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### Athletics reallocates scholarships

Changes in eight varsity sports address Title IX

By Katie Chirgotis staff writer

JMU ended four years of scholarship cuts to eight varsity sports to meet Title IX budget guidelines and upgrade sports medicine and academic support for athletes.

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JMU Athletics took away scholarships from eight varsity

sports. Rather than eliminate these sports or reapportion money from other sports, JMU Athletics divided sports into two categories: those receiving the maximum amount of scholarship funding and those that received none.

JMU Athletic Director Jeff Bourne said, in doing so, JMU kept all 28 sports and remained one of the largest athletic programs in the state.

"What we're really looking at is finding ways to enhance support needed for our students," Bourne said. "Intercollegiate sports should parallel the undergrad population ... meaning 62 percent should be female."

Reallocation of funds began

in 2001, Bourne said, to enhance sport support programs and provide resources to developing sports programs such as women's softball. About \$683,000 has been shifted in the past four years. Bourne said the athletic department identified programs aimed mostly as "participatory sports." While resources still are allocated to

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### JMU to redesign, integrate Web site

By GEARY COX news editor

The JMU Web site soon will receive a facelift that aims to provide more information efficiently.

Shannon Keenan, assistant director for University Information, said plans for changes could take up to six weeks as representatives at University Information test products and consider design and layout

"As for a picture of what the new portal will look like — we're not there yet, and we won't be for quite a while," Keenan said. "We are currently looking at different vendor products." Different programs are available to

programs are available to facilitate portal production.

Student input into the redesign is being solicited at three informational sessions. JMU Webmaster David Taylor said students, faculty, staff and other constituents will be consulted during the present and production of the pr

during the process.

"We will soon have products from two vendors on campus for a 30-day demo," Taylor said. "During that time, we hope to provide sessions for students, faculty and staff to see the products and offer input."

Preliminary plans include the incorporation of Webmail, Blackboard and e-campus services in a personalized format, JMU spokesman Andy Perrine said. "The idea is eventually to roll up everything. Even student schedules should be wrapped up in a portal that the student can personalize," he said.

Integration will take time as programmers configure compatibility between different software systems while allowing students the freedom to personalize their portal.

"The plan is to have the portal up and running by the fall," Perrine said. Full implementation of the portal could take unwards of five years.

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"All [areas] of the university have collaborated to support the project and we hope to be able eventually to offer personalized services to many internal and external university constituencies," Taylor said.

Plans for the Web site redesign originated from a presentation by the Student Government Association to administrators a year ago, Taylor said.

Informational sessions are scheduled for today at 3:30 p.m. in Taylor Hall, room 306, Feb. 9 at 9:30 a.m. in Taylor Hall, room 306, and Feb. 15 at 11:30 a.m. in Taylor Hall, room 304.

Final product selection should be completed by April 1.

# Electronic Learning System of Alexandra System

### Professors adopt technology in classrooms

"I think the more technology you have available, the more learning styles you address."

- Diese Wilcox adult education and fruman resource evelopment professor By Sharon Schiff senior writer

Interactive learning is going beyond Blackboard as teachers adopt innovative technologies both in and out of the classroom, catering to all different types of thinkers. "I think the more technology you

"I think the more technology you have available, the more learning styles you address," said Diane Wilcox, assistant professor of adult education and human resource development

protessor of adult education and human resource development.
Wilcox introduced her and Jodi Myers'
HRD 240 classes to Centra Symposium, after she used the program facilitating corporate training. Centra Symposium is a live, virtual classroom where teachers and students can simultaneously interact with one another in a setting of their choice.

Once students log in they can beer one

Once students log in, they can hear one another talk break into groups and record

"Everyone can see what is on my desktop, and they don't have to be looking over my shoulder," Wilcox said. "It opens up a bunch of possibilities."

The class alternates, sometimes meeting through Centra Symposium, while other times in the classroom where they can interact face to face.

"I try to use a mix because everyone is different in how the learn," Wilcox added. She also utilizes an online survey ser-

vice, surveymonkey.com, to gather student opinions of the curriculum materials, activities and technologies.

Yvonne Stapp, assistant professor in the English as a second language program, has also implemented different technologies into her class, EDUC 490. Stapp is using Tegrity, another virtual classroom program which combines a visual presentation with a pre-recorded lecture from a teacher.

Students can view the lecture and dem-

onstration from their own computer. "The advantage is the student can see it up close

see TECH, page 4

### Gun bills die in House, Senate

Gun bills introduced in the Virginia Senate and House of Delegates failed to leave committees, effectively killing the bills for this session.

The legislation, if passed, would have allowed universities to create a weapons policy that would prohibit the possession of weapons at colleges and universities.

The Senate first introduced the bill last week and it was killed in the Senate Courts of Justice committee for lack of a Second on the motion to report. Friday, the bill failed to

Friday, the bill failed to reach the floor of the House's Militia, Police and Public Safety Committee.

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- Tom Culligan student body president

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JMU President Linwood Rose, Student Body President Tom Culligan and representatives of the Student Government Association traveled to Richmond in support of the bills. Due to a full agenda in the House committee, the bill was not read. The bill is now dead in both committees for this session.

"It is an insult to students that the bill wasn't even given debate or a vote," Culligan said. "We are very upset."

Freshman Sara Lunsford, a student senator who gathered signatures last semester in support of a weapon's policy, said, "Many of us are disappointed by this setback, but there is always a possibility of taking action next session.

"I would like to encourage people to contact their representatives to inform them of their opinions on this."

Dave Briggman, who filed a lawsuit against JMU on the grounds of JMU's gun policy, declined to comment.

- staff reports

### Room selection changes to lottery

By Geary Cox and Ashley McClelland news editors

The Office of Residence Life will implement a new system of assigning on-campus housing beginning this year.

The new system will randomly assign students priority
positions for room selection, in
contrast to a seniority-based
system used until this year.
The former system gave students housing numbers based
on how many credits the students have. The smaller the
number, the sooner students
could sign up for housing. This
year, students will still receive
a number, but the number will
be given randomly.

"We looked at who was living on campus," said Jim McConnel, senior director of residence life. "Two-thirds are first-year students, and the majority of the remainder are second-year students. We've been encounging first-year students to stay on campus for a second year, but the previous priority system had them getting bumped off campus."

McConnel said representatives from residence halls were surveyed in the fall, asking for feedback on the random priority system. A similar Web survey was distributed to residents a month later, McConnel said.

Finalized plans

released in residence life lit-

erature in December 2004 and

the first stages of the new process are underway. Students' applications for on-campus housing were due Jan. 31, and McConnel said housing contracts will be offered to students beginning today.

Students wishing to remain in their same hall and room will receive priority registration, McConnel said. "There's no impact for them because we don't have to move them," he said.

A computer then will process the names of students who returned housing contracts and will randomly assign them a registration number.

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"It's like the Virginia
Lottery," McConnel said. The
last day for room assignments
is March 31.

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"I found some maggots in a Reese's Peanut **Butter Cup and** ran out of the room crying.



EVAN DYSON/ contributing photographer

### **DUKE DAYS Events Calendar**

Monday, Feb. 7

The University Program Board is now accepting applica-tions for the 2005-'06 Executive Council. Applications and UPB informational packets can be downloaded online at upb.jmu.edu or picked up in Taylor Hall, room 234, All application materials are due no later than Friday, Feb. 11 at noon in Taylor Hall, room 234.

Submit your Duke Days of 50 word

### POLICE LOG

By Sharon Schiff/ senior writer

JMU students reported 200 CDs stolen from a locked vehicle in the R-5 Lot between Jan. 30 at 11 p.m. and Feb. 2 at 6:30 p.m.

A JMU employee reported the theft of a portable cleaner from UREC between Nov. 1, 2004 and Dec. 3 at unknown times.

A JMU student reported the theft of a winter jacket, a cell phone and a JAC card from an unsecured location at UREC on Feb. 3 between 11 and 11:30 a.m.

Total parking tickets since Aug. 19: 15,384

Total drunk in public since Aug. 19: 57

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Take Back the Night Benefit Concert is from 8 to 10 p.m. in Grafton-Stovall Theatre. Tickets are \$5 pre-sale and \$6

at the door. The program will feature Madison Dance, New and Improv'd, Low Key, Note-Oriety, the Breakdance Club, Candide, and much more.

CASEY TEMPLETON/ staff photographer

The Student Government Association, SafeRides and Student Ambassadors hosted the first Late Night Bree fast Bizzard Thursday Feb. 3. Students got breakfast for \$1 from 10 p.m. - 1 a.m. in the Festival.

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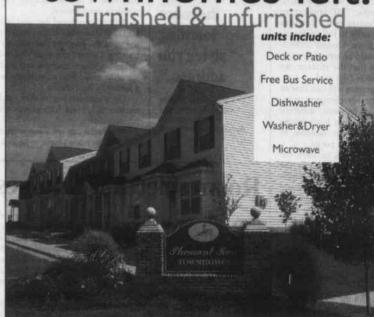


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Computer errors lead to wrong grades at Wash. U

ST. LOUIS, Mo. Washington University in St. Louis students enrolled in Writing I recently received an e-mail indicating that errors were discovered in the calculation and recording of their grades. In the e-mail, English Department Chair David Lawton indicated that a small number of students in the Fall 2004 sections of the course were affected.

The electronic miscalcula-tion was first identified when several students checked their final grades and found they were slightly inaccurate. The error, which initially appeared to be quite large, in reality made little numerical difference. Lawton explained that numbers aside, such an error is cause for concern.

### Cases of influenza rise steadily at UMiss.

OXFORD, Miss. - The number of flu cases at Univer-sity of Mississippi is on the rise and may continue to increase.

Barbara Collier, director of the Student Health Services, said

the patients just keep coming.

"Just about every day it seems the amount that come in has doubled. I would suspect we're seeing 30 to 40 (patients) a day with the flu," Collier said.

She said it is crucial that students with the flu stay out of clas

They don't want to keep their grades lower, but the could possibly infect to whole room," Collier said. the

In an e-mail sent to UM employees and faculty, Provost Carolyn Ellis Staton asked professors who received a Super Bill from Student Health Services stating that the student had the flu "be understanding of their absences from class during that period."

### U. Kentucky students sued for file-sharing

LEXINGTON, Ky. Three University of Kentucky students are facing a civil suit alleging copyright infringement for illegal peer-to-peer music downloads.

The civil suit, which was filed by the Recording Industry of America this week, is part of the music industry's campaign to abolish illegal downloading on university campuses across the country according an RIAA statement.

The RIAA cannot identify the students without subpoenaing UK, so the students have not been contacted about this suit.

Fayette County District Court received the complaint Jan. 27 that said three "John Does" participated in illepeer-to-peer download-last October. Copyright ing last October. Copyright holders refer to such cases as "John Doe" litigation process es, which target peer-to-peer downloading activity within university communities

### Graduation Club begins new class series

staff writer

Students will reflect on their first semesters at JMU through "What you won't learn in the classroom," a new program organized by the Office of Residence Life and First Year Involvement.

"What You Won't Learn in the Classroom" is part two of Graduation Club, an ORL-sponsored program that helps freshmen become involved and settled on campus. During the fall se-mester, the Graduation Club provided information with academic sessions on test-taking skills, building up positive relationships with professors and advisers, and much more.

