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Alum may face death penalty

Convicted murderer of two 1998 students to be tried in federal court

BY COLLEEN SCHORN
senior writer

A JMU alumnus who was convicted in 1998 of killing two JMU students now faces federal charges that carry a maximum sentence of the death penalty.

In March 2004, a federal grand jury in Charlottesville indicted Brent Simmons ('96) on two counts of interstate stalking and two counts of using a firearm in the commission of

violent crime. Simmons' trial in U.S. District Court is scheduled to begin Feb. 7.

Simmons was convicted of shooting his ex-girlfriend, Ann Olson, 25, and her boyfriend, Keith O'Connell, 23, on Oct. 12, 1996, after driving from Florida to her North High Street apartment in Harrisonburg. Both were shot twice, execution-style, to the head.

The Commonwealth of Virginia charged Simmons in

1997 with two counts of capital murder and the illegal use of a firearm during the commission of a violent crime.

After a hung jury in the state case in 1997, Simmons agreed to an Alford plea, in which a defendant does not admit guilt while recognizing preponderant evidence for conviction.

U.S. attorney John Brownlee said an Alford plea does not admit guilt, but has all the effects of a guilty verdict. Currently, Simmons is serving 20 years in

prison for the murders.

In 2000, a 9-mm handgun was found in a lake in Simmons' hometown of Carlisle, Pa. Police reported the serial number on the recovered gun matched the number on a gun Simmons bought two months before the murders. The gun gave federal officials enough evidence for an indictment in 2004.

After the Commonwealth concluded its proceedings, U.S. attorney's office reviewed

the case for federal violations. The federal grand jury in Charlottesville then handed down the two counts of interstate stalking and using a firearm in the commission of a violent crime.

Brownlee said if Simmons is found guilty in the federal case but does not receive the death penalty, he will likely receive life without the chance of parole.

Brownlee added that the trial will not be held in Harrisonburg because of extensive news coverage.

Prosecutors were unavailable for comment. Simmons' lawyer declined to comment.



Simmons

All hands for no violence against women



CASEY TEMPLETON/staff photographer

Freshman Stephanie Feulner works on the "These Hands Don't Hurt Women Banner" last Wednesday as part of the Violence Against Women Panel. The banner will be at The Vagina Monologue Productions Feb. 14, 15 and 16.

Carrier leads 'New College' project

BY JUSTIN POPE
Associated Press

MARTINSVILLE — It's 11 o'clock on a Monday morning, but people are milling about on sidewalks and porches with nowhere to go. Nearby, the textile and furniture factories where many once worked stand idle in fields of weeds.

Before thousands of manufacturing jobs were lost in Martinsville and surrounding Henry County, it hardly mattered that fewer than one in 10 residents

has a bachelor's degree. Now companies won't move here and many residents can't find work. Youngsters with promise head elsewhere for college, and aren't inclined to return to a place where unemployment runs a state-high 14 percent.

Martinsville has one thing going for it that other factory towns don't: a community foundation with \$200 million, and a mission to repair the region's social fabric.

Leaders of the Harvest Foundation, funded by the sale of the community hos-

pital, think the area's best hope for rebirth is an intensive, academically innovative university, mixing the practicality and efficiency of a community college with the rigor of a four-year university.

The "New College of Virginia" they have proposed would let traditional, college-age students and older people with workforce experience earn a bachelor's degree in only 28 months. If the state agrees to build and support it, the

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Former JMU President Ronald Carrier (left) discusses "New College" plans with George Lester, president of The Lester Group.

Officials urge state to hold on college

RICHMOND (AP) — More study needs to be done before the state establishes a new public college in the Martinsville-Henry County area, a State Council of Higher Education official told lawmakers Thursday.

Daniel LaVista, the council's executive director, told the education subcommittee of the Senate Finance Committee that a collaboration between Longwood University, Old Dominion University and the local community college would better serve students.

The New College of Virginia seemed headed for quick approval with \$50 million in financial backing from a Martinsville foundation and with both Gov. Mark Warner's and Lt. Gov. Timothy Kaine's blessing.

Warner had proposed putting \$1.5 million into the budget to begin planning for the college, and Kaine has made

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Résumé Round Up to offer advice from employers

BY STEPHANIE STRAUSS
senior writer

Academic Advising and Career Development will offer students the opportunity to have their résumés reviewed by employers tomorrow from 1 to 4:30 p.m. in Transitions.

At AACD's "Résumé Round Up," students arrive

with a draft copy of their résumés and are seen on a first-come, first-served basis, said Nina Stensby-Hurst, associate director of AACD.

"As students wait, they can learn more about résumé development and snack on refreshments," Stensby-Hurst said. The wait will vary from 5 to 30 minutes, depending on

whom the student is waiting to meet, she said.

Employers volunteer their time to share their expertise on résumé development and the hiring process, Stensby-Hurst said.

Stensby-Hurst said that in the past, students didn't attend Résumé Round Up because employers or the

industries they represent were not of interest to the student.

"This is the only event that students have an opportunity to meet with an employer on a walk-in basis." In addition, the AACD staff, which works with students from all majors, will be on hand to review résumés, Stensby-Hurst said.

Senior Megan Sheedfar

said, "I attended an internship fair put on by AACD last semester. A lot of AACD events are helpful. I plan on attending [Résumé Round Up] to gain professional feedback about my résumé."

Students can learn more about résumé writing by visiting AACD's Web site at www.jmu.edu/aacd.

80 ONE RECORDS

Benefit album in limited supply

BY JENNIFER DROGUS
contributing writer

80 One Records is releasing a compilation album whose proceeds will benefit the victims of December's tsunami.

The record will feature a mix of 15 contributing artists from the state of Virginia and will be titled "In Accord, Various Artists for a Cause" tsunami relief efforts.

"JMU will have a more than fair representation with about half the artists either being current students or alumni," said senior Joel Mills, 80 One Records director of label promotions.

Tracks on the album will feature works from artists such as Ross Copperman ('04), Graham Colton Band, // Panoramic, Desiderata, senior Graham Cochrane, music industry professor Chris Stup and Ki Theory.

The CDs will be around \$10 each, with most of the proceeds going to the American Red Cross. "There will only be 1,000 copies made, so it is a limited supply in that regard," Mills said.

Sophomore Jeremy Paredes, director of media and public relations for the University Program Board, said, "Our biggest message through this album release is that we, as JMU, are doing our part. This disaster has made our generation realize that the world is a smaller place, and it is our responsibility to help [those in need]."

Paredes also is "excited because our two newly signed artists, [sophomore] Nathaniel Baker and [junior] Nelly Kate, are also going to be featured on the album."

Sophomore Sean Branigan, director of artists and repertoire for UPB, is equally excited and its philanthropic benefits. "I believe the overall message we are conveying is the sense of community between all people," Branigan said. "We know that music is a unifying force of all cultures. What better way to contribute our support by doing what we, at 80 One Records, do best?"

80 One Records plans to release "In Accord, Various Artists for a Cause" by late February and will be available at the Bookstore, Plan 9 Music and online at www.musictoday.com.



Evette Villatoro
international affairs
junior

"I wish that I never wore dark brown lip liner with clear gloss."



Lynn Icarino
biology/chemistry
sophomore

"I would bring a calculator to the SATs since I only got a 660."

CAMPUS SPOTLIGHT

If you could go back in time and change one thing, what would it be and why?

"I don't know. But in 30 seconds, I will wish to have thought of a better response."



Matt Winer
pre-SMAD
freshman

"I'd go back to the 2000 election and change the results of it."



Yinka Majekodunmi
public health education
senior



JOHN FARLEY/
contributing photographer

DUKE DAYS Events Calendar

Tuesday, Feb. 1

Brothers of a New Direction will present "Think Tank" from 5 to 7 p.m. in Taylor Hall, room 404. All JMU students, faculty, staff and administrators are welcome to safely and openly discuss topics, such as the progression and/or digression of the multicultural community at JMU since 1985.

Wednesday, Feb. 2

An Honors Program Brown-Bag Lecture Series will focus on "The Modernization of Islamic Education." History professor David Owusu-Ansah will speak from 12:20 to 1:10 p.m. in Hillcrest House.

Submit your Duke Days of 50 words or less to breezenews@hotmail.com

POLICE LOG

By SHARON SCHIFF/ senior writer

Petty Larceny

A JMU student reported the theft of a JAC card left on a table in Festival on Jan. 25 between 10:15 and 10:18 a.m.

