carolina University Pirates this weekend getting swept in a three-game set in the Dukes' opening CAA series of the year.

The last game of the series was more like a football game than baseball because the Dukes and Pirates combined for 31 runs on 33 hits with the Dukes losing by a 6-15 final.

Although the Pirates swept the Dukes (8-15-1), the Dukes aren't hanging their heads heading into next week's match-ups with Radford University, Towson State University and Old Dominion University.

"We have a lot of talent," junior second baseman T. Riley said. "We are right on the verge of busting out and once things click, we will be a tough team to beat."

Throughout the game, the Dukes held leads of 6-1, 8-4, 9-8, and 12-10, but each time squandered their lead.

After scoring six runs in the top of the seventh, the Pirates (24-5) never looked back. JMU scored a run in the bottom of the seventh and two more in the bottom of the ninth, but it was not enough.

"We were right there against the 25th-ranked team in the country in two out of three games."



'Spanky' McFarland
JMU baseball coach

"We were right there against the 25th-ranked team in the country in two out of three games," Dukes head coach "Spanky" McFarland said. "We're close but we just

got to get it done on the field."

The Dukes took a 6-1 lead after an inning of play, but could not hold on for the victory over the ECU Pirates.

One of the rarities in baseball occurred in the top of of the seventh inning when ECU catcher Jason Howard knocked an inside-the-park home run off of sophomore pitcher Brandon Cornwell.

Dukes' sophomore third baseman Greg Miller kept his 19-game hitting streak alive with a solo homer in the bottom of the fifth for his first of the year. Miller also connected for a two-RBI double in the bottom of the sixth.

"We hung in there with ECU on Friday and today," Miller said. "We are disappointed with the way we played but we hung with them and we will take that as a positive."

The Dukes' sophomore designated hitter Tony Moore also slammed his second home run of the year, a three-run shot, in the bottom of the first.

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Basketball loses two top players

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home game against Richmond on Feb. 2, scoring eight points in 18 minutes of action. Wollenberg said Childers questioned some players on whether they broke team rules.

Citing loyalty, Wollenberg refused to answer and was suspended for the team's game against Old Dominion Feb. 5 and didn't play the rest of the season. In addition, she was suspended from all team activities.

"I might be the player coach Childers wanted, but I don't think I'm the type of person he wanted."

Becky Wollenberg
Former JMU women's basketball player

Eight days later, Wollenberg went to Childers and asked to be released from her scholarship, to which coach Childers didn't object.

Childers is in San Jose for the women's Final Four and couldn't be reached for comment.

"I might be the player-coach Childers wanted, but I don't think I'm the type of person he wanted," Wollenberg said.

Wollenberg is currently in the process of transferring. She is looking at three schools: one in the Big 10 and one in the SEC. Under NCAA eligibility rules, she will have to sit out a season, but will then have two years of eligibility left.

Wollenberg averaged 6.5 points per game this year, a significant drop from the 10.1 ppg she scored in 1997-'98, when she was named to the CAA All-Rookie team.

That year she set a school record for three-pointers made and attempted in a season, hitting 56 of 175 from downtown. She also was the first JMU freshman ever to record four 20-point scoring games.

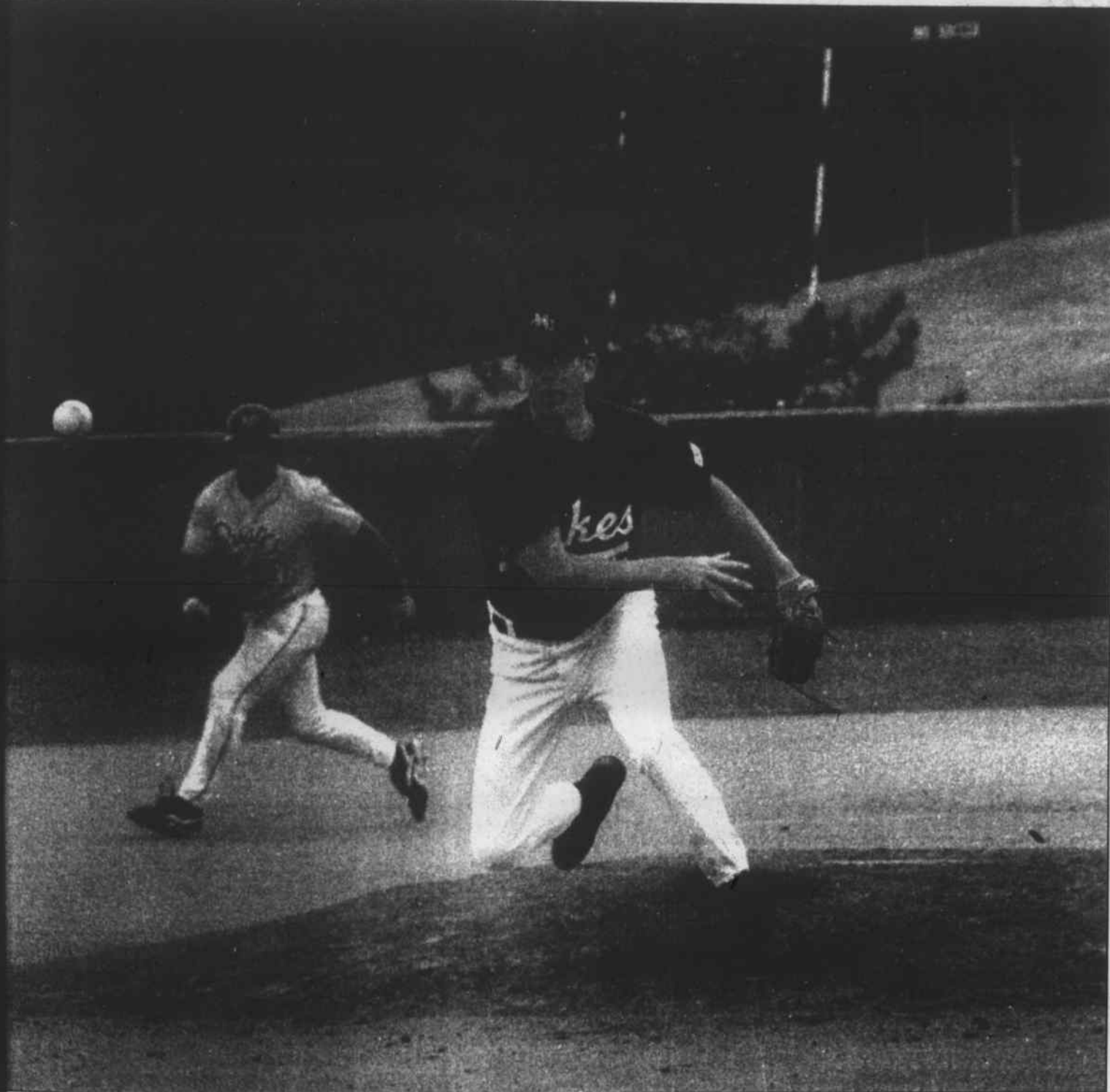
Freshman guard Allyson Keener said she was "pretty shocked" at the losses of Wollenberg and Colebank.

