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Gay sympathizers active on campus

By Charles Taylor
features editor

► Last of a series

"Thus far the 'faggots' have had it their way as far as media coverage is concerned. . . . If we are not . . . willing to take a definite stand against one of the more sordid of social anomalies, I fear for the integrity and even the ultimate survival of our society."

Guestspot in *The Breeze*, Dec. 1, 1978.

"It seems that the gay issue here . . . has only produced hatred and conflict that will continue to divide the student body until the rights of all students on this campus are recognized."

Guestspot in *The Breeze*, Dec. 8, 1978.

Things change but so much in six years. In 1984, homosexuality remains an issue that hardly elicits a unified response at JMU.

But even with mixed acceptance of gays, it seems the awareness that they are here is unquestioned. A majority of students interviewed said they know at least one homosexual, and many condone gay rights to varying degrees.

Two groups dealing with gay lifestyles are active on campus, one with university approval and the other working toward it.

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The organization is not meeting this semester, however, because of conflicting student schedules, Gonzales said.

Some students are seeking university approval of another group, Lambda Gamma Lambda, established to promote human rights — including gay rights.

Luke Adams, one of its coordinators, said JMU "sticks out like a sore thumb" because no group on campus deals with rights of homosexuals. The University of Virginia, Virginia Tech, William and Mary, Virginia Commonwealth University and Old Dominion University have gay alliances, Adams said.

Within Lambda Gamma Lambda's charter are 15 groups the organization thinks are discriminated against. They include those judged by race, color, religion, political affiliation, physical handicap and sexual preference. Adams stressed that attention is not focused on the last.

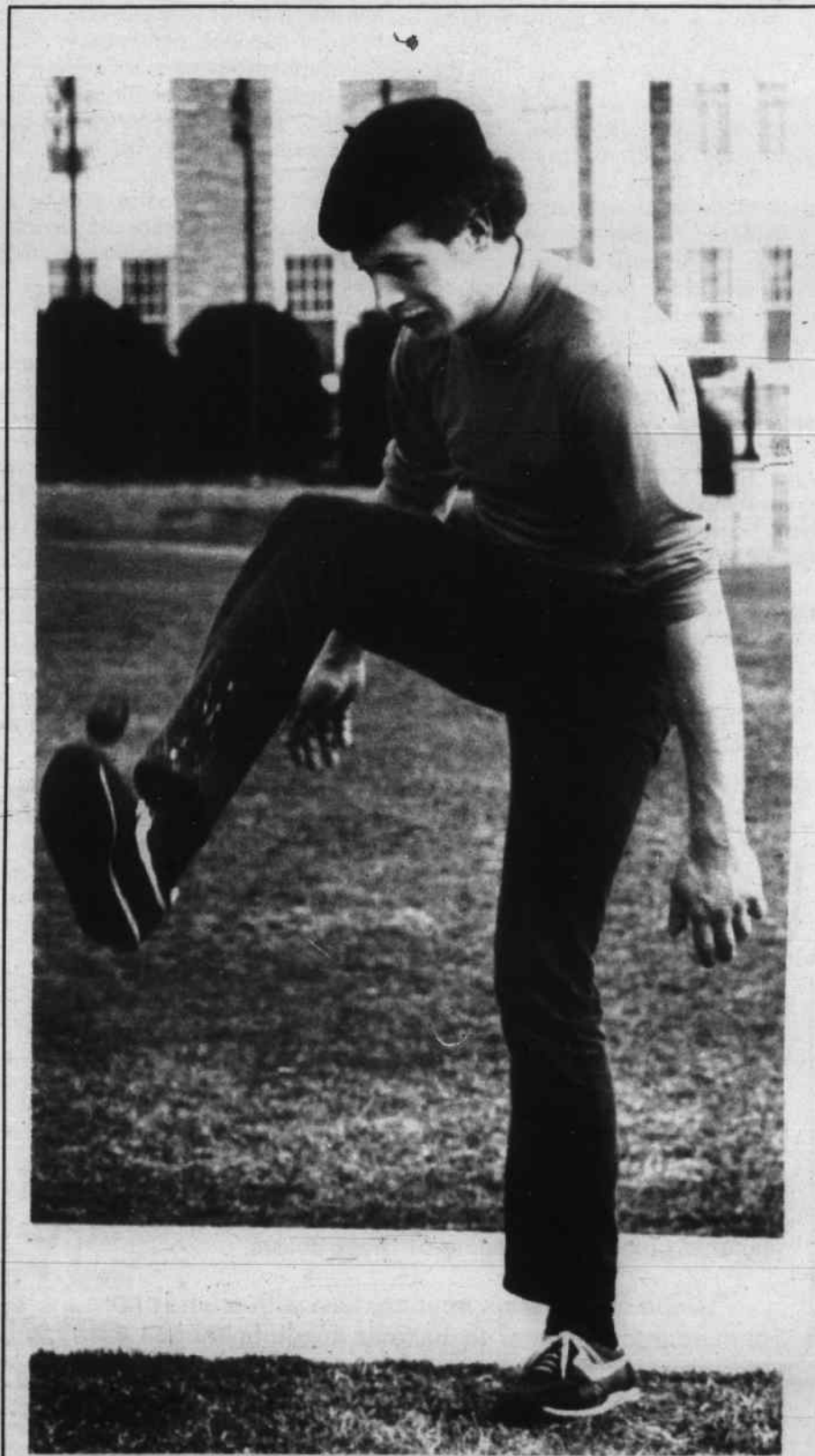
"The people in this organization are not necessarily gays or lesbians. In fact, most are not," Adams said. "One of the groups whose rights are constantly trampled by society is gays and lesbians and that's why we have a committee specifically for them."

With a membership of 35, Lambda Gamma Lambda is preparing to seek university recognition. This requires getting a faculty adviser. Adams said the group's adviser is leaving JMU at the end of this semester, and until it finds a new faculty adviser, the organization cannot seek approval.

With a new adviser, "I think we will get approval because the administration doesn't want to make waves," Adams said. "Someone would look pretty lousy if they opposed an organization promoting human rights."

Suzanne Straub, director of stu-

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Kicking the sack — Marcello Amari, a JMU senior, plays "Hacky sack" on the quad in front of Wilson Hall. The game is played by kicking a small leather bag around a circle of a few people. (Photo by Greg Fletcher)

Drinking bill dead

The Virginia Senate decided to leave the beer-drinking age at 19. Page

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State champs

The women's gymnastics team won the state title here this weekend. Page

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Sympathizers

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dent activities and Warren Campus Center, said if Lambda Gamma Lambda follows guidelines required for organizations seeking university approval, there shouldn't be any trouble.

"I cannot imagine there would be any value judgment on this unless they didn't have the proper things in order," she said. "I don't think we're in a position to feel negative about any group or organization, and until it comes to us as a request, we'll make no assumptions."

Students, however, aren't required to support any group they don't want to. Still, awareness of homosexuality's prevalence is acknowledged, and to a degree, accepted by students here.

In a JMU class where sexual topics are discussed, 29 students were questioned about homosexuality. Sixteen said they are acquainted with a homosexual. Nine of the 16 know at least one homosexual male and female.

"I was a little surprised at first," said one male about a female friend who admitted she was gay. "I wasn't offended or anything, but I think I would've had a different reaction if it had been a guy."

A male who discovered a male

friend's homosexuality said he felt uncomfortable with the news. "He was really open about it, but then he started getting interested in me. It kind of made me shy away a little bit. I told him I respected his views, but don't try anything."