"If people can't make it to each week, that's fine," said Jennifer Kasey, graduate assistant for Academic Support in the FYI center/ORL. "They can ome on a [staggered] basis."

The seminar topic planned for this week will be "The College Experience: A Reflection on First Semester." The second week will consist of "Identity Awareness and Personal Accountability," followed by "Stereotyping" the third week. An open question-and-answer forum led by a panel of seniors will occur the last week.

Kasey was planning these discus-sions since last semester. She modeled the idea after a first-year seminar program that she had attended as an unginia before transferring to JMU.

Besides Kasey, graduate assistants Dave Urso and Brianna Glenn also will be facilitating the seminar discussions.

"I'll have people up and moving," Urso said. "There's an interactive ele-ment [involved]. They have to come willing to be engaged and to offer something

ond to share pieces of themselves."

One of the main goals of the seminar discussions is to help freshmen make the most of their college experiences outside the classroom.

'I would argue that you actually learn more outside the classroom than you do in class," Urso said. "The experiences you have, the things you encounsomething you can necessarily recover."

Although the seminar discussions are mainly directed toward freshmen, other people can attend as well.

"I think they'll have an opportunity to gain some personal insight," said Kathleen Campbell, assistant director of Residence Life for Student Learning Programs. "But I also think that they'll have an opportunity to learn something about IMU and have a successful year."

Two sessions will take place each week on Mondays from 4 to 5 p.m. and 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Constitution Room, Huffman Hall, B section. One sion will be held Tuesdays from 6 to 7 p.m. in Gifford Hall.

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KEVAN MACIVER/graphics editor

### SOS accepting award nominations till March 1

BY AMANDA DECAMP contributing writer

Students can now nominate students, organizations and faculty or staff for the Dolly Madison Awards, which recognize the outstanding efforts of individuals and organizations at James Madison.

The nomination deadline is March 1

Among the awards for faculty are Hall Faculty Award for Outstanding Service to Students and the Bluestone Award for Outstanding Advising. Both of these awards recognize a teacher, adviser or staff member who has shown exceptional commitment to student learning outside of the classroom or who has influenced a club or organization to become more effective.

Four awards acknowledge an individual student who has made an impact on an organization. Most recipients of these awards show strong leadership qualities, are positive role models and are able to balance their duties to the club, as well as maintain a strong academic record.

Among these awards is a new award entitled "The Coca-Cola Scholarship Award." There will be two recipients of this award who will each receive a \$1,000 scholarship for their achievements in influencing others to make substance-abuse awareness a priority.

Senior Morgan Somerville won the Student Community Service Award last year for her courage, spirit and hope in her organization and the individuals in it. "It was an unbelievable experience," Somer-ville said. "To be honored with an award for doing something that I - service — is unreal.

The final four awards recog nize entire organizations. Most of these awards are divided into sub categories, including entertainment program, new program, fund raising/service program and educational program.

The President's Award recognizes a specific event, both campus-wide and an organizational event, where alcohol is not the fundamental element for fun and socializing.

### Public views Watergate Papers

BY ROBERT FISHER Daily Texan

The Harry Ransom Center at the University of Texas-Austin is now the proud home to thousands of documents chronicling The Washington Post reporters Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein's coverage of the Watergate scandal.

The public will have access to the work the two men compiled during the course of their four-year investigation into the Watergate Hotel break-in and

subsequent scandal. Selected materials from the archive will be displayed. The materials include interviews.

The entire archive fills more than 75 file-drawer-sized boxes with almost all work from the beginning of the investigation,

including the handwritten and typed notes of their interviews, story drafts, clippings, photographs and memos. There are more than 250 notebooks.

Faulkner described their ef-forts as one of the most important chapters in American journalism and politics.

Some portions of the ar chive will not be opened to the public to protect the confidentiality of living sources

One of the most infamous figures involved in the Watergate scandal, a shadowy figure dubbed "Deep Throat," remain anonymous. The figure was described in Woodward and Bernstein's first book on the scandal, "All the Presi-dent's Men." His identity has been a mystery for more than

### Series addresses diverse set of topics

BY STEPHANIE STRAUSS senior writer

A new lecture series created by JMU faculty aims to engage students in conversation about citizenship, humanity and other General Education

Cluster Two topics. Associate Dean of GenEd Karen Sproles said the series is designed to supplement Cluster Two course material.

"Humanitas" is a Latin word that refers to virtues as sociated with an individual's active public life, history pro-Kevin Hardwick said.

"Our lectures thus draw from our collective mastery of the intellectual, civic and ethical issues central to liberal education, which

we believe are at the core of the Jeffersonian conception of vigilant citizenship," Hardwick said.

The lecture series is sponsored by GenEd Dean Linda Halpern and the GenEd Program

Sproles said many pro fessors are assigning the lectures as part of class, as extra credit or as a way to make up missed work. "But lots of people are attending just because they are interested in the topics and they know the faculty present-ing are experts in the field as well as exciting speak-ers," she added.

"It is great to be able to showcase some of the fabulous faculty members we have

edgeable, dynamic and pas-sionate about teaching. This series gives the campus community a chance to experience our excellent faculty outside of class," Sproles said.

Sproles said Halpern arranged a deal with the bookstore so that every faculty member who gives a lecture in the series can pick out a free book pertaining to the topic discussed.

Upcoming topics will include "Marx and Alien-ation," "The Buddha," "Faith and Reason," and "The Politics of Genocide." The lectures will take place in Taylor Hall, room 404 from 4 to 5 p.m. today, Feb. 15, Feb. 22 and March 1.

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### TECH: New programs available for faculty to share images with students

TECH, from page I and repeat it until they understand [the material]." Stapp said. "People need to see things as much as they can."

She explained having direct access to information makes for better understanding of the course material. "In the classroom students are trying to keep up and may not correctly get the information down.

"People have different requirements as far as

how much practice people need; teachers can provide this and we have the resources." Stapp added.

Sarah Cheverton, manager of faculty de-velopment within the Center for Instructional Technology (CIT), said she primarily works to help teachers use technology for classroom in-In addition to Centra Symposium and Tegrity, CIT helps faculty prepare video for streaming, which makes video clips and mov-ies accessible for reference in the classroom. CIT also offers assistance with the Madison Digital Image Database, an easy way for faculty mem-bers to share images with their students.

"Technology is broadening the possibilities for teaching and learning, offering more dy-namic ways for students to learn," Cheverton said. "It brings the student into the real world, and this kind of technology is what they will be experience once they leave here, there is no

Cheverton said she is pleased with JMU's efforts to adopt new technologies. "In the last two years, I have seen tremendous interest and willingness to learn and try new things."

### CUT: Female athletic scholarships not in violation of Title IX guidelines

CUT, from page 1

are allocated to these programs, students on these teams sought participation, rather than extreme competition.

Bourne said because of IMU's high ratio of female students, at least 59 percent of funding and scholarships should go to women's athletic programs to meet Title IX guidelines. JMU never was in vio-lation of Title IX guidelines — changes were made to address varying needs of the athletic department.

Scholarship sports for men include foot-ball, basketball, soccer and baseball. Wom-en's sports receiving scholarship funding include soccer, basketball, field hockey, la crosse, softball, volleyball, indoor/outdoor and cross-country track.

Specific figures on each sport vary be-cause the NCAA's scholarship guideline

differ between sports. The appropriation restrictions explain why nine women's sports received full funding to four men's sports, Bourne said.

Non-scholarship teams still compete, but the budget cuts have "affected their competitiveness," Bourne said. "There's now only recruitment for walk-on students, with no funding."

"In some sports, cuts in funding mean we are not as competitive as w

Senior Evan Kays, a member of the men's cross country and track team, said, "Budget cuts end up hurting some people and help-ing others at the same time."

### I couldn't put this page up until I thought of something funny and witty for a house ad.

### Woo funny and witty. There ya go.

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### Assessment Day - Tuesday, February 15, 2005

All students, both transfer and non-transfer, with 45-70 credit hours are required to participate in assessment Tuesday, February 15, 2005. Assessment allows JMU to answer important questions being asked by students, parents, employers, and legislators about what a college degree is worth. Assessment results help JMU to understand and improve the quality of education that is being offered on campus. In addition, the Commonwealth of Virginia mandates that all state universities assess student learning to ensure quality.

Please note that this three-hour assessment is REQUIRED. If you do not attend, a hold will be placed on your fall registration. The last two digits of your JMU ID determine the time and place of your assessment session. Please consult the following table for your assigned assessment session. It is very important that you go to your scheduled room.

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HOUSE EDITORIAL

### General Assembly's underwear law deserves to be 'depantsed'

We've hit rock bottom. Or, at least, our delegates have. In the midst of the 2005 legisla-tive free-for-all, Virginia lawmakers have sunk further than the low-rise pants one legislator intends to ban.

### Underwear Ban Bill Advances

A Norfolk Democrat proposed a bill Friday that would fine people \$50 for intentionally wearing their pants so low

And it passed. With more 90 other bills to get through, the House Courts of Justice Committee paused to debate the merits of what would essentially become a statewide dress code. Now the bill continues onto the full House for consideration.

"This bill is simply about spect for others. It has to do with character building," said Del. Algie Howell, who was quoted in several published sources. The same delegate

also has proposed bills that concern drivers who lean too far back in their seat or play stereos obnoxiously loud.

As the American Civil Liberties Union asserts, the bill is impractical and puritanical, a waste of time for both the lawmakers behind the bill and the policemen charged with enforcing it. Anyone who "exposes his below-waist undergarments in an offensive manner" would be fined.

offensive? Certainly not the state. Even the committee's staff attorney advised that the bill was unconstitutional

The individuals who choose to flaunt their unmentionables must not characterize their style as offensive. Without a compelling reason to regulate a person's dress, delegates are meddling in, rather than pre-serving, the personal liberties of their constituents.

The state's power should never become so unwieldy as to not know the difference.

> lims to preach "jihad against Christians.

Albo's intentions are atrocious. His statement shows a certain recognition of the bill's repercussions and a blatant in-tolerance for all the religions the bill would promote, not just the Christianity Carrico intended.

of "religious beliefs, heritage

and traditions" on public prop-erty. The "religious freedom

amendment" is an attempt to

combat discrimination against Christians, said Del. Charles

W. Carrico, R-Grayson, who

anoke was quoted as saying the

bill doesn't promote religion,

but rather "it protects the right to pray in a public discourse."

He's wrong on both ac-counts. The bill unnecessar-

ily promotes religion, tak-

permissible terms of express

ing faith. Furthermore, the

delegate incorrectly assumes

that an explicit right to pray

Another lawmaker from Ro-

introduced the bill.

Voters are fortunate that the bill must be approved in the full House and full Senate, both this year and next, before it is presented in a referendum. It is here that voters may choose to allow the committee's current religious bias to pervade

or to instead preserve the elasticity and effectiveess of our Constitution.

Weapon's Policy Bill Fails

With a track record for meddling into such personal issues as the appropriate attire or religious rights of Virginians, the General Assembly seems to have a knack for enacting far-too-zealous impositions on constituents. Yet, a drastic 180degree flop — an acceptance for inaction — couldn't have come at a worse time

Bills that would allow universities to ban weapons failed to get out of both House and Senate committees this week. In the Senate committee, no delegate offered a second to push the bill onto the Senate floor. In the House committee, the bill was never read - a consequence of an excessive agenda.