"People were surprised," she said. "The whole situation with the suspensions and all kind of separated the team, and hurt the players in terms of a team relationship. It led to some uncomfortable relationships and some tension."

In addition to the loss of Colebank and Wollenberg, the Dukes graduate five seniors, including Shirlence Archer, Kish Jordan and Hope Cook, who were 2-3-4 in scoring on the team, respectively. The leading scorer returning to the team will be freshman center Hollee Franklin, who averaged 5.6 ppg.

Keener hopes next season can be a new beginning for the Dukes.

"It'll be kind of like a new beginning for us," she said. "Hopefully we can forget the bad stuff and move on."



CINDY TINKER/staff photographer

Senior pitcher Ryan New works in relief during Saturday's 11-2 loss to East Carolina. New threw 4 2/3 innings, giving up six hits and three runs, fanning three. The Dukes were swept in the three-game set at home by the 25th-ranked Pirates.



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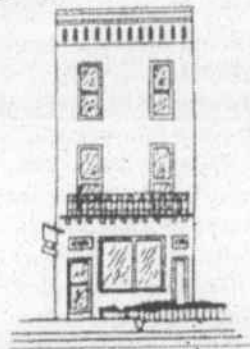
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JMU heads to Florida for nationals

No. 3 Dukettes, No. 1 cheerleaders compete with nation's best Thursday

MEREDITH MCGINNIS
contributing writer

The JMU Cheerleaders and Dukettes will head to Daytona Beach, Fla., for the NCAA National Championships Thursday.

"We enjoy nationals because we work hard all season cheering for everyone else so we have a chance to win for ourselves," cheerleader Greg Whitesell said.

This year, the JMU Varsity Cheerleaders have a strong team made up of eight men and eight women. Captains Whitesell, Pat Loveff and Julie Graves said the Dukes are ready for a comeback this year at nationals after missing the final round last year by 0.01 of a point.

The Division I-A National Championships are held every year to find the best Division I-A cheerleading squad and dance team in the nation. Each team qualifies by entering a videotape of their routines. This year, more than 25 teams qualified for cheering. However, the cost of going to nationals plays a major role in what teams actually compete.

The cheerleaders were ranked number one and the

Dukettes were ranked No. three this season.

Once the teams get there, they must rank in the top 10 in the preliminaries to go to the finals.

Each team gets one chance to perform. They are allowed a six-minute warm-up, followed by a two minute and fifteen second action-packed routine.

If the teams make it to the finals, they are given one chance to show their stuff on national television April 17 on CBS. Rebecca Grefe, the cheerleading and Dukettes coach, said their goal is to make the top five.

"If we hit a good, clean, routine we can do it," Grefe said.

Scoring is done much like that of gymnastics and figure skating. Teams are scored on partner stunts, cheering motions, dance, tumbling, pyramids and jumps. If any of the members bobble in the routine, one-tenth of a point is deducted. Points are also deducted if any members step off the mat.

As Thursday approaches, the cheerleaders and Dukettes are getting ready for the most important competition of the year.

"I'm very pleased with everyone's performance," junior



NEALY BUTLER/staff photographer

The Dukettes and the JMU Cheerleaders will be heading to Dayton Beach, Fla. this week for the National Championships. If the teams can make it to the finals, they will be on CBS April 17.

cheerleader Paul Vutiprichar said. "We have a young team, but it's nice to have the young guys step up and work for the team. If everyone stays positive

and works hard, we have a good chance of winning nationals."

Sophomore Amy Callahan said, "We've been through a lot

of adjustments this year with a new coach, and learning a different coaching philosophy, but I'm really proud of our team."

ECU sweeps JMU in CAA series

ECU, from page 29

On Friday, the Dukes lost a heartbreaker to the Pirates by a 6-5 tally. The Dukes were in a 4-4 deadlock going into the top of the seventh, but ECU scored a run in the seventh and another in the eighth to take a 6-4 lead.

The Dukes did not go down quietly, however, mounting a two-out rally in the bottom half of the ninth on a pinch-hit single by freshman Pat Cunningham scoring senior Nate Turner. Unfortunately for the Dukes, it was not enough, as the Pirates won the game 6-5.

On Saturday, the Dukes continued their sleepwalk, losing to ECU 11-2. ECU lit up the scoreboard in the second, scoring five unearned runs and coasting to the victory.

Freshman Pat Cunningham led the Dukes offensively, having his career-best day at the plate, going 3-for-5. Freshman Adam Wynegar struggled on the mound, giving up eight runs through two innings, but wasn't helped out by his defense, as only two of the runs were earned.

