

# THE BREEZE



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## A day for Darwin



KEVAN MACIVER/graphics editor

### Students to discuss, debate evolution

By STEPHANIE STRAUSS  
senior writer

A student-led discussion about creationism and evolution will be held today as a part of JMU's first "Darwin Day."

Darwin Day, which celebrates the life and work of Charles Darwin, is sponsored by JMU Freethinkers Club.

Associate biology professor Christopher Murphy will address how evolutionary thinking has changed the way humans view living organisms at

5 p.m. in Taylor Hall, room 400.

A student-led discussion on the controversial topic, "Should creationism be taught in schools?" will be held at 7 p.m. in the Airport Lounge.

"One of the gifts of a college education is to learn about the great ideas that have shaped our civilization," Murphy said. "Charles Darwin's work on evolution certainly qualifies for this distinction, as his work was very influential from a number of perspectives."

"In the time since Darwin, the concept of natural selection has matured

as a scientific theory, and now provides a very useful framework for understanding nature and solving important practical problems," Murphy added. "Darwin's ideas on evolution have also had a profound impact on Western thought concerning the role of divine and natural causes in nature."

Freethinkers vice president senior Maggie Ardiente said, "We're putting this event on after hearing from other free-thought groups at other universities and how much success they had with Darwin Day. This is our first time celebrating Darwin Day, and we hope to cel-

brate it every year."

Ardiente said there are a lot of myths about evolution, and that events during Darwin Day are designed to clarify any questions people may have.

"When it comes to how the world was created, people have very strong feelings about it," Ardiente said.

"We hope students will gain a greater understanding of his impact on the scientific community, and we hope that those with misconceptions about the theory of natural selection will have the ideas clarified," Freethinkers president senior Mike Taft said.

## Alumnae host fitness day

By JACQI CARTER  
contributing writer

A new center run by Alumnae will work to help increase awareness of fitness and health for the women of JMU and Harrisonburg.

The Center for the Promotion of Physical Activity for Women and Girls will invite JMU female athlete and non-athlete alumnae back to campus to participate in health and fitness assessments, attend lectures and work with kinesiology students to develop exercise programs.

The center hosted the first Alumnae Health and Fitness Program last semester.

"I would encourage all alumnae to take part in the Alumnae Health and Fitness Program," Pat McCool ('67) said. "It is an opportunity to reconnect with JMU and reflect on women's issues."

Kinesiology professor Judith Flohr started the center in the spring of 2004. The center was created to develop and provide activities that are designed specifically to promote physical activity for females. It also works to increase their knowledge of health issues specifically related to women.

The goals of the center are to provide programming that enhances the physical activity of girls and women, conduct research within fields related to women's physical and mental well-being, and to disseminate research-based information related to the role of physical activity.

"I believe that there are different needs and different issues to be addressed in the female population, and the center is a progressive means of doing so," said Stephanie VanArsdale, coordinator of this spring's Movin' and Groovin' event.

Movin' and Groovin', a one-day workshop for local children with limited opportunities to participate in physical activity, will involve educational activities to enhance children's knowledge of health and fitness.

"As of right now, students can get involved through their classes — some Kinesiology classes help with the events — or through [practicums] or internships," said Molly Whittaker, the center's assistant director. "We are developing more opportunities for students to be more involved in the future."

To learn more about the center, contact Whittaker at [whittamb](mailto:whittamb).

## Senate passes five finance bills to committee

### Lambda Chi receives \$550 for 'AKaptured Affair'

By MARIA NOSAL  
SGA reporter

Seven new finance bills were presented to the Student Senate, five of which were passed to the Student Government Association finance committee.

The following four bills were passed by SGA to be heard in the finance committee.

The JMU chapter of the American College of Health Executives Student Association proposed a bill asking for \$750 from contingency to cover the cost of three registration fees for the ACHE conference.

The Lambda Chi Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority proposed a bill asking for \$550 from contingency to help cover the cost of publicity, decorations and music expenses for the "AKaptured Affair" Ball at the Four Points, Sheraton Hotel on April 22.

JMU Hillel proposed a bill asking for \$1,000 from contingency to help cover the speaking and appearance fees of Paul Rusesabagina, who will speak about Rwandan genocide and genocide in today's world. Rusesabagina will speak as part of Holocaust Remembrance Day on April 19 in Grafton-Stovall Theatre from 6 to 11 p.m.

Madison Marketing Association proposed a bill asking for \$640 from contingency to help with the cost of registration fees of four members to attend a conference in April.