The General Assembly was the only body that could rightfully determine where firearms can and cannot be carried. JMU was correct to attempt to combat a lawsuit by Keezletown resident Dave Briggman out of court.

Briggman is suing the uni-versity for the right to carry a gun on campus. He correctly alleges that because JMU is a public university, it has no grounds on which to suspend an individual's rights. The General Assembly had a chance to change this.

The weapons bill deserved a vote. Whether or not lawmakers actually agreed with the intent of the legislation, the bill should have reached the floor of both the House and Senate.

A discussion of student safety was ducked, replaced by an inconsequential under-wear debate and misguided bill promoting religious preju-dice. Delegates have truly hit rock bottom.



BREEZE PERSPECTIVES

### American fable teaches valuable lesson

CORY REYMAN contributing writer

Late one night, Freedom burst through the front door in tears. America jumped off the couch to console her and asked what happened. "It's terrible!" Freedom cried. I was walking home when Terrorism crept up on me. He threw me to the ground and tried to rape me!" America gazed in disbelief. How

could Terrorism try to rape Free dom when it knew America was her big brother? So, he called up his friends, Government and Mass Media, and the three went to show Terrorism what happens when you mess with Freedom.

They returned to America's house and carefully explained every-thing to his parents, The People. The People thought about the attack on Freedom and decided that vindicat-

ing her was very noble. The following day, America and his two friends were walking home together when they saw Tyranny and noticed he was holding a shiny object.

Government, notoriously the most greedy of the three, wanted the thing very badly. Mass Media, who had built a reputation of being Government's tool, agreed to help. But America was more hesitant. Government explained that they deserved the thing more than Tyranny, and that alone was enough to warrant action.

Mass Media suggested that they ask for help from their other friend, United Nations. Government considered it for a second before he de-



cided against it. It might take a while before United Nations would agree to help, and he would surely want to share the thing.

When America came home, The People gasped at the unsightly bruiss on his face. They opened their mouths to ask what happened, but Government jumped in before they could say anything. "It was Tyranny!" Government proclaimed. "Tyranny and Terrorism are close friends. The promised to do everything they could to hurt Freedom. We had to stop Tyranny before it was too late."

The People were shocked by the story, and they began arguing over whether the action was justified. Red was convinced of the need for force, while Blue wished America had made a more carefully thought-out decision. The two argued until they couldn't stand each other anymore and separated.

As America sat alone, looking at the thing, he was unable

quell the regret he felt inside All the shiny things in the world wouldn't make him happier. His poor choices had led to the separa-

tion of his parents. America had the power to stand up to Government all along, but he illowed himself to be manipulated The worst part about the whole mess was the fact that he lied to The Peothe truth, even though he would feel tremendous shame once The People realized what he had done.

America needed to tell them that Government and Mass Media lied to their faces, and he would never invent a threat against Freedom to disguise his intentions ever again.

important America learned was this: Friend-ships can dissolve, but your family is what's important - and they should never be lied to.

Cory Reyman is a soon-to-be-undeclared sophomore finance major.

### TO TALK OF MANY THINGS

### New scientific discoveries inspire awe in outer space

JONATHAN KELLY contributing writer

The recent discovery of large clus-ters of black holes orbiting the Milky Way galaxy is one that should provoke substantial awe about the magnifi-cent forces underlying our universe. Chandra X-Ray Observatory, NASA's elliptically orbiting space-craft, designed to collect data on x-ray astronomy, released findings on Jan. 10 about the interstellar phenomena. What the Chandra personnel describe can give us hints about how physical

reality around us operates. The NASA press release says that a "swarm of 10,000 or more black holes may be orbiting the Milky Way's su-permassive black hole." These newly found black holes are smaller in size compared to the supermassive one lo-cated at the center of the galaxy, named Sagittarius A\*, and all are the remains According to the release, the "stellar-mass black holes, along with neutron stars, appear to have migrated into the Galactic Center over the course of several bil-lion years." This new data may also asstronomers in understanding the growth of Sagittarius A\*.

Most fascinating about the existence of black holes is that they are one of the most dramatic implications of modern physics. Based on Einstein's theories of special and general relativity, they represent the physical malleability and connectedness of universal forces once thought to be continuous and separate. We now know that forces of time and space are woven together and are open to physical distortion.

Einstein's special relativity teaches that lengths of physical space can be shorter or longer in different frames of reference to different observers. The lengths may be contracted from the viewpoint of the observer "moving faster" because time is dilated in this frame of reference. How is that possible? It is possible because the speed of light and all other laws of physics

are the same in all frames of refe in uniform motion. The principle was reconciled with Newtonian laws of mechanics through the theory of general relativity, which proposes that gravitational force is equivalent to a corre-sponding acceleration in "motion" of observer in that frame of reference. Therefore, gravity is the product of a

distortion in time and space. A black hole phenomenon is implied by general relativity when a massive concentration of matter is contracted so densely upon itself within a critical radius that its gravitational force becomes so strong that not even light can escape it. Hence, the matter's gravity is "black," pull-ing in all colors in the visible light spectrum. In nature, only a star so massive that its core would collapse upon exhausting its nuclear fuel could provide the concentrated matter for a black hole. The enormous energy release after the collapse of the star's mass would cause this.

The phenomenon of a black hole is particularly intriguing because it makes one wonder exactly how the theories of modern physics may af-fect the natural world. The Jan. 7 edition of the journal Science contains a research review by Drs. Ramesh Narayan and Eliot Quataert on how the gravity of black holes may be able to pull inflows of magnetized gaseous matter towards its center in angular disk orbits. The mystery surrounding processes like these remind one of how truly fantastic the universe is.

We should not only marvel at the natural phenomena themselves, but also at the human ingenuity that makes these discoveries possible. It is an excit-ing, inspiring tableau that displays the capabilities of the human mind seeking to penetrate reality's most arcane mysteries. The discoveries represent human beings' capacity to learn and to know, as well as the inherent curiosity that makes humanity stand out in the rest of creation.

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OFF THE WIRE

### 'Blogging' shows writers' lack of life

JASON NOBLE Iowa State Daily

Welcome to 2ndEstate21's bligablagablugablog, the blogginist blog in the blogosphere!

10:43:25 p.m. Feb. 3, 2005:

Well, for this, my seventh post in the last 12 hours, I'm going to type aimlessly about yet another thing that really irks me: Personal Web logs.

Now, loyal reader (that is, Steve, Jerry or Dave), I know what you're thinking. If I hate blogs so much, why do I maintain one so religiously? Well, it's not my blog that upsets me so — it's everyone else's. You see, unlike the millions of other bloggers out there, the thoughtless, unedited drivel I spew out is actually meaningful to my faithful readers, and my unresearched, under-considered opinions and em barrassing personal issues should actually be listened to.

So it's to all those other bloggers that this rant is aimed at

10:51:20 p.m. Feb. 3, 2005:

The logical place to begin analyzing blogs is their mechanics.

Every blogger must have a name for himself and his blog, a unique title to differentiate himself from all the other self-absorbed yahoos out there relating their mundane experiences to anyone unfortunate enough to stumble across them. These titles are most often ham handed puns based on the blogger's actual name, but so nebulous or arcane that only the most dedicated or pathetic blogo-philes can understand them.

A timestamp is another key ingredient to a blog. These figures, showing the time and date of each osting, show not only how often a blog is updated, but also the extent to which the writer lacks a life.

11:06:31 p.m. Feb. 3, 2005:

To illustrate to my readers why I despise blogs so much, I should probably tell a rambling personal anecdote that ultimately fails to shed any light on what I'm actually talking about, but instead re-veals some hilariously damning secret about myself.
So back when I was in high

school (but after I got on that acne medication!), just when blogs ere starting to crop up on the Internet, a girl at our school began writing one. She filled it with the most ridiculous, cliché high school girl things you can imagine: How much she liked Jimmy, how her friend Jill flirted with Jimmy but romised it was nothing, how that Jill was a no good dirty slut with chlamydia who had sex with Jimmy in the concession booth at the football game, and how Jill was, like, so not invited to her graduation party.

Well, word got around about the blog, which of course was eas-ily searchable by the screen name the girl used and wrote in bubble letters on the cover of her note book, and everyone started talking about it. When word finally got back to the girl that her secrets had been revealed, she freaked out and quickly posted a message on her blog warning that all content on the public Web site was private. What does this story teach us?

First, that personal blogs generally have no purpose beyond titillating and stupefying the voyeurs who read them. And second, these blogs are usually open to anyone with the wherewithal to find them, meaning there can be no expectation of privacy when writing in them. For example, I would never reveal on my blog that after much introspection and repeated listenings of "Tangled up in Blue," I've concluded that my gay threshold stands at Bob Dylan. You just don't put things like that out there for any schmuck on the Internet to read.

12:00:56 a.m. Feb. 4, 2005:

Political blogs, those pseudo professional operations that only discredit and embarrass real jour-nalists, also piss me off—especially the way they've been hyped as an alternative to newspapers (the only true source of news and opinions!) and other news media. I'll explain my complaints in depth in my next post, which you can expect as soon as I finish this Mountain Dew Code Red and check what DailyEdi-

torStud just posted on his blog.

Jason Noble is a columnist for lower State University's Iowa State Daily.

A "just-take-a-deep-breath" dart to the transplanted townie for taking a comment like Taste-of-Thai is a great place for the gathering of townies and college kids" too seriously.

From the "ignorant" girls who realize how inclusive the JMU bubble can be.

A "thanks-for-the-help" pat to the girl singing the "Sound of Music" into her vibrator while wearing snowboard ing boots and looking at a map to teach me how to "hit the slopes." From a non-snowhoarding senior who'd

love a lesson or two.

A "you-are-the-most-disgusting-human-on-Earth" dart to our roommate who can't flush the toilet, let alone close the door while doing his busines

From a few senior guys who think just because you have the biggest white truck on campus, doesn't mean you don't have to have any common decency.

An "I-hope-your-engine-freezes' dart to the jerk who decided it would be a good idea to snap my alreadymangled car antenna.

From an upset sophomore who now needs to invest in another coat hanger and duct tape.

A "you-are-so-badass" pat to myself. Seriously, from myself.

SPATS

A "you're-such-a-pain-but-we-

love-you-anyways" dart to girlfriends. From a junior who previously was broke due to Christmas and now has no mey, thanks to the lovely preparation for Valentine's Day.

A "Frank-Sinatra's-wrong-numbers-couldn't-sound-as-sweet" pat to the young man who mistakenly left a message on my cell. You have a captivatingly sexy voice.

From a junior girl who — if she ever

hears your voice again - will be sure to introduce herself.

A "way-to-play-hide-and-seek-with-the-D-hall-ladies" dart to the girl who was caught sneaking into D-hall and tried to hide from one employee by crouching next to another.

From a senior who thinks that next time you get caught sneaking into D-hall, you should leave without embarrassing everyone around you.

A "the-power-of-your-parking-violation-radar-system-makes-my-brainbleed" dart to the parking attendant who had to have been creepily lurking in the shadows to catch me.

From a bitter junior girl who doesn't feel that she should have to pay \$20 for parking at an expired meter for three minutes.

By JEFF PICKERING

### COMICS



PASSING THROUGH

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myself.

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By MIKE MARLAND







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### SPORTS

BRIEFING



FILE PHOTO omore forward Cavell son scored 14 points ast GMU Saturday.