Although the Dukes were swept this weekend, they will stay positive heading into next week.

"We need to keep a level head and capitalize on opportunities when they come," Riley said.

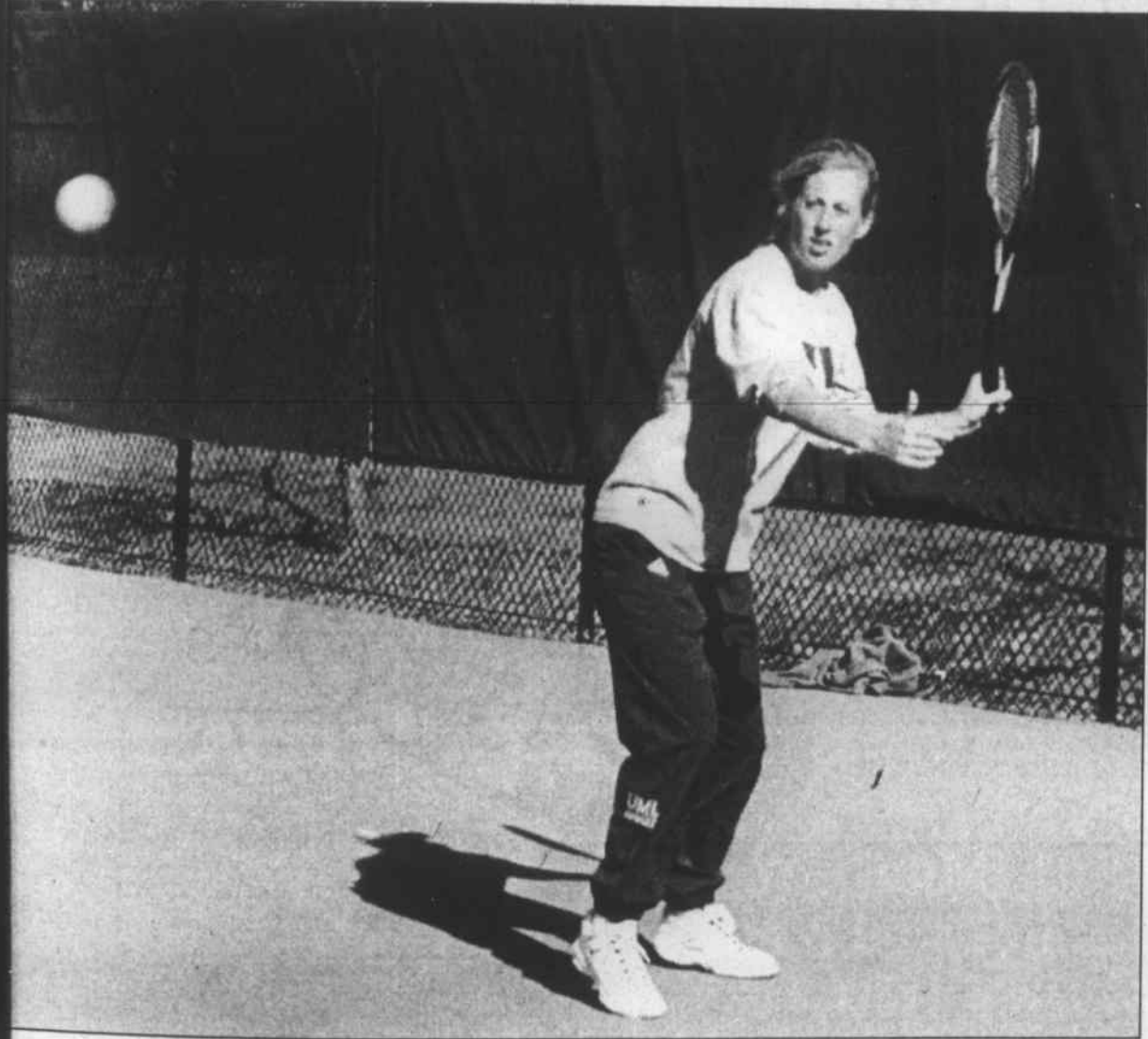
With each game, the young Dukes will continue to get better, McFarland said.

"We beat ourselves more than other teams beat us," McFarland said. "We are still in a growing process and we need to mature but we are real close to being a very good team."

As long as the Dukes execute both offensively and defensively, there could be some wins in the future.

"There are days when our pitching is on and our hitting is off and others where our hitting is on and our pitching is off," Miller said. "We need to execute better and get both to work to get the job done."

The Diamond Dukes' next home game is on Wednesday March 31 against Towson State University at 3 p.m.