A bill from the a capella group The BluesTones was proposed asking for \$4,000 from contingency to help cover the cost of mixing and mastering the production of its CD. Even though there was an objection on the Senate floor, the objection was not

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EVIN SHOAP/senior photographer

SGA heard seven finance bills Tuesday, two of which were deemed unconstitutional.

### Tri-Beta amends criteria for scholarship honoring brother

By MARIA NOSAL  
SGA reporter

The Student Senate referred the Tri-Beta scholarship bill back to the finance committee after amendments and changes to the criteria for the scholarship.

The finance committee last week approved \$165 of the \$700 originally requested. The money for the scholarship was taken out because the criteria for the scholarship only allowed a Tri-Beta member to receive it.

The Tri-Beta executive members decided to change the criteria for the scholarship.

"The biggest reason for changing the criteria was because Ian

... we appreciate all the help we've received. I look for speedy approval of our bill ...

— Ashley Lakner  
Tri-Beta president

Kincheloe embodied the ideal JMU student," said senior Anita Singh, Tri-Beta secretary. "We decided it was only fair to offer it to all JMU students."

After Tri-Beta announced

the change in criteria, there was a motion to move the bill back to finance.

"They were asking for a scholarship and were denied because the criteria wasn't satisfying the finance committee," senator, senior, Matt Gray said. "They changed the criteria for tonight's meeting and are trying to get around the process. I referred it back to finance because it's only fair for the finance committee to review the criteria they've now selected."

Sophomore Ashley Lakner, Tri-Beta president, said, "This process has been very confusing, but we appreciate all the help we've received. I look for speedy approval of our bill in finance."

## Guilty: Simmons awaits final sentencing



Olson



O'Connell

Brent Simmons ('96) was found guilty Monday on one interstate stalking conviction and two counts of the use of a firearm in a killing.

The jury is still deliberating a sentence for Simmons, which could lead to the death penalty or life in prison under the Violence Against Women Act.

Simmons' conviction is related to the murders of JMU students Ann Olson and Keith O'Connell on Oct. 12, 1996. On Tuesday, the jury agreed the murders were premeditated, so Simmons now could face the death penalty.

Prosecutors called witnesses to testify that Simmons had solicited a hit on O'Connell from a Harrisonburg drug dealer in the late summer of 1996. The defense argued that neither of the witnesses are credible, as both are convicted felons.

The prosecution also brought forth a witness, Leonard Binkley of Orlando, Fla., who testified that Simmons had asked Binkley to buy him a gun. Binkley worked with Simmons the summer and fall of 1996. Because Simmons already owned a gun, the gun he allegedly used in the murders, the prosecu-

tion suggested that Simmons was trying to obtain a "clean" gun. But Binkley never purchased the gun.

The defense admitted that Simmons did commit the murders, but that the prosecution did not have enough evidence to prove that Simmons had committed the murders beyond a reasonable doubt.

As of press time, both the prosecution and defense are presenting witnesses to the jurors as part of the sentencing phase of the trial before a final sentence is reached by the jury.

— from staff reports

## Expressions of womanhood



Junior Brandy Robinson performs in the "Vagina Monologues" Monday night.

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## DUKE DAYS Events Calendar

### Thursday, Feb. 17

Late Night with New & Improv'd will be at 11 p.m. in Taylor Down Under.

### Friday, Feb. 18

The University Program Board has extended the deadline for some of the 2005-'06 Executive Council positions. Applications can be downloaded online at <http://lupb.jmu.edu/> or picked up in Taylor Hall, room 234. All application materials are due no later than Friday at noon in Taylor Hall, room 234.

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## POLICE LOG BY SHARON SCHIFF/news intern

### Petty Larceny

An unknown person(s) tipped the vending machine in Weaver Hall forward causing items inside to fall into the vending area on Feb. 13 between 2 and 7:45 a.m. An unknown amount of items was removed.

Unknown subjects stole an American flag banner from Wilson Hall between Feb. 11 at 4:30 p.m. and Feb. 14 at 7:30 a.m.

### Property Damage/Trespass

An unknown person forced entry into an office in Wilson Hall between Feb. 10 at 5 p.m. and Feb. 11 at 6 a.m. No items stolen.

### Simple Assault

Three college-age white males jumped on a non-student and fled the scene on Feb. 13 at 3:20 a.m. in Potomac Hall.

### Drunk in Public/Possession

Kathryn A. Shoup, 18, of Newton, N.J., was charged with drunk in public at Greek Gate on Feb. 12 at 12:30 a.m.