### **GMU** beats JMU, sweeps season series

The George Mason University Patriots went on a 12-0 run in the first half and beat the Dukes 89-67 Saturday at the Patriot Center.

Guard Tony Skinn led the three GMU players in double figures with a game-high 15 points. Guards Lamar Butler and John Vaughn added 13 for the Patriots who improved to 12-9 overall and 7-5 in the Colonial Athletic Association.

GMU shot 52 percent from the field in the first half and led 43-26 at the break. The Patriots connected on 29 of 30 free throws for the game

JMU, which fell to 4-16 overall and 2-10 in the CAA, made only one three-pointer in the first half.

The Dukes were led by a pair of sophomores, shooting guard Ray Barbosa and ard Cavell Johnson. Both had 14 points.

Junior point guard Jomo Belfor added 13 and seven assists. Junior forward David Cooper had 9 points and seven rebounds.

The Dukes travel to Hempstead, N.Y., Wednesday to face the Hofstra University Pride. Tipoff is 7:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

### **Dukes turn back Patriots**



Sophomore center Meredith Alexis goes up for a shot against GMU's Kristin Higy during the Duk 56-52 victory over the Patriots Sunday at the Convocation Center. Alexis finished with 11 points and eight rebounds. Freshman forward Tamera Young finished with a career-high 22 points.

### JMU avenges earlyseason overtime loss

BY MATTHEW STOSS assistant sports editor

Freshman Tamera Young dropped a career-high 22 points in the JMU women's basketball team's 56-52 win over conference foe George Mason University Sunday afternoon at the Convocation Center

"She's only a freshman and she's still trying to feel her way," JMU coach Kenny Brooks said. "She has to understand that she can't sit there and watch. She has to be aggressive and today she did that and had one of her best games."

Sunday, Feb. 6

Points by Half	1	2	Total
Patriots	23	29	52
Dukes	27	29	56

Young's previous career-high was 21 against Cor-nell University Jan. 4. Sunday, most of those points came off late-game free-throws. The Wilmington, N.C., native hit 8 of 12 from the charity stripe while the rest of team went 5 of 10.

"Young was a different player than she was in Fair-fax," George Mason coach Debbie Taneyhill said.

One of Young's biggest free-throws came with 34 seconds to play in the second half.

After Mason tied it up 50-50 on a Jen Daniels 3-point-

er, JMU sophomore Shirley McCall connected on 1 of 2 free-throws to give JMU a 1-point lead.

With 34 seconds to go, Young stepped to the line and knocked down both shots to extend the Dukes'

lead to 53-50.

"When I got fouled, I was confident in my free-throw shot," Young said. "Then I was thinking, 'Thank God, thank God' when the first one went in."

Free-throws have been an issue for the Dukes all season — specifically free-throws late in games. In the Colonial Athletic Assocation, JMU is ranked fourth, shooting 67 percent from the line overall, but at times, the Dukes have struggled in clutch situations. Unfortunately for coach Kenny Brooks, the trend insists on continuning.
"Sometimes you watch them, and sometimes you

don't," Brooks said.

The first time GMU and Madison squared off Jan. 14. sophomore point guard Andrea Benvenuto was on the line for the Dukes shooting a one-and-one with 12.8 seconds to play. She was unable to convert and the score remained 42-40 in the favor of the Dukes.

JMU went on to drop the contest, 50-48 in overtime.

This time, Benvenuto once again found herself at the stripe in the closing seconds — this time shooting two with 11 seconds to go and her team up by 1.

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WRESTLING

### JMU takes down Campbell

The JMU wrestling team rolled over Campbell University Saturday after-noon, vanquishing the Camels 39-8 in Colonial Athletic Association matchup.

The Dukes improved 2-5 in the conference and 3-13 overall, while the Camels fell to 1-6 in the CAA and 2-12 overall.

JMU jumped out quickly to a 15-0 margin, started by sophomore Jeff Jacobs' 4-0 decision over Billy Sheridan in the 149-pound class.

Senior Derick Schoenly picked up his fourth straight win in the 157-pound class

Schoenly now holds a 6-5 dual record and 7-7 overall mark.

Senior Brian Lambert extended the Dukes' margin to 21-0 with a win by fall over Campell senior Brian Hocum, who fell to 10-11 on the season. Lambert leads the team in falls and improved to 5-1 in CAA competition and 16-6 overall.

Junior heavyweight Chris Cvitan joined Lambert in getting his second fall of the year in the second period. Cvitan's record moved to 6-5 in duals and 8-8 overall. The Dukes wrapped up

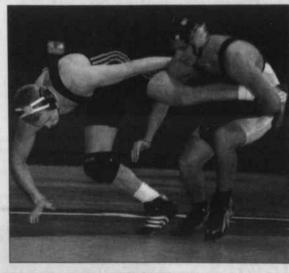
by pinning Broc Dickerson. their victory with two deci-

defeated Elliot Berger 7-6 at 141 pounds. Sophomore Zach Winfrey beat Willy Johnson 7-3 at 197 pounds.

Campell scored a pair of major decisions by senior 184-pound Lantz Nixon and 133-pound sophomore Cal Lesnoff. Nixon leads the Camels with an 11-2 record, and recorded his fifth major decision of the season

JMU's grapplers head to Old Dominion University, Feb. 13 for a dual meet with the Monarchs. The match starts at 1 p.m.

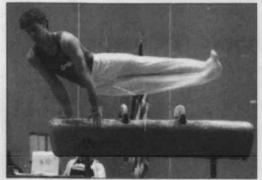
- Danny Christiansen



JMU junior **Brian Kibler** (left) pulls Campbell University's Elliott Berger to the mat in their 141-lb. weight class match Saturday Kibler won the match 7-6. JMU defeated Campbell 39-8 to improve to 2-5 in the Colonial Athletic Association.

CAROLYN WALSER/

### DUKES FALL IN JMU OPEN



CAROLYN WALSER

Junior Scott Flinn competes in the JMU Open Saturday inst The College of William & Mary and the Naval Academy, pite posting a season-high team score of 192.20, the es fell to both the Tribe and the Midshipmen. JMU senior in Woodnick placed fifth in the all-around competition.

### **FOOTBALL**

### JMU inks 24 on national signing day

BY JAMES IRWIN sports editor

JMU coach Mickey Matthews announced the signing of 24 players to football scholarships Wednesday. The group included 23 scholastic players and one junior college transfer.

"We needed a good, balanced recruit-ing class," Matthews said. "And we accomplished that."

Defensive high-profile recruits include lineman Sam Daniels, lineback-er Reggie Wesby, defensive back Phil Minafield and linebacker Trae Kenney.

"Sam Daniels, out of Portsmouth, was a big recruit for us," Matthews said. 'He has the ability to be a great defensive lineman. Wesby, out of Augusta, Ga., is

probably as good of a football player as we've ever signed. We keep getting these good players out of Augusta."

By that, Matthews was alluding to rising sophomore free safety Tony LeZotte. who played at Westside High School in Augusta. Wesby attended Glenn Hills.

Minafield, a former high school teammate of current JMU starting quarterback, rising junior Justin Rascati, joins the Dukes as a transfer from Hutchinson

Junior College in Hutchinson, Kan. "Minafield turned down several Division I schools to come here," Matthews said.

Another player who chose JMU over Division I schools was linebacker Trae Kenney. After Michigan State and the University of Cincinnati pulled their

respective offers off the table, Kenney turned down several low-tier I-A programs and chose JMU.

Matthews said JMU's recruiting efforts landed a strong group of line-backers who will provide depth. Both starting linebackers from 2004, Trey Townsend and Kwynn Walton, finished their JMU careers this season. "We really helped ourselves at lineback-er," Matthews said. "We signed some very

athletic players. The linebackers we signed are very good and I think all those guys have chances to come in and help us.

Other players who have an ability to make an impact are wide receiver Tommie Lawrence and tailback Scotty McGee.

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### **RECRUITS: JMU** signs five tailbacks to scholarships

RECRUITS, from page 8

"I think Lawrence has as much ability as any-one," Matthews said. Scotty McGee can fly, he has tremendous speed and he could play running back or corner.

Matthews said speed is a trait the Dukes traditionally look for in players, a valu-able asset on the Bridgeforth Stadium Astroturf.

On the flip side, the Dukes were unable to land scholarship quarterback. Matthews attributes that to Rascati's success and freshman Rodney Landers' potential.

"With Justin and Rod-ney, it makes it hard to find quarterback," Matthews said. "Recruits may think it'll be three years before they play, and that may or may not be the case - but

that's the perception." JMU's recruiting efforts were further affected by the Dukes 13-2 season and I-AA national championship run, which required them to play an extra month of football. Matthews said the situation both helped and hurt JMU's recruiting.

"It was a double-edged sword," Matthews said. "One, it opened some

doors and allowed us to close some deals with recruits because of our television exposure and the success we had.

"The negative thing is we probably lost some play-ers because you still recruit players by establishing one-

on-one relationships." Forming those connecwas nearly impossible for the JMU coaching staff during the Dukes' playoff run, mainly because JMU did not host a postseason game. The Dukes played their final five games on the road.

'We did not recruit a day in the month of December," Matthews said. "Usually, when you have home playoff games, you can go recruit on Fridays. We were on the road and there's no question it hurt us."

Regardless, Matthews is optimistic about the incoming class and the impact it will have on the field.

"I think if you look at our football team for next year we're going to be as good as last season maybe better," Matthews said. "This recruiting class will add a lot of depth to our

### JMU ENDS SEASON WITH WIN OVER KEYDETS



EVIN SHOAP/senior photographer and diver Kyle Knott takes off for the Dukes against Virginia Military Institute Thursday night. JMU's men's ning and diving linished their dual meet schedule for the 2004-'05 season by beating the Keydets 104-98. Evan Carhart posted two wins in the 200-yard individual medley and 200-yard backstroke. Sophomores Kurt ug and Stevene Evans, and freshman J.C. Rodenburg, earned their first collegiate victories. Sophomore Josh won the 50-yard freestyle and swam the backstroke in the Duke's 200-yard medley relay win. JMU travels to t, Va., for the Colonial Athletic Championships, Feb. 23-26 at George Mason University.

### WIN: Young scores career-high as JMU beats GMU



CAROLYN WALSER/s

JMU senior center Crystal Brooks shoots over a GMU defender during the Dukes 56-52 win over the Patriots Sunday at the Convocation Center. Brooks finished with 4 points.

WIN, from page 8

"I was planning on making the first one and not worrying about the second," Benvenuto

She connected on the first but missed the second, pushing JMU's advantage to 2, 54-52.

"I just have to learn from it and concentrate and get better for the next time," Benvenuto said. "We work a lot on freethrows in practice. We shoot extra after. It's important to step up and be confident and know you're going to make it."

Benvenuto finished the

game with 8 points and tied a season-high in assists with six.

"She made three [shots] today," Brooks said. "She did a great job making the adjustment in her stance. She widened it. Her last the shot was the most confident one she's taken."

JMU put three players in double-figures against the Patriots. Led by Young's 22 points, sophomore center Mer-edith Alexis scored 11 and Mc-

George Mason also finished with three players in double-digits. The Patriots were paced by Moni Akintunde who scored 18 points and grabbed 14 rebounds in her first career start.