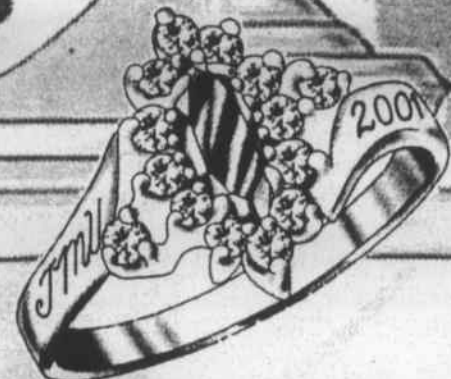
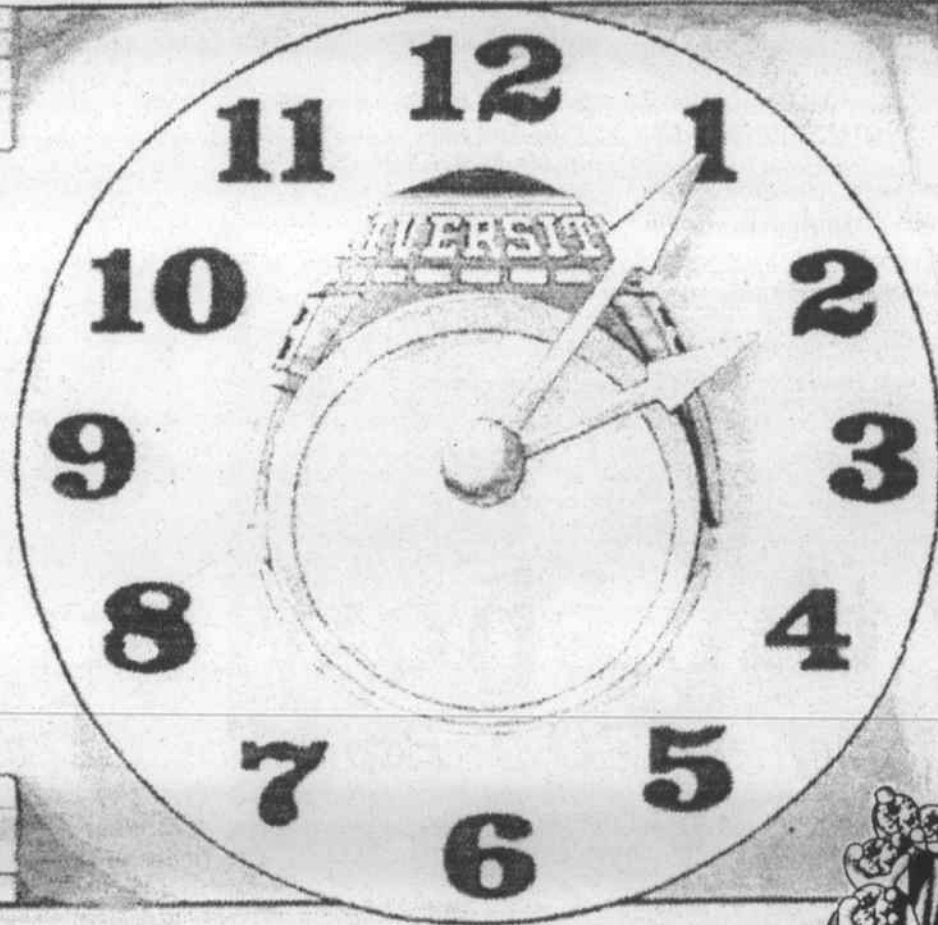
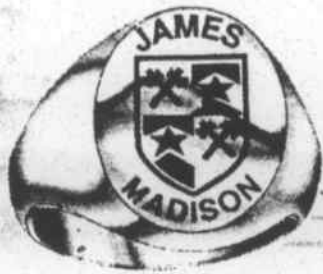
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FOCUS NOW: Sophomore Sarah Granson sizes up a practice ball last week. Saturday, the tennis team upped their record to 5-4 with a 7-2 victory over the University of West Virginia Saturday at the Godwin tennis courts. Granson, the No. 6 seed, played well against WVU, winning her singles match in straight sets, and teaming with senior Chrissy Travlos to win their doubles match 8-1.

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Top-ranked Duke won't be surprise in tonight's final, but will be fun to watch

CBS screwed up Saturday night. Instead of showing the Duke-Michigan State national semifinal, they showed "Pinocchio." The greatest movie of all time about the puppet master and his puppet. Oh wait. No. That was the Duke game.

It just happens that Duke head coach Mike Krzyzewski and the 1998-'99 edition of the Blue Devils are Geppetto in college basketball this year.

I hadn't really noticed this until last night because all year the Blue Devils have made it look so damn easy (with the exception of losing to Cincinnati and scraping by St. John's in OT). I thought they were just using talent, brute force, attitude and skill to wipe the floor with their opponents. Most of their games this year have been complete blowouts, the kind of games only sadists get pleasure out of.

They've shot nearly 40 percent from behind the arc. Who does that consistently? Nobody. Shooting three-point shots in basketball is like batting in baseball: you know if you succeed 30 percent of the time, you're really good. What happens when you hit 40 percent? You're Ted Williams and nobody can touch you. A god in your own time. Or if you're in college basketball, a wrecking machine emblazoned in blue Nike attire.

The Blue Devils haven't just had luck from behind the arc, though. It's not like they're playing Rick Pitino "live-by-the-three, die-by-the-three" basketball that can get you in trouble if you're having a cold night. They've completely and utterly dismantled opponents with an arsenal larger than NATO is using in Kosovo. Inside, outside, upside-down. They just annihilate you.

Elton Brand, the consensus All-American and Player of the Year, has killed

opponents under the boards despite his size — we all forget that Brand is only 6-foot-8. That's teeny-tiny for a center. But much like Alonzo Mourning, he plays bigger than he is.

Underrated Shane Battier, the super defense man whom one unnamed member of my family cruelly calls a Chinese Shar-pei because of the wrinkles in his head, is a kamikaze on defense. He blocks shots, gives you a steal, hustles at all times. He posts up and lands his butt on the floor taking charges. Anything for the team. And he can score if he wants to — just ask Maryland. I could go on: Trajan Langdon from behind the line, William Avery running the show, Chris Carrawell providing an athletic spark and a lot of minutes.

And let's not forget about the fabulous freshman Corey Maggette.

He's reminding me more of Grant Hill with each passing game.

Going into the game against Michigan State, the Devils were averaging a 30-point win margin in four games. Florida A&M, Tulsa, Southwest Missouri State and Temple were merely Sideshow Bob to Duke's Krusty the Clown.

The Blue Devils had not had a serious challenge since St. John's played them to overtime in January. So us Duke fans forgot that there was a possibility the Blue Devils could actually lose a game.

However, Saturday the Devils from Durham showed us why they are the puppeteers by playing a poor game by Duke standards. The score? 68-62. The

result? Yet another victory. The game? Definitely not as close as the score would indicate.