Jessica L. Piacopo, 18, of Falls Church, was charged with drunk in public at the P Lot on Feb. 13 at 2:33 a.m.

Michael H. Soybel 19, of Stafford, was charged with drunk in public and underage possession in P Lot on Feb. 13 at 2:33 a.m.

Phillip E. Carron, 18, of Alexandria, was charged with drunk in public and underage possession in Eagle Hall on Feb. 15 at 4:19 a.m.

Matthew Kattler, 18, of Landenberg, Pa., was charged with underage possession in Eagle Hall on Feb. 15 at 4:19 a.m.

Total parking tickets since Aug. 19: 16,766  
 Total drunk in public since Aug. 19: 65

### CORRECTION

In the Feb. 7 issue, *The Breeze* would like to clarify that JMU Athletics cut the scholarships of eight varsity sports in 2001, but aid continued to athletes who received the scholarships before that year until they graduated.

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# CAMPUS

**AROUND CAMPUS**  
**JMU graduates most Va. exceptional new teachers**

Twenty graduates of JMU's teacher-preparation program have been designated "Meritorious New Teacher Candidates" in the first class of a new regional program aimed at enhancing teacher quality. The Mid-Atlantic Regional Teachers Project is a new program to acknowledge well-prepared, high-performing new teachers. They recognized 192 new teacher candidates from Virginia, Maryland, Delaware and Washington, D.C. Of the 192 people recognized 133 were from Virginia, 52 from Maryland, two from Delaware and five from D.C. JMU had the largest number, 20, from a single Virginia college or university.

**UREC to hold job fair for all positions**

University Recreation will hold its annual job fair on Tuesday, Feb. 22 from 5 to 7 p.m. UREC offers a wide variety of job opportunities for students, from lifeguarding, to being an intramural official and working at the climbing wall. The job fair offers students a chance to learn and develop professional skills, meet new people, build résumés and grow as a student in a positive, friendly and supportive environment. For more information visit the UREC Web site at [www.jmu.edu/recreation](http://www.jmu.edu/recreation) and click on jobs for more details about each position.

## Course to promote abstinence campaign

BY KATIE O'DOWD  
*staff writer*

Students in SCOM 470 will reach adolescents, parents and the community as they work on a semester-long media campaign to promote abstinence. The class will utilize the media to help adolescents in the area make healthy choices and hopefully lower pregnancy rates.

"The [initiative] is trying to change social norms," said Jennifer Seaman, data media coordinator at the Central Shenandoah Valley Office on Youth.

The students will work with the Shenandoah Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative sending out the message of abstinence to develop a campaign for the initiative.

"Most of the school systems in the area support abstinence teaching, which further promotes what [the initiative] is trying to do," said Kim Hartzler-Weakley, teen pregnancy prevention coordinator.

The 18 students in the class were organized into groups of six, with each group targeting a different demographic. The class currently is brainstorming ideas for the campaign and learning about sexual activity statistics in the Central Shenandoah area.

"I am very impressed with the [SCOM 470] class," Hartzler-Weakley said. "I have high expectations."

One in five adolescents are becoming sexually active by age 15 in the Harrisonburg and Rockingham County area, according to a Youth Data Survey published by the Office on Children and Youth. Additionally, the teen pregnancy rate in Harrisonburg has been increasing for the last three years, Hartzler-Weakley said.

The Office on Children and Youth, a division of the Institute for Innovation in Health and Human Services at JMU, received a grant for \$1.3 million over five years from the Office on Adolescent Pregnancy Programs.

The grant will be used for regional prevention and education along with the Central Shenandoah Valley Office on Youth in Waynesboro and Staunton. The grant is strictly abstinence-based, said Seaman.

However, both the Central Shenandoah Valley Office and the Office on Children and Youth have other programs geared toward pregnancy prevention through other educational methods.

"It is very good experience for the health promotion side of communication studies," junior Ashleigh McDonald said.

"I support the program to a certain degree, but I feel like it would be a lot more effective if it wasn't only abstinence," senior Mikhaila Riede said.



JEFF ROBERSON/AP  
**Marcus-George Lowery knits a scarf at Waldorf school in Chicago.**

## No needling, please: Guys are joining the knitting craze

BY MARTHA IRVINE  
*Associated Press*

A lot of guys are taking up knitting, especially as the hobby surges in popularity on college campuses, in coffee shops and at the many yarn stores that are sprouting up in cities everywhere.

