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NCAA president expresses concerns

BY BRANDON SWEENEY
contributing writer

NCAA President Myles Brand spoke on his growing concerns about collegiate athletics moving toward professionalism Monday in the College Center Grand Ballroom.

"We Americans love sports," Brand said. "They provide us with metaphors for life, such as 'taking one for the team' and 'getting our game face on.'"

He went on to comment on the differences between collegiate and professional athletics.

"I point out the differences not to argue that one model is superior to the other," Brand said, "but only to establish that the collegiate model is utterly distinct from professional sports."

Brand considers professional sports to be a business in which athletes sell their services to the highest bidder. The professional model views these athletes as a labor force.

The collegiate model is based on education, where the model views the athletes as students in the pursuit of an education.

"The relationship between the team and the university is essential," Brand said.

He added that the team cannot disassociate itself from the university like a professional team can move to a new city.

Brand voiced his concern that college sports have become too similar to professional sports.

"Universities compete for student athletes as aggressively as they compete for students," Brand said.

In order to combat this glorification of student athletes, he said a task force has been assembled to investigate the athletes' recruitment visits.

The goal is to normalize the visit so that it does not differentiate from that of the non-athlete. Each university will submit written policies for recruitment visits to be approved by the conferences in the NCAA.

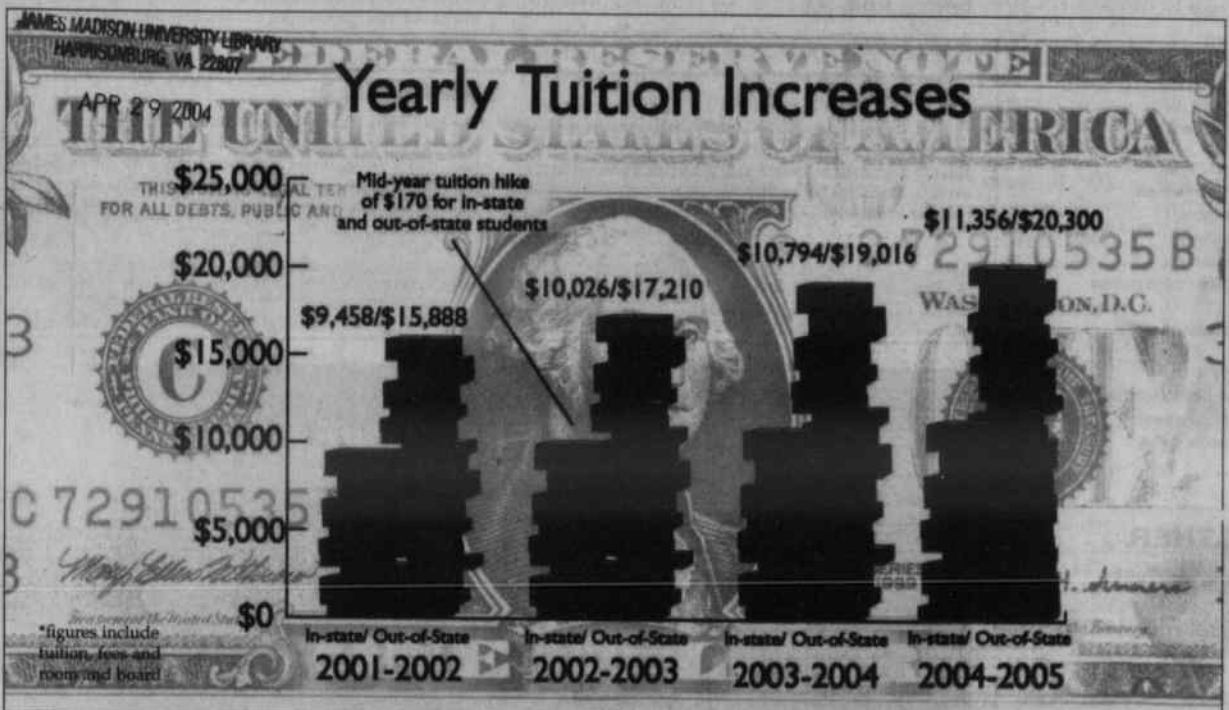
As of Thursday, the final piece of the current academic reform act will be put in place.

Universities will be accountable for the academic success of their student athletes, according to Brand. Credit will be given to



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KEVAN MACTIVER/graphics editor

Board raises tuition, fees

In-state up 5.2%, out-of-state up 6.75%

BY KYRA PAPAFIL
senior writer

Undergraduate tuition will increase 5.2 percent for in-state students and 6.75 percent for out-of-state students as of the 2004-'05 school year, the Board of Visitors decided Monday.

The total costs for tuition, student fees and room and board for in-state students living on campus will increase from \$10,794 to \$11,356. The same costs for out-of-state students living on campus will increase from \$19,016 to \$20,300.

Costs for commuter students will increase from \$5,058 to \$5,476 for in-state students and from \$13,280 to \$14,420 for out-of-state students.

Increases in room and board will be the same for in and out-of-state students — an increase from \$5,736 to \$5,880.

Student fees will increase equally for both in-state and non-Virginia students from the current amount of \$2,638 to \$2,724.

Graduate student tuition also will increase from \$201 to \$226 per credit hour for in-state students and \$605 to \$660 per credit hour for out-of-state students.

Board member Charles H. Grover Jr. said these increases were necessary to combat the rising costs of salaries, facilities management and insurances.

Charles King, senior vice president of finance, said other cost issues included annualizing the

December 2003 salary increase initiated by the state legislature, financially adjusting the base salaries of faculty receiving promotions, a 14 percent increase in health insurance costs and offering more financial aid to students.

The room and board increase primarily is due to contractual increases in ARAMARK's fees as the on-campus dining provider, according to King. He also said the increase in fees allows the university to continue to pay for student services such as University Recreation, athletics and transit.

With the state legislature 100 days into a 60-day session, the university still does not have its biannual budget.

Without a finalized state budget, the board could not properly address financial issues at the meeting on Monday, according to President Linwood Rose.

"While we do not yet have a budget, we should not be disappointed because we know that next year's [budget] will be better than last year's," Rose said.

Students shared differing reactions to the tuition increases.

"I'm not OK with [the increase], but I understand why they have to do it — because [JMU] doesn't receive enough money due to the state budgeting situation," said junior Stuart Shoup, an in-state student.

Junior Rob Ranieri, an out-of-state student, said, "The fact that

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The JMU Board of Visitors increased tuition and discussed campus diversity and new programs at its meeting Monday.

KYRA PAPAFIL/junior photographer

BOV discusses diversity, new programs

BY KYRA PAPAFIL
senior writer

Campus diversity and money were topics addressed by the JMU Board of Visitors at its meeting Monday.

Daniel Wubah, special assistant to the president for the Presidential Commission for Diversity in Student Admission and the Employment of Faculty and Staff, said programs and an office for the commission will be established in the near future. Regarding the commission's Centennial Scholarship program, invitations for the scholarship packages have been sent out to 50 students. These students, 20 of whom have accepted scholarships, were

accepted to the university based on their socioeconomic status.

President Linwood Rose announced the speaker for the May 8 commencement to be television producer Barbara Hall ('82), best known for her work on television with "Joan of Arcadia" and "Judging Amy."

Three new academic programs were approved by the board. JMU now will offer a masters of education in mathematics, an undergraduate major in justice studies in the College of Arts and Letters and a Ph.D. research track in the existing doctoral program in combined-integrated clinical, school and counseling psychology.

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Exit sings for seniors



KATELYN WYSZYNSKI/staff photographer

Exit 245 performs for the Senior Induction Ceremony to welcome seniors into the Alumni Association Tuesday in the Wilson Hall Auditorium.

Minorities to receive grants

BY GEARY COX
news editor

JMU Admissions and Financial Aid will hand out full-cost grants to 50 "ethnically under-represented" students next year. The grants cover tuition, room and board, textbooks and other fees as part of the JMU Centennial Scholars Program.

Daniel Wubah, special assistant to the president for diversity, said that the Centennial Scholars Program and full-cost grants address "the barriers for minority students to come to JMU."

Beginning with 50 students in the fall semester of 2004, the CSP will grow to accommodate 200 students by 2008, JMU's centennial year.

The CSP for the 2004-'05 academic year will include 46 undergraduate students and four graduate students, Wubah said. Only incoming students are eligible for grant consideration.

"As we have it now at JMU, there is no way we can diversify

our campus," Wubah said. Wubah added that, while these institutionally funded grants would be paid for by JMU, the diversity initiative will seek supplemental grant money from state and national sources.

Despite criticisms and concerns, Wubah said, "This is not free money."

Centennial scholars will be required to complete 10 hours of community service to "give back to campus," Wubah said.

Additionally, a newly created position of academic recruitment specialist will create lists of outstanding minority faculty candidates for vacant positions, Wubah said.

Wubah said the movement toward greater diversity "is going to impact students in a positive way."

"Every JMU student, at one time or another, is going to interact with someone of a different background."

Wubah said the CSP and diversity initiative are needed to fulfill the JMU mission statement — specifically in preparing students to be leaders in the real world.

"Look at the real world. It's not like JMU," Wubah said.

He added that if JMU is to fulfill its mission statement, students will have to be educated in an environment that is reflective of the diversified real world.

"Even though I will not be getting more money, I think it's important to attract more minorities to JMU," Powell said. "I still wonder what is being done to help current students still struggling with costs."

General education courses cover skills that students must master and increased diversity will help students develop "the skills to interact with people who don't look like them," Wubah said.

President Linwood Rose, in response to the initiative, said, "Diversity will be a strategic focus for the next four years."

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DUKE DAYS Events Calendar

Thursday, April 29

The *Bluestone*, JMU's award-winning yearbook, will be available free to all students. Yearbooks will be distributed at the Festival, on the commons and the Zane Showker Hall lobby from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. A JAC card must be presented for students who want to pick up their books.

DJ Come On Eileen and DJ Special K will have their last Special Hour on 88.7 WXJM from 8 to 10 a.m. This duo will graduate next week, so tune in. If you are interested in taking over the show, contact DJ Special K at tonkunk1.

Note-Oriety, one of JMU's all-female a capella group, will have its end-of-the-year concert in the College Center Ballroom at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$3. For more information contact Jillian at kellejijm.

Friday, April 30

A capella group Exit 245 will have its "Bling Bling Spring Fling" end of the year blowout featuring a full light show, new songs and giveaways in the College Center Grand Ballroom at 8:30 p.m. Admission is \$4.

The JMU Swing Dance Club and Late Night Programming are co-sponsoring a free swing dance in PC Ballroom from 10:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. A beginner lesson will start at 9:30 p.m. There will be live music by Blue Sky 5. No partner or previous experience is necessary. For more information contact Meghan at sarxmk.

THURSDAY, APRIL 29 – SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2004

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Saturday, May 1

Madison Dance Club will hold its end-of-year show featuring 10 jazz, hip-hop, and Street in Sinclair Gymnasium in Godwin Hall at 2:30 p.m. The show is free and also will feature JMU's Breakdancing Club. For more info contact Christine at chin2cm.

A capella group The Madison Project will have its Year-End Show in Wilson Hall Auditorium at 8 p.m. There will be raffles, Ross Copperman playing at intermission and The Madison Project performing old favorites and new hits. Tickets are available at the Warren Hall Box Office and are \$3 with a JAC card and \$5 without.

Sunday, May 2

The University Health Center recommends that seniors request a copy of their immunization records prior to graduation. This is an important document to have for future health records. E-mail your request with a mailing address to healthrecords or stop by the Health Center to complete a request form.

Submitting events to the DUKE DAYS Events Calendar:

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

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Good luck on finals and
 have a great summer!
 See you next year!

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NEWS

"We are bringing our buildings up to modern standards..."