The Blue Devils played atrociously Saturday night, only shooting 44 percent from the field, a paltry 52 percent from the line and committing more turnovers than the Spartans. Let's just say there wasn't any "magic" in this game.

Michigan State got within three on a couple of occasions, but Duke never lost its cool. In fact, if I didn't know better, I think the puppeteers were just having fun playing with their Spartan puppet. It almost seems like the Blue Devils were just taunting Mateen Cleaves & Co. to get as close as they could before pulling away again. State got within three at one point

and Avery responded with five unanswered points to take Duke's lead back up to nine.

If this year's team

has one weakness, it's at the charity stripe. Last night was no exception. Carrawell, who was 6-12 at the line, was making me sweat a little. I kept having flashbacks to the 1991 semifinal when Christian Laettner beat invincible UNLV on his steely presence at the free throw line. I thought possibly if Duke screwed up at the line any more, they'd turn into UNLV and go down like the Chrysler building in "Armageddon."

It was just that kind of night. Ugly, ugly, ugly. But Duke proved that it can get down and dirty and still get the job done. That's why this year's Duke team is so great to watch.

It has swagger, it has style, and it has a

From the Cheap Seats

— Courtney A. Crowley



tough attitude. But it has all the goods to back up such posturing — and the Blue Devils know when to stop being arrogant long enough to make sure they win the game. The Running Rebels did not.

I don't know if I've ever seen a team play in my lifetime that was such a lock to be the last team standing at the end of the shootout as Duke is. I've read that the John Wooden UCLA teams with Lew Alcindor and Bill Walton were pretty good as far as history is concerned. But college basketball has become so much more homogenized since then — there is much more talent everywhere now.

Duke was armed with a bazooka this season when everybody else seemed to have a mere six-shooter. But those are just the minor details resultant Coach K's excellent recruiting and coaching.

Tonight will be terrific. UConn won't give Duke as much trouble as State. Coach K will be able to cut down the nets for the first time since Laettner, Hill and Bobby Hurley showed the Fab Five there are some finer points to be learned with age, experience and grace. This crop of Blue Devils are unlike the other championship teams because they're younger, brasher, bolder and even more talented. But they retain the same character traits that Krzyzewski has instilled in each of his teams: class, a work ethic, humility... as well as that ever-important killer instinct. Almost forgot about that one. For a minute there.

The best part in this, though, is that with the exception of a graduating Langdon, the Blue Devils will be back in full next year because Brand's mom is cool and Coach K will have a new hip to stand tall on. Repeat. REPEAT. REPEAT!

Courtney A. Crowley is a junior and the editor. She tried to get the part on the Nike commercial with the mice, but was denied.

Taking the show on the road

Pi Kappa Phi represents JMU in Pepsi Five-on-Five Regional Tourney

MADGA SALAZAR
contributing writer

With March Madness nearing its end, sponsors and fans alike have been watching their teams make their way toward the NCAA championship.

The basketball athletes, however, aren't the only ones hitting the courts with championship prizes waiting for them.

Through the Pepsi Five-on-Five Regional Tournament, intramural teams from all over the country also got a chance to compete for an all-expense paid trip to Los Angeles to play at the Great Western Forum.

At JMU, the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity basketball team was only one game away from earning its own trip to Los Angeles to compete in the final four championship before losing to the regional champions, Georgia Southern University.

"I would say the competition in the

first rounds of the tournament were as competitive as the competition was here at JMU," senior PKP team member Wade Harrington said. "Up until we got to the final round, playing there was like playing here."

Through process of elimination and tournament play, PKP earned bragging rights among the Greek and JMU communities when they defeated the Sigma Alpha Epsilon in the Greek League Championship and then went on to defeat Team Trouble of the UREC league, earning a trip to Fetzer Gym at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

"This tournament was played like

any other intramural tournament," senior PKP member Robert McSwan said. "First we won the Greek championship and then we played against and then we won the school championship."

In a 47-team bracket, PKP defeated the University of South Carolina with a

60-45 score in the opening round of tournament play. Playing in the team's first of two Saturday games, PKP was challenged by New River Community College through the first half as the fraternity held a marginal lead with a

score of 17-13.

The momentum of the game changed in the second half, as the PKP outscored their opponents by 41 points. PKP won

"We had just come back from spring break in Cancun so we were kind of lazy about it."

Wade Harrington
Pi Kappa Phi basketball team member

the game with a 65-20 final score.

PKP's 60-40 win against North Carolina Wesleyan later that night was an indication of another win to come as PKP defeated NCW 62-45 again in an early Sunday morning game. The win put the team in the tournaments final four bracket.

"We probably should have practiced more," Harrington said. "We had just come back from spring break in Cancun so we were kind of lazy about it."

Harrington also adds that this was no tournament to take lightly, which may have been PKP's down fall.

"Other teams were pretty organized," Harrington said. "They had uniforms and we didn't, we were kind of the slackers of the group."

Harrington said, "The competition was very tough. We had a pretty tough bracket and the last team we played against is probably the best team I'll ever be on the court with."

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MEN'S GYMNASTICS

The men finished sixth out of 10 teams at the ECAC Gymnastics Championships at the University of Iowa Friday. The Dukes compiled a score of 202.85.

Nick Blanton continued his strong freshman campaign, as he was the Dukes' top finisher in the all-around standings. He placed 19th with a score of 50.60.

Blanton led the Dukes on the floor exercise, coming in 16th place with a score of 9.10. On the pommel horse, senior **Tim Bulleri** was the highest JMU finisher, tying for 17th with a score of 8.90. Senior **Mark Denoble** came in 20th place with a score of 8.85.

JMU's best event was the still rings, where Bulleri finished ninth with a 9.20. Blanton came in 16th with a 8.90.

On the vault, senior **Craig Mattoon** placed 10th with a 9.10. Junior **John Kyle** tied for 16th place with a 9.00.