Grand Larceny

A JMU employee reported the theft of a wallet with an ATM/debit card, JAC card, social security card and \$20 from an unsecured room in Godwin Hall on Jan. 24 at 5 a.m.

A JMU student reported the theft and use of credit card information at an unknown place on campus on Jan. 21 at an unknown time.

Property Damage

A JMU student reported an unknown person damaged a vehicle in H Lot on Jan. 26 between 6 and 9:15 p.m.

Drunk in Public

Megan E. Neal, 19, of Newport News, was charged with drunk in public at Wampler Hall on Jan. 27 at 9:09 p.m.

Total parking tickets since Aug. 19: 14,621

Total drunk in public since Aug. 19: 56

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AROUND CAMPUS

VMI cadets dress as Nazis for barracks party

RICHMOND (AP) — A student panel at the Virginia Military Institute is investigating a barracks Halloween party in which cadets dressed as Nazi soldiers, a malnourished African and a sailor with a bull's-eye taped to the seat of his pants.

Officials at the public college in Lexington were alerted to the photos after they were posted this week on an independent Internet message board.

"We're just very disappointed by the poor judgment shown by the cadets, and disappointed by the inappropriateness of the costumes they were wearing," VMI spokesman Stewart MacInnis said Friday. "We expect more of our cadets."

W & M to require freshmen to buy laptop

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. (AP) — The College of William & Mary is planning to require each of its first-year students to buy a laptop computer from the school.

Some Virginia colleges already require students to come to school with computers. Starting in the fall of 2006, however, William & Mary will join a few others nationwide — including Wake Forest University and Northern Michigan University — that designate themselves as sole computer providers.

William & Mary administrators say the benefits will far outweigh the disadvantages of reducing student choice, including that financial aid could cover the cost of buying a computer if it's required by a university.

Officials also think having one standard computer will speed up technology services.

Federal judge who aided desegregation dies at 102

MACON, Ga. (AP) — William Augustus Bootle, the federal judge who signed the 1961 court order desegregating the University of Georgia, died at his home Tuesday. He was 102.

Bootle made a string of historic civil rights decisions in the 1960s, from desegregating Georgia's college system to integrating buses and school systems across his 70-county judicial district to ensuring blacks' place on voter rolls.

He signed the University of Georgia order following a week-long trial that pitted two black students against the school's top ranks. Maccon's federal courthouse was named for him in 1998.

Class focuses on community service

By SHARON SCHIFF
senior writer

Not everyone gets the opportunity to advocate land preservation in Alaska and Utah or contribute to the well-being of his or her community. Twenty-four SCOM 313 students earn credit for doing just that.

Pete Bsumek, assistant professor in the school of communication studies, is instructing the class this semester for his second time.

"Students will learn by doing as they take their knowledge and apply it to specific

tasks," Bsumek said. "You take things you've read books about and heard lectures on and really apply it."

The class is broken into four teams focusing on certain issues and working with non-profit organizations — the Blacks Run Greenway, Alaska Wilderness League and Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance.

"The idea is to learn the things you would in an internship, in addition to helping out the community," Bsumek said. "It gives students a taste of what it means to be involved in your community."

Two groups of students, with about five students each, will work with Blacks Run, a stream that runs through Harrisonburg. The first group will clean up the area and restore vegetation, in addition to building a greenway bike path connecting parks to one another.

The second group's focus is to spread awareness about local environmental concerns. It will put together information packets about the causes of pollution as well as how to keep the area clean. On April 9, the Harrisonburg community will have a clean-up day, some-

thing the students also will be working together to promote.

Dia Russell, stream health coordinator for the city of Harrisonburg, has begun working with these two teams from Bsumek's class.

"I am hoping that we are able to creatively advertise a healthy body of water and get the word out that Blacks Run can be a great natural resource and asset," Russell said. "We also want to focus on how all of our individual activities can affect water quality."

The other two groups will be working with national or-

ganizations. "These students will be affecting change at a national level," Bsumek said.

Students working with the Alaska Wilderness League will concentrate their efforts on the prevention of drilling in an arctic refuge. The group is going to work closely with grassroots organizations and political activists, as well as the national outreach coordinator for the AWL.

"I am glad this class is giving us the forum to actively work towards something outside of the JMU community," junior Yasmeen Alamiri said.



MIKE DERER/AP

Natasha Gopaul, a senior at Princeton University, takes time out from studying, Tuesday, Jan. 18.

Princeton cracks down on grade inflation

By GEOFF MULVIHILL
Associated Press

For students at Princeton University, final exams are even more stressful this year: The Ivy League school decided to make it harder to earn an A.

The crackdown on high grades, part of a national battle against grade inflation at elite schools, has increased anxiety, and, in some cases, made friendly students wonder whether they should offer study help to their competitors, or, classmates.

"Sometimes, your old high-school mentality comes back to haunt you," said Monica Saumoy, recalling the cutthroat competition to get the grades she needed to get into Princeton.

As she studied for an organic chemistry exam in a coffee shop last week, the sophomore and aspiring doctor said she's doing her best to remain cooperative with her peers as they all aim for high grades. "You don't want to stop helping people," she said.

But they all know those A's aren't going to be as plentiful. In a move students protested

last year, Princeton became the first elite college to cap the number of A's that can be awarded.

Previously, there was no official limit to the number of A's handed out, and nearly half the grades in an average Princeton class have been A-pluses, A's or A-minuses. Now, each department can give A's to no more than 35 percent of its students each semester.

Princeton's effort is being monitored closely by other hallowed halls, and some expect to see a ripple effect in coming years.

At other Ivy League schools, the percentages of A's in undergraduates courses ranges from 44 percent to 55 percent, according to Princeton's Web site. At Harvard University, 91 percent of seniors graduated with some kind of honors in 2001.

If the reaction of Princeton students is any indication, limiting honors may mean sharper elbows. Princeton students — never exactly slackers — have been studying even harder this semester, said Tom Brown, executive secretary of the student government.

'Crazy for You' bear wears straitjacket

By MAGGIE CREAMER
The Maneater

Teddy bears in straitjackets are not typically associated with Valentine's Day, but this year a company located in Vermont decided to try the concept.

The Vermont Teddy Bear Company is selling a 15-inch stuffed bear confined to a straitjacket. The bear, available in honey fur only, comes with a commitment report that states the bear's diagnosis is "Crazy For You!" In addition, customers can purchase individual straitjackets for other teddy bears.

After reading an article in *The New York Times* on Saturday about the "Crazy For You!" teddy bear, Timothy Harlan, president of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, said he was

appalled at the company's decision to release a bear in a straitjacket. Harlan said NAMI is meeting with the company Feb. 8 to discuss the bear.

"One of the purposes of NAMI is to deal with the stigma of the illness," Harlan said. "I think this is a blatant disregard for mental health in that it makes light of the fact that someone would need to be restrained."

According to a customer service representative with the company's Web site, called a "bear counselor," the bear is a Valentine's Day product and will be discontinued after the holiday.

Harlan, who also is a member of the Boone County (Mo.) Democrats and was a representative for the 23rd district from 1994 to 2002, requested the Boone County Democrats send an

e-mail or letter to the company to prevent the sale of the bear.

Kay Callison, a member of the Boone County Mental Health Board of Trustees, said, "A person who thought they were losing their mind would be frightened by seeing the image of straitjackets, and that could prevent them from seeking help."

Although many see the bear as an innocent joke, Callison said she is worried it might make people with mental illness seem violent, when actually mental illness is manageable.

"You wouldn't see a bear who had Alzheimer's or a brain tumor saying, 'I've lost my mind over you,'" Callison said. "This is no laughing matter because mental illness is a horrible disease that destroys lives and families."



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CARRIER: New college proposed proposed to rejuvenate community

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the foundation has pledged \$50 million — enough, it says, to make attendance free, or at least affordable, in a region where per capita income is \$17,000.

Despite the challenge grant, getting the new college built may never happen. Previous attempts to lure a university here have failed. Some think backers are being overly optimistic about what such a school could accomplish, and competition over money is already fierce from existing state schools.

The education council acknowledged in its report that at public hearings residents made clear they consider that option inferior, and that the region "deserved" its own four-year college.