"She didn't play too much the first time [JMU played GMU]," McCall said. "She played in spurts. Today, she was just a beast on the boards and it was hard to keep up with

her. It was an experience." Akintunde was followed by Daniels who had 12 points and

Julie Flanders who posted 10. JMU sealed the victory hen Young connected on one of two free throws with three seconds left — keeping with a tradition of nail-bitters between JMU and Mason.

"There have been very few times the past few years when we've played JMU and it hasn't come down to the wire," Tan-neyhill said. "

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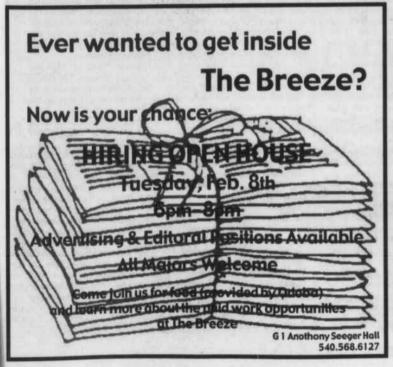
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Hartley ('02) and his band, Pepper's Ghost, will open for Ashlee Simpson on her tour. The first scheduled appearance on the tour for the band is Feb. 16 in Anaheim, Ca. The dates continue through April 20.

## From class to opening act

JMU grad to open with band for Ashlee Simpson

BY KATIE FLANAGAN/contributing writer

avid Hartley dreamt of growing up and becoming a famous rock star. But Hartley, a 2002 graduate from JMU, now is living out his dream.

This spring, his band Pepper's Ghost will open for singer Ashlee Simpson. However, this won't be the band's first brush with fame.

"We've played with a ton of other well-known bands, like Collective Soul, Lit, the Yeah Yeahs, the Darkness and Rush." Hartley said. "We've also toured in the past, nation-

wide, but this will be our first tour supporting a major artist."

Hartley dreamt of being in a band since he was 13 — even during his years at JMU.

"When I was at JMU, I was in a band called Triplerinse," Hartley said. "We played

all around town and had a little bit of success."

About a year ago Hartley joined Pepper's Ghost, a Philadelphia band that was quite successful. The band already was established in Philadelphia, and in that same year, Pepper's Ghost signed with Hybrid Records, an independent label located in New York City.

Pepper's Ghost often gets compared to bands from the '60s and '70s like the Rolling ones, The Beatles, Beach Boys and The Kinks, according to Hartley.

Many have influenced Hartley on his road to success. Hartley said the most influential

professor in his life was philosophy professor William Knorpp Jr. "William Knorpp, on a non-musical, intellectual level, was probably the most influential person in my life outside my parents," Hartley said. "He was and is a great friend, and someone who taught me principles that I will hold onto for the rest of my life."

Knorpp shared his happiness for Hartley's success. "He really should have gone to graduate school for philosophy, but he chose to be a rock star." Knorpp said. Hartley's friends also say he influenced many people while at JMU. Hilary Davies, a close friend of Hartley's, said she knew from day one that Hartley's music abilities had potential. "I thought his talent was supremely unique and that he would one day be a rock star ... he's overwhelmingly passionate about his music, specifically rock 'n' roll," Davies said. "He spends countless hours seeking out obscure bands and studying rock in the same way Peyton Manning studies hours of football videos to perfect his craft. No matter where he is on the globe, he creates and seeks out music

The band will start its tour with Ashlee Feb. 16 in Anaheim, Ca. The tour continues until April 20, and includes shows everywhere from Toms River, NJ and Washington, D.C., to Charlotte, NC, and New Orleans, La. For more information,

check the Web site, www.peppersghost.net/tourdates.



### Reel | Reflections

### 'Sideways' attempts to answer life's little questions through wine, women

BY MAYA CANTU contributing writer

"In Vino Veritas," a Roman sage once wrote in wine, truth. In director Alexander Payne's ("About Schmidt") subtle, aching and hilarious ode to the midlife pleasures of wine and women, "Sideways," no one truth about the meaning of life is found. However, its troubled characters are able to produce some measure of solace from out of the of male camaraderic

The leading men — Miles (Paul Giamatti, "American Splendor") and Jack (Thomas Haden Church, "Wings") make the movie. Jack, a roguish former soap star who has been reduced to voiceover work, is tting married. Not quite ready to bid farewell to his bachelor days, he drives through the verdant California vineŷards with his good friend Miles, a neurotic wine connoisseur with an unpublished novel and an underdeveloped self image. Miles himself is getting over a painful divorce, and is still pining over his recently remarried ex-wife. Jack encourages Miles to forget his woes, and to enjoy the beauties of the Napa Valley.

Along the way, they meet the lovely but lonely waitress Maya (Virginia Madsen, "The Rainmaker") and lusty Stephanie (Sandra Oh, "The Princess Diaries"). The four characters go on a double date in which Jack and Stephanie immediately proceed to flirt like teenagers. Miles

"Sideways" Starring: Paul Giamatti, Thomas Haden Church Running time:

123 mins Rated: R



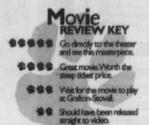
while smitten with Maya (and she with him) — is much more reluctant to jump into another relationship or the sack. But still, they enter into a strained but ardent courtship, while Jack's dalliance with Stephanie creates major - but hilarious - complications for both his romantic life and his friendship with Miles.

While "Election" is a razor-sharp satire on high school popularity-politics, and "About Schmidt" are funny, heartfelt meditations on aging and identity, "Sideways" is Payne's most mature work to date. The film is brimming with pointed wit, rollicking screwball comedy and deep compassion for its characters. In fact, Payne juggles the film's aspects of and drama with the deftness of a master. Audiences are likely to become misty-eyed watching the scene in which Maya rhapsodizes metaphorically on the virtues of a fine wine while Miles watches her with affectionate awe viewers are

equally likely to crack up during a scene that involves a cuckolded naked man and a wallet. The screenplay, by Jim Taylor and Payne, is as

strong as Payne's direction. The quartet of lead actors constitutes much of "Sideways" power. Giamatti, as the world-weary but sensitive Miles, is remarkable; his poignant failures make viewers long for him to find happiness with Maya in the vintage years of his life. Haden Church — who displays potent chemistry with Giamatti - is superb as Jack. His laidback charm and wisecracking ways conceal deeper insecurities about his waning sex appeal and career. The luminous Madsen imbues Maya with quiet intelligence, humor and dignity, and Oh is both funny and touching as the oversexed Stephanie.

Although "Sideways" won't cause a hangover, but it will certainly make audiences tipsy with its richness



### The TV of new: What happened to our standards?

By LAUREN BLOSSÉ contributing writer

Most college-aged people can remember when watching televiion was a fun endeavor. One can remember "Full House," Hills 90210" and "Charles in Charge." Over the last few years, there seems to have been a rapid decline in the quality of television, and no one seems to notice. Network fat cats seem to have unanimously decided that the American public wants to spend its free time watching sub-par TV shows. "Shows today are all about sensationalism," junior Kristen Lowe said. Our favorite shows from the '80s and '90s are being replaced by brainless junk, and I can't help but be nostalgic for the good old days when smart TV ruled the airways

Take "Seinfeld" for instance. Many consider "Seinfeld" to be one of the best TV shows to surface within the last 50 years. The genius of "Seinfeld" is situational comedy — the way the storylines all come together in ironic and humorous ways. It's the comedy writing, the deliverance of lines and the plot twists that make the show.

Aside from shows like "Seinfeld," reality TV may have reached

an all-time low. Case in point: the new show titled "Who's Your Daddy?" The show's premise is based on an adopted woman who is offered \$100,000 to guess which man is her birth father. "Celebrity Fit Club" on VH1 spends an entire thirty minutes showing overweight, B-list celebrities running on treadmills and eating salads. Gripping.

When considering gripping shows, "Real World" seems to have fallen off that bandwagon as well. "Every season of the 'Real World' has the standard episode that discusses the question of whether or not one of the roommates has breast implants," senior Carly Halayko said. "They literally sit in the confessional for a half an hour discuss ing what the 'boob' situation may mean for the rest of the house.'

Shows back in the day entertained us without being explicit or crass. Bill Cosby made us laugh with his comedic timing and his stage presence, not by throwing out bad sexual innuendos. And who doesn't remember spending afternoons with the Fresh Prince or Saturday mornings with "Saved by the Bell?" "All I ever wanted to do was hang out at 'The Max," senior Rob McEvoy said.

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### Cirque du Soleit graces Vegas strip

BY CHRISTINE ALMEIDA Associated Press

First came to the Las Vegas Strip in 1992, the acrobatic troupe set up a blue-and-yellow tent in a hotel parking lot. Fast-forward to 2005 and the Canadian-based Cirque has unveiled its newest Las Vegas extravaganza in its own \$135 million theater at the MGM Grand both lexits.

"It's great," a glowing Guy Laliberte, Cirque's founder, said shortly before the gala premiere of "KA" on Thursday night. "What we're trying to do is break new ground each time."

The visually sturning \$30 million production represents a number of firsts.

The visually sturning \$30 million production represents a number of firsts for Cirque du Soleil, French for Circus of the Sun. It's the first time a Cirque show has a defined story — a perilous journey involving twins who are separated from each other and their family.

"KA" also uses puppets, fitted to performers who frolic onstage as an assortment of creatures, including starfish, crabs and a snake.

crabs and a snake.

"We're trying to find a familiar world that is fantastic and different at the same time," said puppet designer Michael Curry, known for his work on the stage production of "The Lion King."

More than a thousand props are used in "KA," which takes its audience on a journey from the sea to a mythical forest and includes an epic aerial battle. Seats are equipped with speakers to envelop the audience with the show's pounding score.

The stage, if it can be called that, is a captivating and integral part the show. When "KA" first begins, there is an enormous void occupying the space where the stage should be. As the story unfolds, platforms rise from the theater's depths, tilting and spinning until the curtain falls.

"It's a theatrical cinematic ways."

"It's a theatrical, cinematic, move-ment piece," said choreographer Jacques Heim. "It's a fusion of different elements, different languages. It does become like a different art form." The 1,951-seat theater was de-

signed by rock concert designer Mark Fisher, who created a dynamic stage to complement the hall's cathedral-like,

"We may not have a stage in the nor-mal sense, but a stage we could manipu-late in a three-dimensional space to cre-ate a sort of liberation of gravity in the " Fisher said.

"KA," which means fire in Japa-nese and represents spiritual duality in Egyptian mythology, blends martial arts, acrobatics, pyrotechnics and digital technology.

The show includes some 75.

formers, 158 technicians and eight mu-

"It touches the great, grand ques-tions of humanity," said stage and film director Robert Lepage, the creative force behind the show. "You have this impression that Cirque speaks to the people, through the senses."

Thursday's gala premiere capped a two-day media swarm that drew nearly

100 TV and print outlets from across the United States, Canada and Europe. A mixture of French and English could be heard on the red carpet, which featured such celebrities as actress Pamela Anderson and chef Wolfgang Puck.

A party of epic proportions followed the premiere, as Cirque and its guests took over the massive MGM Grand Arena and turned it into a "global village" of dancers, acrobats and other performers. Some of the nation's top restaurants distributed delectable bites, such as Kobe beef and seared scallops.

In many ways, the party was a celebration of all that Cirque has accomplished worldwide, growing from 75 employees in 1984 to more than 3,000 in 2005. More than 50 million people have attended a Cirque show, including 7 million last year.