Despite the number of students who know gays, 22 class members felt national estimates of homosexual prevalence — one in seven men and 7 percent of women — were too high for the JMU community.


"I guess when you think about all the men you know," said one female, "to think one in seven is gay seems pretty high."

Another woman said, "Maybe I wouldn't be attracted in general as friends to those types of people. Maybe I just haven't met that many."

Eleven hoped they wouldn't have to, and admitted to "homophobia," an active fear of homosexuals, usually released through bitter outcries against gays.

But overall, things seemed to even out in discussion with the class. As many who were repulsed by homosexuality accepted it.

According to Gonzalez, "It's a difficult issue for many of us to deal with, as are most sexual issues. But people are becoming more willing to talk about themselves and their sexuality, and now, many don't necessarily see being gay as a problem."



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Senate committee kills bill

Drinking age stays at 19

By Donna Sawyers
SGA reporter

The beer-drinking age will remain at 19 in Virginia.

A Senate committee Friday killed 10-5 a proposal to raise the age to 21.

The House of Delegates had approved the bill.

The SGA Legislative Action Committee had been lobbying against raising the age.

Committee chairwoman Beth Kesler and White Hall Senator Bob Houston spoke at the one and one-half hour public hearing Friday.

Kesler said, "I think we made a difference. We did a damn good job."

But she was not always confident. "The Senate hearing was more emotional than the House hearing. The MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Drivers) people went all out and we were worried."

Although the Rehabilitation and Social Services Committee last year opposed raising the age, "We were still holding our breaths," she said.

At the hearing, Kesler called the bill "an absurd solution" to the problem and one which would only "discourage respect for the law."

"Like Prohibition, it would take drinking out of a controlled environment and put it behind closed doors."

Backers of the bill said a disproportionate number of drivers under the age of 21 are involved in alcohol-related highway accidents. Restricting their use of alcohol will save their lives, they said.

Opponents of the bill said it is unfair to discriminate against the majority of young people who are responsible with alcohol. Drunken driving laws must become stricter, they argued.

Paul O'Brien, a George Mason University student, also spoke at the hearing. He supported the bill, but later said he was pleased students are becoming aware of the dangers of drinking and driving. The possibility of raising the age increased student awareness, he said.

Kesler said, "Students are aware that if they don't act more responsibly, their privileges could be taken away," she said.

The Senate committee last year opposed a similar House bill to establish a uniform 21-year drinking age, but amended it to increase the drinking age for beer to 19 from 18.

Earlier this session, the committee turned down a Senate bill to leave the on-premise beer-drinking age at 19, but to increase it to 21 for the purchase of take-out beer.

The drinking age for wine and liquor is 21.



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Birth control clinic keeps confidentiality

By Allison Colby
staff writer

"We had been dating for quite a while. We had sex occasionally and always took the proper precautions. But, we wanted a more effective and less worrisome means of birth control," said Jill, a JMU student.

"My boyfriend thought I should get on the pill. At first I wasn't sure, but later I realized that it would be best. I thought of making an appointment with a doctor in Harrisonburg, but the expense of doing so made me change my mind. I called the birth control clinic.

"I was scared my parents would find out.

"The first six or seven times I called, I hung up. Finally I got up the nerve to speak and, after making sure all services were confidential, I made an appointment."

Jill is like a lot of JMU women. She was unsure of using the services offered at the clinic in the Health Care Center. Confidentiality was her primary concern. She now uses birth control pills — and strict confidentiality has been kept.

But helping students select a means of birth control is just one function of the clinic. It offers, among other things, limited counseling.

Lisa, also a JMU student has used this function. Last year she suspected she was pregnant. Because she "didn't know where else to call" she spoke to a nurse at the clinic. "I didn't trust anyone else," Lisa said.

She was told to wait a week and, if she still suspected pregnancy, to make an appointment to have a pregnancy test done.

Lisa was not pregnant, but the help given her by the clinic reassured her that if she was, she had someone to help her.

Although Jill's and Lisa's names have been changed, their situations are real.

The birth control clinic was established in the

fall of 1982. It started as a birth control counseling service in the fall of 1981. The only services offered then were consultations. If a woman wanted a means of birth control, she had to go elsewhere. That year, the SGA conducted a student survey and found that students saw a need for a clinic.

According to Nancy Sedwick, the gynecology nursing consultant at the clinic, services for anything related to women's needs are offered at the clinic. Sedwick counsels women who have irregular or late periods, suspect pregnancy, or have

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Nancy Sedwick
gynecology nurse

questions concerning birth control. Examination and treatment for women who have contracted venereal diseases are also offered at the clinic.

The clinic serves JMU women who are students carrying seven or more credit hours. Male students concerned about symptoms of VD can come to the Health Care Center to be examined and, if necessary, treated for VD.

Faculty and staff members are not served because most are residents of Harrisonburg and have their own doctors. "I have had faculty who call with questions because students have ap-

proached them," Sedwick said.

The clinic does not charge students for its services. But, women are responsible for purchasing the prescription given them by the nurse or their selected means of birth control. Also, women seeking a means of birth control such as the pill or the diaphragm must pay for an exam and pap smear. This fee is \$12 and is used to pay for the necessary lab work and some of the instruments needed to perform the exams. Otherwise, the clinic is state funded; it receives no federal money.

Sedwick said about 200 women a month use the services offered by the clinic. Of these visits, 50 to 60 percent are seeking means of birth control and all others have questions concerning birth control or some other related issue. "We always know what they are covering in health classes when there are a lot of questions about VD," Sedwick said.

Although the clinic does some counseling, it can not handle all problems. "I feel that sometimes I have to throw in the towel," Sedwick said. She automatically refers all women seeking guidance to the counseling center. The services offered there are also confidential.

Sedwick enjoys working in the clinic because "It's my specialty. I like to work with women. I may not know exactly how she (patient) feels, but I can understand. I don't try to push women. I don't feel anyone should feel abnormal because they're not having intercourse. I'm here to prevent pregnancy," she said.

Since the clinic has been in operation, Sedwick has noticed a change in the number of pregnancies on campus. She has randomly selected some months and determined from those months that the number of pregnancies had dropped 18 percent since the clinic was instigated.

The clinic's purpose is not to pressure students into doing anything they would not otherwise do. And, according to Sedwick, it does not.

newsfile

Commission to study grade averages

A proposal recommending all grades be averaged into a student's quality point average was forwarded Thursday to the Commission on Undergraduate Studies Thursday.

The University Council sent the proposal to the commission for further study. The council would have voted on the proposal, but the deadline passed for changes to the university catalogue.

A student now can repeat a class to improve the grade. Only the second grade is used to compute the QPA.

Also at the meeting, the University Council unanimously approved moving the sculpture of James Madison from the library to outside. The bust is located at the bottom of the stairwell near the old front entrance in Madison Memorial Library. It will be moved outside near the building's main entrance.

— Donna Sawyers

1984-85 Breeze staff announced

The Breeze announced its 1984-1985 staff Feb. 17:

► News editor, Bill Goodykoontz, junior;
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► Assistant business manager, Michael Scoffone, freshman.

The staff was chosen by Editor Constance Walker, Managing Editor Gwen Fariss and Business Manager Marion McQuiston.

The new staff will be trained after spring break and officially will assume the positions March 29.

Visiting scholar presents poetry

A poet presented readings here Friday based on her childhood experiences.

Dr. George Ella Lyon, a University of Kentucky professor, said, "Poetry makes more sense to me than any other language. It's like finding directions. I know where I'm going."