Backers of the new college say they won't be derailed by the council's report. They argue that the existing state university system isn't serving the region. The University of Virginia is highly regarded, but 120 miles away and tough for many here to get into. Other state schools are more accessible, but supporters of the new school say

they only draw locals away.

"I don't think they do anything, other than they got two football players from here," said Ronald Carrier, a former president of James Madison University who transformed that school from a backwater teacher's college to a prominent regional university, and who has been hired by the foundation to lead the Martinsville project.

The community college approach, Carrier said, can't accomplish the physical, economic and cultural makeover the area requires.

"Community colleges transform individual lives," says Carrier, 72, whose bluntness earned him both admirers and enemies at JMU. "They do not transform communities." He wants the school highly visible, in the center of town, where it will make a statement about the role of higher education in the life of the community.

Carrier says Martinsville's unusual circumstances require something new, and he says the program could serve as a model for other depopulating regions (Martinsville's population of 15,400 is expected to decline about 3.5 percent by 2010, and surrounding Henry County's more than 6 percent).

HOLD: College requires 3 years to become accredited

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the Southside university a centerpiece of his gubernatorial campaign.

But LaVista suggested Thursday that the collaborative proposal be funded now and, if a study shows that demand is warranted, the New College could be funded later.

Jeff Kraus, a Kaine spokesman, said the \$50 million investment into the New College would provide a needed boost to an area hit hard by plant closings and the decline of the tobacco industry.

"To look at the momentum and then say 'let's wait and see' is not acceptable," Kraus said.

LaVista acknowledged the "tremendous community interest and support" for the proposed university. Nevertheless, he said, it would take at least three years for the university to be accredited, while the collaborative effort would be accredited immediately.

He also wondered whether there would be enough high school graduates from the area to serve the new university.

FUNDS: Replenished

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He said the three areas benefiting most from private giving are student scholarships, faculty support and capital projects such as the Athletic Performance Center.

Niles Eggleston, assistant director of athletics for development, said that they were trying to raise \$7 million for the center, but received "well over that in pledges." He said it was a very successful campaign.

Eggleston also said the Duke Club and endowments are up from last year, while the money for building is only slightly under what it was last year.

He said that in 2000, there was a restructuring of the department to help with fundraising and, since then, the numbers have been higher each year. In fact, each month in 2004 raised either the highest amount or second-highest amount for that month in the past 10 years.

The restructuring allowed the athletic department to concentrate efforts to raising money, said Eggleston.



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HOUSE EDITORIAL

'Crazy' teddy not intentional disrespect



Crazy in love this Valentine's Day? Some mental illness advocacy groups wish you weren't.

For \$69.95, sweethearts can purchase a stuffed bear confined to a straitjacket from the Vermont Teddy Bear Company. Commitment papers accompany the 15-inch bear and tell of his love-struck symptoms: "Can't Eat, Can't Sleep, My Heart's Racing." The diagnosis? He's "Crazy for You!"

Offended yet?

We aren't. But some, like officials at the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, think we should be.

Alliance President Timothy Harlan says the bear makes light of mental illness, making it seem like a violent, unmanageable disease. Some say the

bear hinders progress with the mentally ill. One published report quotes a member of a county mental health Board of Trustees.

"A person who thought they were losing their mind would be frightened by seeing the image of straitjackets, and that could prevent them from seeking help," the member said.

Talk about looking for a scapegoat. The assumption that teddy bears are to blame is absurd.

Designers of the bear obviously felt society could appreciate a little creativity come Valentine's Day.

Mental health advocates are off target if they think taking aim at a teddy bear actually addresses the social currents that have made light-hearted "crazy for you" references commonplace. The company certainly never intended to mock the mentally ill. Rather, they reflect greater effects of pop culture, a society in which the word "crazy" has increasingly evolved as a mainstream term of endearment. The teddy bear in-

dustry took note. The worst crime they've committed is a harmless play on words.

Mental illness is no doubt a horrible disease. Officials are right to defend patients if and when they are under attack. But they're not. We're talking about a teddy bear—a cuddly, fuzzy Valentine's Day teddy bear.

Too often advocacy groups take aim at every little blip on the radar screen. Advocates expect America to share their sensitivity, but it's unfair and inaccurate to assume that every person who doesn't take offense to a teddy bear is insensitive to mental illness. It seems no one has told them, more often than not, their bombardment of politically correct protests comes off as nothing more than unfounded hypersensitivity.

The Vermont Teddy Bear Company hasn't acted with malice and to denounce a teddy bear for that reason is foolish. Show some love.

OF MY WORLDVIEW

Truth of abortion tragic

JON ANDERSON
staff writer

About 100,000 champions of life gathered in Washington, D.C., to remember the 32nd anniversary of the fateful Roe v. Wade decision which opened the door to 45 million abortions since 1973. A placard seen there insightfully read, "Our sin was paid for with the blood of Christ; our freedom with the blood of patriots; our silence with the blood of the unborn."

It seems to me that kind and well-intended people can easily fail to recognize the real horror of abortion on demand. Logical arguments don't seem to penetrate many rational minds on this issue. Logically, only the insane and the most ruthless murderers think it a good thing to kill the innocent. Americans pride themselves on their high standards of human rights, applying these principles everywhere except in abortion clinics. We prosecute men like Scott Peterson, finding him guilty on two counts of murder, but we legally sanction millions of others each year to kill the unborn.

One person who attended the march in Washington, D.C., commented, "If the media showed the horrors of abortion like they show the horrors of war, the ugly reality would cause Americans to rise up in anger and demand an immediate end to this tragic chapter in our history." This is the truth. It astounds me that the media refused to bring the real life images of abortion to the public. Nothing seems to be so protected in the media.

If my readers want to see the reality of abortion, visit www.priestsforlife.org and follow the link that reads, "America will not reject abortion until America sees abortion." Prepare yourself for images documenting the reality of abortion at various stages in fetal development. How can this practice be protected by law?

Any who know me know that I really do care about the women, who also are victims in this situation. Large numbers of them are abandoned by irresponsible lovers when they become pregnant. My concern for the women doesn't mean that I can support a policy that lets them put their babies to death. Women facing a crisis pregnant

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BREEZE PERSPECTIVES

United States rushes elections

PATRICK CALLAHAN
contributing writer

When the election results are known in a few days, the sovereign nation of Iraq will usher in a new era of freedom and prosperity. Half a century of bloodshed, turmoil and tyranny will fade away under the righteous authority of democracy. And as Iraq emerges from the ashes of destruction, standing by her like a guiding father will be the United States of America. This rebirth will send to other Middle Eastern nations the message that American democracy is best for everyone. Iraq will rise as an international power, and the United States will be right by her side, advising on matters concerning national security, economic prosperity and oil.

This picture is an all-too-perfect dream for the war hawks in the White House who misled the American people into going to war. It would be sweet reconciliation for the unnecessary deaths of nearly 1,500 U.S. soldiers who gave their lives because men in high places with big goals asked it of them. But the sad, unfortunate truth is that this picture of a noble and worthy cause is merely a dream.

While it is exciting to see Iraqis come to the polls to vote, the reality is that they are being

rushed unnecessarily into a form of democracy that is not their own but is tainted by American, Iranian and other foreign influences. Fault lies not with the Iraqi people who braved bombs and RPGs to cast their votes, but with the American leaders who asked it of them to further their own agendas.

At first glance, it may seem that the only choice is to push on and not allow the insurgents to stall the democratic process, but the simple truth is that Iraq is not ready. We are giving Iraqis elections at a time when we can't even give them electricity or water or even food. They are suffering a fuel crisis because most of their oil reserves are in the hands of foreign contractors. The infrastructure crumbles more and more every day and the killing continues, but the American people want to believe the mission is progressing. They want to believe they are sending their sons and daughters to fight for a worthy cause. And so the White House helps them believe it by promising to create a democratic and independent Iraq without delay.

Groups from Sunni and Shiite populations boycotted the election. Their reason was simple. They believe there can be no legitimate and truly democratic election as long as

the U.S. occupation continues. How could anyone suggest that the United States might be secretly playing a part in an election? Maybe it's because the United States has a notorious history of doing just that. Or maybe it's because according to *Time* magazine, the Bush Administration had a plan to covertly influence the election by aiding favorable candidates. Without pressure from Congress, that plan would have been carried out.