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No place has been better for Cirque than Las Vegas. "KA" joins three other permanent Cirque productions that line Las Vegas Boulevard — "O" (Bellagio), "Mystere" (Treasure Island) and "Zumanity" (New York-New York).

A fifth production celebrating The Beatles is expected to open in spring 2006 at The Mirage, where Cirque began in the parking lot 13 years ago.

Although the privately held company does not release revenue figures, it has been reported that Cirque's four Las Vegas shows have a combined gross of about \$33 million per year, based on average ticket prices and seating capacity.

seating capacity.
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These shows made us laugh and feel good about

from the '80s and early '90s had up to 10-year runs.

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If your man is in need of some Valentine's bling, get him a watch. Silver and stainless steel are classic

choices. Colored leather bands also are hot. Guys, if jewelry isn't your forte, get your valentine a gift cer-tificate for a manicure, pedicure, facial and/or massage. Ladies, remember, men like massages too. Keep in mind that hugs, kisses and "I love you's" are al-ways the best finishing touches.

life. Today, shows seem to rely on sensationalism for a lack good writing. They provide in-your-face shockers because they underestimate their audience. Some shows

putting out there.

### New fashion brings autumn colors, textured fabrics back to runway

BY SAMANTHA CRITCHELL Associated Press

The first trappings of fall aren't crunching leaves or a chill in the air — they're the brown, plum, wine and rust fabrics that designers Kenneth Cole, Jerry Kaye for Perry Ellis and John Bartlett previewed Friday, the opening day of New York Fashion Week.

All three designers should a performer

All three designers showed a preference for rich, textured fabrics, including knits, corduroy and jersey. Cole courted the fashion editors and retail

Cole courted the fashion editors and retail buyers at the Bryant Park tents in midtown Manhattan with interesting yet wearable coats, including a cranberry double-breasted knit trench and a black wool twill low-waisted overcoat with a self-tie belt, both for women, and a three-quarter-length leather coat for men — 0.0which was modeled by Harry Belafonte, who received hearty ap-

plause from the audience.

Cole's other looks for men included a nylon parka worn over a three-piece suit and a turtleneck sweater paired with a gray felt motor pant.

The women's pants Cole offered were either wide-legged and loose, or were slim leggings tucked into high stiletto-heel boots with leather cross-stitch detailing on the back. Sweaters had shawl collars or funnel necks, while draped blouses had plunging V-necks.

The cranberry jersey halter dress with an open back and empire waist summarized the overall look of the show: casual chic.

"The palette was rich but he (Cole) didn't overdose on 'country,'" said Tom Julian, a trend analyst for ad agency Fallon Worldwide.

Julian ticked off tulip skirts, jersey dresses, crocodile loafers and the men's two-button suits, which look either tailored or sporty depending on what they're worn with, as his favorite Cole looks.

Kaye told The Associated Press that his newest collection for Perry Ellis is for a man with confidence and strength.

"Think of Warren Beatty, Robert Redford, Sean Connery. They were all men with wonderful styles of their own. In today's celebrity world, celebrities have stylists, so everyone looks great but no one looks like an individual," Kaye said.

The new Perry Ellis suit has three front pockets on the jacket and slim-leg trousers. The jeans, worn with an olive check jacket, lime-colored cashmere stripe crew neck sweater and a white jacquard button-down shirt, also had slim legs.

A chocolate-colored cashmere shawl-collar cardigan with leather toggles paired with indigo jeans was a sophisticated casual look, as was a brown suede jacket with hand-crocheted details that hit at the waist.

"There's a lot of hand-knitting and

hand-crocheting in the collection," said

hand-crocheting in the collection," said Kaye. "It's important to the looks we have, and men want to know they're getting something special, that they're getting their money's worth."

The man who likes to dress up on the weekends also has options from Bartlett, whose collection featured subtle mixes of patterns in a single outfit. A brown wool tweed peak-lapel suit paired with a plaid shirt in a lighter brown and a charcoal cashmere argyle knit tie was a particularly attractive combination.

Bartlett also experimented with the

Bartlett also experimented with the Swarovski crystals that have become a staple in women's eveningwear, adding touches of sparkle to a white velvet pant and a black and cream houndstooth check blazer.

New York Fashion Week runs through Feb. 11, with the rest of the shows focusing mainly on women's clothes.



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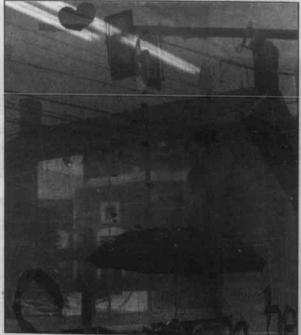
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Congratulations to Jeff Allen for guessing the right answer for our last issue's "Where is this?" The correct answer was The Little Grill.

# WHERE



SYLVA FLORENCE/senior photographer

Want to win a \$10 Buffalo Wild Wings gift certificate? If you think you know where this was taken from, visit www.thebreeze.org with the correct answer and randomly be selected for the prize.

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Canadian-born David James Elliot, a star in CBS' "JAG," became a U.S. citizen a few years ago.

### Celeb expert answers fans' burning questions

BY EVELYN GREEN

O: I heard (last year) that Brad Pitt and Jennifer Aniston were planning to do a movie to-gether in Paris, and that one of the actors could be from the cast of "Friends." Has there been any word on when that would happen? -Rosanne H.

A: Your letter arrived before the couple announced their separation in early January. That project, which most insiders say never really got started, will probably be shelved, if not actually canceled.
Q: Please settle a

disagreement between me -and cousin. She says Justin Timberlake was once engaged to Kerl Russell (ex-"Felicity"). I've followed Justin's career pretty closely, and I never heard that this happened. We're both waiting to read what you have to say. — Terri N.

A: I could find no romantic relationship between Timberlake and Ms. Russell. However, the two of them were in the cast of Season 6 of the Mickey Mouse Club. Russell was on the show from Seasons 3 to 6; Timberlake for Seasons 6 and 7, when Britney

Spears was also doing the Mouseketeer thing.

Q: Did Canadianborn actor David James Elliot, who stars on the CBS series "JAG," ever become an American citizen? I understand he had planned to do so, but was talked out of it by his family in Canada. My Interest comes from the fact that I hold dual Canadian and American citizenship. - Jeanine L.

A: To Jeanine L: Both David James Elliot and his wife, Nanci Chambers, became U.S. citizens several years ago.

Q: I recently watched a re-run of an episode of "JAG" on which Catherine Bell, who plays Marine Col. MacKenzie, spoke a Middle-Eastern language that wasn't Arabic. I'm curious to know what it was. Dan

A: To Dan: Catherine Bell spoke in Farsi, the language used in Iran (Persia) for several thousand years. Farsi is also spoken in some form in parts of Afghanistan and in the Persian Gulf states (Bahrain, etc.).

Bell's fluency in Farsi comes from the fact that she learned it as a child from her Iranianborn mother.

### Carson's guestbooks auctioned on e-Bay

Guest books signed by Johnny Carson's famous visitors to "The Tonight Show" and rescued from the trash in the 1960s may turn into treasure for their owner.

The three books, containing signatures of Groucho Marx, Paul Newman, William Saroyan, Arnold Palmer and other celebrities, are being auctioned online by Steve North, whose father, Jules, worked for NBC's "Tonight" show.

From 1963-'65, the books contain more than 400 signatures and notes and drawings some visitors made for Carson, North said. The book-signing tradition fell off in the third season.

As a youngster, Steve North said, he

became a familiar face collecting autographs backstage at "Tonight," where his father was unit manager.

When the guest books were about to be tossed out during a 1967 closetcleaning, a program executive recalled young North's interest and suggested he might like them.

"I was only 14 years old and Carson was not yet a legend, but even then I knew that we had rescued a treasure from the

trash," said North, a TV news producer.

North said his ownership of the books was challenged unsuccessfully by a lawyer for Carson in 1987. In 1992, Joan Rivers displayed the books on her talk show, noting her signature for her debut "Tonight" appearance.

The eBay auction, which had drawn 28 bids as of midday Tuesday, ends 8 p.m. EST Sunday, North said.

- The Associated Press

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### Florists master creativity for crafty creations

By Sylva Florence senior writer

Brides are obsessed with them, they help wives forgive their husbands, they convey thanks or best wishes and they have graced the arms of countless first-place athletes and runway models. Fragrant, colorful flowers can bring tears or smiles — but it all starts at a florist's shop.

Victoria Floral manager and florist Teresa King and florist Sharon Peale entered the flower business looking for part-time jobs. Years later — eight for Peale and four for King — the two women still are happily employed.

"I was looking for a part-time job," Peale said. "But I like gardening and crafty things. So, I enjoy [being a florist] very much."

Craftiness is a valuable trait in a florist. Although there are classes

a prospective florist could take to sharpen his or her skills, learning the art of working with flowers is largely accomplished through experience.

"[Learning to be a florist] is all watch and learn for me," Peale said. "Our distributors have shows and that helps, or you can take horticulture classes. Mostly being crafty helps."

With roses, lilies, orchids, daisies and bowls of plants called "dishgardens" on hand throughout the year, Peale, King and other florists have plenty of fodder for creativity. Every day, around 20 orders "trickle in" throughout the day, Peale said.

"Not every day is the same," King said. "It depends on the weather, funerals, lots of things."

Because of the perishable nature of flowers and the fluidity of everyday sales, King must make an educated guess to re-stock the store.

"We like variety," King said. "But since

we get flowers in every day, we can order specific ones and get it in the next day."

Although Victoria Floral orders from wholesalers in Washington, D.C., and Roanoke, the flowers themselves have a longer journey. Flowers are airmailed from California, South America and Holland before they rest wilt-free at the store in coolers set to 37 - 40 degrees.

And when certain holidays approach — Mother's Day and Valentine's Day being the busiest — florists order more than just flowers.

"We get more stuffed animals, baskets, candy and balloons," Peale said. "More so especially during Valentine's Day."

Valentine's Day marks the height of business at Victoria Floral, and King and Peale have come to expect long hours at work.

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SYLVA FLORENCE/senior photographer

Manager Teresa King has happily been
employed at Victoria Floral for eight years.

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ISABEL PERRY/contributing photographer

You Made It! pain your own pottery is located at 163 S. Main St. The store is open Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and on Sunday from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. The store offers platters, plates, birdhouses and picture frames, among other things, to be personalized. For more information, call 434:4500.

# Maytrippin to the downtown BY CAITE WHITE Senior writer Charlottesville mall

What do I do once I get there? With so many exciting things to do in the downtown mall, you can take your pick. Stroll along the brick-paved sidewalk into a boutique (Cha-Cha's, a retro shop filled with funky jewelry and odds and ends, is a great place to find something off-beat and cool to show off when you get home), or have lunch at Miller's, where Dave Matthews used to work and play live. There are plenty of art museums to browse through, and street vendors to help you pick out just the right Valentine's Day present for someone you love. There also is an ice-skating rink, which is the perfect activity for winter weather. Or, if you hate the cold and have no balance, the Paramount Theater recently reopened its doors after closing 31 years ago. Though shows sell out quickly, the Yellowjackets — a top-selling contemporary jazz group — will be performing Feb. 11. Ticket prices range from \$26-32, depending on your seating area.