Some of her readings were about religion, family life and anorexia. Most will be published in a book titled, "Filling Out the Form."

Lyon's work has been published in Appalachian Journal, Kentucky English Bulletin and in other national publications.

Lyon's presentation was sponsored by the Visiting Scholar Program.

— Linda Wankow

Alcohol program to be held here

A program on Alcohol Awareness will be held Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Warren Campus Center ballroom.

David Rood, an Alcohol Safety Action Program representative, will present a film and discuss drinking and driving.

Also, a Harrisonburg Police Department representative will conduct demonstrations. Students will be allowed to sample beers and take a breathalyzer test to observe their blood-alcohol content.

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Trespassing case dropped

By Kim Gibson
court reporter

The following cases recently were decided in Rockingham County District Court.

The case of non-student William Mauzy, 30, of Harrisonburg was dismissed Thursday.

Campus police charged Mauzy with trespassing Jan. 30 in Frederikson Hall.

► Student Neil Sullivan, 22, of Fairfax was found guilty Feb. 17 of reckless driving. He was fined \$200.

Sullivan was arrested Oct. 1 by Harrisonburg police on Pleasant Hill Road.

► Non-student Paul Cleveland, 20, of

Harrisonburg was found guilty Thursday of petty larceny. Cleveland was allowed to perform community service work in the form of court services instead of a fine.

Cleveland was arrested by campus police Nov. 5 near Eagle Hall. He allegedly took a coat from a party room in Madison Stadium.

Cleveland also was found guilty Thursday of trespassing. He was fined \$25 for that.

► Student John Quinn, 19, of Upper Marlboro, Md., pleaded guilty Thursday

to drunken driving.

Quinn was fined \$150 and his license was suspended for six months. His license then was reinstated because he enrolled in the Alcohol Safety Action Program.

Quinn was arrested by campus police Jan. 27 on Bluestone Drive.

► Student Susan Breed, 21, of Virginia Beach was found guilty Feb. 17 of creating excessive noise. She was fined \$35 and ordered to perform court services.

Breed was arrested by city police Feb. 5 at her residence on Cantrell Avenue.

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Fraternity not charged

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Campus police last week told *The Breeze* that judicial charges were brought against Kappa Sigma in connection with a Feb. 15 initiation incident. But university judicial officials did not place charges against the fraternity, and the alleged incident reported on page 9 of the Feb. 23 issue was not part of an initiation.

Harrisonburg police recently reported the following arrests:

Drunken driving

► Student Douglas Dixon, 20, of Springfield, Va., was arrested Feb. 13 and charged with drunken driving.

Dixon was arrested about 2 a.m. on South Main Street.

Public drunkenness

► Student Carlton Thorne, Jr., 23, of Springfield, Va., was arrested Feb. 17 and charged with public drunkenness.

Thorne was arrested about midnight on North Liberty Street.

Excessive noise

► Student G.R. Schrottenboer, 21, of Chesterfield, Va., was arrested Feb. 15 and charged with creating excessive noise.

Schrottenboer was arrested about 7:30 a.m. at his residence on Devon Lane.

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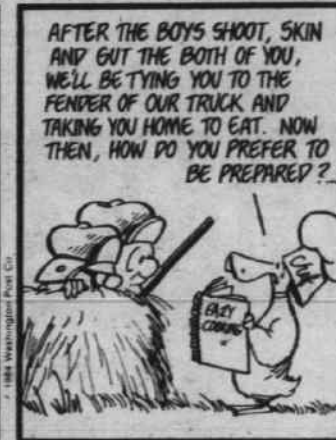
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Special Olympics Swimming Program — Thursdays from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Meet in Maury parking lot at 5:25 p.m. For more information, contact Irene at X5756.

Wesley Foundation — Feb. 27: 7 p.m., Called To Care goes to Liberty House. Feb. 28: 5 p.m., Disciples Today; 7 p.m., Bible study. Feb. 29: 8 a.m., communion, room A, WCC; 8:30 p.m., fellowship: leap year celebration. March 1: 6 p.m., New Life Singers, Duke 208.

Train-a-Champ — needs volunteers at Magaheysville Elementary Tuesdays or Wednesdays from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. and at Vo Tech Fridays from 1:20 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Call Linda at 433-1624 if you are interested.

Superdance — sponsored by Panhellenic, IFC and Order of Omega to benefit Muscular Dystrophy will be March 16 at 8 p.m. to midnight March 17 in Godwin Hall. Register in the Greek Office, WCC.

Jump Rope for Heart-a-Thon — sponsored by Phi Epsilon Kappa, will be March 31 from 9 a.m. to noon in Godwin Hall. For more information, contact Box 5137 or phone X7475.

Actors for Children's Theatre — production performances on campus April 5 through 8. There will be a paid tour in May. For more information, call 6474.

Biology Seminar — Dr. Jerry O. Wolff, director of Mountain Lake Biological Station, UVA, will give an introductory talk on summer opportunities at MLBS, and on the evolution of mammalian social organs, Feb. 28 at 4 p.m., Burruss 314.

Baptist Student Union — Feb. 28, Relationship Bible Study, 11:30 a.m. in room A, WCC; Feb. 29, Revelation Bible Study, 7:00 a.m. in Converse RAC; Feb. 29, New Psalm Singers, 8:00 p.m. in BSU; Feb. 30, Prayer Meeting 5:00 p.m.; meeting at 5:30 — speaker will be Roy Cotton.

Auditions — for "Wiley and the Hairy Man" will be Feb. 27 and 28 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Anthony-Seegar room 12. For more information or scripts call 6474.

Careers in International Business series — Gerry Gill, reference librarian, and Brad Roof, international business program director, will present a workshop on "Finding Jobs in International Business" at 3 p.m. on Feb. 29 in room 101 of the library.

CPR instructor course — sponsored by the Harrisonburg Department of Parks & Recreation in cooperation with the American Red Cross. March 2 through March 4 at the Community Activities Center. To enroll you must be at least 17 years old and must hold a currently valid certificate showing completion of a full length American Red Cross or American Heart Association CPR course. Registration will be held at the recreation department administrative office Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. A materials and equipment maintenance charge of \$8 is payable at the time of registration. Deadline for registration is Feb. 29. For further information, contact James Sowers at the recreation department, 433-9168.

Art exhibits — Sawhill Gallery, Duke Fine Arts Center: "Works from the Folger Shakespeare Library," March 12 through 25. (Because there will be a rare manuscript collection, hours will be changed to Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., and on March 20 and 21, 4:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.) Artworks Gallery, Zirkle House: "X-Portable Units," by Kim Cox and Pat VanHorn, through March 2. The Other Gallery, Zirkle House: "Visions and Imaginings," by David Kidd, Nancy Kizinger and Pam Lichtfuss, through March 2.

Art Lecture Series — "The Davanzali Palace: A Peek into a Florentine Renaissance Home," will be presented by Anne Barriault March 14 at 4:30 p.m. in Duke A100.

Physics seminar — "Quantum Electronics and Lasers," presented by Dr. Dorn W. Peterson, JMU physics department, will be Feb. 27 at 4:30 p.m. in Miller 109.

CCM Search and Discover — Father Thomas Nee will discuss and answer questions concerning medical ethics Feb. 28 at 7 p.m., Catholic Student Center.

Meetings

JMU Canterbury — The Episcopal student group meets every Thursday after the 7 p.m. communion service at Emmanuel Episcopal Church.

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CP&P — Workshops: "Resume Writing," Feb. 28 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.; "Getting Your Act Together," Feb. 29 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.; Sign up in advance in the CP&P office.