FRED HILTON
director of university communications
See story below

To do: Leaving for break
Reminders for students from on-campus services and offices about pre-break preparations.
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AROUND CAMPUS

Safe Rides made official club by the university

The Safe Rides program recently received recognition as a club from the university. Safe Rides is a program that offers rides to students coming and going from weekend activities to help keep drunk drivers off the roads. The club currently uses rental cars to pick students up at parties and drive to where ever they need to go. According to senior Lindsey Walther-Thomas, Safe Rides president, the group is looking into insurance and purchasing its own cars.

University publication wins awards for writing

The Society of Professional Journalists presented the Mark of Excellence awards to *The Breeze* and several students. *The Breeze* won second place for best all-around non-daily college newspaper. Travis Clinganpeel ('03) and Jeanine Gajewski ('03) won second place for best student magazine, senior Drew Wilson and juniors Alison Fargo and Adam Sharp won third place for best editorial writing, Clinganpeel won first place for best non-fiction article and senior Zak Salih won third place for general column writing.

Class of '54 reaches goal of \$50,000 for chapel

The class of 1954 raised over \$50,000 for the new Interfaith Chapel on the second floor of Taylor Hall as its 50th class reunion gift to the university. The class exceeded its goal of \$50,000, and of the 156 graduates, 102 of them donated money to the chapel. The \$50,000 will be used to maintain and equip the chapel. The extra money will go to the class' student scholarship fund that it established during its 40th class reunion.

IN THE VALLEY

Local hospital to offer support to diabetics

HARRISONBURG — The Rockingham Memorial Hospital Diabetes Support Group will meet Wednesday, May 12, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the RMH West Tower, conference rooms W221/222. Visitors will learn about new diabetes technology and products. They will participate in the "walk-through fair." The fair will include displays, information and samples of diabetes-related products. There also will be representatives from various companies.

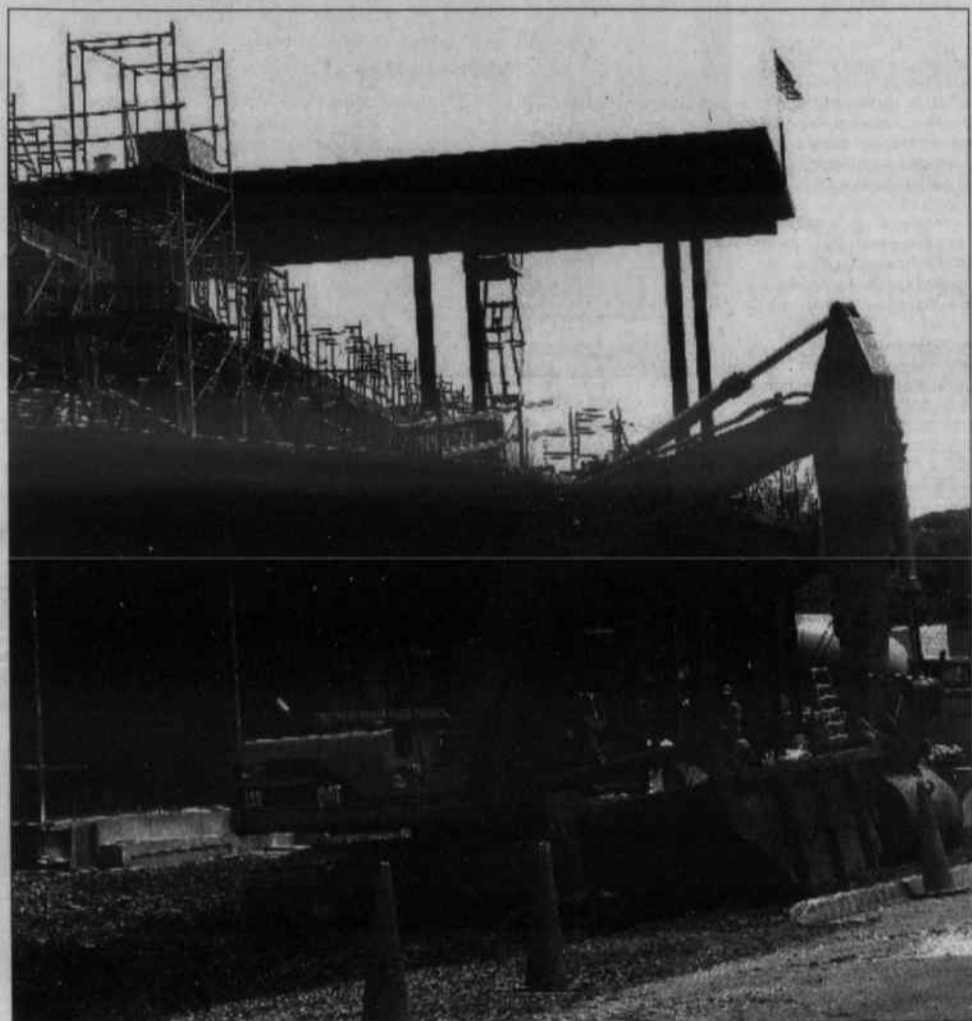
ACROSS THE NATION

Senator worries about airline terrorist defenses

HARTFORD, CONN., (The Hartford Courant) — U.S. Rep. Steve Israel of Long Island, N.Y., sees the jets arrive and depart daily from Kennedy International Airport and worries about a terrorist threat that no amount of baggage scanning can stop. Suppose a terrorist managed to smuggle a shoulder-launched missile to within a mile or so of the airfield, he said. Fired from a rooftop, a patch of woodland or even a highway overpass, the heat-seeking missile could bring down a plane and kill hundreds. Such an attack could paralyze the U.S. aviation industry like nothing before, Israel contends. "This is the most glaring vulnerability that we have," said Israel, whose 2nd District is a few miles from New York's major airports.

Construction continues into summer

Crews work on Plecker, Harrison, Logan, CISAT buildings



KATELYN WYSZYNSKI/staff photographer

Workers continue construction on the multi-million dollar Robert and Frances Plecker Athletic Performance Center. The building, situated at the eastern end of Zane Showker Field is scheduled for completion by February 2005.

BY YASMEEN ALAMIRI
contributing writer

JMU will continue its renovations and construction of Harrison and Logan halls the CISAT academic biotechnology building and the Robert and Frances Plecker Athletic Performance Center over the summer and, in some cases, into the fall. "We are bringing our buildings up to modern standards and establishing a quality learning environment for both current and prospective students in future years," Fred Hilton, director of university communications, said. Harrison Hall, which was built in 1915, is undergoing internal renovations that are totaling \$9.7 million to house the school of communication studies, the school of media arts and design and the Institute of Technical and Scientific Communication which temporarily are placed in the Modular buildings. Michael Smilowitz, a communications professor, said the building was not fully accessible to those with disabilities, and through the renovations these issues will be addressed. The buildings also are receiving technology renovations. The renovation is to be completed during the summer of 2005, and it is scheduled to be fully functional in the fall of 2005, Hilton said. After the move is completed, the Modular buildings will be used to accommodate other departments that are losing their locations temporarily to renovations. There is an ongoing project to renovate all of the older buildings in the bluestone area. Previously, Maury and Sheldon halls were renovated. The first dorm in line to receive renovation is Logan Hall. The dorm was shut down after the spring of 2003, and is scheduled to be completed this summer to house students in the fall. The building will be repainted and the plumbing system and wiring will be replaced, according to Hilton.

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Students pack up to move out

BY ANN NANSON
contributing writer

As students head home for summer break, offices around campus will send students home with reminders and ideas to maintain their computers, mailing addresses, residences and dining plans over the summer. The JMU computing staff is asking that students keep up with proper maintenance of their computers and Webmail accounts, said Drew Davis, director of computing support. The computing staff recommends downloading virus protection software from a link available on the computing Web site, www.jmu.edu/computing to protect the security of JMU's network in the fall and the student's computer. Students also should check their Webmail accounts periodically to avoid exceeding quotas. Further information on necessary

summer technology preparation is available at www.jmu.edu/computing/thingstodo.shtml.

Mailing Services also is prompting students with on-campus mailboxes to update forwarding information before summer break, according to Joyce Myers, a Mailing Services employee. Addresses for summer and next fall can be updated on e-campus, according to Myers.

Students staying at JMU for the summer may continue to use their postal boxes. "There are forms if you are here for summer classes, but remember to check [your mail] at least once a week," Myers said.

If mail forwarding is not done in a timely fashion, all mail received in student's postal boxes will be returned to the sender, Myers added.

Judy Kelley, a JMU Card Services employee, said it is important to select a meal plan before summer break.

According to Kelley, Card Services offers a variety of meal plans, including a new package for commuter students with plans ranging from 3 to 17 punches per week.

A plan can be chosen via e-mail or telephone over the summer, or at the Card Services window in Warren Hall. "If [students] take care of [getting a meal plan] now, there will be no lines [in the fall]," Kelley said.

Kelley added that meal plan prices, recently updated by the Board of Visitors, will change slightly before the fall semester.

Students can expect to receive updates on meal plans and prices in the mail at their permanent or summer addresses.

Some students even may opt to come back to Harrisonburg in the middle of the summer to prepare their apartments and townhouses, if allowed by their landlords.

Things to do Before Summer

- Clean out your e-mail account
- Download new Windows update and virus software
<http://www.jmu.edu/computing>
- Set up a meal plan for next year
- Forward your mail to your home address

KEVAN MACIVER/graphics editor

Look familiar? Probably not



RODGER MALLISON/Forth Worth Star-Telegram

An uncut sheet of newly printed \$50 dollar bills waits at the Western Currency Facility in Ft. Worth, Texas. The Treasury Department recently changed the design and color scheme of the bill to thwart counterfeiters.

New Bush TV ads blast Kerry on defense record

BY WILLIAM DOUGLAS
Knight Ridder Tribune

The Bush-Cheney '04 campaign launched a new television advertisement Monday charging that Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts, the presumptive Democratic presidential candidate, voted against military weapons that the Bush campaign says are vital to national security.

THE AD: Titled "Weapons," the 30-second ad says Kerry "has repeatedly opposed weapons vital to winning the war on terror." It says he opposed Bradley Fighting Vehicles, B-2 stealth bombers, the Patriot Missile, a type of fighter jet and body armor "for troops on the front line in the war on terror."

THE FACTS: The ad accurately states some of Kerry's actions, but without providing context useful in providing perspective. It sometimes misleads by giving the impression that Kerry voted against a specific weapon when instead he voted against an overall bill that contained the item.

On the B-2 stealth bomber, Kerry voted to divert \$150 million from the project. As a Senate candidate in 1984, Kerry called for reductions in more than 18 defense systems, including the Bradley Fighting Vehicle, but, as a senator, he recently supported \$8.5 billion for the tank.

The ad doesn't mention that Vice President Dick Cheney, as defense secretary under the first President Bush, proposed canceling the Bradley as part of an effort to cut defense spending after the Cold War ended.

In September 1995, Kerry voted against a \$265 billion bill that contained \$564 million for 12 more F/A-18 fighter jets than the Clinton administration had asked for.

Kerry voted against an \$87 billion spending bill to support military operations and reconstruction in Afghanistan and Iraq. He said his vote was to protest Bush's handling of the war.

He voted for an amendment to cover the \$87 billion by canceling part of Bush's tax cut, but that measure failed to pass.

BUILDING: Campus expands, updates to fill student needs

BUILDING, from page 3

Two construction projects currently are underway — one being the Biotechnology building, which will house physics and chemistry and the other an athletic center.

The Biotech building, which is estimated to be completed by January 2005, is being constructed to house the physics and chemistry departments, which will move from Miller Hall. Miller Hall no longer can accommodate the labs and classrooms and function effectively, according to Tom Gallaher, chemistry department analytic chemist.