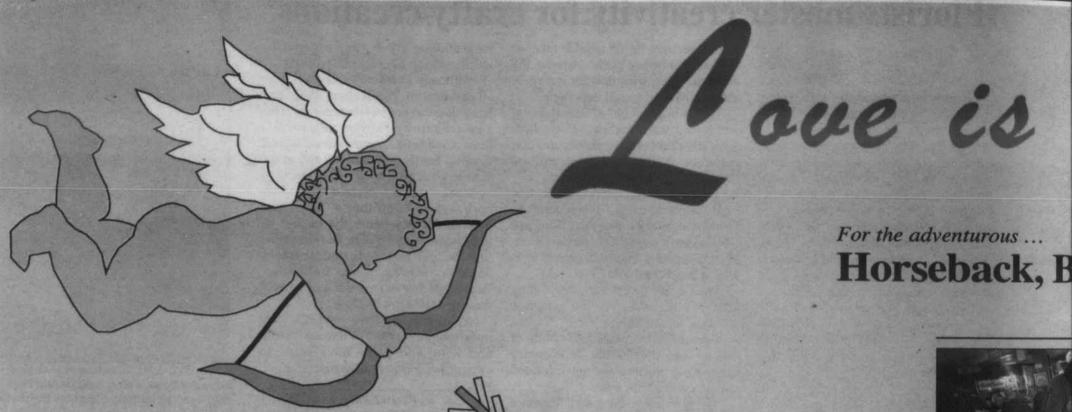
What should I bring with me? Because it's an outdoor mall, you'll probably want to wear your coat and hat and a good pair of walking shoes. Also, be sure to stock your wallet with some cash — there are a lot of great places to shop and eat.

Who should I drag along? If it's romance you're looking for, be sure to take your special someone; all of the beautiful architecture and perfectly groomed scenery can be quite romantic. If you're currently unattached, however, a day with your buddies would be just as sweet.

Will it take all day? Even though the directions sound complicated, it only takes about an hour-long drive to get there. It is, however, an all-day trip because you'll never want to leave once you get there. If this happens, make your trip an over-nighter and stay at the 200 South Street Inn, two Victorian houses in downtown Charlottesville that create the perfect little get-away (and a place to drop all of your shopping bags while you go to dinner).

How do I get there? Take Interstate-81 South toward Staunton for about 24 miles. Then, merge onto I-64 via Exit 221 toward Richmond. You'll drive about 33 miles, then take the VA-631 exit (Exit 120) toward 5th St. in Charlottesville. Turn left onto 5th St. Extended, which then becomes 5th St. Southwest. Keep driving straight to go onto Ridge Street. Turn a slight right onto West Main Street. followed by another slight right onto West Water Street. There should be signs pointing you to the Charlottesville Historic Downtown Mall.





For the traditional ...

### Creativity key to that special heart

BY SHARON SCHIFF senior writer

The Christmas decorations have vanished, but college students have come to that age where Cupid replaces Santa, that special someone becomes more important than presents and time together is cherished.

"We have fireplaces in some of the dining rooms and because the rooms are seperate dining areas, it really creats an intimate evening."

> Ann Marie Coe Joshua Wilton House



After settling into the new semester, free time grows sparse as we get wrapped up in school work, clubs and activities. For some couples, Valentine's Day may be a rare occasion to have alone time and truly appreciate one another.

"Valentine's Day is more of a symbol of your feelings for one another than an excuse for presents," junior Lauren Gabler said. "The day is set aside from school, work, sports and many other of the daily tasks to really enjoy each other's company."

Many couples ponder how they might spend this

romantic evening. A traditional approach usually includes dinner for two, tasty chocolates, a bouquet of roses and maybe a thoughtful CD, but the possibilities

Gabler explains that ultimately the date should really be about personalizing it for you and your special someone. "Just because you are celebrating by traditional standards doesn't mean you have to show your feelings in a traditional way," Gabler added. "The key is being creative."

 Avoid just buying roses; remember your loved one's favorite flower.

- Make a mix CD with all of your favorite songs together.
  Bake your significant other's favorite dessert. Prepare bed in breakfast.
- Make a collage of you and your sweetheart.
- •Go to You Made It! and paint a keepsake for your significant other.
  - Wear that shirt your companion insists is their favorite. · Lastly, find a place to dine that has sentimental meaning.

Ann Marie Coe, co-owner of the Joshua Wilton House says that the atmosphere is very appropriate for a special day. "It's very cozy. We have fireplaces in some of the dining rooms and because the rooms are separate

dining areas, it really creates an intimate evening. So celebrate this day with the one you love and make sure it reflects the authenticity of your relationship. Although many couples may be planning a similar set of events, make it special.

"After all, the day is about the person you are spending it with," Gabler added.



... hop in the car ar on Route 11 to the Ranch, where dine pig-themed dining advantage of curb have barbeque and

# in the Burg

### BBQ, bowling, oh my!

By CLAY GAYNOR contributing writer

Roses, chocolates, cards and dinner—the typical Valentine's Day routine.
Romantic? Maybe. Overdone? Most likely.
So, for all the adventurous types out there, here are some places to go and things to do that may not scream romance, but will make for a nice time off the beaten path.

First, head to Keezlenutten Farm for a horseback trail ride with that special someone.

"We'll be open the weekend before Valentine's Day," Farm Manager Corena Knicely said. "We've had people visiting on their honeymoons and we had an engagement ride this past year. It's an unusual and interesting date to enjoy the outdoors on horseback."

Just call two hours ahead of time, Knicely added, because the one-hour rides on Massanutten's western slope are by reservation only.

Next, see the other side of the mountain and hit the slopes at Massanutten resort. With Valentine's Day falling on a Monday, lift tickets go cheap. Ski or snowboard all day for \$37 or check out the snow tubing park, where two-hour

ssions run for \$18.

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Bar-B-O

All that activity will work up an appetite, so hop in the car and drive north on Route 11 to the Bar-B-Q Ranch, where diners can eat in the pig-themed dining room, or take advantage of curb service and have barbecue and curly fries brought right to the car, drive-in style.

Next, take that date on a skate down memory lane at Fun

cone skate center.

"Going to Fun Zone is like time travel," senior Abe Gibson said. "Stepping through the door is like being transported back to the '80s and all those skating parties everyone had. It would be a pretty funny date for something different."

For the truly adventurous, Fun Zone is planning an all-night

skate for the Friday before Valentine's Day.

Finally, slip into some snazzy bowling shoes and roll the night

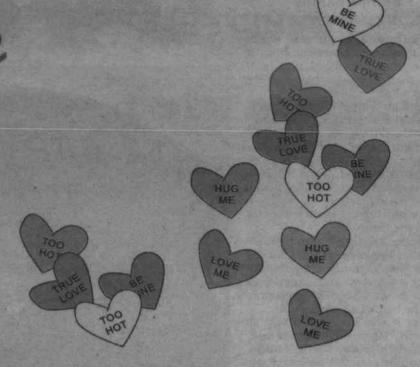
away at Valley Lanes.

Joe Claypool, Valley Lane's manager, said nothing unusual is planned for Valentine's evening other than the regular Monday night discount.

"It's a normal league night," he said. "It's just a normal \$1.25 a

game night."

So this year, don't let the roses and chocolate win out. Take a walk on the wild side of Valentine's Day and have some fun.



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For the single ...

### Celebrate with friends

BY JILL YAWORSKI contributing writer

Why not mix things up a little this Valentine's Day? Grab a group of friends and start your own unconventional traditions. Here are a few ideas:

Pick three of your favorite
Harrisonburg restaurants and go on
a round-robin dinner. For example,
start out at The Artful Dodger for
a bowl of soup, then try out the
unique, large main dishes at Taste
of Thai and finish up at the Daily
Grind for a cup of coffee, Chai tea
or one (or a few) of the homemade
desserts. Or do a potluck dinner
where everyone brings his or her
favorite dish to share.

If you love the crisp, cold winter weather, try the 14 slopes and trails for snowboarding and skiing at the Massanutten Resort (www.massresort.com). Never been on a slope before? Sign up for a ski or snowboarding lesson with some other beginner friends or hit the snow-tubing park.

Sign up with a partner or group of friends and join the 5K walk/run supporting the health-endorsing club P.R.O.Motion (Peers Reaching Others through Motion). It begins at the College Center on Saturday, Feb. 12, at 10 a.m. Contact JMUpromo@hotmail.com for more information. For a bonus afterward, cook stacks of heart-shaped pancakes with all your hungry pals!

For all you women and adventurous males, watch Eve Ensler's "The Vagina Monologues." Make it a true Valentine's Day with your closest girlfriends and attend this humorous — yet emotional - celebration of female sexuality and all that it encompasses. Tickets are \$5 and the show will begin at 7 p.m. in the College Center Grand Ballroom. Maybe leave some of the ticket/time information out and direct the reader to the calendar, because it is also mentioned thereand that would also give them more ideas for Valentine's Day or other special occasions during the wonderful month of February.

### Trump ties knot among 'glitz, glamour, gold'

BY JILL BARTON Associated Press

The bride's gown was worth more than most American homes. Her diamond-studded ring cost more than many yachts. But the groom's hair? Self-styled.

Donald Trump married Slove-nian model Melania Knauss Saturday with all the glamour, glitz and gold that money and star power can buy

Knauss walked down the aisle to "Ave Maria" and guests broke into applause when the real estate mogul-turned reality TV star kissed the bride.

The couple slipped into Trump's Mercedes-Benz Maybach parked near a side entrance after the 30minute ceremony and drove past hundreds of cheering spectators with the help of a police escort.

Oh, it was beautiful. It was all

just lovely," singer Tony Bennett said.
Another guest, Kathy Hilton, the mother of hotel heiress Paris Hilton, said "it was very romantic. Everything was just beautiful. She looked like a princess. They exuded confidence.

And when The Donald kissed the bride? "It was very romantic, and it was a long one," Hilton said.

"There was a spontaneous com-bustion of love," said boxing promoter Don King, another gues

The setting for the opulent reception was Trump's newly unveiled \$42 million Versailles-inspired ballroom at his Mar-a-Lago estate and club, complete with 24-karat gold moldings, custom-made crystal chandeliers and marble floors covering 11,000 square feet.

About 400 people lined the street outside the church Saturday afternoon for a glimpse of a celebrity \_ or even the bride. Cheers erupted as the limousines began dropping off guests and a few yelled, "It's George!" when Trump business and legal adviser George Ross arrived.

"It's amazing. There are so many pretty dresses. Ooh, there's a





In route from the Episcopalian Church of Bethesda by the Sea where she married Donald Trump, Melania Trump waves to the crowd.

limo," said 13-year-old Katherine Stanton, who climbed a chair and craned her neck to see Ross.

The guest list offered a mix of European royalty, Hollywood celebrity and Palm Beach money, including "The Apprentice" pro-ducer Mark Burnett. Other guests included television personalities Barbara Walters, Star Jones, Matt Lauer, Kelly Ripa, Regis Philbin and former New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani.

'It is a fantasy wedding. Donald is a superstar and everything Donald does is over the top. His wedding is just going to be like the rest of his life, lots of glam-our, glitter and the best of the said Rhona Silver, a New York caterer who has planned parties at Mar-a-Lago.

The nuptials marked the third

trip down the aisle for Trump, 58, and came just days after the start of the third season of his TV show.

Trump insisted on keeping private the details of the wedding to Knauss, 34. But much has been leaked by Trump, his bride-to-be

Guests were also to include New York Gov. George Pataki, singer Billy Joel, and possibly royalty. Prince Charles and Prince Albert of Monaco reportedly received invitations.