Busch Gardens and Kings Dominion accepting summer employment applications. A few Kings Dominion brochures are available in the CP&P office. You must contact these organizations directly to obtain more information and applications.

Interview sign-ups for the week of Feb. 27: Vitro Laboratories is interested in computer science majors; Whitaker M.A. Bioproducts — biology, chemistry, medical tech., accounting, english (for technical writing); Defense Mapping Agency/Hydrographic/Topographic Center — geography, geology; JC Penney Company — business majors with some retail preferred; Lanier Business Products — sales representatives positions; U.S. Navy for Pilot/Officer Candidate program (sign up beginning March 26). Check CP&P for details.

Accounting tutoring — The Accounting Honor Society will hold open tutoring sessions in accounting every Wednesday from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the audiovisual department of the library.

Financial Aid applications — for the 1984-85 school year are now available in the Financial Aid office. Deadline is March 1, 1984.

1984 Summer Session Bulletins — are now available in the Summer School Office, Wilson 107, and in the Campus Center.

Center for Child Abuse Education — accepting applications for independent study until March 15. The Center produces the Virginia Child Protection Newsletter, a periodical devoted to recent developments about child abuse and neglect. Students help in developing questionnaires, interviewing professionals, doing background research, and writing articles and book reviews. Three credits are available through psychology, sociology, communication arts, or political science. Applications are available in Johnston 220. More information is available from Joann Grayson or Charlotte McNulty at 6482.

Campus Crusade for Christ — meets every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. on the WCC mezzanine. For information call Laura at 434-6638.

Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship — meets every Sunday at 7 p.m. in the WCC ballroom. Inter-Varsity prayer meetings are held Monday through Friday from 4:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Jackson 106.

Christian Science Organization — meets every first and third Sunday at 7 p.m. in the religious center.

Commuter Student Committee — holds meetings each Monday at 5 p.m. in room B, WCC. All commuters are welcome.

Caving Club — meets every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in Jackson 102.

Presbyterian Fellowship — meets every Monday at 8:30 p.m. in room C, WCC, and will meet Tuesdays for Bible study at 8 p.m. in Converse RAC.

Finance Club — will meet Feb. 27 at 7 p.m. in room A, WCC.

National Organization for Women — will meet Feb. 28 at 7:30 p.m. at the Harrisonburg Electric Commission.

Navigator Christian Organization — will meet for singing, sharing and teaching Friday at 7 p.m. in room D, WCC.

Alpha Epsilon Rho — the National Broadcasting Society will hold its next meeting Wednesday, February 29, in Room D, WCC, at 6 p.m. The guest speaker will be Chuck Stieberg of Warner-Amex Cable in Harrisonburg.

NAA — The Carmen Blough Student Affiliate Chapter of the NAA will be holding their monthly meeting March 15. Board of Directors meeting starts at 5 p.m., social hour at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m., with a speaker following. Checks should be made out to the NAA and sent to Paula Houtary, Box 5392, by March 12. On Monday, February 12, in the Harrison Annex, you may drop off your money between the hours of 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. for Thursday's meeting.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes — get together every Sunday night at 8:30 p.m. in room D on the WCC mezzanine. Everyone is invited to attend!

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Arts & People

JMU dietitian to retire at end of month

Copper's career shines

By Tara Riley
staff writer

Students think when they go away to college, they can eat anything they want without parents watching over them.

Little do JMU students know that their poor eating habits are still noticed and worried about.

"I'm always amazed at how many students don't eat their vegetables . . . They need fruits and vegetables in their diets," said Jean E. Copper, Registered Dietitian, JMU's food service nutritionist.

As a registered dietitian, one of Copper's duties at JMU is to prepare food service menus. Other duties in-

clude calculating calorie counts appearing on the menus, and fixing meals for students who require special diets.

If the students want to complain about the menu, they'll have a tough adversary in Copper — she eats at the dining hall and knows what the food is like. "I've eaten here most of the time," she said, "I don't complain most of the time. I like everything."

Copper's meals at the dining hall, however, are soon to be over. After more than 37 years of service at JMU, Copper is retiring Feb. 29.

"She began at JMU as an undergraduate student from 1938 to 1942. From 1946 until the late 1960s, Copper was a dietitian and home economics teacher and since has

rised to her current position as nutritionist and department head in JMU's food service.

Copper stopped working at JMU only twice in her career.

From 1942 until mid-1946, she worked as assistant dietitian in the Jefferson Hospital in Roanoke. "To me, making that diet list was a pain," said Copper of her hospital work, "I enjoy being around well people, not sick ones."

Copper also left JMU in 1953 to earn her master's degree in institutional management at Ohio State University.

Although Copper has worked at Madison most of her life, that was never her career goal. "I hadn't planned on staying here 38 years, not

when I came here," she said, "I guess I liked it."

"I enjoy the college atmosphere. I think that is one of the advantages here. I can go to concerts, lectures, whatever," Copper said.

Besides, as Copper so modestly said, "We have the best food in the state."

Copper is also proud of her professional accomplishments. Pinned on the lapel of her spotless white lab coat is the crest certifying her membership in the American Dietetics Association. She is also a member of the Virginia Dietetic Association and served as its president in 1972, she said.

Copper has had the opportunity to watch the growth of JMU while she has been here.

She watched the food service grow from Harrison Hall's family-style to Gibbons Dining Hall's cafeteria-style, now handling 5,700 food contracts. "The happiest day was when we moved into this building (the dining hall) because we got more space and more facilities," Copper said.

"I've worked here under three presidents," she said, "And I can walk around this campus and remember the people who the buildings are named for."

When Copper first came to Madison in 1938, it had just been named Madison College. "I didn't really think we'd get this big. I knew we would grow," she said. "I think you lose something as you get bigger. You don't know that many people. It seems less friendlier."

But Copper admits she doesn't like big cities. The second youngest of eight children, Copper grew up on a farm in Waynesboro, Va.

"When I was real small, my father owned a cannery. We canned



No one is too old to be under the watchful care of Jean Copper, JMU's food service nutritionist who began her career here as an undergraduate student in 1938.

(Photo by Stephen Jaffe)

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'I'm always amazed at how many students don't eat their vegetables.'

— Jean Copper



Dietitian Jean E. Copper will be retiring Feb. 29.
(Photo by Stephen Jaffe)

Copper

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tomatoes and green beans, so I guess I've always been interested in food," she said.

Copper lived with her parents until 1957 and now lives in Harrisonburg.

Copper's love for the Valley has not limited her horizons — she toured Europe in 1969. "I really do like the Valley," she said, "This is the garden spot of the world. I didn't see anything in Europe more beautiful."

"I was in eight countries in Europe, a six-week tour," she said. Copper took the tour through the JMU's music department's travel program.

Traveling is one thing Copper hopes to pursue during her retirement. "There's lots of places in the United States I would like to see." Copper also said that she would like to go back to London or take a Caribbean cruise.

Copper has no specific plans after her retirement. She said she wanted to do some work around the house. "Besides, I've worked here 38 years, and that's enough. I've just about spent my life here."

Watch out students, you've only got a few days left under Copper's care.

A Closer Look: 'Rocky Horror'



By Charles Taylor
features editor

I was hoping I wouldn't fit in. Wearing jeans and a plaid button-down, after all, is not the definitive way to see "The Rocky Horror Picture Show." Even the first time.

There are occasions, however, when collegiate priorities must take command. Saturday night I gave into three years of neglecting the midnight-classic's annual on-campus showing and joined the line working its way up to the campus center's ballroom.