Who might the United States want to see leading Iraq? Current interim Prime Minister Iyad Allawi sounds like a good choice. Allawi has spent much of his life as a paid intelligence agent and has a history of working with CIA and British Intelligence officials. He is rumored to have even dealt with accused terrorists by killing them himself as an example of the hard line approach he expects from his followers. Sounds like our guy.

The anarchy in Iraq will not subside. Radical leaders will take to the streets and gain supporters by offering something that no U.S. politician or Iraqi puppet can offer—a nation free from foreign influence, a nation free to determine its own fate.

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BREEZE READER'S VIEW

Expatriate voter welcomes election

BAREZA RASOUL
guest columnist

The Iraqi people, excluding probably the Kurds, have not seen democracy for a long time. The election yesterday was a chance for Iraqis in Iraq and abroad to raise their voices and be heard. Five cities in the United States offered the Iraqi expatriates a chance to vote and be part of the new democratic government in Iraq. As a refugee from the Kurdish part of Iraq, I had the privilege Saturday in Washington, D.C., to vote for the first time in my life. Besides all the TV reports, tightened security and some dancing crowds, the process went as smoothly as it could have in any other election station.

As we came closer to the polling site, security increased. More police cars and officers were on the streets directing traffic and arresting drivers for not permitting pedestrians to cross the streets to vote in the Ramada Hotel. Police dogs sniffed under cars. The back lot of the hotel was turned into a security checkpoint for the voters. A white tent was set in the lot and a big, long line of voters were waiting to pass through a metal detector and be hand searched.

The polling places were organized well and people were very helpful. The combination of the different people in the station showed how diverse the Iraqis are. There were a lot of Kurdish people who showed off by wearing their traditional Kurdish cloths, and there were more quiet Arabs. There were also women dressed in long, black abbeys (like a chador) who spoke in a tongue that I had not heard. The most lively of the groups were the Kurds. A Kurdish Kirkuki man in front of me in line expressed his emotions as he put his ballot in the ballot box. He said loudly in the Kurdish tongue how good he felt and how this election is a chance for him as a Kurd to finally reach his goal of freedom and

be able to speak Kurdish and vote for his representative. A lot of Kurds were wearing their flag that depicted a sun in the middle of green and red bands over their shoulders. The Kirkuki man told his wife not to take off the flag that he had fought for. It seemed to me that the expression of pride in being Kurdish hurt the feelings of the less noisy people. It also seemed as though the Kurds were being hurt too when they were told by Arab men to lower their voice or to stand somewhere else. But, over all, everyone was very accommodating.

I came out of the place without hassle and a purple finger. The purple finger was to make sure I didn't vote again in this election. I had to dip my right index finger in ink that will stay on my skin for at least three days. Every one who came out had one.

In the parking lot where voters had parked, some Kurdish people had started line dancing—the Kirkuki man was leading the dance. The Kurdish satellite channels and other channels were there to capture the scene. In the same lot a group of Americans greeted the voters with balloons and congratulations.

One might think that everyone was as excited to vote as I was, but in America, only a quarter of those expatriates who could vote registered. The long distances that people had to travel to reach a polling site might have been a deterrent. Some friends of mine drove 11 hours both to register and vote. My family drove two hours. We expatriates owe it to those Iraqis who have chosen to stay in the country and suffered so much. They had braved death threats to reach their destination—we only had to brave traffic.

Hopefully, other elections are still to come in the future of Iraq and I would be more than willing to brave traffic and long distances to vote again.

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BREEZE PERSPECTIVES

Protests show need for unity, dialogue in second Bush term

BETH SCHERMERHORN
contributing writer

"And I'm a terrorist and you're a terrorist and he's a terrorist and she's a terrorist — it's terror! AHHH! But what is a terrorist?" This is one of the many cheers that could be heard on the streets of Washington, D.C., on Jan. 20, only a block away from Pennsylvania Avenue and the route of the Inauguration Parade. I was part of the protests against not only President Bush's re-inauguration, but against what our country is and is still becoming. What I saw on the streets of Washington that day will never depart me: people being tear gassed, beaten and arrested — one protestor I saw was hit with a club by an officer and fell back, hitting his head on a car, knocking him out as the police just stood there — all for expressing their opinions and throwing a few snowballs. And while these events left me shocked and a bit scared, it wasn't the worst that I encountered.

Seeing the division of the

American people shocked me more than any of the brutality I witnessed. These are the times when we should be most unified. Even President Bush says that we need to come together as a country. But we have been separating ourselves more and more politically. The streets of Washington, D.C., were torn that day — in the metro stations, people started cheering of "Four more years!" as protesters walked by and one man kindly shouted in my direction: "Get a job!" It was a war of fur coats and suit jackets against the youth of America. How can I respect someone who is screaming these brutal words at me? No one is innocent of these crimes; shouldn't we be listening to one another instead of bashing the beliefs of others with which we do not agree?

While the inauguration protest was not the best time to sit down with one of these fur-coated fellows for coffee, I have seen the same expression too often in my few years. I feel that if we could do more than

just hear one another — maybe actually listen to these strange beings who don't see what's wrong with our country, much less the situation in Iraq, or Sudan or in South East Asia. Maybe if we heard why they don't feel the same way we do, then we could understand their perspective, and, perhaps, they just might be willing to listen to our stories, too. We need some changes in this country — we are the only country who mass produces meat while also injecting hormones. We consume somewhere around 40 to 50 percent of the food produced in the entire world. We interject our politics and our ways of life onto others just like the European colonists did to Africa. Is our way of living justified? There are many people in struggling countries who hate us right now. Maybe we should start by paying attention to what the person next to us is saying. You don't have to agree, but you do need to listen.

Beth Schermerhorn is a sophomore graphic science major.



Protesters converged in Washington, D.C. Thursday, Jan. 20 for the inauguration of President Bush to his second term. One of the protesters at the main rally near 12th Street in Washington, D.C., shows his opposition to the Bush Administration's policies in Iraq.

courtesy of BETH SCHERMERHORN

ABORTION: Courts should act

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cy should be supported, so that they can give life and not feel that the only choice they have is to kill in order to escape a bad situation. Adoption is always a better option than putting the innocent to death. Locally, the Harrisonburg Pregnancy Center provides support and encouragement free of charge to women who seek their counsel.

During the event, President Bush reaffirmed his commitment to build "a culture that will protect the most innocent

among us" and to "promote compassion for women and their unborn babies." He vowed to achieve "the America of our dreams, where every child is welcomed in life and protected in law," while acknowledging that "a true culture of life cannot be sustained solely by changing laws." The president suggested that what we need most of all is to change hearts by persuading our fellow citizens of the rightness of our cause.

Several of the signs displayed are worth men-

tioning. One borrowed a line from Dr. Seuss, "A person is a person, no matter how small." Several women displayed signs that read, "I regret my abortion." One said, "Abortion is the number one killer in America." Anti-abortion marchers ended their walk at the Supreme Court with a quiet appeal to reverse Roe v. Wade and to restore the inalienable right of every American to "Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

Jon Anderson is a AHRD graduate student.

DARTS & PATS

E-mail darts and pats to breezedp@hotmail.com. Darts & Pats are submitted anonymously and printed on a space-available basis. Submissions are based upon one person's opinion of a given situation, person or event and do not necessarily reflect the truth.

A "we're-glad-you're-both-so-clean" dart to our suitemate who thought it would be a good idea to take an hour long shower with her boyfriend in our dorm.

From your suitemates who really had to use the bathroom and think that you should rub-a-dub-dub alone next time.

A "your-ignorance-is-showing" dart to the two college women at Taste of Thai who said they were glad Harrisonburg has a popular ethnic restaurant, which means there must be a small percentage of townies that are cool and don't mind mixing with the learned.

From an eavesdropping, transplanted townie who is appalled to think that you two represent JMU students and "learned people."

A "this-isn't-Grand-Theft-Auto" dart to the guy who pointed a shotgun at an innocent group of six people trying to leave your party after 25 of your friends jumped them.

From a senior girl who thinks that you are obviously using that shotgun as an extension of something else you're lacking.

A "do-you-really-have-that-much-time-on-your-hands" dart to the group of guys on the Quad who spent the night throwing snowballs at people they didn't even know.