Departments, such as psychology and anthropology, will then move to Miller Hall, according to www.jmu.edu/betteratomm_preview/miller.shtml. The building should be fully-operational academically by the summer of 2005, Gallaher said. He also said the move is expected to increase attention to the department and possibly increase support from granting agencies toward research.

"At the chemistry department, we are all very excited," said sophomore Jessica Zetelski, a chemistry major. "We have been cramped in Miller, so it will be nice to have more room to work and hopefully we can get some new instruments."

The Robert and Frances Plecker Athletic Performance Center, which is a \$9.8 million project that began early last semester, is expected to be complete in January of 2005.

The athletic center, named in honor of the Pleckers, who are long-time supporters of JMU athletics according to www.jmu.edu/development/donor_relations/Plecker.shtml, will be located at the end zone of the football stadium across from Eagle Hall.

The building will contain the football offices for coaches and locker rooms for the football players. It also will serve as an athletic support center for student-athletes, a sports medicine office, a strength-training center and a meeting place for coaches and their teams. All these services currently are located under the east stands of Bridgeforth Stadium.

"It is going to be a tremendous improvement and statement about the university to the community that we are working toward building a successful athletic program," said JMU athletic director Jeff Bourne.

These projects only are the first few in line of others, including a new fine arts building and the continued renovation of the Bluestone buildings.



KATELYN WYSZYNSKI/staff photographer

The Robert and Frances Plecker Athletic Performance Center will have space for the football offices and locker rooms, along with sports medicine offices, a strength-training center, meeting places for coaches and teams and an athletic support center.

Vacationers with tight budgets have options

By KARA GIVENS
Daily Mississippian

With summer vacation less than two weeks away, many students are preparing to celebrate with exotic vacations in places like Cancun, Hawaii, the Caribbean, the Bahamas or South Padre Island.

Planning a summer trip with friends can be exhilarating and there are many different options on how to find the right location, prices, safety levels and airfare.

Student Travel Services, a travel agency for college spring breakers, has seen an increase in student travel to Jamaica, Acapulco and

Cancun, said STS Regional Salesman Tom Liberatore.

"We're a tour operator, and we do everything like flight, hotel, meal plans, optional insurance plans and have staff to help you once you get there," Liberatore said. "If you book online, you don't have all that."

Internet travel agencies such as Expedia.com and Orbitz.com offer deals with little hassle. The Web sites give the customer options, including time of flight, number of people, hotel, transportation and number of rooms when they preview prices.

Both sites gave similar price ranges when compared with

the following information: Destination: Maui, Hawaii
Departure: Memphis, Tenn.
Length of stay: seven days, six nights. Number of tickets: Four adults. Hotel: one room.

Expedia.com found tickets on American Airlines and had prices for packages of flights and hotels ranging from \$1,045.53 per person for a two-star hotel to \$1,676.76 for a four-star hotel.

Orbitz.com gave a two-star hotel and flight package ranging from \$920 to \$1,183 per person, a three-star hotel ranging from \$1,129 to \$1,392 and a five-star hotel ranging from \$1,716 to \$1,980.

While traveling, it is important to follow some common sense guidelines from the State Department: Do not wear expensive-looking jewelry, keep medicine in its original and labeled containers, pack an extra copy of your passport and leave one at home, leave an itinerary with family or friends, only take officially-marked taxis and be aware of pickpockets.

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TUITION: In-state students to pay \$11,356

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tuition increases more for out-of-state students than in-state students is [unfair] because we are all receiving the same education."

While tuition increases may seem excessive, JMU ranks 11th highest in the state for tuition costs and is ranked behind Virginia Military Institute, the College of William & Mary, Virginia Commonwealth University and the University of Virginia for tuition costs.

"While the increase in tuition will be a challenge for the budgets of many of the students, we're still going to be paying less than many other universities of similar quality," said sophomore Shane Symolon, an out-of-state student.

Ranieri said he would

approve of the increased tuition at the benefit of his professors. "I do agree that increased salaries for professors are a good idea," he said. "Most of my professors are amazing, and truly work hard to prepare us for the future."

According to King, U. Va., Va. Tech and VCU all are set to increase tuition for the 2004-'05 academic year.

Assistant vice president for budgeting David Eton said that the Va. Tech board approved a "max level increase," but has yet to break those figures down between tuition, room and board and student fees. Eton said that in-state students attending Va. Tech should see a \$883 total increase for the coming academic year. Non-Virginia students at Va. Tech will experience a total cost increase of \$1,844.

BOV: Board adds justice studies major

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The development of the major in justice studies will allow the university to hire five full-time faculty members, according to Meredith Gunter, who gave the board presentation on education and student life.

Charles King, senior vice president of finance, made a presentation on increases for tuition, room, board and student fees, which the board passed and will go into effect for the 2004-'05 academic year.

Board rector Joe Farrell said students who exceed the 4.2 years in which the average JMU student graduates are taking up spaces where new students could be admitted to the university because there is no cap on credits.

Farrell said the goal is to "get students out of the university in a reasonable amount of time" and "to allow in the maximum number of students that we can." He proposed to increase the tuition rate per credit hour for each credit hour taken after 150 credit hours are obtained.

While other members of

the board showed varying views regarding the issue, it was not voted on.

King said the state currently is addressing the matter and once it has made a decision, the board will be able to better evaluate the issue with regard to JMU students and their needs. Many students switch majors or double major in their time at JMU, he said, possibly putting them over the proposed number of maximum 150 credit hours that can be taken at the current tuition rate.

Awards of commendation were presented to senior Tim Brooks, the board student representative, and student body president Levar Stoney for their work with the board and the university during their time as students.

Four students, comprising the JMU Microsoft National ChallengeE team, made a presentation on their proposal for an airport security checkpoint device designed to protect people who fly by scanning baggage and passengers for chemicals. Juniors Josh Blake, Justin Creasy, Kevin Ferrell

and sophomore Marcus O'Malley first presented their proposal over the course of this past semester.

“
We really should be excited, since these are the first two endowed chairs in the 96-year history of the university.”

— Linwood Rose
JMU president

The students won the Microsoft National ChallengeE competition last month, which held the theme "Making the World a Safer Place." During a subsequent question-and-answer session, board members addressed concerns and were able to learn more about the university's role in the team's research. The team currently is under consideration

with about 40 other teams to be one of 10 teams to compete in the international competition, which will be held in June in Washington, D.C.

Financially, JMU's private donations are at an all-time high, according to Rose. The university will receive a \$1.5 million bequest, making JMU the full beneficiary of a recently deceased (unnamed) alumna, Rose said.

The board approved the establishment of Alvin V. Baird Jr., Centennial Chair in Psychology in the College of Integrated Science and Technology and the Jackson Ramsey Centennial Chair in the college of business. The chairs are named for Baird, a major benefactor of the university and Jackson, a retired business professor and provost of CISAT. "We really should be excited, since these are the first two endowed chairs in the 96-year history of the university," Rose said.

The board went into closed-session to discuss property acquisition, fund-raising activities and personnel matters.

BRAND: Student athletes should focus on college game

BRAND, from page 1

the universities that receive transfer student athletes and graduate them. No longer will universities be penalized for students who transfer out and are in good academic standing. If those transfer students were not in good academic standing, then the university will be unable to reward that scholarship the following year.

When asked of the timetable for this implementation of graduation rates, Brand noted two phases to the piece of legislation.

The first part, called the contemporaneous penalty, will be put into effect for fall 2004 student athletes, he said.

The second part, the historical penalty, will take three to four years until in affect because of the new measurement of graduation rates. These penalties include losing scholarships,

barring of post-season play and, in extreme cases, the decertification of the sport.

JMU athletic director Jeff Bourne commented on this legislation.

"It is a move in the right direction," Bourne said. "And it is placing emphasis back on the academic component."

Junior gymnast Brett Wargo said, "Pushing athletes in over education is something that really needs to be dealt with at the college level."

Freshman gymnast Robert Federico, echoed Wargo's comments and added, "The changes will be good for college athletics."

These new penalties will help to curtail the desire of competition into a desire for academic excellence, according to Brand.

"We are overzealous in our desire for competition," Brand said.

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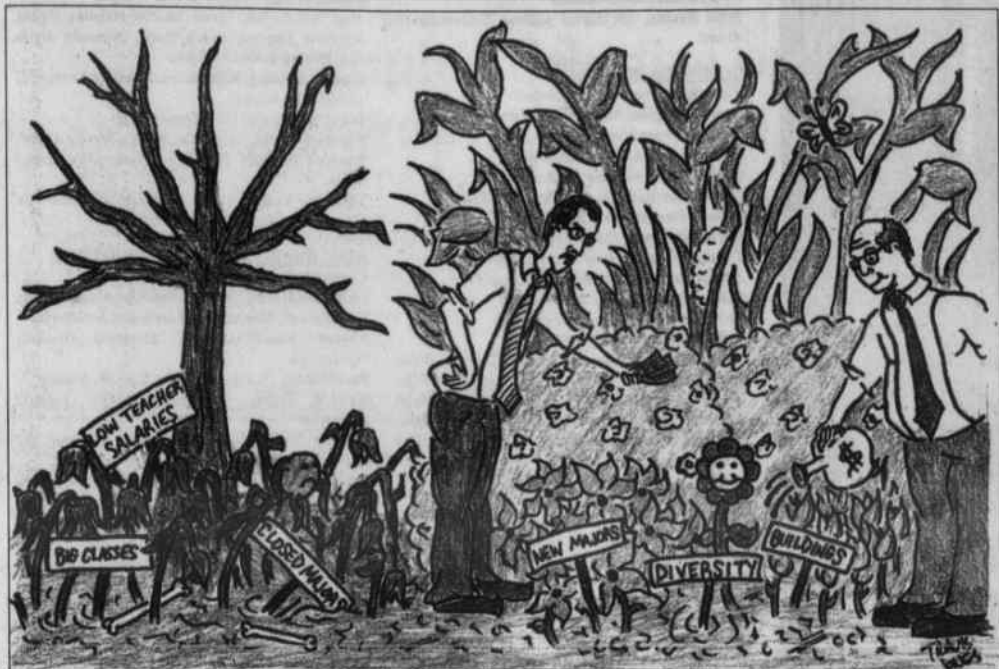
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OPINION

Ideology is stronger than any army — it is deeply rooted in the psyche of those who adhere to it and no amount of military action, oppression, or legislation can remove it from a people.

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HOUSE EDITORIAL



Tuition increase should help old, not start new

Of course it's headline news — the Board of Visitors increased in-state tuition by 5.2 percent and out-of-state tuition by an even more whopping 6.75 percent. Those of you who are graduating in nine days are lucky — you just missed it.

But, everyone else who is sticking around the 'Burg for another couple of years and next semester's freshmen will have to deal with the hike, whether they like it or not. The board has made its decision.

However, where are those millions of extra dollars going?

The board decided that the money will go toward adjusting the base salary of faculty with promotions, funding the state's required salary increase, health insurance and financial aid. Each is a very generalized category. Students would appreciate specifics.

The JMU Diversity Commission recently came up with a project for next year called the Centennial Scholars Program. The scholars program will give full tuition grants

to 50 ethnically underrepresented students as of fall semester in hopes to increase diversity on campus. This past school year, JMU was 10 percent ethnic minority, which is about 3 percent shy of the national census. It is important to reach that 13 percent goal, but at what cost?

In hard budget times, the university barely seems to have enough money to reinforce the important learning standards that are needed for current students. Class sizes are increasing. Faculty and staff are underpaid.

Majors are closing left and right. The school of media arts and design, the school of communication studies, the Institution of Technical and Scientific Communication, art, political science — all of these are among the majors that now require extra measures to be accepted. Additionally, students must be enrolled in one of these majors to take classes — and even then, fifth-year seniors are left fighting for required classes.