From all I'd heard, "Rocky Horror" is one of those deals that a lifetime is simply incomplete without. Now that I've seen it, I realize the statement's truth depends on what kind of life one considers complete.

In line, every fifth person or so looked like a cast member from the "Thriller" video — black lips here, a single whip of hair standing at 90 degrees there. The best dressed was a finely crafted replica of the movie's Magenta (the servant). Several times she paraded through the line, evoking admiring stares. You'd have thought she looked good or something.

I stood, meanwhile, unarmed: no newspaper, no squirt gun, no rice, no umbrella and no toast. The clipboard in hand did nothing to help.

But when the doors to the ballroom were opened, none of it mattered. The evening's purpose became a matter of mere survival. Like hogs in the trough, every ticket holder shoved his way up the stairs and into the ballroom as if a stampede was also part of the movie's cultish tradition.

Once the reels began, the audience took the command I expected. Folks hollered questions in unison for the on-screen heroes to seemingly answer. Obviously some new dialogue was initiated as one guy yelled "Where's the beef?" at an appropriate moment. And the JMU Magenta acted out some of her character's scenes in front of the screen with such perfection, I couldn't help but wonder how many showings — and how many dollars — it had taken her to be so good.

Then there were the rice calvacade, the rain shower, pieces of toast sailing through the air and newspapers poised at the appropriate moment. Sure, without a doubt, it was fun.

On the other hand, I imagined being the only one in a theater, watching "Rocky Horror" a first time. In that case, it became a matter of selecting a scene during which to make a disgusted exit. The lips at the beginning would have done just fine.

I didn't leave though. At 11:40, when it was all over, I walked through the mezzanine corridor considering whether I was supposed to have even minimally enjoyed the film's plot.

I tossed around the idea that "Rocky Horror" is just one of those cultural adventures that gains momentum more from reaction than action. Then turning the corner, I glanced at another one of those crazy folks. This one had blond hair twirled atop her head and dazzling make-up covering most portions of her face.

Trying to figure out which character she was representing, I looked back — and saw "Custodian" stamped on the door she was standing near. There was a mop in her hand.

Who needs "Rocky Horror," I decided. We've got all the culture we can stand right here.

'They can't replace her dedication'

By Tara Riley
staff writer

After more than 37 years as a nutritionist at JMU, Jean Copper's meals at Gibbons Dining Hall will soon end. Copper, JMU's food service nutritionist, will retire Feb. 29 after watching and participating in the growth of JMU.

Copper, who has lived in the area all her life, said she is partial to the Valley but hopes to travel during her retirement.

But Copper has interests outside dedication to work and her love for travel.

"I'm very fond of music. I can waste a whole half a day listening to music," she said. Copper said she enjoys classical compositions, her favorite being opera.

Helen Ininger, an associate professor of music at JMU, said, "She (Copper) is a great opera lover." Ininger went on the 1969 tour to Europe with Copper. "She's particularly fond of Mozart," said Ininger, whom Copper described as a "real good friend."

"She's highly respected, I think, as a person and as a professional," said Ininger. "I don't think she will be replaced. They will get someone to do her job, but they can't replace her dedication. She has spread a lot of good will in her area."

Hank Moody, JMU director of food services, also has known Copper while she has worked here. Moody said Copper is one of the four department heads in contract dining and she reports to him as division head.

"It's hard to think of her as an employee," Moody said, "It's not strictly a supervisor-employee relationship. It's almost a family kind of thing."

Moody said part of Copper's important function in food services has been a resource person. He said she has expertise in sanitary matters, nutritional cooking and the composition of certain products.

"She has been here a long time. She tells a lot of stories about the old days," said Moody. "It will seem strange without her here. She is like your dear old aunt."

Among the other friends Copper has made at JMU is Dr. Dorothy Rowe, the home economics department head. But the Rowe that Copper first knew was a student at Madison. "I've known her ever since she's been here," said Copper, "She's one of my best friends."

Rowe and Copper lived together in 1951 when they were both dietitians at JMU, according to Rowe. "That was jolly," said Rowe, "She liked hamburgers and I liked hot dogs, so we had hamburgers."

The two women worked together for six years before Rowe moved to the home economics department, Rowe said. "Jean is a lot of fun to work with. She's young at heart and she enjoys good food."

Rowe said, "Jean has been the guardian of the nutrients. I think the role she plays is the nutritional safeguard on the food that the students get. I don't know who will do that when she's gone."

Gentile earns birth in nationals

By Scott Tolley
assistant sports editor

JMU sophomore Tony Gentile placed second in the Eastern Regional wrestling tournament this weekend and earned a wild card birth into the NCAA championships.

JMU placed second out of 19 teams in the competition held in Fairfax. The Dukes scored 46 team points to take second behind Old Dominion University. ODU had four wrestlers win individual titles and as a team the Monarchs scored 86.75 points.

Gentile, who was seeded second at 150 pounds behind ODU's Ben Ward, lost to Ward in the finals 4-2.

"Ben's a hard worker . . . he just beat me," Gentile said. "I'm not too bummed out that I lost to him, I'm just happy I got the wild card."

The national competition will be held March

8-10 in East Rutherford, N.J. Gentile, who received one of three wild card bids, was unable to compete in regionals or nationals last year because of late-season injury.

Although he is a sophomore and it's his first trip to nationals, Gentile said, "I'm not really nervous. I'd like to go up there and win a few matches, but it's more of an experience trip. I want to go up there and have fun, wrestle well and place if possible."

Another JMU wrestler who performed well was freshman Jeff "Peanut" Bowyer who placed second at 118.

Bowyer, who was seeded second in the tournament, lost in the finals to top-seeded Mike Duhigg of ODU, 15-9.

Other JMU wrestlers who placed were Mike Thomas (third at 167), Dave Stanton (third at hwt.) and Pat Smith (fourth at 142).

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Bloodied Dukes still standing

By John Castaldi
assistant sports editor

There's plenty of punch left in the Dukes.

At the outset of the season JMU coach Lou Campanelli said they'd get their "noses bloodied," and he was right.

But after going the distance 25 times this year the Dukes are still on their feet.

Sure, they looked a bit glassy-eyed after their bout with the Keydets of VMI Wednesday, but the mark of a real fighter is being able to get back up off the canvas and go at it again.

Saturday the Dukes got back up. Their 71-61 win over the first-place University of Richmond Spiders is proof that the Dukes will be a top

Analysis

contender in the ECAC Tournament held here March 8-10.

Although Richmond has clinched the first-place bye for the tournament, William and Mary, Navy, George Mason and JMU are all still vying for favorable positions.

When the William and Mary Indians visit the Convocation Center Wednesday night, things should begin to sort themselves out.

The Dukes (13-12 and 4-4 in the conference) have not lost a conference game at home this season and their overall home record is a 10-2.

Wednesday night will be senior night, marking the last home game (tournament games not included) for seniors Derek Steele and Keith Bradley. Don't, however, expect too much sentimentality; Steele made it clear that his first concern will be winning the game.

Although Campanelli doesn't like the pressure that the words *must-win*

game put on his young team, Wednesday night's game can be described in no other way.

If the Dukes lose to William and Mary, they are faced with the prospect of facing either Navy, George Mason, or William and Mary in round one of the tournament.

No doubt JMU would rather win its two remaining games, finish at least third in the conference and play the 4-20 East Carolina Pirates in round one.