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BRIEFING



ISABEL PERRY/contributing photographer
Freshman Allison Russel competes during JMU's dual meet against Old Dominion Saturday. The Dukes defeated the Monarchs 128-100 earning their third victory of the season.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Dragons set Dukes on fire

Four Dragons in double-digits proved too many for the JMU men's basketball team Saturday. The Dukes fell to Drexel University in Colonial Athletic Association game, 88-60, at John A. Daskalakis Athletic Center before a crowd of 2,053.

With the loss, JMU falls to 4-13 overall and 2-7 in the CAA, while Drexel improves to 10-7 overall and 6-3 in-conference.

JMU sophomore guard Ray Barbosa scored a game-high 28 points; but it didn't help — the Dukes fell by 28 points days after upsetting Virginia Commonwealth in Richmond Jan. 26.

The Dragons saw double-figure performances from Jeremiah King (22 points), Sean Brooks (20 points), Phil Goss (14 points) and Dominick Mejia (12 points), while Barbosa was the Dukes' only player in double figures. JMU's next leading scorer was a three-way tie between junior guard Jomo Belfor, sophomore guard Chris Clarke and freshman center Gabriel Chami with scoring 6 points apiece.

The Dukes went into the locker rooms down 9 at the half, 37-28. Drexel quickly stretched its lead out in the second period, going on a 22-6 run that put the Dragons on top 59-34 with 11:37 to play.

In that second half, Drexel shot 69.2 percent from the floor, connecting on 18 of 26 shots and finished with 58.3 shooting percentage for the game. The Dragons also made 23 of 27 free throws.

JMU will limp home for its next game, tonight at the Convocation Center. The Dukes host the Rams of VCU in a 7 p.m. CAA matchup.

— Matthew Stoss

JMU	28	32	—	60
Drexel	37	51	—	88

JMU (2-7 CAA, 4-13) — Cavell Johnson 4, Gabriel Chami 6, Chris Clarke 6, Jomo Belfor 6, Ray Barbosa 28, Ulrich Kosekpa, David Cooper 4, Eddie Greene-Long 2, Jason McGraw 2, John Naparlio 2, John Goodman. Totals 22-20-25-60, 3-point goals: Barbosa 3, Clarke.

Drexel (6-3 CAA, 10-7) — Chaz Crawford, Danny Hinds 4, Bashir Mason 6, Phil Goss 14, Jeremiah King 22, Kenell Sanchez 2, Jake Rauchbach 2, Sean Brooks 20, Mike Radio, Randy Hampton, Frank Elegar 2, Dominick Mejia 12, Randy Oveneke 2, Matt Stevenson 2. Totals 37-23-27-88, 3-point goals: Goss 4, King 3, Mejia 2.

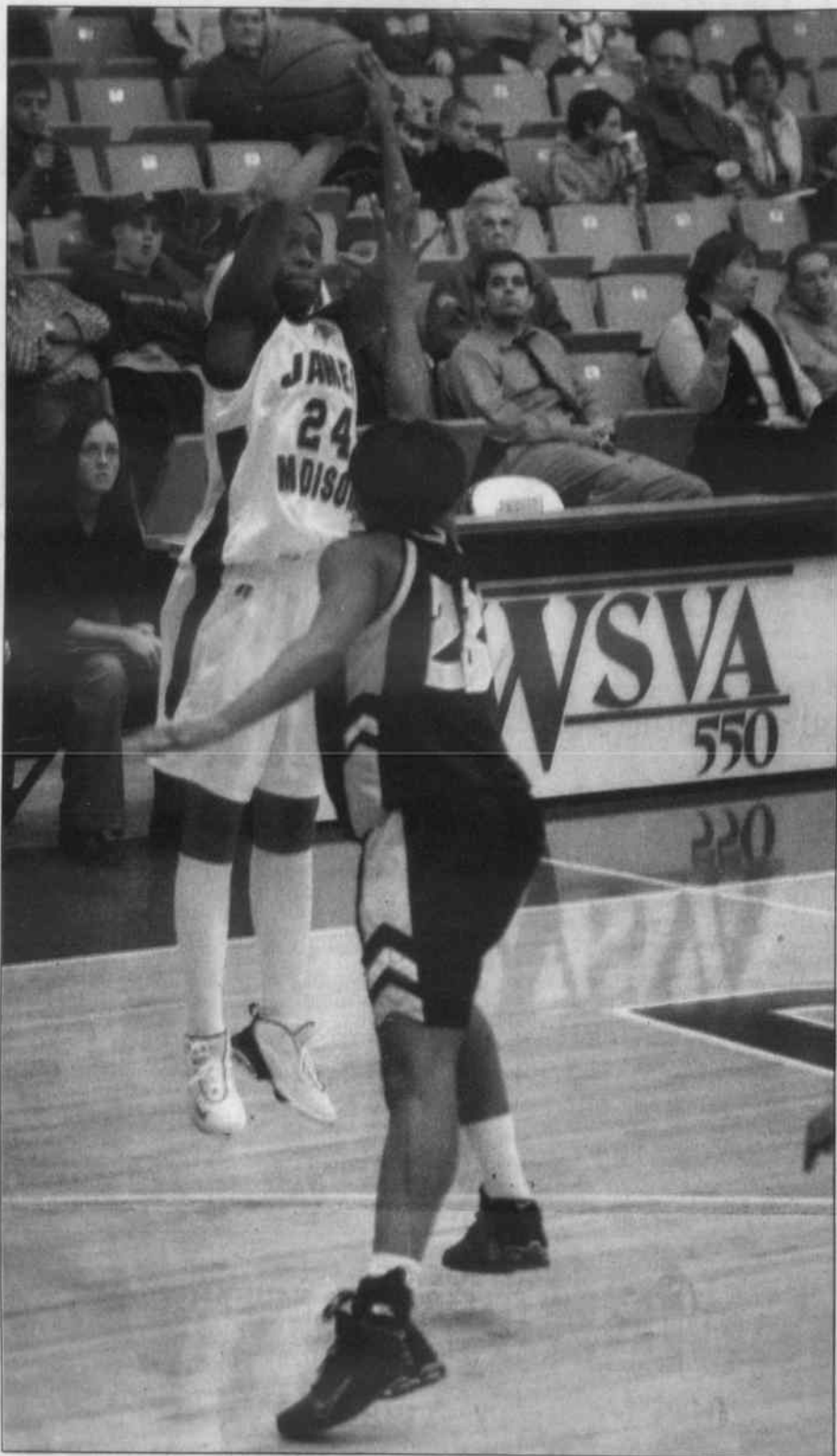
ON DECK

JMU vs. VCU

WHEN: Monday Jan. 31, 7 p.m.
WHERE: Convocation Center
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JMU and Virginia Commonwealth meet for the second time in six days. The Dukes defeated the Rams last week 66-58 in Richmond and enter with a 4-13 overall record. Sophomore guard Ray Barbosa enters ranked No. 4 in the conference in scoring, averaging 15.5 points per game.



Sophomore guard Lesley Dickinson shoots over Towson forward Tierra Jackson during JMU's 69-68 win over the Tigers Thursday night at the Convocation Center. Dickinson finished with a career-high 26 points.

Comeback kids

Dukes erase 16-point, second-half deficit; beat Towson 69-68

BY MATTHEW STOSS
assistant sports editor

Coming into Thursday night, Lesley Dickinson's shot had been everywhere but the basket. In her previous four games, she was 12-55 from the floor. However, despite her struggles, Dickinson's free-throw stroke hadn't suffered.

The sophomore guard is third in the Colonial Athletic Association in free-throw percentage, shooting 85 percent from the stripe.

Against Towson University Thursday night, Dickinson continued her consistency from the charity stripe. She drained two free throws with nine seconds to play to lift the Dukes over the Tigers, 69-68, before 1,031 at the Convocation Center.

"I was real nervous," Dickinson said. "It was real funny though because earlier, I came in and shot free throws with Coach [Nadine] Morgan. She was going through different situations, and tonight I just stepped up and knocked them down."

Those free throws weren't the only big shots Dickinson knocked down. The Queens Village, N.Y. native hit them all game — especially in the second half.

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Delaware beats JMU

Delaware forward Tiara Malcom scored a season-high 25 points to lift the Blue Hens to a 66-55 victory over the Dukes Sunday.

Guard Alena Koshansky added 11 for the Blue Hens, who improved to 16-2 overall and 9-0 in the Colonial Athletic Association.