WOMEN'S GOLF

At the William & Mary home tournament, JMU placed fourth out of 16 teams with a team score of 684. Junior **Julie Russum** and sophomore **Maria Zappone** tied for high-finishing honors, coming in 12th. Russum shot a 86-83 for a 169, and Zappone shot a 87-82.

Sophomore **Jessica Prenzlou** had a two-round total of 171 (85-86) to finish 12th, and sophomore **Corrie Tayman** placed 25th with a 175 (89-86).

WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS

At the ECAC Women's Championships, JMU set a school record with a score of 191.1, finishing in second place.

Junior **Betsy Hernandez** was the Dukes' leader in the all-around standings, as she finished with a 38.3, good for fourth place.

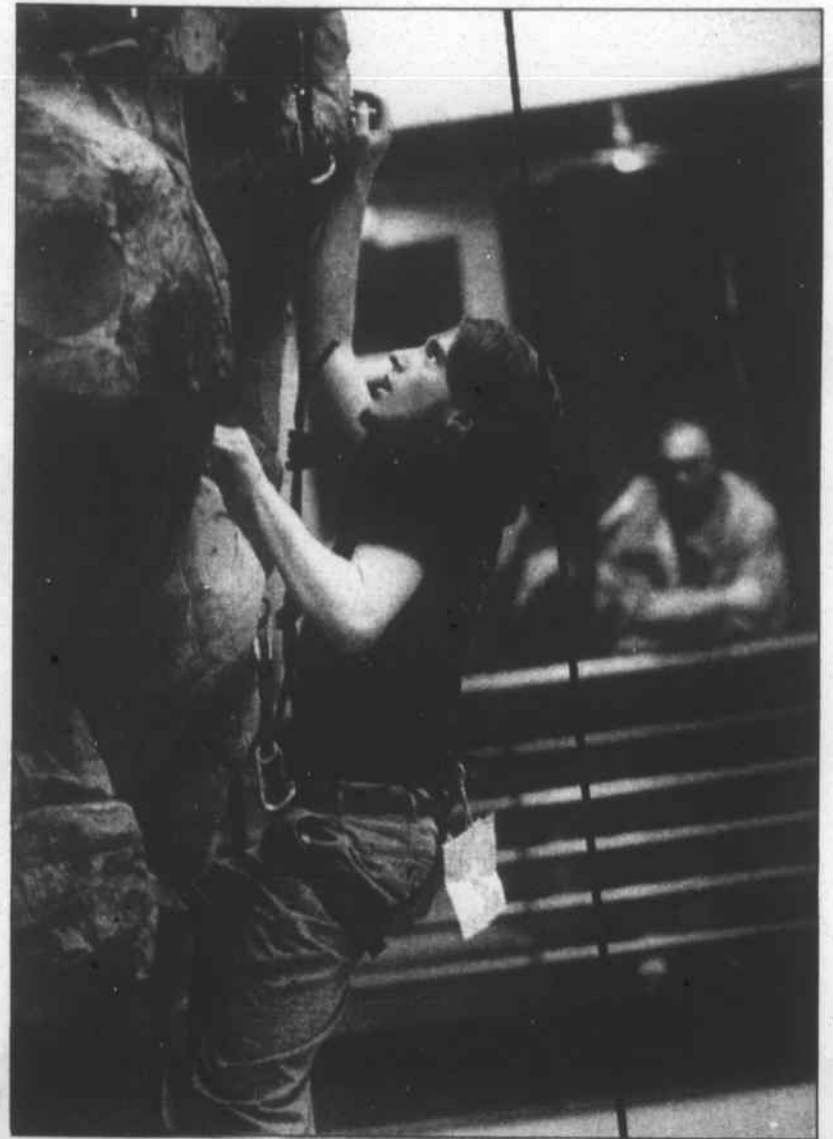
Hernandez performed best on the vault, where she scored a 9.625. On the uneven bars, junior **Kathleen Bellino** scored a 9.625, placing her fourth.

Junior **Ashleigh Suarez** and senior **Jill Hornung** both placed in the top five on the beam, Suarez with a 9.75 (3rd) and Hornung scored a 9.725 (5th).

Sophomore **Courtney Flynn** finished third with a score of 9.85 on the floor exercise.

TRACK AND FIELD

At the Raleigh Relays in N.C., the relay team of junior **Ben Cooke**, senior **Russ Coleman**, and sophomores **Eric Post** and **Jason Long** won the 1500 m in 14:31.07, meeting IC4A qualifying standards. Senior **Paul Lewis** also qualified by placing fifth in the 400m with a time of 47.48. Senior **Keisha Banks** finished 8th in the 3000m run in 9:56.81.



DYLAN BOUCHERLE/photo editor

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Today's Birthday (March 29) You're getting lots of attention this year, and that's great. You look marvelous, especially in April. By May, you should be ready to play by the rules. You'll see why by August. Take more responsibility in September, and again in November. By December, you'll barely recognize yourself. Your dreams come alive in February.