No matter where the Dukes finish in the regular season standings, they will be in good position in the tournament for several reasons. They will be playing at home, and they have the most depth of any team in the conference.

Saturday night JMU players came in and out of the game like Christmas shoppers through a revolving door. Campanelli used 10 players, all of whom scored, and for a minute it looked as if Campanelli was going to try to sneak trainer Bill Dyer into the game to give Derek Steele a chance to catch his breath.

The JMU bench outscored the Spider bench 37-7, and in eight conference games this season, the JMU bench has outscored opponents 220-82.

To win the ECAC South Tournament, the Dukes will need to win three games in three nights. Having 10 players to share the minutes will be a big advantage.

The home court advantage has been insurmountable in the ECAC South this season. Of the 25 games played in the conference this season the home teams have won 21.

Although the tournament takes place while a bulk of the JMU student body will be sunning itself in Florida, the games will still be played in the friendly confines of the Convocation Center.



Derek Steele will be honored along with fellow senior Keith Bradley before Wednesday's game with William and Mary.

(Photo by Greg Fletcher)

Ratliff leads men to 2nd place finish

Women gymnasts capture state title

By Scott Tolley
assistant sports editor

The JMU women's gymnastics team, led by freshman Laura Peterson's win in the all-around, slipped by defending champion William and Mary to take the state championship Saturday in Godwin Hall.

The men's gymnastics team finished second behind William and Mary Sunday in the men's state championship.

The women compiled 166.55 team points to take first as William and Mary finished with 165.55 points. Radford took third with 164.95 points and Longwood finished fourth with 159.65 points.

Peterson won two events en route to her all-around title. She set a Godwin Hall record in the uneven parallel bars, scoring 9.2 points. She also won the floor exercise with a score of 8.8.

"I pretty much reached my potential," Peterson said. "In other meets I've had major mistakes — I finally got it all together."

JMU took all three places in the all-around competition. Behind Peterson's first place finish with 35.1 points, was sophomore Tracy Hash who took second place with 34.1 points and sophomore Charlotte Dempsey who finished third with 33.45 points.

JMU also swept in the balance beam competition. Sophomore Marcella Van Peppen won the event with 8.8 points. Peterson finished se-

cond with 8.75 points and Hash took third with 8.5 points.

JMU women's assistant coach Luke Thornton said he and the team were not surprised with the first place finish.

"It was destiny. When we started the meet they knew they could win . . . it's been a long wait. It didn't surprise us, but it was a surprise to the other teams."

The men's team scored 236.20 points to take second place behind William and Mary (250.25 points), who has taken the state title every year since 1973.

JMU's top performer was sophomore Tim Ratliff, who tied two state meet records in winning two events. He took the horizontal bar with a score of 9.1 points and won the parallel bars with a score of 9.1. Ratliff's performance in the parallel bars tied his own JMU record.

Aided by his two wins, Ratliff placed third in the all-around competition with a score of 49.5 points.

Stuart Schiffman of William and Mary won the all-around with a score of 50.3 and teammate Mike Saltzman finished second with 49.95 points. JMU's Dave Kinnick placed fourth with 49.3 points.

JMU also tied for second in three events. Senior Jon Perry tied for second in both the floor exercise (9.2) and the horizontal bar (8.55). Junior Tom Mannik tied for second in the vault with a 9.2.



JMU freshman Laura Peterson won the all-around in this weekend's state competition. (Photo by Ming Leong)

Women show improvement in loss to Old Dominion

By Paul Bergeron
staff writer

Last Friday night the JMU women's basketball team didn't get a win, but it might have gotten something even more valuable.

The Dukes hosted the nation's fifth-ranked team, Old Dominion, and a 75-54 loss lowered their mark to 12-13. However, in exchange for a loss, JMU gained the experience of playing a national contender.

This experience comes just in time as JMU prepares for its first conference post-season tournament on March 2. The Dukes wrap up the regular season tonight at William and Mary.

Coach Shelia Moorman explained the value of the ODU game for her team. "When you play a team with this much of a reputation for winning, it lets your players, especially the

freshman, see what level they should be shooting for."

The highly regarded and heavily recruited Lady Monarchs controlled the game from the start, but they were impressed with the Dukes improvement over last year (a 92-58 ODU win in Norfolk).

"Coach Moorman had an excellent recruiting year. The team is basically very young and will certainly get better," said ODU coach Marianne Stanley.

Stanley felt going in the key would be stopping guard Sue Manelski and forward Michele James and the two combined for just 11 points on 4-12 shooting.

JMU successfully found alternate offensive weapons — impressively enough, all freshman. Forward Betsy Witman canned 16 points before fouling out, Julie Franken scored 13 and Erin Mahony chipped in seven off the bench.

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Fencers finish 2nd in state

The JMU fencing team finished second in the state championships in Blacksburg, Va. Saturday.

William and Mary finished the match with a score of 51. JMU scored 36, to finish ahead of third place finisher Randolph Macon Women's College's 34.

Senior Barb Murphy and junior Jackie Roller led the Dukes with 10-4 records on the day. Senior Debbie Lung was 9-5, and senior Diane Milnes was 7-7.

JMU won the junior varsity competition with a 48, six points ahead of William and Mary . . . Wednesday JMU defeated the Virginia Club 11-5 in Charlottesville to finish the regular season with an 8-6 record.

Debbie Lung led the Dukes finishing the match 4-0. Jackie Roller and Barb Murphy were 3-1, and Diane Milnes was 1-3.

Men's Tennis

JMU swept past High Point (N.C.) College 9-0 Saturday.

Seeds one through six respectively, Mark Trinkka, Claude Hanfling, Keith Ciocco, Gary Shendell, Rob Smith, and Kent Boerner all won in singles and doubles play for the Dukes.

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20/20 hindsight A February review

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— The General Assembly is considering a bill that would prohibit males who haven't registered with the Selective Service from attending state universities. The House passed the bill 67-33.

► **Budget battles**

— President Ronald Carrier and the Board of Visitors are unhappy with the proposed state budget for JMU. Although the proposed budget is 11 percent more than JMU's last one, Carrier said, "It's one of the weakest budgets we've ever had. We don't think that's appropriate."

The budget includes increased faculty salaries, a new fine arts center and a new telephone system, but the Board of Visitors voted to request an additional \$2.1 million to build new houses on Greek Row. Carrier said he wants \$2.3 million added to the budget.

► **The search goes on** — A search committee narrowed the field of candidates for vice president of academic affairs from 150 to nine. Interviews begin this week, and the committee plans to hire one of the nine by the end of the semester.

The position has been open since Dr. Thomas Stanton left June 30 to become president of Francis Marion College in South Carolina. Dr.

William Nelson has been acting vice president for academic affairs since Sept. 2.

► **The road to Washington?**

— Carrier declined requests from Gov. Robb and other Democratic leaders that he run for the United States Senate this fall.

"I feel compelled to point out that I have never publicly identified myself with either political party," said Carrier. "As a non-elected official, I must maintain that non-partisan stance."

Carrier would have run against incumbent Republican Sen. John Warner.