JMU was led by freshman forward Tamera Young, who posted a game-high 15 rebounds and scored 13 points.

— James Irwin

Brooks, Dukes experience déjà vu all over again

BY JAMES IRWIN
sports editor

January provided a steady dose of déjà vu for coach Kenny Brooks.

Thursday night, Brooks looked up at the game clock and felt a strange feeling that he was experiencing something for the second time.

Except it was the fourth. The Dukes were clinging to a 69-68 lead after two free throws by sophomore guard Lesley Dickinson. The Towson Tigers had just tied-up freshman forward Tamera Young, forcing a jump ball and were in-bounding underneath the JMU basket.

There was one second left on the clock.

"Same scenario against George Mason," Brooks said. "That time we had a miscommunication and they got a wide open lay-up to force overtime."

This time there would be no mistakes.

"Before I even got a chance to talk, [the players] came over and asked, 'Coach, are we switching everything?'" Brooks said. "I said, 'Yes, switch everything.' I pronounced every syllable."

Towson's inbound pass was swatted out of bounds by sophomore center Meredith Alexis with three-tenths of a second left. The Tigers didn't get another shot off.

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

Seniors lead women's tennis into 2005 season

BY ASHLEY MCCLELLAND
senior writer

After last year's 12-6 season, the women's tennis team started the 2005 campaign Sunday with a match against conference champions, William & Mary.

"I feel like we are going to have a good season this year," senior Kristen Veith said. "We have depth on our team, and everyone has been working really hard in our off-season. Everyone is playing really well right now, and we are all ready to start a great season."

Veith is a co-captain on the team and plays No. 1 doubles with senior and co-captain Rebecca Vanderelst.

— Kristen Veith
senior women's tennis player

Coach Maria Malerba said the team has a tough schedule this spring.

"There will be a lot of close matches, and we will have to stay very focused and healthy to win those," she said. "Some conference teams, UNC-W and Delaware, have become stronger due to increased scholarship money. Our goal is to defeat at least one of these teams."

The team has seven returning members and only one new player.

"[Catherine Phillips] is new to the team this year and has greatly benefited from working out with the team and working in the weight room," Malerba said. "She had an impressive fall tournament season and looks to continue that this spring."

Last season was the team's third straight with a winning record, Vanderelst said. The Dukes hope to continue that trend.

"I'm really anticipating a great spring season," Vanderelst said. "We had some really positive results in the fall and will be looking to build on those. We have set some clear goals on which teams we are looking to beat this year. We hope to finish the year with a winning record and ranked toward the top of our conference."

According to Veith and Vanderelst, the team has been focusing on doubles play in practice.

"I think we are constantly improving our doubles skills, so hopefully we'll be able to win a few more doubles points during matches," Vanderelst said. "Because tennis is an individual sport, each girl is working on different parts of her game. I think everyone has been working hard over break and should be ready to improve throughout the rest of the spring."

Malerba said, "Everyone has worked very hard this fall to improve their game."

Malerba said team unity is key to helping the Dukes win. She adds that the Dukes' desire to do their best has improved from last year.

Vanderelst said, "Our team chemistry really helps to strengthen the team. All the girls get along really well on and off the court. As a team, we really try to push each other to work hard at practice, and I think this shows during matches. At the end of the day, we are always there to support each other, which really keeps us strong as a whole."

The Dukes have a month-long layoff until their next match. JMU returns to action March 3, when they travel to Radford to challenge the Highlanders in a 3 p.m. matinee.

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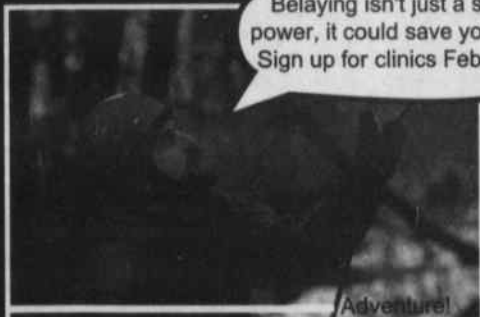
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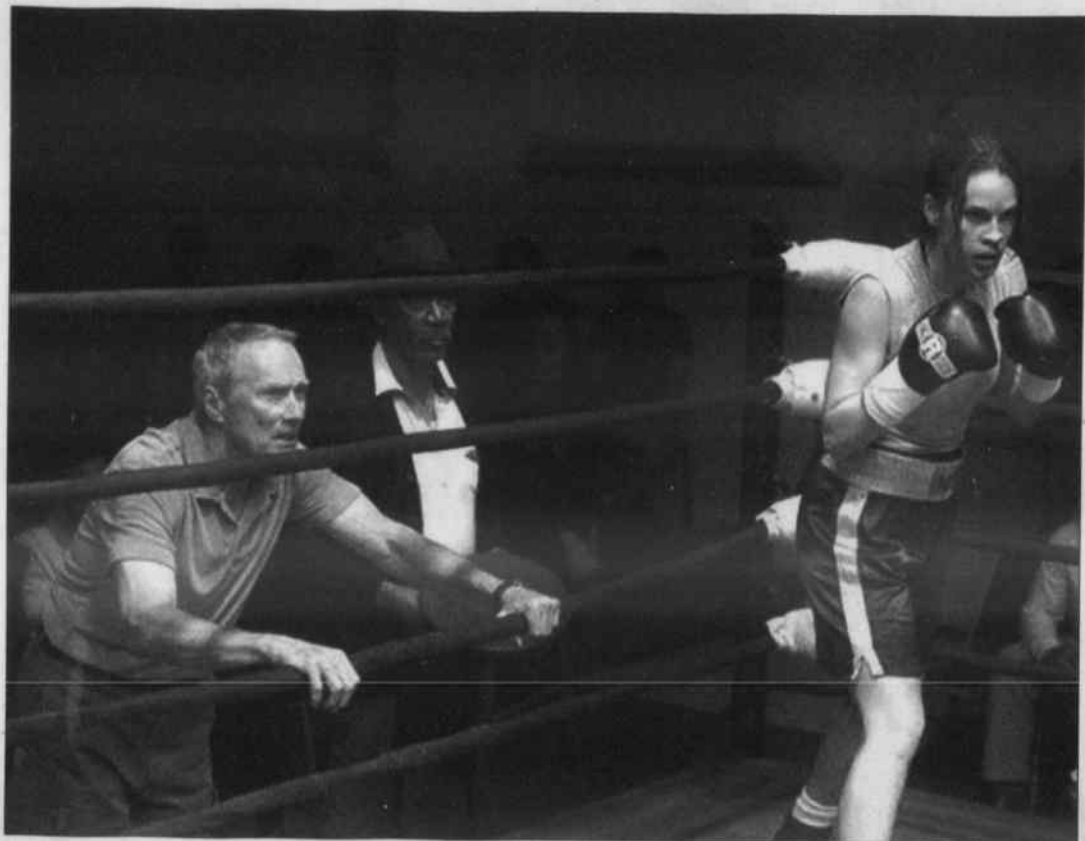
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'Million Dollar Baby' stars Hilary Swank as a white-trash waitress with a zest for professional fighting. Clint Eastwood directed and produced the movie, as well as starred in it and wrote the score.

'Baby' worth a million bucks, movie gold

BY PAUL ROBERTSON
staff writer

"Million Dollar Baby," the latest offering from Hollywood veteran Clint Eastwood ("Unforgiven") is a masterpiece. This is a movie that will remind audiences why films are made in the first place.

It's a film about boxing, but Eastwood uses the film's theme of fighting as an allegory for the battles waged in his characters' lives. The film is about life, perseverance, redemption, loss and love. It's about the fights that everyone must battle to follow their dreams and desires.

Hilary Swank ("Boys Don't Cry") gives a solid performance as Maggie Fitzgerald, a white-trash waitress with nothing to her name but a few rolls of coins and a zest to fight professionally. Maggie has fought for survival her entire life, battling an indifferent mother and the death of her father. She has it in her to wage a war against the world around her, and she does so every night with a worn punching bag at a dingy gym owned by a cantankerous Frank Dunn, played by Eastwood. Frank refuses to teach her the ropes of boxing because "Girlie, tough ain't enough."

With a little help from the gym janitor, Scraps, played by a magnificent Morgan Freeman ("The Shawshank Redemption"), Maggie

"Million Dollar Baby"

Starring:

Hilary Swank, Morgan Freeman

Running time:

137 mins

Rated: PG-13



begins to better her boxing skills. While watching her one night, Frank decides to take her in, and Maggie promises him that she will become a champion while under his tutelage.