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

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 6 — You're drawing a lot of attention today, and most of it's favorable. You're looking very good, and that's important, because it's kind of like you're on display. You're putting on a performance for a very critical audience. The good news is, they love you.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 6 — Somebody else is being pushed, and you're getting pushed as a result. It's the domino effect, with a slight difference. You don't like being pushed and don't respond well to that sort of stimulation. The other person has the enthusiasm, but you have the common sense and the experience, so make your opinion known.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 6 — Love and marriage sure go together, and if your love affair needs a commitment, this is a good day to make it. Looks like a friend may want to upgrade to a more intimate status, and that would sure do the trick. Don't wait for the other person to make the first move. If you think it's right, do that yourself.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 6 — Some say it's whom you know that helps you become successful. Others say it's what you know that does the trick. For you today, it's both. A marvelous opportunity could become available. If someone you trust recommends it, just say yes.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 6 — How long has it been since you and your favorite person had a real vacation? If the answer is never, what's the problem? Lack of money? Or lack of priority? If you make Paris in the spring a higher priority than, say, drinking beer and eating pretzels, could you make it happen? Working together, you might.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 6 — This looks like an excellent day to make an investment. Put your money in a place where it can grow, without too much risk, of course. Although you have to act quickly, you should not act impetuously. Do the homework first. This is not a gamble. It's a strategy.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Today is a 6 — Sometimes you're the best person to carry out a job, but not always. Today, for example, it looks like somebody else has better skills than you do for a specific task that must be done. Instead of trying to learn how to do it yourself, simply delegate. The time you save will be worth the money.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) — Today is a 6 — You and a friend really ought to think about going into business for yourselves. You could think of lots of jobs for other people to do, and that's the basis of being a good entrepreneur. Now all you have to do is think of a way to sell what they produce and you've got it made.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 6 — Your assignment for today is to be perfect, or as near as you can manage. At first you might think it's impossible to meet another's expectations, but actually, it could turn out to be fun. Think of it as a game, and you're going for the championship. If you win, you get more than the prize. You get respect from a person you admire.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 6 — This is another good day for love, and this time, travel may be required. You definitely need to get into an area with which you are slightly unfamiliar. Something unusual — a

different neighborhood, a different language — will add to the thrill. You may end up at your house, but getting there will be more than half the fun.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 6 — One of your best ideas is in danger of being shot down today. Somebody's going to be asking highly detailed questions — how can this work? how much will it cost? etc. It's not really going to be a problem if you have all the answers prepared. If you don't, maybe you'd better get busy on that first.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 6 — There's another indication today that money is coming into your account, possibly quite a lot. It comes partially because you've taken a critical partner's suggestions to heart. The closer you come to being perfect, the more money you'll make. What you're doing is being noticed, by the way, by people in high places.

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All My Children

Liza was stunned when David suggested that Vanessa had been the one who had alerted the media about Erica's "press conference." Meanwhile, Vanessa continued to fuel Adam's hatred for David by blaming David for Erica's condition. Ryan recanted his testimony, but the judge ordered him held in jail until Braden took a blood test.

Another World

As Tyrone meets with Marley and realizes she might not be guilty, Vicky, believing she killed Grant, wrestles with her conscience and almost tells the truth but when she sees Kirkland, she continues with the lie. Later, Donna finds blood on Vicky's scarf and Vicky admits to Donna what happened. Donna encourages her to keep silent.

As the World Turns

Despite getting a housesitting job in the apartment from Ben, Denise is disturbed about Luisa's situation. Ben asks her why she identifies so strongly with Luisa. She deflects his questions. As a gift to make her feel better, Ben gives her tickets to see a Chicago ballet company in town. Denise is ecstatic, and thanks Ben not only for the gift, but for being so understanding.

The Bold and the Beautiful

Aniber thanks C.J. for coming through for her at the Insomnia. Now that she was able to stop Raymond, all she has to do is wait for the baby. C.J. urges her to get a reality check. He points out that she's carrying around a ticking time bomb. Rick is stunned when he hears Macy call Myles "Daddy." Macy apologizes to Myles for her slip and explains her relationship with Myles, and why Kimberly is so upset.

Days of Our Lives

Tension is high as the judge reads the charges against Austin; aiding and abetting a fugitive. The assistant D.A. announces that there is a second charge: kidnapping. Austin is hit hard. He pleads not guilty on both counts and makes an emotional plea to the judge to be released.

General Hospital

Jason and Sonny were caught off guard when they received a surprise visit from Dr. Smithson, the court appointed psychologist. Carly attempted to convince AJ that they needed to act more natural around each other. AJ was later shocked when Jason and Alexis arrived at the mansion with a court order allowing Jason to visit Michael whenever he wanted. Sonny rescued a mysterious stranger named Hannah from a mugger on the docks.

Guiding Light

Blake talks with Fletcher at the diner, and both are worried about the effect his staying in town will have on Holly. Blake finds his plane tickets, and accuses Fletcher of ruining Holly's life the last time he left with Meg. Holly reveals she sent away Fletcher, the one person she needs to forgive her. Vicky confronts Phillip about his takeover of Lewis Oil.

One Life to Live

After Viki discovered that Ben was still running a high fever, she decided to go out and find him some medicine. Grace placed another mysterious call after overhearing a conversation between Kevin and Sykes. Grace angled to spend more time with Kevin, but he turned down her request to help her get situated in Llanview.

Port Charles

Scott suspected that Eve knew more about DV than she was letting on. Courtney and Frank continued to make Joe look like a womanizer. Courtney put on a disguise and placed several phone calls to Karen from a strip club. Karen went to the strip club and was livid when she discovered a "sexy redhead" had been calling her apartment. Chris once again caught on to Courtney's games when he discovered that she had been masquerading as Marcia Cooper.

Sunset Beach

Ricardo's thrown when Gabi begs him not to watch the tape. Maria interrupts and explains to them about Benjy. She asks Ricardo to authenticate the photographs. Caitlin tells Cole that the only feeling she has left for him is hatred. Cole urges Caitlin to let him hold Trey. A furious Gregory watches from his limo. Gregory warns Caitlin that if she wants to raise Trey with him, then she must stay away from Cole.

The Young & the Restless

Nikki finds out from Jill about the coup at Newman Enterprises. Nikki finds Brad with Ashley. She rages against them and threatens that they will pay for what they have done. When Nikki leaves, Ashley demands answers from Brad. She is disapproving of the sneaky way he and Jack handled the takeover. Victoria shows up to try and convince Cole that Ashley has not been honest with him and that Ashley and Rafael have more of a story than they are telling.