Long ago, knitting was a male-dominated trade in Europe. Sailors were known to knit their own windproof sweaters for long voyages. These days, however, it's a hobby most often associated with women.

The Craft Yarn Council of America, a trade organization, has no numbers on guys who knit. Its newly released survey found that the percentage of women ages 25 to 34 who've knitted rose from 13 percent in 2002 to 33 percent last year.

Mary Colucci, the council's executive director, says those figures and anecdotal accounts she's heard have led her to conclude that more men are, indeed, knitting.

Toby Fee, a sophomore at the University of Oregon, is among them. He learned to knit as a way to bond with his grandmother.

"I felt like I didn't know much about her," says Fee, who plans to go to medical school. "She was really excited about it."

Since then, his girlfriend has encouraged him to try more complicated projects — sweaters, socks and a scarf made with very fine mohair yarn.

Guys who knit in public say they often get teased or receive odd looks. But others say their knitting can be a conversation starter.

Elise Goldschlag, owner of Flying Fingers knitting store in Irvington, N.Y., says her 19-year-old son, Dillon, pulls out his yarn and needles whenever he wants to meet girls at the Rhode Island School of Design, where he's a student.

Fee, the Oregon student, says many guys are uncomfortable crashing women's knitting groups. He's tried it and notes: "Sometimes, it feels like the room gets a little quiet."



Steve Ayers  
 computer science senior

"The gymnasium because that's where everything happens."



Jenna Gordon  
 DLS junior

"Princess's bedroom in 'The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement,' because of the closet."

### CAMPUS SPOTLIGHT

If you could have any room in the world become your bedroom, which room would it be and why?



Megan Griggs  
 psychology sophomore

"The Playboy mansion, because what happens at The Grottos stays at The Grottos."



Caitlin Slaughter  
 sociology sophomore

"McDonald's Playplace, a room full of balls. That's right, I said balls."

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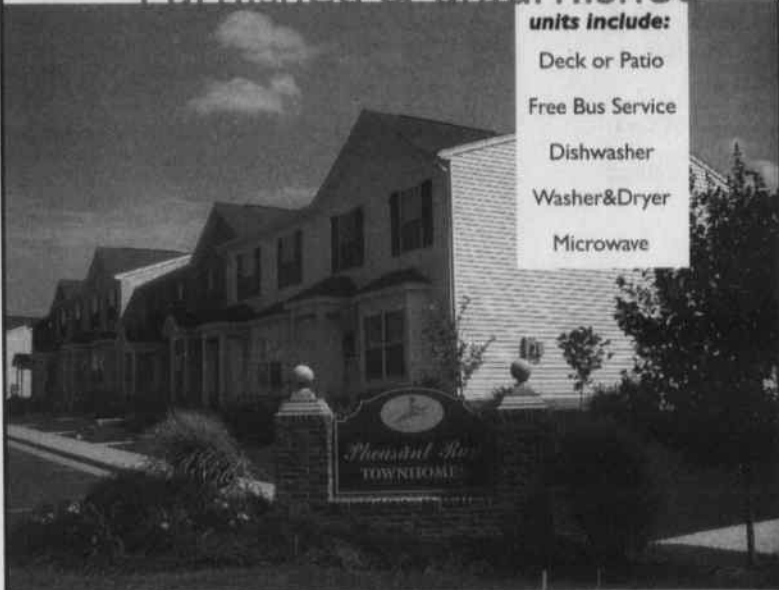
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## SGA: Two finance bills ruled unconstitutional

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supported by two-thirds of the Senate, so the objection failed and the bill was passed to finance.

Two bills were ruled unconstitutional by the Speaker of the Senate, because they did not follow all of the rules that must be met in order to receive contingency money through SGA. Both groups wanted to send too many members to conventions.

"Our constitution says you can send four executive members or half the executive board, whichever is less," senior Krissy Schnebel said. "However, I strongly recommend that these groups go back with [SGA Contingency Liaison] Allison Flores and rewrite the bills."

Circle K International proposed a bill asking for \$450 from contingency to help cover the cost

of five executive members to at-

“*I strongly recommend that these groups go back...and rewrite the bills.*

— Krissy Schnebel  
senior

tend the district convention.

The Madison Investment Fund proposed a bill asking for \$1,120 from contingency to help with the cost of seven executive members to attend the RISE Symposium.

These bills will have to be rewritten with the contingency liaison, if the groups still want to receive contingency money.

## Coffee: Effect on culture big topic on campuses

By MURRAY EVANS  
Associated Press

For years, sociology professor Beau Weston has held informal office hours off campus in a local coffee shop, sipping his mocha latte while advising students.