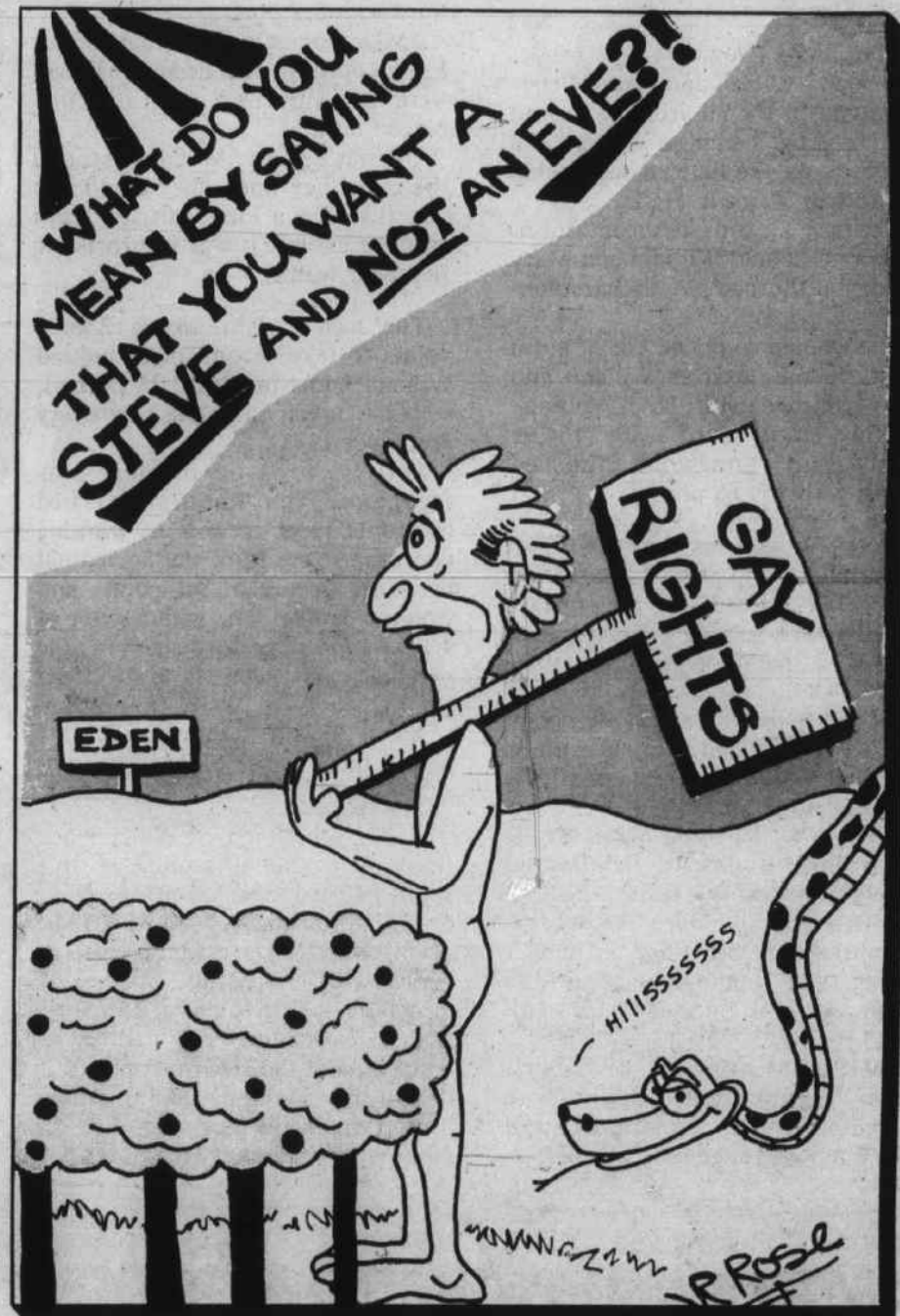
► **The road to Richmond**

— The SGA Legislative Action Committee lobbied against a proposal in the General Assembly to raise the drinking age to 21. SGA Senator Bob Houston said lobbying against the bill is important because "it's not going to solve the drunk driving problem. Our objective is to keep the age at 19, and (alcohol) out of high schools."

The bill was killed Feb. 24 by a senate committee.

► **Booming business**

— About 12,000 people have applied to JMU this year — more than ever before. The number of people applying here has increased for at least the past 11 years.



Criticism won't solve problems for Americans

To the editor:

I would like to respond to Mark Golden's letter to the editor. Like so many Americans today, you exhibit a cynical, critical attitude toward our country. We, like any other nation, have our problems. But we need people who will take the initiative to improve our country, not merely sit back and criticize. What have you done to remedy the problem you see?

Thank goodness all Americans don't feel the way you do. There are a few who believe in this country and the ideals of our founding fathers. My father was a prisoner of war in North Vietnam for six years. He, along with many others, is proud of this country and would gladly sacrifice for it again. It's sad to think that all the American soldiers and their families who have suffered are repaid for their sacrifice with sarcasm.

I believe in this country and the promise it holds for us all. There is no other country in the world I would rather live in. I, personally, am proud to be an American.

Karen Hinckley
freshman
undeclared

To the editor:

In his Feb. 23 letter to *The Breeze*, Mark Golden voiced his opinion and had it printed for all to see. He parodied Chris Merritt's letter on America.

To more or less put words into Merritt's mouth, "The next time you insult your fellow countrymen by cutting down their government and can laugh about it later, think about communism."

Merritt was only reminding us to appreciate our own country a little more, Golden. He was not making a comment on our nation's political policies.

Every country has its highs and lows. If our low point is supporting a government trying to institute these basic freedoms you believe in, I don't think we have sunk very low at all.

America — the home of James Madison, John Wayne, Sally Ride, Ronald Reagan, and even you, Golden — makes me proud.

God bless the United States of America.

Mark D. Norton
sophomore
management information systems

Readers' Forum

Misconceptions

Sexual preference doesn't make an individual

To the editor:

I'm utterly shocked at the prejudice and violent rebellion so many people display toward the homosexuality issue so rampant in today's society.

In a society where technology is extremely advanced and people consider themselves mature, intelligent, and fair-minded, why are people's minds still in the Dark Ages?

Homosexuality has always been alive, but until recently was hidden in the closet or brushed under the carpet in an effort to ignore its presence.

Now with the issue in the open, people are forced to face the issue, and what a reaction! "Gross," "disgusting," "abnormal," and "un-Christian" are some of the more mild terms applied to homosexuals.

One of my friends said the Bible states, "Man was made for woman and woman for man." The Bible may state that, but doesn't the Bible also state we should love one another and not judge others?

Homosexuality has become more open in the last 20 years and, homosexuals and heterosexuals are reacting violently. Most reactions aren't based on fact, only personal opinions and hearsay.

Homosexuality is, by definition, "of, relating to, or exhibiting sexual desire for a member of the same sex."

A homosexual is no more inclined to harm the public than a heterosexual. Sexual preference doesn't make an individual. It doesn't mean he

will dress or act in a way generally not accepted as normal.

For most, the idea of homosexual relationships is difficult to understand and accept. Yet doesn't the individual have the right to decide his own sexual preferences, without society breathing down his neck?

The issue is not whether homosexuality is right or wrong, but whether homosexuals have the right to exist openly in society.

They are part of our society, like it or not, and they have the right to choose their own lifestyle without being judged.

Like Brian said, "Get to know the person, not the sexual preference. It doesn't matter."

Elizabeth A. Rogers
freshman
communication arts

To the editor:

Perhaps Michael Rombach should be as equally appalled by his letter as he was to the series of articles focusing on homosexuality.

First, he insulted Charles Taylor in referring to his journalism skills as third-rate. Then he insulted homosexuality as a damaging quality of a percentage of a population.

One day Rombach might learn that gay people are only different in their sexual preference — which hurts absolutely no one. This "homophobia" felt by so many is fear from ignorance, not from the invading gay hordes that gang rape lone children.