Yet, JMU still thinks now is

the time to bring in more financially-aided students. The board also approved of three new academic programs — an undergraduate degree in justice studies, a master's degree of education in mathematics and a Ph.D. research program for psychology. It is doubtful that all of the students vying for spots as an art major are going to be interested in justice studies instead.

The Student Government Association and the Media Board — both of which divvy out money to student clubs and organizations — have seen minimal financial increases in the past three years.

JMU needs to focus on increasing the quality of what it has before bringing in new programs and grant-funded students. Diversity and a new academic program are undeniably important for the university — and they look great from a public relations standpoint — but the bottom line is that current students are not benefitting enough from the dollars they put up.

Through Murky Waters Wars against ideas impossible to win

Alex Sirney

There are ideas and ideologies at war across the globe — from the conflicts in the Middle East to the election year conflicts in American homes. While these wars are vastly different from situation to situation, one constant can be seen in them all — it is futile to use force to oppose an idea.

Ideology is stronger than any army — it is deeply rooted in the psyche of those who adhere to it, and no amount of military action, oppression, or legislation can remove it from a people.

A clear example of the clashes of ideologies and armies is the ongoing conflict between Israel and the Palestinians. Both claim the same land, and believe that their right to it is absolute — the same ideology, based in religion, but held by different groups. The Israeli region has been locked in conflict since the modern nation of Israel was founded in 1948, with both sides uselessly throwing soldiers and civilians into the fray, each unable to shatter the beliefs of the other.

In the same region, the United States' mission in Iraq began as war against a dictator and, theoretically, to eliminate a terrorist threat. Now the mission has fallen into a trap — the U.S. military fights a war of ideology. The Iraqis who engage coalition troops daily do not fight for Saddam Hussein, their former ruler. They fight because of the threat they perceive from Western culture and ideas and the United States fights now because they have no choice — it would be ideologically impossible for the United States to withdraw before a democratic Iraq was established.

There are other conflicts of ideology, less well-known but held with equal passion, being fought with equal or greater force and brutality around the world. There are, however, other ideological wars, some within the United States itself. These wars usually do not involve loss of life, or even direct confrontations, but they still are passionately and futilely fought.

One such war is raging over the right of gay couples to marry. Many people believe that the United States guaran-

tees certain rights to all of its people, and that the right to marriage — or equal representation under the law — is one of these rights. The opposition argues that marriage should be defined as being between a man and a woman, for various practical and religious reasons. These two strong ideologies each have support within the government, but the legislation that has been passed and proposed is the same futile resistance against ideas with force — in this case, the force of law.

Another war fought through law and government involves the Patriot Act, a bill passed in 2001 that allows the government more leeway in investigating terrorism. Proponents argue that the act is necessary to insure national security, while opponents argue that it restricts freedoms guaranteed to U.S. citizens. The ideology of "liberty and justice for all," ingrained in Americans from youth, here finds itself at war with the law and a law that, they perceive, threatens their ideology.

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These and the countless other conflicts — violent, legal, or otherwise — worldwide cannot be resolved; ideological warfare can have no winners. Even if one side is forced to abandon its fight, not even the horrors of genocide can eliminate a thought, a belief, an ideology from the face of the earth — it will live on in writing, in tradition or in history — and it will resurface again.

The only way an ideological conflict can be resolved is through compromise, not warfare — literal or figurative. Recently, the nation of Libya gave up its open ideological warfare against western culture — and now expects the United States and European

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A "we-live-for-energy-like-that" pat to the home crowd audience at Mainstreet Bar and Grill Tuesday night.

From a JMU alumnus turned rock star who will never forget his Duke Dog roots and loves coming back to perform.

Dart...

An "I-don't-want-to-know-what-went-on-in-the-hallway" dart to whoever left the used condom in the water fountain.

From a disgusted resident who had to listen to everyone who walked by scream and can't convince himself to drink from that fountain anymore.

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A "that-was-the-best-play-the-football-field-has-ever-seen" pat to JMU Athletics for leaving the field open for two new-found student athletes.

From two seniors who made their winning touchdowns from the 50-yard line under the stars on Saturday night.

Dart...

A "please-act-mature" dart to the club team who acted like 12-year-olds and used vulgar language in front of children Saturday at its car wash and did a poor job on my car as well.

From a girl who was embarrassed to think you acting in this manner while representing JMU.

Pat...

A "job-well-done" pat to my best friend who froze our friend's boxers and sent him on a treasure hunt — wrapped in a towel — to find them in the freezer in McGraw-Long Hall.

From a supportive best friend who better not find herself the victim of a prank such as that.

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A "grow-up-or-get-out" dart to the girl who screamed obscenities and smeared her free deodorant sample on the windows of Grafton-Stovall Theatre after not getting into the sneak peek.

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"Ice skate on Newman pond — I didn't want to get infested with unidentified organisms."

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What is one thing you wish you had done at JMU?

■ From the Wire Princeton example one to be followed

With Princeton's 156-84 vote Monday in favor of the grade inflation proposals, the faculty have agreed to "expectations" that they will limit As in each department to 35 percent on coursework and 55 percent on independent work. While it remains to be seen how this will be enforced and if the nearly one-third of faculty who voted against it will want to cooperate, Dean of the College Nancy Weiss Malkiel now needs to turn her attention to other schools.

Malkiel said during the meeting that other elite schools would feel pressure to follow Princeton if it took the lead in fighting grade inflation. Now that we have, she should be part of that pressure.

One of students' primary concerns was that deflated Princeton grades will put them at a competitive disadvantage when they enter the work force or apply to graduate school. Malkiel and the Committee on Examinations and Standing were right to be concerned about the issue in drafting the proposal. The only

thing more they could have done was partnering with other schools to combat grade inflation at the same time.

But that is not the path Princeton has chosen. The faculty have chosen to go it alone, believing that the principle is worth the short-term pain.

Malkiel and others who are sensitive to students' concerns should now do all they can to ensure that what she referred to as the "Princeton A" — the deflated one — doesn't remain exclusive to Princeton.

Nothing would do more to ease students' fears than the sight of other schools adopting similar grading policies. Now, students have to take Malkiel, graduate schools and employers at their word. If other schools can be persuaded to deflate grades, the Princeton A will be the same as any other A. Only then will students be able to rest assured they're not being put at a disadvantage.

Malkiel's work is just beginning.

This staff editorial originally appeared in Princeton University's Daily Princetonian.

■ From the Wire Selective service may be making comeback

Richard Lutz

Not long ago, the Bush administration was planning to pull troops out of Iraq by June. As it stands, we can't even pretend pulling out is the best option for the Iraqi people. Coalition troops are the only thing standing between them and civil war.

This means the tours of duty of some 20,000 troops in Iraq have been extended past the planned June deadline. So if you have friends or relatives there, they may be away from home that much longer. But more relevantly, the war may be brought much closer to our own persons in the near future — say, 2005.

Senator Chuck Hagel, a Republican from Nebraska, said April 20 that the United States should consider reinstating the draft. In part, this is a response to war critics who said we did not send enough troops in

the first place. Their discontent began to rumble more than a year ago, the first moment a marine encountered resistance from the Republican Guard and is regaining strength now that anti-American forces have recovered from their initial shock and awe, and they've seen that our soldiers only are human.

Another reason for the proposed draft is the righting of social disparities. A large proportion of those seeing action right now are in the lower and middle classes — a draft presumably would select evenly from all castes. More importantly, underclassmen in college only could remain in school until the end of their current semesters, and seniors until graduation, so schooling could not be used to dodge the draft. And don't think about going to

Canada — a "smart border" agreement signed in 2001 blocked that dodge.

This attempt to bring the draft back is not new. In 2001 there was a push for six months of compulsory military training for men ages 18 to 22 called the Universal Military Training and Service Act. Then, in January 2003, a pair of bills was introduced in the House and Senate calling for "a [two-year] period of national service" for all citizens, male and female, between ages 18 and 26. The bill would allow conscientious objectors to apply for assignments in a civilian service position or other job "that does not include any combatant training component."

And finally, last fall the Selective Service began looking for people to serve on local draft boards, although they claimed they were merely compensating for "natural

board attrition." Don't say that this issue has been sneaking up on the nation.

My feelings on the issue are mixed. Like most people, I would rather not be shot at, if given the choice. In fact, my first reaction to the draft possibility was, "If I'm going to have to fight, I might as well emigrate to Israel and defend my people." It was dramatic, but probably not practical. I'm not a conscientious objector, and as a foreign language major, I might be set to learning Arabic and eventually becoming a translator with a gun.

The bill has not yet passed though, so please don't panic. Just think about what it means to you. Isolationism no longer works, so we all need to arrange our priorities for a world that demands increasing involvement.

Richard Lutz is a columnist for the University of Houston's The Daily Cougar.

■ From the Wire Celebrities face trial by public opinion

Michael Jackson, Kobe Bryant and Barry Bonds all are on trial.

Well, in actuality none of them are on trial by a jury of their peers. They are on trial by the mass media.

Michael Jackson is being charged with child molestation. Kobe Bryant is being

charged with rape. Barry Bonds is being accused of taking illegal steroids.

All three of these men are being judged by the public. The citizens, whose level of awareness varies from "very" to "somewhat" to "not at all," are formulating their own opinions on

whether or not Jackson, Bryant, or Bonds are "guilty" in their respective senses.

This can be very dangerous — there is no way, even in this day in age, that everybody can be exposed to all of the unbiased facts surrounding a prominent figure's supposed suspicious background.

What the public thinks is not always the truth. It is simply their opinion.

For example, one might read on Reuters that Michael Jackson fired his two lead defense attorneys. We, as average citizens, begin to speculate

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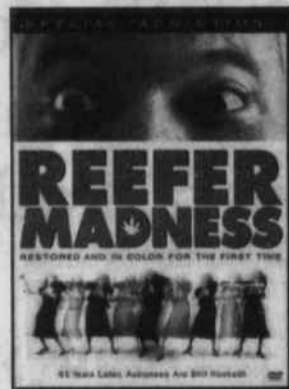


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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Gay marriage has no effect on population increase

Dear Editor,
Following the logic in the "From the Wire" column by Sean Trobaugh in the April 26 issue of *The Breeze* which stated that homosexuals should not be allowed the benefit of marriage because they tend not to "fulfill their inherent responsibilities" of procreation, we should not be allowing infer-

tile people to get married and we perhaps should also punish couples who fail to provide the appropriate number of children. Whether or not gay couples can get married will have no effect on the number "of potential breeding adults," and certainly will have little effect on heterosexuals' efforts to maintain — or increase — the population.

Peter Calvert
JMU staff

TRIAL: Public can only speculate

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as to why Jackson decided to hire new attorneys.

It could have been because he felt his attorneys could not "get him off the hook," so to speak.

But how are we to know? We may read that Kobe Bryant's lawyers filed a motion for the plaintiff to stop calling herself the "victim" rather than the "accuser."

One might think this suggests that Bryant knows he

did not rape the accuser and therefore the title "victim" indicates that he is being portrayed as something he's not.

But how do we know that?

The same story goes for Barry Bonds' supposed ties to BALCO, a supplement firm which may or may not have distributed steroids to several athletes, including Bonds.

There is no way anyone really can know what happened or will happen. We sim-

ply are predicting the future — something we do all the time and with good reason.

We feel it is necessary to listen to both sides of the controversies surrounding Jackson, Bryant, Bonds and the like.

Don't let the court of public opinion influence your own decision on these — and similar — matters.

This staff editorial originally appeared in the Bowling Green State University's The BG News.