As he did, he formed relationships with other coffee shop regulars who might otherwise have remained strangers. That caused a sort of academic epiphany, and now he's one of a handful of teachers across the nation who have developed courses that study coffee and its effect on society.

Don't drop your morning cup of joe. Weston's class, offered during a recent intensive three-week term at Centre College, was hardly "Starbucks 101," although the 15 students who enrolled

in "The Café and Public Life" could be forgiven if that was their original impression.

Audrey Rogers, a freshman from Dallas, said she initially wondered about the academic strength of the class: "I didn't know how it was going to last a week."

Weston understood such skepticism and designed his course to focus not only on coffee as a drink, but on how its consumption has changed society through the centuries.

A class on coffee might seem strange at a college like Centre, an elite private school known for producing two Supreme Court justices and hosting the 2000 vice presidential debate between Dick Cheney and Joe Lieberman.

Then again, unique classes are becoming commonplace at the school of about 1,100 students. Last year, a Centre

professor taught a class called "Basketball As Religion," playing off the passion for hoops in the Bluegrass State.

John Ward, Centre's vice president for academic affairs, said that all the college's courses are approved by a curriculum committee that consists of faculty from across the campus who examine the "intellectual contexts" of any proposed course.

Ward said offering classes like the ones on basketball and coffee "is as if you hold a microscope up on something really interesting. We apply the same academic and intellectual rigor in courses like this as we do in advanced literature, language or science courses. It's the same tools at work."

The feedback from parents has always been positive. "What they say is, 'Wow, my

kid was really motivated.' They don't say, 'I want my money back,'" he said.

Weston's regular trips to coffee houses led to "an interest in cafes as a place in which strangers can talk to one another" and discuss the issues of the day. In Europe, coffee shops and cafes have served that purpose since the 17th century, he said.

Over the centuries, "cafes became places where informed men, some educated and some not, would come together and talk about stuff," including literature, plays, poems, economics and politics, Weston said.

In recent years, the emergence of the Seattle-based Starbucks chain has brought the coffee house back into vogue in this country.

"Having a place to do that enriches a culture," Weston said.

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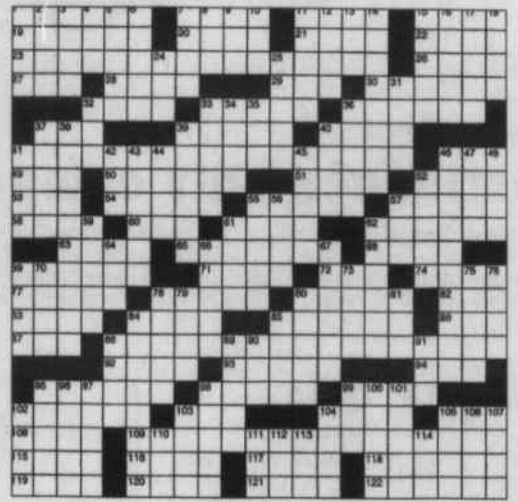
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- 20 Press
- 21 It's a long story
- 22 "Inter -"
- 23 Start of a remark
- 26 Fluff the flour
- 27 Mr. Hammarskjold
- 28 Composer Satie
- 29 Majors or Marvin
- 30 Layers
- 32 Had kittens?
- 33 Postern and portcullis
- 36 Main squeeze
- 37 "- culpa"
- 39 Heavenly hunter
- 40 "I bet!"
- 41 Part 2 of remark
- 46 Faux -
- 49 Fireworks reaction
- 50 "- Boulevard" ('50 film)



- 51 They may be rolled
- 52 Billings or Mostel
- 53 Neighbor of Miss.
- 54 "- Blade" ('96 film)
- 55 Leans
- 57 It's taken by nurses
- 58 Sharp taste
- 60 Skater Midori
- 61 Wine choice
- 62 Nabokov novel
- 63 Kukla's colleague
- 65 Part 3 of remark
- 68 Fail to mention
- 69 Tedious
- 71 Sues or Shepard
- 72 Boathouse item
- 74 Objectives
- 77 Take on
- 78 Pack of partridges
- 80 Like many gyms
- 82 Cornfield cry
- 83 Calcium oxide
- 84 Non-stereo
- 85 Peaceful
- 86 Chemist Remsen
- 87 Singer Joey
- 88 Part 4 of remark
- 92 Heady quaffs
- 93 Respond to an alarm?
- 94 "Ask - Girl" ('59 film)
- 95 Pop's neckwear
- 98 Marsh bird
- 99 Facts, for short
- 102 Georgia athletes
- 103 Brit. fliers
- 104 Way to go?
- 105 Clean-air org.
- 108 Serenade accompaniment