The last major insult in Rombach's article was his view of JMU. Calling a university with a one in seven gay population a "faggot school" reflects the color around one's neck rather well. I don't suppose the term "liberal" is familiar to anyone.

The reason I came to this college was to gain a knowledge of attitudes that can only come from exposure to certain cultures, philosophies and lifestyles. Education is the only way to free ourselves of prejudice. I sincerely hope Rombach is free of these diseased misconceptions by the time he graduates.

Fred Kinder
senior
chemistry

To the editor:

As a journalism student, I was angered by Michael Rombach's Feb. 23 letter accusing Charles Taylor of being a third-rate journalist. Rombach shows himself to be a third-rate judge of such matters.

He declares that Taylor was irresponsible in using his source's estimate of 1,500 gay JMU students in his Feb. 20 article. Yet it is only an irresponsible journalist who ignores information.

A journalist's job is to report a source's opinion and not to judge it. This is exactly what Taylor did. Contrary to what Rombach states, Taylor clarified that the 1,500 figure was his source's estimate, and that it was higher than normally accepted

figures. If Rombach is upset about the estimate, he should direct his criticism towards the source.

Rombach is justified in demanding opinions should not be presented as facts. Yet he does not apply this rule to himself. In his letter, Rombach claims that Taylor "has managed to enrage and offend nearly all of this university's remaining 9,000 students." I would like to know how Rombach managed to poll the entire JMU student body so quickly. The people I discussed the article with must have been exceptions to the survey. They expressed surprise or disbelief rather than rage about the article's content.

Although Rombach asserts *The Breeze* should concern itself with more "important" matters, the amount of interest Taylor's article generated seems to indicate that JMU students consider this a very important subject.

It sounds like Rombach is suggesting that because this topic is so controversial, it should not be discussed. Is this the kind of journalistic "responsibility" Rombach desires?

Having worked with Taylor on many occasions, I know he is a skilled and responsible journalist.

Instead of directing hostility toward Taylor, Rombach should become mature enough to accept the diverse lifestyles that exist in our society.

Brenda Biondo
junior
communication arts

Homosexuals are 'haters of God'

To the editor:

... It is completely wrong to support or condone homosexuality in any way. Actually no one on earth is homosexual. God made us all, and in his eyes, homosexuality is an abomination.

Homosexuality is a perversion of the flesh chosen by its participants. God always puts temptation in our lives, but he gives us the strength to overcome it.

God completely described his feelings on homosexuality in Romans 1:24-32. Among his adjectives for homosexuals was "haters of God." In 1 Corinthians 6:9-10, God excludes homosexuals from inheriting his kingdom.

If God doesn't tolerate homosexuality, neither should we.

Cathy M. McLaughlin
freshman
medical technology

'It seemed so normal ...'

To the editor:

In the fall of my fifth-grade year, I suddenly realized my life was changing. I wrestled with my overriding sexuality. I wondered why I started to like girls. It seemed so normal. All I remember is one day I told myself: "Steve (my real name), there's nothing wrong with liking other girls."

It was then that I finally accepted the way I am. During high school, I dated a lot of girls, realizing I was destined to be heterosexual for the rest of my life.

As a junior at JMU, I lead an active heterosexual life. I'm happy, and I'm totally secure. The statistics I've compiled indicate

I'm among the majority at JMU. There are over 9,000 of you heterosexuals out there, conducting relationships with members of the opposite sex.

The question which plagues me most often has to do with my happiness. Many of you ask: "Is Steve really happy?" My only answer for the situation presented is definitely yes! My advice to heterosexuals is to watch what you wear on campus. It would be a shame to wear a mismatched pair of socks one day and be labeled a transvestite.

Steve Brown
junior
public administration

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Beirut truce collapses

BEIRUT, Lebanon — President Amin Gemayel appealed for speedy United Nations intervention as the first full Marine combat unit withdrew from Lebanon and a day-old truce collapsed in a hail of shellfire Saturday.

The U.S. Navy destroyer Caron twice opened fire on targets inside Lebanon, a Pentagon spokesman said in Washington.

The U.S. naval shelling of Syrian positions came after Lebanese army troops in the

strategic mountain town of Souk-el-Gharb suffered a heavy barrage of artillery and rocket fire from Druse gunners.

Mountain battles the previous night killed at least 20 people and wounded 39.

State radio said Gemayel's office had asked Saudi Arabia and Syria to help arrange a new start for the truce, which reduced fighting for only a few hours.

— Associated Press

Fire kills 70 in Brazilian slum

CUBATAO, Brazil — At least 70 people were killed and 16 seriously injured Saturday when fire roared through a Brazilian slum.

The fire started when gasoline from a leaking pipeline burst into flames and swept through the wooden shacks of the slum.

Casualties high in Iran-Iraq war

Iran and Iraq reported fierce ground fighting Saturday, each saying they repulsed assaults north of the Iraqi port city of Baara.

A communique on Baghdad radio said Iraqi forces repulsed an Iranian attack overnight.

An Iraqi military

spokesman was quoted as saying 10,970 Iranians had been slain since Iran began its assault Wednesday.

Iran reported its forces had killed or wounded more than 7,000 Iraqi soldiers.

Journalists are not allowed near the fighting, so it is impossible to verify the governments' claims.

— Associated Press

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Two charged with murder of Alexandria millionaire

ALEXANDRIA — Two men were arrested and charged with murdering a millionaire and her live-in companion.

Leonard Thomas Roberts was taken into custody Friday and George Alec Robinson was arrested Thursday for the Feb. 9 slayings of Elizabeth Elliott and Karl Von Lewinski.

Police said a third suspect also was being sought in the slayings.

Warner to run again

RICHMOND — U.S. Sen. John Warner, R-Va., went on a six-stop whirlwind tour of Virginia Friday to officially confirm his bid for a second term.

Warner's announcement came as no surprise. He had strongly indicated that he would run again and has built a campaign fund of \$1 million.

Warner was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1978 in a close race with former Democratic Attorney General Andrew Miller.

— Associated Press

by the way

Chinese discover their own Big Foot

PEKING — The Chinese Wild Man Research Institute claims there is new evidence of at least eight gargantuan hairy creatures roaming the forests of Hubei Province.

Known in Chinese as "Ye Ren," the wild men have been described as 10 feet tall, with tufts of red hair and clod-hopping five-toed feet. Some say they have ape-like heads, others claim they have bills, like giant ducks.

— Associated Press

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Sniper kills one, injures 12

LOS ANGELES — A sniper who lost his parents and six other relatives in the Jonestown massacre opened fire on a crowded elementary school playground Friday, killing a young girl and wounding at least 12 others.

Several hours later the gunman, Tyrone Mitchell, 28, was found dead in his home. Police said that Mitchell had committed suicide.

Consumer prices up 0.6 percent

WASHINGTON — Soar-

ing food prices boosted consumer prices 0.6 percent in January, the biggest increase in nine months, the government said Friday.

Led by sharply higher costs for meat, fruits, vegetables and eggs, food prices jumped 1.6 percent.

The last increase of that magnitude occurred in August 1980.

Economists said the sharp rise in food prices was caused by December's freeze.

Also, costs of local telephone service rose a record 5.2 percent, largely due to regulatory charges accompa-

nying the breakup of the American Telephone & Telegraph Co.

Agent Orange not as bad as once thought

WASHINGTON — Veterans who got sprayed with Agent Orange in Vietnam are not suffering from an abnormally high rate of disease, the Air Force said Friday.

However, they have some inexplicable health problems that must be watched, according to the report.



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