IDEAS: Peace will come from discussion

IDEAS, from page 7

Union, who enforced long-time economic sanctions against Libya, to abandon its part in the ideological war. Libya is a model not only for other nations that held similar ideologies, but also to all people who blindly pursue the destruction of

ideas they do not agree with.

Victor Hugo, in his "History of a Crime," wrote, "An invasion of armies can be resisted, but not an idea whose time has come." His words reinforce this point: no army is stronger than a strongly held idea. Ideological change, or even ideological peace, only can result from a

mutual desire to discuss rather than preach, and compromise rather than kill. Only once the warring factions realize this and commit themselves to finding a solution will any progress be made.

Alex Sirney is a freshman SMAD/Anthropology major who may add something witty to his signature when he's older and wiser.

Sadly, this is the last opinion section of the semester. We hope we've given you some things to think about this summer and we hope this summer gives you some things to write about.

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Daily rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Today's Birthday (April 29). The more secure you feel, the more security you provide. It's natural and it really doesn't cost much, as you discover this year.

Aries March 21-April 19

Today is a 4 - People are convinced that you can produce the results you've promised. Now, get serious and prove that their faith in you isn't misplaced. Get busy!

Taurus April 20-May 20

Today is a 7 - Set up something special for later tonight or tomorrow. It's best if you don't have to travel far to find fun and romance. Plan ahead.

Gemini May 21-June 21

Today is a 5 - This is a good time to follow through on paperwork, cleaning and whatever else you should have done by now. You'll have more patience when tending to the details.

Cancer June 22-July 22

Today is a 9 - The more you listen, the more you learn. You'll soak it up like a sponge. Let others blab on. You'll end up with more information than you could ever want.

Leo July 23-Aug. 22

Today is a 2 - If you've shown enough respect and maturity, you could be in for a raise. A person who values time and money has been watching you closely.

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Today is a 8 - Whenever you bring up a delicate subject, there's bound to be an argument. Go ahead and do what needs to be done. No further discussion is necessary.

Libra Sept. 23-Oct 22

Today is a 10 - You've come up with some great ideas, but how much will they cost? Take time to figure out the bottom line. You'll want to know where to cut.

Scorpio Oct. 23-Nov. 21

Today is a 7 - Just when you're almost worn out, your friends show up and you feel much better. You've been pushing pretty hard lately. Treat yourself to some personal time.

Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Today is a 6 - Sure, you have obligations. Don't just brush them off; tomorrow is a day of reckoning, unfortunately. Make sure you're prepared.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Today is a 7 - It's not a good idea to travel or to make promises that you can't keep. Although you're in an expanding phase, don't bite off more than you can chew.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18

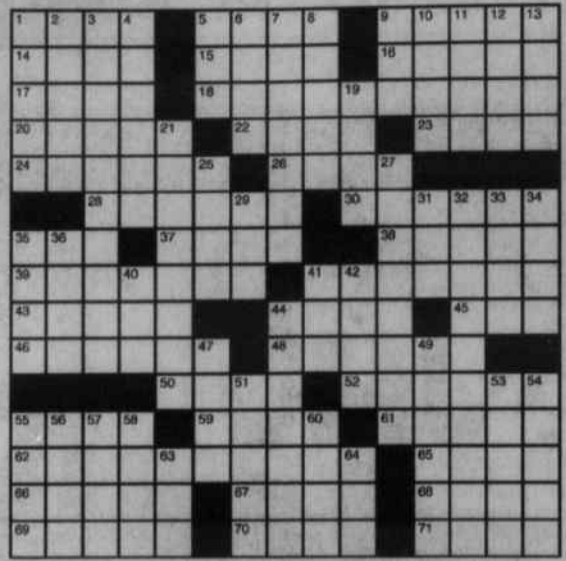
Today is a 9 - Domestic requirements push you to think of security instead of just fun. It's important to be happy, of course, and that comes with money in the bank.

Pisces Feb. 19-March 20

Today is a 10 - You're notoriously bad at delegating, since you hate to ask for favors. You'd much rather try to do the work of 15 people. This is a habit you can break, and now is a good time to break it.

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- 5 Science rooms
- 9 Lacking originality
- 14 Aphrodite's boy
- 15 Winglike parts
- 16 Go along with
- 17 Talk wildly
- 18 Confused
- 20 Surmise
- 22 Mennen after-shave
- 23 "___ and the King"
- 24 Greek markets
- 26 Bausch's lens-making partner
- 28 Destroyed
- 30 Angel of the first order
- 35 Writer Rand
- 37 Divided avenue: abbr.
- 38 ___ prosequi
- 39 Confused
- 41 Confused
- 43 Fountain of three coins
- 44 Manila machete
- 45 Merry month
- 46 Short section

of track

- 48 Verdi opera
- 50 Garland's real last name
- 52 Loss of coordination
- 55 Creative flash
- 59 Actor Julia
- 61 Levels
- 62 Confused
- 65 Duchin or Nelson
- 66 Gander's mate
- 67 Astin of "The Lord of the Rings"
- 68 Enticement
- 69 Composer of "Over the Rainbow"
- 70 Writer Ferber
- 71 Roasting rod

DOWN

- 1 Cohort of Stalin
- 2 Large ape, briefly
- 3 Confused
- 4 Aft
- 5 Thai's neighbor
- 6 ___-Romeo
- 7 Confused
- 8 Heated dispute
- 9 Thar ___ blows!
- 10 Big band instrument
- 11 Ending word
- 12 Advance
- 13 Ms. Bombeck
- 19 Bad thespians
- 21 Digressive
- 25 Markdown event
- 27 Ester used in perfumery
- 29 Movie on a PC
- 31 Peri on "Frasier"
- 32 Confused
- 33 Entreaty
- 34 Lamarr of "Algiers"
- 35 Qtys.
- 36 Cosmonaut Gagarin
- 40 Half of MXII
- 41 ___ favor, senior

- 42 Forearm bone
- 44 Confused
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- 51 Billiards stroke
- 53 Arboreal lemur
- 54 So far
- 55 Actress Swenson
- 56 Way out
- 57 Hydroxyl compound
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- 60 Be inclined?
- 63 Sportscaster Berman
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RIDDLE of the Day

I can be long, or I can be short. I can be grown, and I can be bought. I can be painted, or left bare. I can be round, or square. What am I?

Answer to last issue's riddle: an arrow

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Section Two



REVIEW

year in

As summer break draws near students reminisce about past year

Story by senior writer Drew Wilson • Graphics by Jenny Chanthapanya

As students prepare for finals week and the start of summer, many will look back at this school year and think of all the challenges they faced, as well as the fun times they enjoyed. For some, it seems as though it only was last week freshmen moved in and everyone else returned for the start of school in August. The memories of the past year always will remain with those who were a part of them.

Important names headline JMU events

During this past year, maybe more so than others, the university and its clubs and organizations brought in a number of recognizable icons from around the country to speak to the JMU community. On Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the Rev. Jesse Jackson spoke on achieving King's dream to a packed Wilson Hall Auditorium. Many students feel that Jackson's appearance at JMU was one of the most memorable events of the year.

"It was an honor that he was here," junior Stephanie Van Arsdale said. "It is not something that every school gets to experience."

In addition to Jackson, JMU had a number of other speakers ranging from Myles Brand, the president of the NCAA, who spoke Monday night, to Mallory and Ace from MTV's "The Real World Paris" earlier this semester. Director Spike Lee also recently spoke to students, faculty and staff.

"He was really good," junior T.J. Ill said of Lee. "I didn't really know what he was going to speak on, but the things that he had to say were really good. I thought there was a lot of truth to them. It was stuff that wasn't just race related — it was stuff that every college student should hear."

"He's probably the best speaker I've ever heard since I've been here," Ill added.

Freshman Erin Frye said she was impressed with the job JMU did getting different people to speak this year.

"The events that the school puts on are always beneficial," she said. "They try to do a lot of diverse stuff, which is good because it isn't that diverse of a school."

Sophomore Naomi Hill agreed that the university should get more well-known people, such as Jackson, to come speak at JMU in the future. However, she said, she would like to see more students attend more diverse presentations.

"I feel like that if it wasn't Jesse Jackson [speaking], no one else would have come, and that needs to change," Hill said.

Good music, good times

In addition to speakers, JMU reeled in several big performers this year. Alien Ant Farm and 311 rocked the Convocation Center in October 2003. Last week, Maroon 5, Less Than Jake and Rahzel gave fans a great show, according to students who attended.

"I thought it was awesome," Frye said of the Maroon 5 concert. "The energy of the crowd was awesome and all the bands played really well. I liked the amount of time that each group played. They played for a long time and I felt like I got my money's worth."

JMU also hosted the annual WXJM-sponsored MACRoCK event, in addition to other concerts by

JMU groups, providing the campus with an array of musical genres.

Tragedy strikes JMU

On a cold Sunday night in November 2003, the smell of smoke and the sound of sirens filled campus as the Financial Services Building on South Main Street blazed. Hundreds of students watched as firefighters battled the flames.

"I live in Ashby [Hall], and I could see [the fire] from my dorm," graduate student Christina Wasson said. "It was just incredible."

Wasson also said it was a hassle for JMU employees who had to resubmit financial paperwork that was held in the building and lost due to the fire.

Tragedy struck in other ways, as the university lost five students during the school year and previous summer. Christopher Ball, Kevin Eckerman, Brian LaBarr, Adam Wheatcroft and Stockton "Luke" Wright all passed away, leaving a void in their fellow students' lives.

New life at JMU

JMU has continued its growth with new additions to the campus. Last summer, the JMU Field Hockey/Lacrosse/Track and Field Complex was completed, providing a new home for several JMU athletic teams. Construction also was started on the Robert and Frances Plecker Athletic Performance Center.

Some feel the center will help the football team recruit higher-caliber athletes.

"It will establish a more-known program here since we'll actually have a field house at our stadium," junior Ben McKenzie said.

JMU also is constructing a new physics and chemistry building on the east side of campus. Both projects are scheduled to be completed in 2005.

The ECP debate

In May 2003, the Board of Visitors voted to ban the sale of the emergency contraceptive pill from the University Health Center. After national attention and many debates, the decision was reversed January 9.

"The reverse decision was a big deal," sophomore Amy Storrs said. "I think we all knew the decision was going to come because a lot of the campus was upset over it. So I wasn't so much surprised by [the decision], but I was impressed that it came about so professionally, and done with respect to both the administration and the students."

On the playing field

The Dukes did not have the success some other schools' teams enjoyed last year. To date, only one team has won a Colonial Athletic Championship this season — the women's golf team, which accomplished that feat this week. However, the baseball, lacrosse and softball teams still have a chance to win their respective CAA tournaments.

"This year was quite disappointing," senior Chris Nahlik said. "But, excitement is all around us — we've certainly begun building for success."

JMU made two head coaching changes this year.

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Clockwise from top right: Maroon 5 rocked the JMU Convocation Center April 21; Dean Keener is JMU's new basketball coach; Flames billowed from the Financial Services Building November 2003; Jesse Jackson spoke at JMU January of this year; Ace and Mallory from MTV's "Real World" spoke this earlier semester.



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REVIEW: School year ends, students reflect



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Students protest last March against the war in Iraq.

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Antoinette Lucas was named the field hockey coach in January, replacing Irene Horvat. She came from University of New Hampshire, where she was an assistant coach. Then, the men's basketball team hired Dean Keener April 1 to replace Sherman Dillard, who resigned in March. Keener was an assistant coach at Georgia Tech, which played in the national title game. That excitement has some Dukes fans ready for the 2004-'05 season to begin.

"I was really excited that we hired Dean Keener," Ill said. "I know we haven't played any games, but, from what I've heard and seen with Georgia Tech, that shows [to] some degree what he can do."

War's effects

As the war in Iraq has progressed, students have voiced their opinions for each side with protests, rallies and other forms of expression.