The premise may, to many, sound like a different spin on the formulaic underdog-rising-to-fame sports movie. Nothing could be further from the truth. In its third act, "Million Dollar Baby" takes such an audacious swing that it knocks its audience flat. Where one might expect to see a "Rocky" finale, "Million Dollar Baby" offers something fresh, visceral and heartbreakingly human. The story takes a wild shift to further illuminate Maggie and Frank's tangled pasts, as they form a friendship transcending the boundaries that previously were set up in sports films.

Swank is stellar in her role, bring-

ing a sweetness and stern tenacity to the character of Maggie. Eastwood and Freeman also are phenomenal in their respective roles, and Eastwood's directing is impeccable. He also wrote the haunting score to the film, which is full of soft instrumental strings and beautifully dramatic undertones.

Like all great sports films, "Million Dollar Baby" is about more than the sport it portrays. It's a celebration of life as rendered through wonderful characterization and direction. It is impossible not to admire its sheer brilliance and haunting splendor. It has been nominated for a slew of Academy Awards, including Best Picture, Best Actor, Best Actress, Best Supporting Actor and Best Director. Come Oscar night, it wouldn't be surprising if this 'Baby' walks home with the gold.

Movie REVIEW KEY

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



Marriage do's, don'ts — what's to say when it's right

BY ASHLEY MCCLELLAND
senior writer

Ladies have seen them all. We live with them or sit next to them in class. We either envy them or couldn't care less. They are the girls who are either lucky enough — or unlucky enough, depending on your view of the situation — to have found a man that has already popped the question. These women have found the few men on campus who are not afraid of commitment.

What is the big deal with girls getting engaged while still in college? Society has pushed the acceptable "marrying age" for women back a number of years, but there still are some of us engaged and in college.

"Being engaged in college is a part of my life, and I do not see it as limiting in any way, as many people who are not engaged do," junior Emily Hynes said. "I will still go to graduate school, travel and do anything I choose to do after college. I am just fortunate enough to have my fiancé by my side in the process."

Hynes and her fiancé, who is in the Air Force, have been together for four and a half years and engaged for two years.

Megan Voss has been engaged since Dec. 21 and has been with her fiancé for almost two years.

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— Emily Hynes
junior

"To me, it is no different than being a single college student," Voss said. "You receive congratulations from people, and then life moves in. Your priority is still to finish school, but you now have to do it and prepare your relationship for marriage. We are taking pre-marital classes to help with this big transition."

Voss said she, too, receives negative comments from people when they find out she is engaged.

"People, usually acquaintances, are surprised that I am getting married so early," Voss said. "That is the only thing that is slightly hard about being engaged in college. The point is that while the world says for you to date around until you are in your late 20s, early 30s or else you're missing out. This is not how it has to be. Why waste time with someone [else], experiencing something that you won't be able to recall with your future significant other, the one person you will be with 'til you die?"

While some girls are busy planning their weddings, not everyone is ready to jump on the marriage boat.

"I think it's ridiculous, freshman Sarah Bordeaux said. "It's too soon [to get engaged] when too many things are changing in your life. Why not wait 'til after college?"

Reality takes on new meaning in television shows, becomes part of mainstream

BY KATIE KELLOGG
staff writer

What began as a harmless fad slowly has begun to engulf our media, suffocating our television programming like weeds in an unattended garden. What is the culprit of this overwhelming domination of our television sets and, ultimately, our minds? The answer: reality television.

Reality television covers a broad spectrum, from "The Swan" on Fox — where plastic surgery transforms contestants from ugly ducklings into beautiful "swans" — to CBS' globe-trotting competition, "The Amazing Race." What is it about these shows people find so fascinating? And how "real" is reality television, anyway?

Freshman Katie Wheeler, a fan of MTV's "The Real World" and "Road Rules," said she watches reality television because she finds it humorous — and hard to avoid.

"Reality television is everywhere," Wheeler said. "Every station has some form of it."

Even professors are not immune to the reality rage. As a fan of everything from "The Real World," to "The Surreal Life" and even A&E's "Dog the Bounty Hunter," health sciences pro-

fessor Todd Sabato said the programs' real-life aspect is what makes them so appealing.

"You put a camera in front of anyone and they are going to act differently," Sabato said.

Not everyone is a staunch supporter of reality television. Sophomore Kelly Harrison, who cites "Newlyweds" as her only reality television weakness, finds the term "reality television" to be an oxymoron.

"Even though it says 'reality,' it isn't like real life," Harrison said. "It bothers me because [manipulation] isn't professional," Harrison said. "They are not trying to show what is really going on, they are just trying to make people look bad."

Wheeler seems not to be as disturbed by the editing of reality programs. "I think some of it is real, but to I also know a lot of it is editing," Wheeler said.

Sabato said what he finds troubling is not the fact that producers edit the programs, but that the public would buy into the propaganda in the first place.

"It bothers me more that the viewer or the person on the show allows themselves to be manipulated," Sabato said.

What does it say about our culture when

our airwaves are dominated by people searching for husbands, getting plastic surgery and eating cow intestines?

Harrison said although she doesn't watch much reality television, she doesn't believe those programs are any worse than the scripted programs that would otherwise air.

Sabato, however, said although he is a fan, he hopes the reality television craze ends soon.



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Reality television shows, such as 'American Idol,' have become very popular lately. Fans of reality television can watch 'The Real World,' 'Road Rules' and 'Newlyweds: Nick and Jessica' — and that's only on MTV.

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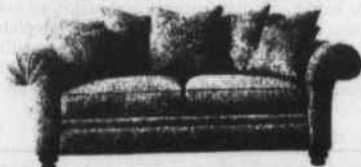
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RALLY: Dickinson spurs comeback with career-high 26 points

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After falling behind early, Dickinson helped spark a comeback that saw JMU rally from 16 points down midway in the second half.

She scored 17 points after the break on her way to a game, and career-high 26, while going 11 of 18 from the floor and 5 of 6 from the free-throw line.

"[Dickinson] kept us in it till we could make a run," JMU coach Kenny Brooks said. "She put us on her shoulders and carried us till we could make a comeback."

Early on, it was all Towson. The Tigers led for nearly the entire game, taking the lead at the 18:05 mark in the first half and not relinquishing it until there were nine seconds left to play.

After a Duke rally, which saw JMU cut the lead from 16 to 1 on baskets from seven different players, the Tigers led 68-67 with 33 seconds to go. Then Towson's Alis Freeman was called on a travel, giving JMU the ball.

On the inbound play, Dickinson was fouled by Kelly Robinson, sending Dickinson to line where she hit both free throws, putting JMU up 69-68.

"We played really hard and together," Dickinson said. "We shot real well and buckled down when we had to."

After Dickinson's free throws, the Dukes did just that at the other end — keeping the Tigers from scoring by forcing a missed shot and two failed inbound plays.

"When you deal with a

1-point game, it's about turnovers. It's about players stepping up and making the clutch free throws."

Also coming big for the Dukes was Tamera Young. The freshman forward added 19 points to the winning cause.

Together, Young and Dickinson combined for 45 of JMU's 69 points.

"You have to give credit to Madison," Towson's Brandi Harris said. "They did a great job coming back and had some big players. [Young] and [Dickinson] stepped up."

Offensively, Towson was led by Tierra Jackson who scored 23.

JMU continues play Wednesday when they visit Drexel University in a CAA matchup. Game time is 7 p.m. at the John A. Daskalakis Athletic Center.

Towson	40	28	—	68
JMU	32	37	—	69

Towson (4-4 CAA, 11-8) — Tierra Jackson 23, Kelly Robinson 15, Brandi Harris, Alis Freeman 9, Kelli Talbot 18, LaShay Rose 2, Tanya West, Tina Hopkins, Erin Gaston. Totals 27 19-23 68. 3-point goals: Robinson 3, Talbot 2.

JMU (4-4 CAA, 11-6) — Tamera Young 19, Meredith Alexis 9, Andrea Benvenuto 1, Mary Beth Culbertson 3, Lesley Dickinson 26, Shirley McCall 6, Shameena Felix 2, Nina Uqda 1, Krystal Brooks 2. Totals 31 12-20 69. 3-point goals: Young 3, Culbertson, Dickinson.