About 400 guests RSVP'd to attend, said Pat Saylor, Mar-a-Lago's catering and special events director. The wedding took place two miles away at a classic, garden-studded stone church, the Episcopal Church of Bethesdaby-the-Sea, next to the Breakers resort golf course.

### Top 10 Flick Picks

1. Hide and Seek (starring Robert De Niro and Dakota Fanning)

2. Alone in the Dark

(starring Christian Slater and Tara Reid)

3. Million Dollar Baby

(starring Hillary Swank and Clint Eastwood)

4. Are We There Yet?

(starring Ice Cube) 5. Sideways

(starring Paul Giamatti)

6. Coach Carter

(starring Samuel L. Jackson)

7. Andrew Lloyd Webber's The Phantom of the Opera

(starring Gerard Butler and Minnie Driver)

8. The Aviator

(starring Leonard DiCaprio)

9. In Good Company

(starring Dennis Quaid and Topher Grace)

10. Meet the Fockers

(starring Ben Stiller and Dustin Hoffman)

SOURCE: Yaho

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"Everything wrapped up in one day, and we can only get flowers so far in advance so they're still fresh," King said. "We do everything in three or four days.

And during those days, florists spend more time with scissors and flowers than in their own beds. King admitted that most of the Valentine's preparations take place between 4 and 6 a.m. in order for everything to run smoothly on Feb. 14.

"We live for it to be over," Peale said.

But, the happiness

flowers bring makes the overtime worthwhile. From counseling clueless boyfriends and admirers on Valentine's Day to bailing husbands out of the doghouse, being a florist has its rewards, Peale said. For King, there is a

sense of satisfaction in being a talented florist.
"Flowers aren't per-

fect," King said. "But you yourself can be perfect in your arrangements."

For more information, stop by Victoria Floral, located at 191 S. Main St. or call 434-1222. Also, go online at www. victoriafloral.com.

### Martha Stewart moves from prison cell to television show

BY DERRIK LANG Associated Press

The masterminds behind "The Apprentice" - Donald Trump and Mark Burnett and NBC announced Wednesday that Stewart will host "The Apprentice: Martha Stewart."

"Mark and I have always admired her," Trump said. "She's a very brave woman. She's built a multimilliondollar empire. It was an easy decision. We think this will be an absolutely tremendous success."

Burnett didn't reveal many details about the new version of the business-

themed reality show, such as whether there will be a boardroom or when the show would begin taping.

But Stewart's take on "Apprentice" should be distinct, Burnett said. "Martha has her own empire, which has a different look and feel," he said.

Her show will film in either New York or Connecticut, where the Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia Inc. empire is located. Sixteen to 18 contestants will vie for a one-year job with her company and \$250,000 salary.

Casting has already begun. Producers

currently seeking applicants for the fourth edition of Trump's "Apprentice" will also search for Martha wannabes. And a graphic with Stewart's face touting "Apply now to be Martha Stewart's Apprentice!" has already sprung up on NBC's Web site.

Since Stewart is not allowed to conduct business while in prison, Burnett made it clear his deal with Stewart was completed before the domestic mogul entered prison - although he's made monthly visits to her.

She was convicted last year of lying about why she unloaded shares of ImClone Systems Inc. stock in 2001, just before the price plunged. Stewart began serving her five-month sentence in October, and is scheduled for release in early March from a prison in Alderson, W.Va.

"Since the last four months, Martha's been incarcerated and has given no input," said Burnett.

Wednesday's announcement means Stewart will have two shows. On Dec. 8 it was announced that she will revive her daily homemaking show next September, this time with a live audience, celebrity guests and with Burnett's help.



### · TUNES ·

Ras Greg Ward, a reggae band, will play Feb. 8 at Dave's Downtown Taverna. There is no cover charge for this event. Bellyfull, a rock band, will perform Feb. 10 at Dave's Downtown Taverna. There is no

cover charge for this event.

Randy Black Acoustic will perform Feb. 10 at Encounters Lounge of Massanutten Resort from 8-10 p.m. This artist mixes blues, rockabilly, boogle and classic rock to form his own blend of acoustic music. There is no cover charge for this event.

Black Eyed Susan, a funk/rock band, will play Feb. 12 at Dave's Downtown Taverna. There is a \$2 cover charge for this event. Hell's Bells, an AC/DC tribute band, will perform Feb. 12 at The Pub.

The Richmond Symphony String Quartet will perform Feb. 14 at Court Square Theater. Call 540-433-9189 for more information and showtimes.

Wells, a jam rock band, will perform Feb. 17 at Dave's Downtown Taverna. There is no cover charge for this event.

Plan B, a rock band, will perform Feb. 19 at Dave's Downtown Taverna. There is a \$2 cover charge for this event.

Tripper, a rock band, will perform Feb. 22 at Dave's Downtown Taverna. There is no cover charge for this event.

Jay Pun, an acoustic rock/folk band, will perform Feb. 24 at Dave's Downtown Taverna. There is no cover charge for this event.

Open Minded Band, a rock band, will perform Feb. 26 at Dave's Downtown Taverna. There is a \$2 cover charge for this event.

"Songwriters' Circle Open Mic Night" will be every Monday in February at Artful Dodger in downtown Harrisonburg.

Flashback Tuesdays will be every Tuesday in February at Artful Dodger. Retro-music from the '70s and '80s.

David Pope Quartet will perform every Wednesday at Dave's Downtown Taverna. There is no cover charge for this event.

DJ Night will be every Thursday in February at Biltmore Grill. There is no cover charge.

Jimmy-O will play every Thursday night at Finnegan's Cove. There is no cover charge for this event.

Latino Night will be every Saturday at La Hacienda. A mix of Latino music featuring styles such as salsa, merengue, bachata, reggae, cumbia and hip-hop.

Open-DJ Night will be every Sunday in February at Artful Dodger. Bring your own

International Night will be every Sunday at La Hacienda. Music from around the world in such styles as hip-hop, techno, salsa and reggae will be played.

### - CRAFT

Ladies Night and Paint 'til You Faint at You Made It! paint your own pottery will be every Tuesday and Thursday in February from 5-8 p.m. Get 20 percent off one bisque item \$20 and up.

Michaels will be having a mosaic class in two sessions at the store in Harrisonburg Crossing. The first will be Feb. 9 and the second will be Feb. 16. Each session is from 3:30-5:30 p.m. The cost is \$15 plus the cost of supplies.

Michaels also will have a "Yarn In/Project Help" session Feb. 26 from 1-3 p.m. The cost for help is \$5 and all sessions take place in the store in Harrisonburg Crossing.

### · BOOGIE ·

"Love Me Tender" is a dance production about love performed to classical rock music Feb. 11-12 at 7:30 p.m. It is a great way to get in the Valentine's Day mood. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for students and seniors in advance.

A 1950s sock hop will take place Feb. 12 from 7-11 p.m. at Staunton Armory. Dig out the saddle shoes, slick back your hair and come "rock around the clock." Call 540-332-3946 for details.

Shenandoah Valley USA Dance, Inc. presents Ballroom Social Dancing Feb. 22 at Dayton Learning Center. Come at 7:30 p.m. for a free dance lesson, or join the group from 8- 10 p.m. for general dancing. Admission is \$8 for USABDA members, \$10 general admission and \$4 for students with an ID. Call 540-434-0275 for more information.

A Mardi Gras-Theme Dance will take place Feb. 26 at the Dayton Learning Center. Dress in Mardi Gras attire. Come at 7:30 p.m. for a free dance lesson, or join the group from 8-10:30 p.m. for general dancing. Admission is \$7 for USABDA members, \$10 for general admission and \$5 for students with an ID.

### - PLAYHOUSE ·

"Playhouse Show Tour" will premiere at Blackfriar's Playhouse in Staunton Feb. 1. This show is part performance, part lecture on what plays were like in Shakespeare's time. Visit www.shenandoahshakespeare.com for more information and showtimes. "The Taming of the Shrew" will be performed Feb. 2-27 and "The Tamer Tamed," the sequel to "The Taming of the Shrew" written by John Fletcher, will be performed Feb. 11-26. Call 540-885-5588 for more information and showtimes.

Cason Fox, a visual artist who teaches at Harvard and New York Universities, will present and discuss her work Feb. 8 at 9:30 a.m. in Cole Hall of Bridgewater College.

"Thy Husband Is Thy Hand" is a workshop that will be offered to the public Feb. 12 at Blackfriars Playhouse in Staunton. Each workshop is \$15 per person, but come as a couple and get a discount. Visit www.shenandoah-shakespeare.com for more information.
"Crimes of the Heart" will be performed at

Valley Playhouse Feb. 16-20 and Feb. 23-27. Tickets are \$8. Call 540-432-0634 for more information and showtimes.

"The Music Man" will be performed in Lehman Auditorium of Eastern Mennonite University Feb. 17-19 and Feb. 24-26 at 7:30 p.m. Call the EMU box office at 540-432-4582 for tickets.

### · CINEMA ·

"Being Julia" starring Annette Bening
("American Beauty") is a comedy/drama that
will be shown at Court Square Theater Feb.
17-20. The movie will show Feb. 17 at 7:30
p.m., Feb. 18 and 19 at 8 p.m. and Feb. 20
at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 at the door.
"What The Bleep Do We Know?" is a
documentary, drama and animated film starring Marlee Matlin ("Where The Truth Lies").
It will play at Court Square Theater Feb.
24-27. The movie will show Feb. 24 at 7:30
p.m., Feb. 25 at 8 p.m. and Feb. 27 at 2:30
p.m. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

\*"Pooh's Heffalump Movie" opens Feb. 11. Kids Animation.

\*"Hitch" starring Will Smith and Eva Mendes opens Feb. 11. Comedy/Romance. \*"Constantine" starring Keanu Reeves and Rachel Weisz opens Feb. 18. Action/Adventure, Suspense/Horror, Thriller.

\*"Son of the Mask" starring Alan Cummings and Jamie Kennedy opens Feb. 18. Action/Adventure, Comedy.

\*"Because of Winn-Dixie" starring Annasophia Robb and Jeff Daniels opens Feb. 18. Drama.

\*"Cursed" starring Christina Ricci, James
Brolin and Portia De Rossi opens Feb. 25. Action/Adventure, Suspense/Horror.

\*"Man of the House" starring Tommy Lee Jones opens Feb. 25. Action/Adventure, Comedy.

\*Dates are tentative. These movies will play at Regal Harrisonburg 14. Check local listings for times and ticket prices by calling 434-7733, or by going to www.uatc.com.

### ETC.

Wish You Were Here will be having "Cake Day" Feb. 12 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Come in, shop and enjoy a complimentary piece of cake (while supplies last).

"The Vagina Monologues" will be presented Feb. 14, 15 and 16 at 7 p.m. in the College Center Grand Ballroom. This event is to raise awareness and funds for local organizations working to end violence against women and girls.

Wedding Gala 2005 Spring Show will take place at Belk in the Valley Mall on Feb. 20 from 1-4 p.m.

Bowl for Kids' Sake 2005 will take place Feb. 26 at Valley Lanes. This event benefits Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Harrisonburg and Rockingham County. Gather a team of three to five people (each team agrees to raise at least \$35 each in pledges). To register your team, call 540-433-8886.



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