"You can see the difference in the people who are all for peace and the

people who are really gung-ho for the war," sophomore Emily Fay said. "It's interesting to see both sides of the argument and how they react."

Ill said, "It's interesting to hear everyone's different perspectives, especially on campus. I think everyone is fair and respects others' opinions."

The OrangeBand Initiative was one group that promoted discussion of the war. Van Arsdale said there was more initiative being taken with people expressing their opinions this year compared to other years at JMU.

"OrangeBand came out of the woodwork a little more this year and brought more awareness and got JMU out of the bubble we sometimes get stuck in," she said.

Coming from different backgrounds, the nearly 16,000 students collectively helped push JMU toward a brighter future. The spirit of JMU students will hopefully carry on to next year, allowing the university to continue its traditions for future generations of students to enjoy.



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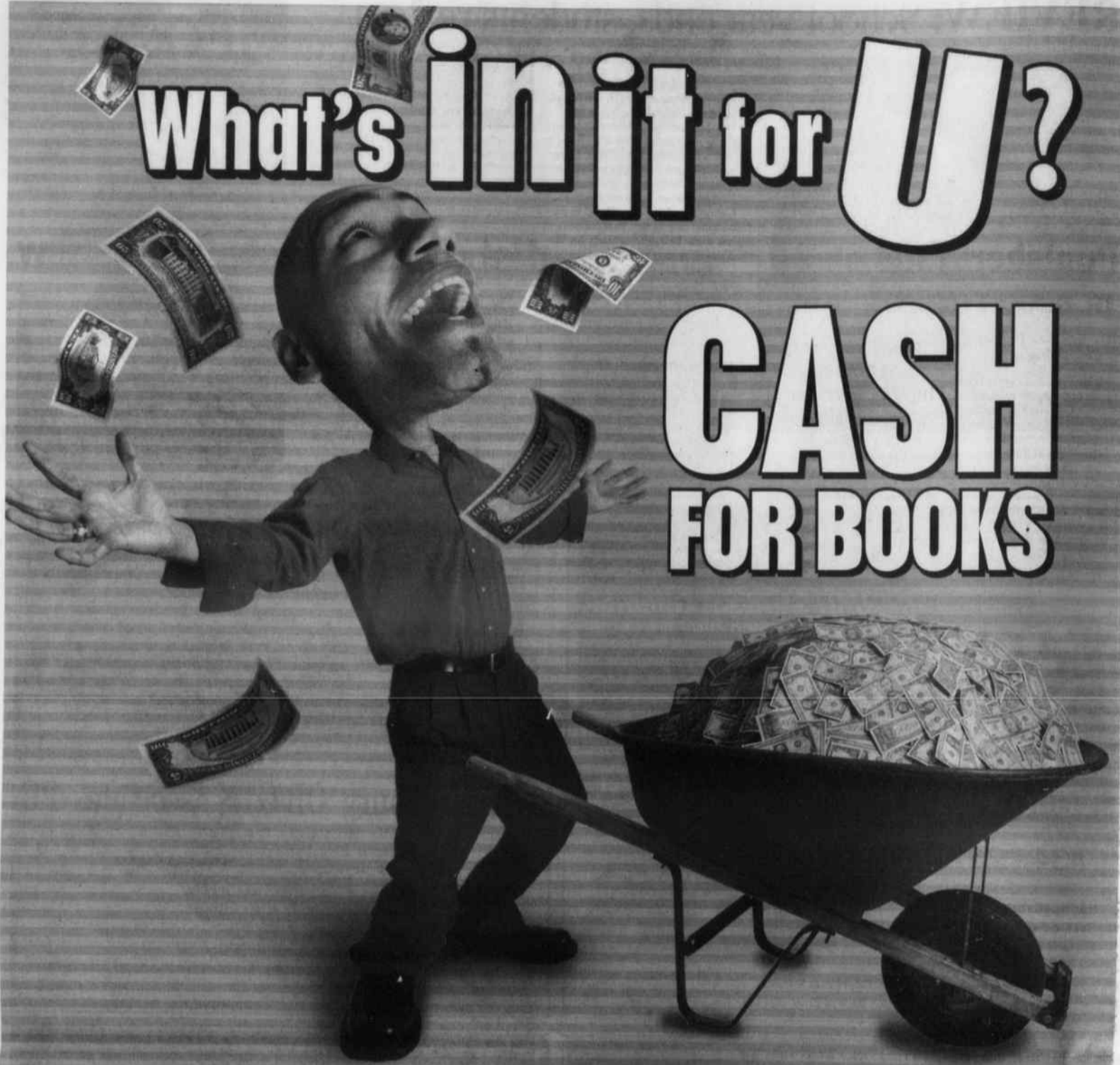
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"I think that right now hip-hop is changing and transcending, but will never die."

SIGNIFIER
rapper, *Indigenous Womb*

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Everything but the kitchen sink

Celtic-rock band Carbon Leaf uses variety of instruments to create fresh sound.

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reel | reflections review

'Punisher' falls short of action expectation

By Heather Egbert
contributing writer

Making a good comic book adaptation means walking a fine line between action-packed fun and cheesy schlock. Some movies are more successful than others at this.

"The Punisher" wasn't one of them. The main problem with the adaptation is that director Jonathan Hensleigh (writer, "Armageddon") couldn't seem to decide which kind of movie he wanted to make.

The story of "The Punisher" has the potential to surpass typical comic book hokiness. The hero wasn't bitten by a radioactive spider or sprayed in the face with chemicals. He doesn't fly or have a skeleton made of metal. He's just a man — an undercover specialist who angered the wrong "bad guy" and paid for it severely.

The movie hits a wrong note from the very beginning with its stereotypically menacing score. The one-note music is distractingly inappropriate for the heavy topics the story involves, and since music is integral to the mood of a movie, this seemingly minor detail has a major negative effect.

The cast of the movie strives admirably to work with the less-than-stellar material they've been given. Except for an unfortunate attempt at a Russian accent in the opening scene of the film, Thomas Jane ("The Sweetest Thing") does a good job at conveying Frank Castle's pain and loss, as well as his need for revenge.

As villain Howard Saint, John Travolta ("Basic") turns in a relatively understated performance. Saint strikingly is reminiscent of a few of Travolta's more recent turns as the bad guy — slick, boastful and maniacally evil — but not quite as over-the-top as his character in "Swordfish" or the travesty that was "Battlefield Earth."

Rounding out the more familiar faces in the movie is Rebecca Romijn-Stamos ("X-Men: 2") as Joan, a down-on-her-luck waitress living in the same run-down apartment as the recently widowed and highly depressed hero.

Romijn-Stamos's appearance in the film surprisingly is brief and uneventful, given the amount of facetime she receives in the trailers. Along with two other tenants, played by John Pinette ("Ducts")

"THE PUNISHER"
STARRING:
THOMAS JANE, JOHN TRAVOLTA, REBECCA ROMIJN-STAMOS
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RUNNING TIME: 124 MINUTES



and Ben Foster ("Six Feet Under"), she serves to remind Castle that — though it may seem to him — the world didn't end when his family was killed.

While many superheroes are isolated or have suffered a loss in their past, "The Punisher" uniquely is bleak in its subject matter. One of the movie's most effective scenes takes place at a family reunion in the first half-hour when, after a few sappy scenes of Castle with his lovely wife, adorable son and the rest of his perfect family, he is left the last man standing after everyone he loves is horrifically gunned down.

The impact of the violent scenes like this one are tempered down, however, by random guitarists serenading Castle in diners and unforgivably self-important speeches.

Ultimately, "The Punisher" is an uneven directorial debut from action writer Hensleigh who achieved box office success, if not always critical acclaim, for his previous scripts of "Armageddon," "Jumanji," and "Die Hard: With a Vengeance."

With its tough-as-nails hero and surplus of gory violence, this movie is definitely more for guys. Although, for those with an appreciation for half-naked, highly toned men, the numerous scenes with Tom Jane are enough to warrant the increasingly outrageous ticket price.

Movie REVIEW KEY

- ★★★★ Go directly to the theater and see this masterpiece.
- ★★★ Great movie. Worth the steep ticket price.
- ★★★ Watch for the movie to play at Crabton School.
- ★★ Should have been released straight to video.
- ★ Who approved the making of this film!

REVIEW

Hip-hop artist wraps up year with show

By Nathan Chiantela
senior writer

Two very different acts hit the stage in the College Center Grand Ballroom last night with a very common goal: to keep hip-hop alive. UPB, in association with music industry class 422, brought Cee-Lo and Indigenous Womb to JMU.

The first group to hit the stage was Indigenous Womb, a band whose style only only be described as underground. The band's sound goes back to the old-school style by keeping beats simple and lyrics constantly flowing. Armed with towels and turntables, the group quickly won over the JMU crowd with everything from Wu-Tang covers to dance hall and reggae jams.

With five emcees and one deejay, Indigenous Womb kept the energy high for their full set. In fact, at points they literally were shaking the simple stage with their jumping antics.

The fact that group members did not wear a single ounce of gold or platinum jewelry contradicts the stereotypical hip-hop image. Indigenous Womb proved that a group does not need bling to rock a show — their beats and clever lyrics alone won over the audience.

Along with their inventive flow came another level to their show involving props and, at one point, a kung-fu exhibition involving nunchucks.

The show ended with freestyles from each of the five group members, and appreciative words for the audience.

"Don't skip a show with Cee-Lo and Indigenous Womb just 'cause you got finals next week," a band member yelled out during the show.

Immediately after the show Indigenous sat down, still sweaty from their high-energy show, to answer a few questions about the future of hip-hop.

"I think that right now, hip-hop is changing and transcending, but will never die," the lead vocalist said. The group believes that right now mainstream hip-hop is lacking creativity, and the industry is more concerned with mimicking the most popular acts rather than



CHRISTOPHER LABZDA/senior photographer

Cee-Lo performed at the College Center Grand Ballroom on Tuesday night with Indigenous Womb. Cee-Lo commented that he was glad to be performing with Indigenous Womb, and was glad that true hip-hop still was alive.

coming out with something new and fresh.

Fans of underground sound should check out Indigenous Womb's debut compact disc "Concept-

Shun," coming this summer.

By the time Cee-Lo hit the stage, the audience still was hyped from the first performance and a show between sets from the Breakdance club.

Coming all the way from Atlanta, Cee-Lo started things out slowly, but quickly

see CEE-LO page 19

REVIEW

Celtic rock band energizes Mainstreet

By Amy Paterson
senior writer

Not every day does music involving a flute and a mandolin draw crowds of college students and get them jamming hard enough to shake the floor. Tuesday night, students took time out from their exam-filled schedules to visit Mainstreet Bar and Grill where Carbon Leaf, an Irish-style rock band, perform ed.

"I saw [Carbon Leaf] on Friday at University of Virginia, yet I still came two hours [to see them again]," Virginia Tech sophomore Amanda Hach said. "They're the best band ever."

Carbon Leaf also was excited to perform in Harrisonburg. "This is one of our favorite venues because no matter what night of the week, [the crowd is] always riled up," lead singer Barry Privett said. "Must be that smell of dog food in the air."

Throughout the course of the night, the band played well-known songs and songs from its new album, "Indian Summer,"

to be released July 13.

The band entertained the crowd for over an hour with spontaneous bursts of Riverdance imitations from Privett and amazing instrumental solos from the band's other four members: guitarist Carter Gravatt, bassist and vocalist Jordan Medas, acoustic guitarist Terry Clark and drummer Scott Milstead. There were no less than fifteen instruments on stage throughout the concert, including electric, acoustic and bass guitars mixed in with flutes and tambourines — even a bass. Gravatt, who played the mandolin and guitar, said he can play "just about anything with strings."