DEJA VU: Brooks relives past games in Thursday's victory

DEJA VU, from page 8

"He made it very very clear that a lot of communication had to go on," sophomore guard Andrea Benvenuto said of the timeout.

Of course, Brooks had his reasons. Thursday marked the fourth time this month that the Dukes were in that a similar situation.

Against Virginia Commonwealth University Jan. 9, the Dukes fouled VCU guard Meaghan Evans with 1.8 seconds left and Evans hit two free throws to send the game into overtime. The Dukes lost 86-78 in double OT.

Against George Mason, center Julie Flanders' lay-up with 1.8 seconds left forced the Dukes into overtime for the second consecutive game. JMU lost 50-48.

Two days later, the Dukes

again found themselves up two late in the second half, this time against the Drexel Dragons. As Drexel ran the game's final play, a scramble for the ball broke out.

"As that scramble was going on, I looked up at the clock," Brooks said after the Drexel game. "There was 1.8 seconds left."

JMU hung on to win that game 50-48.

"It was a very eerie situation," Brooks said. "It's like Groundhog Day or something." Then there was Thursday night.

"It was a different déjà vu," Brooks said with a smile. "There was only one second left this time."

The Dukes attempt to shake Punxsutawney Phil off their backs at Drexel Feb. 3. Tip off is 7 p.m.

BY JANE YU
contributing writer

The desire to remove body hair has been around since the beginning of mankind. Archaeologists believe cavemen used sharp stones to scrape hair off their faces. Cleopatra shaved her legs with bronze shavers and removed facial hairs with string. Julius Caesar plucked his facial hairs. Even Native Americans tweezed their facial hair between clamshells, according to Hair Removal Forum, Laser Hair Removal Community.

Today, Americans rid themselves of unwanted body hair in more advanced ways. The body-hair removal industry is thriving. In a poll conducted by Business Week magazine, Gillette was ranked the sixteenth out of 100 largest global brands in the world. Gillette triumphed over other well-known companies such as Budweiser, which was twenty-second, and Pepsi, which was twenty-third. The American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery states nearly 1 million laser hair-removal procedures were conducted in 2003 — a 25 percent increase from the previous year. In the same poll, laser hair removal also was ranked the second-most popular non-surgical cosmetic procedure.

Icelee Nelson, an instructor at Front Royal Beauty School, in Front Royal, said the "smooth look" has been popular for quite some time.

"We do tons of chin and upper-lip hair removal," Nelson said. "Everyone sees your face, and no woman wants to look like a man. It's just more feminine to be smooth all over."

Sophomore Kelly Barrett believes that the media has a large role in the hair-removing craze.

"The media and peers have built up the idea of having a clean, hair-free body so much that body hair is looked upon as being unclean," Barrett said.

Many college students agree that body hair is a turn-off.

"My ideal woman has no body hair, except on their head," Begg said.

Even men are feeling the pressure to adopt more rigorous grooming procedures because male body hair is not as acceptable as it once was either.

Apparently, hair on men is about as appealing as hair on women these days.

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"I don't like my men with a lot of body hair because it makes them appear unkempt," junior Sarah Shin said.

Some people, like senior Doug Kim, believe that having hair is more reminiscent of animals that it is of humans. "I don't want to look like a monkey," Kim said. "And I don't want a girl who does, either."

Regardless of technological advances and society's demand for hairlessness, hair removal procedures are still beyond what many college students can afford. Advanced Laser Clinics, one of the leading laser hair-removal businesses in the United States, isn't cheap — hair removal on the upper lip costs \$99.95 per treatment. Removing hair from a woman's legs is the most expensive procedure at \$399.95 per treatment. Also, laser treatment can take up to five treatments to permanently remove hair, according to Advanced Laser Clinics.

For more information on hair removal, go online at www.americanlaser.com.

Finding unique style, accessories keys to dressing well for men

All right boys, this one's for you. Well, OK, it's not just for you, but for your girlfriends, sisters, friends and moms, too. You know, the ones who always told you that you'd be so handsome if only you dressed better — now here's your chance to prove them right.

Pick a signature

Men often think that fashion is for women only. This is not so — even the most masculine men should have their own sense of style. Take Colin Farrell, for instance, and his adorable scruffiness. He always manages to pull together his signature eclectic look, whether he's attending a movie premiere or pub hopping.

You too can find your signature style. There are three main categories of attire to distinguish: class, weekend and formal.

Class wear probably will get the most use. The basis is jackets, sweaters, shirts and jeans. Pick a sweater that is light enough to be worn into the spring. These look great with button-up shirts underneath. Try pairing an argyle sweater or a zippered cardigan with a striped shirt. Funky, graphic tees also are an excellent way to show your own style. Wear one under your blazer like fashion king Usher.

The perfect pair of jeans on a guy can make a girl swoon. Look for a pair that fits well in the rear end (please, not too tight), and leave the sagging for gangster rappers. A dark-blast wash is a good pick.

The next category is going-out weekend attire. There always are going to be the classic dress shirts. Next time you go shopping, buy one in a fun print or in an unexpected color, like pink. For an added



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touch, wear a blazer (no tie necessary). Rather than sporting jeans, try wool or cotton trousers in black or grey. Wear these with comfy loafers or boots. Now you're ready to hit the town in style.

For formal functions, you need the perfect suit. Every guy should own a suit because it's an investment that can cover a variety of functions from interviews to weddings to church. Pick one that matches your style.

Shirts and ties can be interchanged, allowing you to create a new look every time you wear one. Put on your oxford shoes, and you're good to go.

Accessorize

Lastly, it is always important to stay stocked up on the essentials. By this I mean belts, underwear, socks (not just white), undershirts and a good pair of pajamas.

Now that you have this priceless fashion know-how, you are ready to face the world (OK, maybe just Harrisonburg). Sure, the odds are in your favor for getting the girl at JMU, but wouldn't it also be great if the ladies liked you because of your irresistible style and not just the statistics?

Going to gym not only way to get fit

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If the idea of sweating it out at the University Recreation Center to get that Spring Break body doesn't appeal to you, there are plenty of other ways to get adequate exercise that don't involve the elliptical machine or the StairMaster.

Cara Sidman teaches a Lifetime Fitness and Wellness Kinesiology 100 class which promotes an active lifestyle. Her class uses pedometers in hopes of increasing the number of steps taken throughout the day. "It's all about balance," Sidman said. "If you can't work out one day, it's OK; do other things for your health like stretching and drinking water, and then do better tomorrow. No pain, no gain is a myth — you don't have to be in pain to be healthy."

Junior Simeon Teopaco is an avid exerciser who enjoys a variety of outdoor activities. As a member of the water polo club team, he practices at the UREC pool four days a week. However, on days he's not practicing with the team, he prefers to run around Harrisonburg and ride his bicycle. "There are a lot of hills, which is great for cardio and it really builds your leg muscles," Teopaco said. "There's also a good view [of the city]."

Teopaco has a lot to be proud of — he lost 80 pounds in one year after he started exercising. "At first, it was to kill time between classes, but then I registered for an 8K [5 miles] race, and it was to prove to myself that I could do well in it," Teopaco said. "Then, eventually, it became a life change." He plans to continue his well-rounded fitness routine and eventually run a marathon.

For those of you who aren't at marathon level but want to achieve a higher level of fitness, Sidman advises a higher intensity of the activity for a longer period of time. Any cardiovascular activity that gets your heart rate up for at least 20 minutes three to five times a week is best. "Doing 10-minute bouts of exercise helps," Sidman said.

Since it's cold outside, another good idea is for everyone in your dorm/apartment to buy an exercise tape, such as yoga, Pilates or strength training, then rotate them.

University Recreation Fitness Manager Kenneth Martin recommends trying intramural or club sports. "It's good physical activity because it doesn't seem like you're working out because it's a sport you enjoy," he said. He also recommends doing strength-training exercises in your dorm or apartment such as crunches, lunges, squats and push-ups. Dumbbells or even soup cans can be used as resistance.

"Park at the [Convocation Center] or find a spot further away — it's a farther walk, but better for you," Martin said. Non-gym-related forms of exercise can help you remain healthy. Take the stairs up to Madison Grill rather than using the elevator, or walk from the Quad to the Integrated Science and Technology building. These small changes can add up and can really burn a lot of calories.

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