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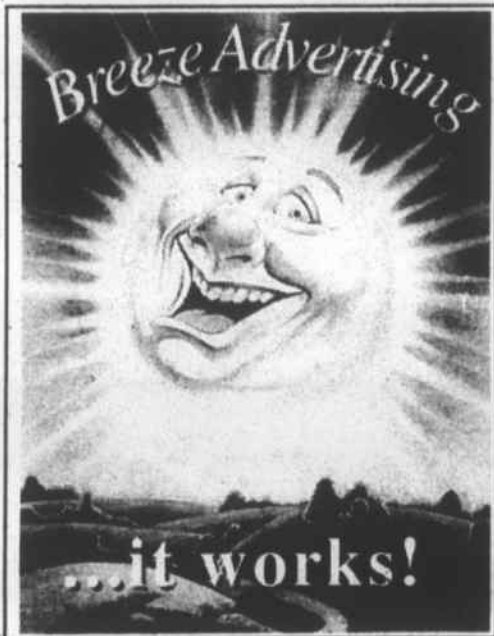
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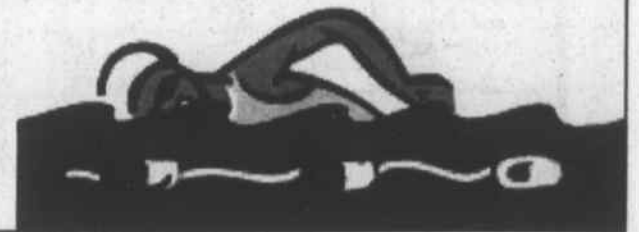


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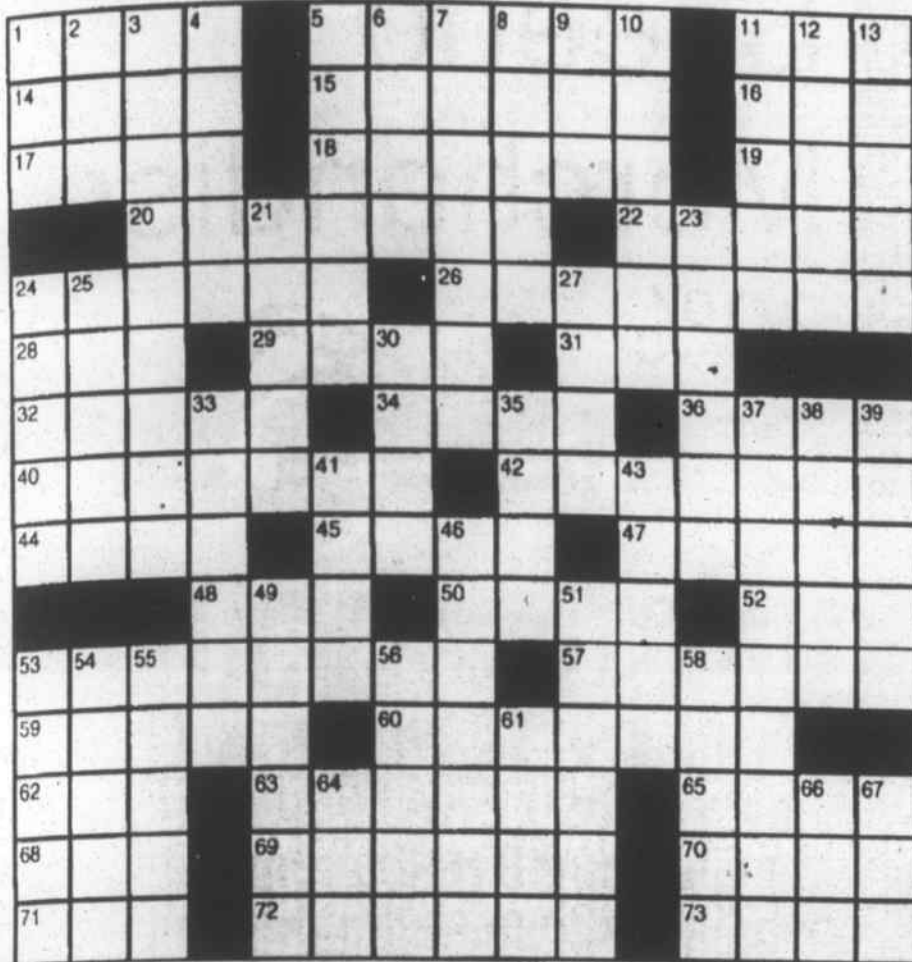
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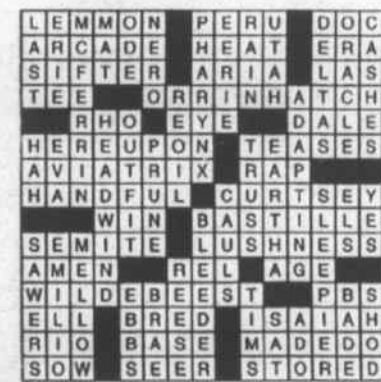


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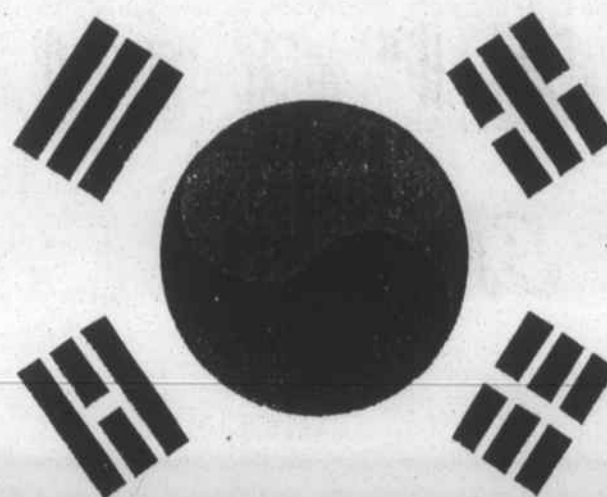
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