Carbon Leaf's unique bluegrass-celtic rock style comes from the collaboration of the different backgrounds the band members, according to Medas. Medas, the band's JMU graduate, reminisced about his experiences as a Marching Royal Duke, his favorite music industry professors and the many meals he ate at PC Dukes.

Although Carbon Leaf

just scored a record deal from Vanguard Records, the down-to-earth band mingled with the crowd after its performance to sign autographs and chat. The band will

release its new album, "Indian Summer," July 13.

The band also will return to Harrisonburg this fall to showcase more of their new songs.

FUN FACTS!

Barry brushes his teeth before going on stage

Carter loves chocolate-covered cherry blizzards from Dairy Queen, but is on a diet to watch his slim figure

The band uses a \$10,000 speaker feedback system, hooked up to an earpiece that each member wears

Jordan went to JMU and played for the MRDs

The band has an internal debate over whether PCs or Macintosh computers are better

Scott's sister, Jill, married a fellow named Jack last May

Jordan misses the three-pack chocolate chip cookies from PC Dukes

Carter currently is learning to play the ukulele

The band, with help of a small crew, pack up their own equipment and gear



KELLY JASPER/senior photographer

Lead singer of Carbon Leaf, Barry Privett plays tin whistle during one of the band's songs. They performed at Main Street Bar and Grill Tuesday night.



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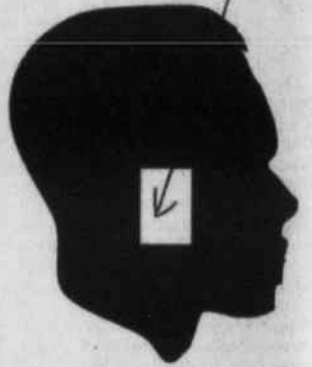
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Summer for fun, not long-term love

BY GEARY COX
senior writer

My dormmate, Elle*, found her way to my door early the other morning. It seems she is stuck with a major dilemma — as the summer approaches, Elle must decide which romantic interests she'd like to keep.

Elle comes from a small town in Pennsylvania and has a love interest at JMU named Daniel*. Back home, she has an intimate — but casual — relationship with Tom*.

For Elle, what once was close in the Village now will be far away — and what once was distant now is convenient. She would like to keep both, but realizes the conflict in the situation. With Tom so close, calling or visiting Daniel would be impossible. Not to mention both guys are looking to be more committed to Elle in a relationship. Can Elle have her cake



and eat it too? Elle needs to have a serious talk with Tom and Daniel, let them know what she expects from their respective relationships and politely remind them that there are other fish in the sea. It's a break from college, she shouldn't let herself be confined to a situation that doesn't work for her. Tom and Daniel will either shape up, or ship out.

Summer relationships are the à la carte dish of the dating world. As everyone returns from far-flung colleges and head to the beach, logistics don't really matter.

After all, you're only going to be dealing with these people for three months at the most.

The problem with short-term flings is that, without communication and understanding, summer trysts can turn into fall heartaches.

The first and most important aspect of a summer fling is to remember that it's a relationship, just like any other personal interaction — and a romantic one at that.

Open communication is imperative to ensure no one is stuck with a broken heart. Not to mention no one wants a messy, stalk-

er-esque breakup.

Secondly, keep your eyes on the prize. If you're looking for true love, keep searching for it. If you want a hot, steamy romp in the sand, then go for that too — but never let your fling get too serious.

Lastly, be realistic. If you and your love interest will be at the beach for one week, wrap things up in seven days. You might find a lasting romance. Then again, you might come to your senses and realize that it won't work in the end.

Summer break is meant to be a carefree time between semesters — like Christmas, but the presents this time have beautiful smiles.

Maybe relationships à la carte aren't for you — that's all right. You don't have to be someone you're not — but for some, it sounds like fun.

*names have been changed

Cee-Lo: Rapper delighted

Cee-Lo, from page 17

was able to excite the infamous JMU party atmosphere with the audience. Casually dressed and surrounded by two green-shirted men, Cee-Lo put on the show people had come to see.

Though Cee-Lo took a few breaks to rest over the course of his set, he still wowed the audience and brought a great deal of energy out of them. Cee-Lo uses funk, soul and Southern style to make the crowd jump.

"I'm glad to see true hip-hop alive

and well," Cee-Lo commented referring to Indigenous Womb, and also the Breakdance club. He highlighted the best songs from his most current CD, and from work he did with Outkast and Goodie Mob.

Cee-Lo also was glad to see that "everyone is enjoying music together" in a positive environment such as JMU.

Cee-Lo decided to end the night full of energy with his new single, "The One." "That show was off the hook," senior Fred Jackson said. "Cee-Lo did his thing tonight."

PREVIEW

UPB to release CD at party tonight

BY SEAMUS O'CONNOR
staff writer

A plethora of talent exists at James Madison University, and the University Program Board project harnessed it on a single compact disc. Eighty One Records created a 16-track compilation featuring eight different JMU bands and solo artists, and is offering copies — for free.

The record release will occur at a party Thursday, April 29, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Festival. There is no charge for admission, and compact discs will be given out along with a late-night breakfast provided by the University Health Center from 11 p.m. to 1 a.m. T-shirts commemorating the event will be on sale during the party.

Of the eight performers on the CD, six will perform live during the release party including Vestige, Shapiro, Nathaniel Baker, Tejas Singh, Tragedy Letters and Ross Copperman. Two of Copperman's original songs, "Fly Away" and "Believe" are featured on the CD. Sean Branigan, UPB Director of Artists and Repertoire, said a main goal of the project was to include several "different kinds of bands."

While the original concept for Eighty One Records was to promote and produce an album of a single JMU band, Branigan said the focus changed to "promote more [bands], and maximize exposure of the bands and the label itself." This year's artists

were selected in two ways — performers sent in demo CD's and by scouting through UPB, according to Branigan. After the label invited JMU artists to submit full albums for consideration, UPB members then took the initiative and requested contributions from several artists, Copperman included. Branigan called this year's project a "complete success" and has a positive outlook on the future of the project. Senior Matt Stuart, UPB director of label promotions, helped get the label running, but will graduate this year and has been replaced by Joel Mills. Branigan says the titles of the UPB members working on Eighty One Records are not important — all members work hand-in-hand, and there is little separation of duty.

Next year the label will focus more on scouting, though bands still will be free to submit their work. The future plan for the label, according to Branigan, will be to produce albums of single bands. Another reason behind this year's decision to create a compilation was the stress and trouble involved in creating a label from scratch. Now, with the organization up and running, and with the campus more aware of the label, the focus will return to its starting intent of recording albums for JMU artists. After each album is created, the band and record will be promoted at colleges all along Interstate 81.

PREVIEW

Choir to conclude year on successful note

BY SEAMUS O'CONNOR
staff writer

Fans have seen them in concerts all over campus. Some students have all their compact discs and their pajama pants, too. Now, students can come sing along with The Madison Project one last time before heading home for the summer.

The Madison Project will perform their annual Year-End Show in Wilson Hall Auditorium this Saturday at 8 p.m. with special guest Ross Copperman. The concert will provide a chance to relax, listen to a capella songs of many genres — rock, pop and '80s — and maybe win some free raffle

prizes, including gift certificates to Applebees and Outback Steakhouse.

Some students had a chance to catch The Madison Project at the Pajama Jam, a series of free concerts they given in almost every dorm on campus. The Madison Project used its tour to get in touch with the student body as possible over the semester, according to senior Chuck Stollery, The Madison Project president and music director.

"I think the Pajama Jam tour gave us a chance to become personal with the audience and them a chance to see us as people, not just some a capella group," said Benny Tomko, a senior Madison Project member.

During Pajama Jam, the group offered students the

chance to invest in their new line of pajama pants, bearing the "MP" symbol and the word "Project" across the back.

To many graduating seniors, this year's final concert will mean more than just wrapping up another semester — especially to the three seniors whose a capella careers will culminate in the event. Seniors Tomko, Andrew Rozier-Smolon, and Stollery will complete their final JMU performance Saturday night. All four have been with The Madison Project for several years, and leaving the group will not be easy.

"It's going to be hard watching this show from the audience next year," Smolon said. "But I know it's my time to move on and let the

new generation have their fun. In many ways, The Madison Project has been my real major."

Tomko reflected on the time effort and commitment he put into The Madison Project, and said, "The memories, the fans, the music — [are worth] spending five to six hours a week of rehearsing."

Stollery had fond parting words for the group as well. "Being a part of something from the start that has shaped the a capella and music community at JMU and the region has been more than rewarding."

The Madison Project's Year End Show will start at 8 p.m. Tickets can be bought at the Wilson Hall Auditorium Box Office for \$5 for general admission or \$3 for students.

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Reading between lines: All Things Literary concludes

Senior writer shares goals, prepares to conclude column

So here we are — the final installment of All Things Literary. What began on an October evening in 2000 ends here on an overcast April evening in 2004. I remember starting this column and thinking in the back of my mind that if it stayed around for the next four years, how would it all end? Would it be with a proverbial bang, or should I take the more modernist route and end it with a whimper?

Of course, this was four years ago. And in all the time since the revolution, first was forged on a word processor (okay, maybe not a revolution, but certainly an uprising of sorts), I've forgotten all the gimmicks I had planned for these last bitter-

sweet 600 words — the guest stars, behind-the-scenes secrets and earth-shattering surprises ("There's nothing I hate more than books and reading!"). All that has been whittled away by the progress of weeks, months and years, so that in the end all I have to say is what the past 88 columns have said.

I never expected All Things Literary to change anyone's life. The goal never was to subconsciously brainwash people foolish enough to linger on these words before hitting the sports section — however, a massive army of fervent readers under my total control is an inspiring thought. This column was meant for those in



whom the passion for reading already had been instilled, and if I've interested, encouraged or affected them in any way, then I've succeeded with my job.

The point has been — and always will be — that there shouldn't be any stigma when it comes to reading. If we can have newspaper columns on sports, fashion,

politics and popular culture, then why not on reading and literature? I still fear that a lot of readers lurk below the surface of collegiate society. They gather in little clusters with their books of choice but are afraid to come out into the light. They are afraid to proudly sit on that park bench or hillock, book in hand, and proclaim in an

unspoken shout, "Yes, I enjoy reading!"

It's always a rare sight to see some of my peers reading in public, not for an impending assignment, but for the sheer and simple joy of engaging in discourse with another individual's thoughts and creativity. When I see that errant reader here or there, the sight always brings a smile to my face. I only can hope that once I've officially been ushered off this campus, diploma in tow, people will continue to take up the call of reading not as a chore, not as a task to be marked off a schedule after completion, but as unadulterated pleasure — the kind of pleasure one gets from, say, a night at the movies or a late night of binge drinking.

Alas, it's time to dim the lights and close up shop for

the fourth and final time. Already, the monkeys are packing up their typewriters and preparing to shuffle off to new experiences. For those who've stuck with me since the beginning or just latched on for the final leg of my writing tour, for those who've voiced or e-mailed their support and appreciation — I extend to you a hearty thank you. A literary column is nothing without readers, and without all of you, none of this would have been enjoyable or profitable.

Whether with a bang or a whimper, the back cover of this book closes shut. But, as with doors, when one book closes, there remain multitudes waiting to be opened and explored. And so, taking a deep breath, we will open up the next book to come our way and continue reading.

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"Once [Brooke] scores, she gets the whole team going, and that's exactly what we needed ..."

GAIL DECKER
senior midfielder
See story below

SPORTS

JMU rising in CAA standings

Late-inning heroics has young Diamond Dukes making a run at CAA's elite teams.

See story below

WOMEN'S GOLF

JMU repeats CAA victory

The women's golf team captured its second-straight Colonial Athletic Association Championship Tuesday.

The trio of senior Jayme Langford, junior Carol Green and freshman Kiley Bishop finished first, second and third in the tournament.

Langford's three-day total of 222 was 6 strokes over par. Bishop finished at 227 and Green at 232.

It also was Langford's final collegiate tournament.

"I'm so proud for Jayme today," coach Paul Gooden said. "I challenged her toward the end of the season, and she really responded."

Langford added, "It was a great way to end my career. I have been part of some great teams that have broken records, and I couldn't have asked for a better way to end my four-year career at JMU."

Behind the strong play of Langford, Bishop and Green, the Dukes shot a three-day total of 911, winning the tournament by 36 strokes.

It was the largest margin of victory for JMU this season.

Freshman Diana Meza finished sixth overall with a three-day total of 235, and senior Kansas Gooden finished ninth with a 237.

It was the Dukes' sixth team victory of the season, and the tenth time in 12 tournaments that they have finished in the top three.

— from staff reports

Dukes win battle with Hoyas

Decker, McKenzie lead way to victory over Georgetown

BY DREW WILSON
senior writer

Senior midfielder Gail Decker scored three of her five goals in the second half to help the No. 8 Dukes come from behind to upset the No. 7 Georgetown University Hoyas, 12-11 Tuesday at the JMU Lacrosse Complex.

The win is the Dukes' eighth consecutive victory, but is the team's first over the Hoyas since 1997.

"It was huge — I don't know if there is any other word for it," said

Tuesday
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coach
Kellie Young, who was an assistant coach for four years at Georgetown before coming to JMU last season. "It was a win we needed [in order] to prove that we were as good as we are against a higher-ranked program, a program that has beaten us the last seven times [we've met]."

After JMU opened with a 2-0 lead on goals by freshman midfielder Kelly Berger and Decker, Georgetown countered with a 7-2 scoring run to take a 7-4 lead with 6:44 left in the first half.

The Dukes, now 13-3 on the season, rallied for two goals to cut the Hoyas' lead to 7-6 with a little over one minute to play before halftime. As Georgetown goalkeeper Sarah Robinson stepped out of the crease, sophomore attacker Brooke McKenzie checked Robinson's stick with her own to knock the ball away from her.

McKenzie corralled the ball and scored on the open net to tie the game at 7-7 with 34.9 seconds to play in the first period.

McKenzie said JMU was running a stall, which allowed her to make the momentum turning play.

"If my teammates were not pressuring [the defense], I would have never gotten that goal or the check off the goalie," McKenzie said. "I was lucky to be right there."

Decker said McKenzie's goal helped the Dukes' mindset heading into the second half.

"Once [Brooke] scores, she gets the whole team going, and that's exactly what we needed going into the half," Decker said.

Young said she spoke to the team at halftime and told them, "We have the momentum and carry that into the second half."

That comment seemed to pay off.

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DREW WILSON/senior photographer

Freshman attacker Kelly Berger, No. 3, drives against Georgetown's Lauryn Bernier during No. 8-ranked JMU's 12-11 victory over the No. 7-ranked Hoyas Tuesday at the JMU Lacrosse Complex.

BASEBALL

JMU senior receives CAA award

Baseball senior outfielder and co-captain Alan Lindsey has been chosen as one of three Colonial Athletic Association recipients of the John H. Randolph Inspiration Award.

The award is presented to individuals who — through strength of character and human spirit — serve as an inspiration to all college athletes to maximize their potential and ability for success.

Lindsey was hospitalized Feb. 18 with severe flu-like symptoms and later was diagnosed as having a life-threatening staph infection in his heart. He underwent two open-heart surgeries within a six-day period to replace his aortic and bicuspid valves.

Lindsey returned to classes March 15. He is a finance major who is scheduled to graduate in May.

The Diamond Dukes are 26-14 this season after losing to the University of Maryland 2-1 Tuesday night in College Park, Md.

Freshman left-handed pitcher Trevor Kaylid took the loss for JMU, allowing a game-winning single in the ninth inning to Maryland catcher Bobby Ryan.

Freshman first baseman Matt Bristow had the only RBI for the Diamond Dukes with a seventh-inning single.

— from staff reports

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Swindells, Argy named All-State

Junior defender Katy Swindells and sophomore forward Kim Argy were named to the All-State Women's Soccer Team Monday.

For Swindells, this is the second year in a row she earned First Team All-State honors. She was named to the All-Colonial Athletic Association Team three years in a row.

Argy, who was a First-Team All-State selection last year, earned Second Team All-State honors this season. The sophomore forward led the Dukes with eight goals in 2003 and was No. 8 in total points in the CAA.

JMU finished No. 5 in the CAA team standings in 2003 with an overall record of 7-10-3 and a 5-3-1 record in conference play.

— from staff reports

ON THE SIDELINES

College provides great sports setting

For weeks I've thought about what I wanted to say in my farewell column — my final words in *The Breeze*. I've thought of every little cliché or intellectual quote I could use. Only one seems to be fitting.

Richard Harding Davis, a journalist and author around the turn of the 20th century, once said, "The secret of good writing is to say an old thing in a new way or to say a new thing in an old way."

I thought this was fitting because after covering JMU sports for four years, it's a challenge to not write the same story twice when some JMU teams have had the same losing results year after year. You only can put so much of a spin on missed field goals or bricked free throws.

Many people say the last four years have been a lull in JMU sports. I guess if you look at the big three — football and men's and women's bas-

ketball — there has been a drop-off. But, I see bright things ahead for JMU.

Football will be much improved from a year ago due to only graduating five players. Newly-hired men's basketball coach Dean Keener will right the ship in a few seasons, and women's basketball coach Kenny Brooks will take that team to the top of the conference in no time.

Win or lose, no matter what, I've had the best four years of my life covering JMU teams for *The Breeze*. It truly is the best job in the world. I've had the opportunity to cover any sport at any time. I've gotten to do it my way, and I know

once I get into the real world, I never will have that total freedom again. For my money, you can't find a better sports atmosphere than on a college campus, and I will miss it greatly.

But, before I say my final words, you know how celebrities pull that long piece of wadded up paper out of their pockets to thank Ray-Ray, Pookie and everyone else in their posse?

Well, I couldn't have gotten to where I have without the help of a few people. I wouldn't have gotten my start without the help of then-sports editors Andy Tufts ('01) and Travis Clingenpeel ('03). They took a chance and assigned me a women's soccer season preview even before I attended a class at JMU, despite the fact that I knew nothing about soccer at the time and only had attended one soccer game in my life.

I also would like to thank all of the athletes and coaches, as well as the other students, faculty and staff I interviewed over the years. I cannot thank you enough for the help you have given me when I was on deadline. I hope my articles represented your teams in a respectful way. And to the football team, thanks for heckling me every time I'd see you on campus for occasionally picking against JMU in *The Breeze's* football picks of the week.

But, most of all, I'd like to thank the readers for putting up with all of my stories and columns. I hope my coverage of the athletic teams kept you interested in and gave you insight into JMU sports.

Drew Wilson is a senior SMAD major who also would like to give a shoutout to some of his own crew — Peaches, the Real Deal, J9, L-Dizzle and D-Bo — for making his college experience an amazing one.



DREW WILSON

BASEBALL

Diamond Dukes making push at CAA elite

As the NCAA baseball season continues past its halfway point, JMU baseball enthusiasts are faced with two facts about their Diamond Dukes.

THE HOT CORNER
Fact No. 1: this team is very young.
Fact No. 2: Fact No. 1 doesn't matter.

JMU currently sits in third place in the Colonial Athletic Association team standings. The Diamond Dukes are 26-14 overall, 7-5 in conference play and are winners of four of their last five games.



JAMES IRWIN

The astonishing fact is that they have accomplished this with a team primarily composed of underclassmen.

In an era where many college athletic programs stress the need for a plethora of senior leadership, the Diamond Dukes can show baseball fans what young teams are capable of accomplishing.

After graduating a small army of players last year, JMU features an everyday starting lineup loaded with freshmen and sophomore players. The official 2004 team roster is composed of three upperclassmen, only one of which is a senior.

To get an idea of how young the Diamond Dukes are, the new pitching rotation came into this season

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KYRA PAPAFILE/for photo

Junior outfielder Mike Butia bats during JMU's game against Virginia Tech earlier this season. The Diamond Dukes currently are in third place in the CAA.

BASEBALL: JMU shows promise

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boasting a grand total of 12 career college starts.

In late February, lone senior outfielder Alan Lindsey underwent surgery to correct a staph infection in his heart. Since, the Diamond Dukes have been forced to make due without their team captain.

At that point, the 2004 season could've turned into a rebuilding year — but it didn't.

Since Lindsey's surgery, the Diamond Dukes are 21-13. JMU is 19-7 at Long Field/Mauck Stadium and, at 7-7, is one of only two CAA teams at or above .500 away from home.

The solid overall play of the Diamond Dukes can be attributed to a number of factors, most specifically their ability to win games in the late innings.

Of course, junior outfielder Mike Butta leading the CAA in hitting doesn't hurt, and junior pitcher Brian Leatherwood's

three complete games have cemented him as the ace of the rotation. But, it's the comeback wins that have fans buzzing with excitement.

Statistics and individual honors aside, the Diamond Dukes are winning games in dramatic fashion. This season has seen walk-off home runs, nail-biting finishes and enough late-inning comebacks to make ESPN analyst Mel Kiper Jr.'s hair turn white.

At home against the University of North Carolina-Wilmington last month, the Diamond Dukes blew a 7-run lead to the Seahawks and then promptly won the game in the bottom of the ninth inning when sophomore second baseman Michael Cowgill drilled a home run to straight-away center field.

It's the toughness of this young team that makes that type of win possible.

Inexperienced teams may

lapse, become a bit overconfident, or blow an occasional big lead, but they also are resilient.

The Diamond Dukes have taken on their own personality. No longer is this team an unknown entity in a "rebuilding year." It's a young, scrappy group that continues to pick itself back up off the deck when it's down the most.

As a result, the Diamond Dukes will be a tough team to play when the CAA tournament begins next month. Think about it — who really wants to face an overachieving young team with a knack for putting up big numbers in the late innings?

If I were another conference team, I'd keep an eye on JMU. The Diamond Dukes might not be a sleeper, but they sure are making some unpredictable noise.

James Irwin is a sophomore SMAD major.

LACROSSE: Decker leads Dukes to narrow victory over Hoyas

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McKenzie opened the second half with another goal, giving JMU its first lead since the opening minutes.

After the Hoyas scored to tie the game, Decker alone outscored them 3-1 over a seven-minute span.

With JMU ahead 11-9 with 12:38 to play, the game was delayed for 30 minutes following lightning.

When play resumed, Berger netted another goal with 7:14 to play to put the Dukes ahead, 12-9.

Georgetown got one of the goals back seconds later when it controlled the draw and scored with 6:45 left.

With 1:09 to play, the Hoyas cut the JMU lead to one when Lauren Redler scored on a free-position attempt.

Although JMU controlled the draw, a bad pass gave Georgetown one last attempt to tie the game.

Sophomore goalkeeper Livvy King blocked a shot by the Hoyas' Sarah Oliphant with 19.4 seconds left in the game. JMU regained possession of the ball and ran out the clock for the narrow win.

"We made a bunch of mistakes, but it shows us that even when we do make mistakes, we can still win because we have that much talent," Decker said.

McKenzie said the win

over the Hoyas will propel the Dukes into the postseason.

"I think this [win] is definitely going to give us the edge in the conference tournament," she said.

JMU, the top seed in the Colonial Athletic Association, will host fourth-seeded George Mason University Saturday.

Second-seeded Towson University will play third-seeded College of William & Mary in the other CAA Tournament game, also being held at JMU. The championship game is scheduled for Sunday.

The Dukes won the CAA title last season before falling to Georgetown in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

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