- 109 End of remark
- 115 Fragrance
- 116 Peace of mind
- 117 "My word!"
- 118 Swimmer Gertrude
- 119 "Circus Boy" prop
- 120 Prophet
- 121 Lorre role
- 122 Triangular sail

- 35 "Mazel -!"
- 36 Fills the bill
- 37 Dough
- 38 Wharton work
- 39 "Smilla's Sense -" ('97 film)
- 40 Actuary's fig.
- 41 Ditch under a drawbridge
- 42 Road curve
- 43 Decree
- 44 Step - (hurry)
- 45 Nick of "The Deep"
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- 2 - Romeo
- 3 - shui
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- 5 Kitchen gadget
- 6 Grenoble's river
- 7 Walrus weapon
- 8 Meyers of "Kate & Allie"
- 9 NCO
- 10 It may be major
- 11 Fatheads
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HOUSE EDITORIAL

## Abstinence-only campaign falls to completely address issue

One speech communications class is working with a local teen pregnancy center to promote sexual abstinence through a media campaign.

The Shenandoah Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative hopes to change social norms with this campaign, but they have been limited to exclusively

promoting abstinence by the grant they received.

Abstinence is undoubtedly the effective way for teenagers to prevent pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases. However, teaching abstinence-only is leaving out half the battle — that is educating people on what to do if they have sex.

The Initiative is right in that sex before marriage has become a social norm, but trying to change the norm is something that can only be done by

acknowledging the truth — teens know about sex and will have it.

On primetime television, 75 percent of shows include sexual content, according to The Kaiser Family Foundation. A book titled "Teens, Sex, & the Media" reports that teens ages 13 to 15 rank entertainment media as the top source of information about sexuality and sexual health.

Unfortunately, when two people in a soap opera begin to have sex, they do not stop and say, "Wait, we need to wear a condom."

If media don't teach adolescents how to use protection, and families and society don't teach adolescents how to use protection, then chances are they won't. And they won't learn about the consequences, either. Yes, abstinence is the best form of contraception. But there are alternatives, and teens should know about them.

Limiting a sexual awareness

campaign to abstinence-only is teaching students to ignore the problem. Pre-marital sex is not something to be taken lightly, and when students choose to engage in it, they should know how to handle themselves.

Believing that students everywhere will simply choose abstinence is naive and dangerous. Sex always has been — and always will be — an integral part of society. Education about contraceptive and safe-sex options is crucial to preventing unwanted pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases.

When one in five teens are already sexually active by age 15, as stated in a Youth Data Survey published by the Office on Children and Youth, it becomes apparent that this age group plans to make its own decisions on whether or not to have sex — let's teach them all their options.



THE WRITING ON THE WALL

### Protestors should seek new methods

BRIAN GOODMAN  
staff writer

Therefore, those who are willing to violate that social stigma are inherently a bit more passionate about the issue, as JMU recently experienced firsthand. I'm sure I'm not the only one who noticed the black-robed, "Scream"-faced figures on the hill across from D-hall the day before the 32nd anniversary of Roe v. Wade. They were silent and still and holding anti-abortion signs, including a picture of severed fetal heads held by tongs, which was slightly disconcerting to see first thing in the morning.

For those of us who agree with the ways of the anti-abortion movement but detest the means, these situations

see **PROTESTORS**, page 7

Talking about abortion in the opinion section of a paper is like striking oil with a shovel — all that's buried just underneath the surface will blow out into your face. Who knew that abortion was more divisive than "American Idol?"

We are by nature a peaceful people — unless someone steals out parking space at Wal-mart — and consequently there is a slight social stigma against talking about abortion in the public forum. It is a close relation to the social stigma against talking about religion and politics at the dinner table, which was born out of an effort to keep your friends by never getting to know them.

MUCH ADO ABOUT...

### Wal-mart discounts values, hurts employees

MOLLY LITTLE  
senior writer

Wal-mart is one of the largest companies in the world and, although the low prices are a definite plus especially for a poor college student there are many things about the company that are not commendable. With time, this one-stop shopping store is going to send specialized shops out of business.

One of the biggest problems with Wal-mart is the lack of money it spends on health benefits for its employees. A Harvard Business School study showed that, on average, Wal-mart spends \$3,800 per employee on health care. The rest of the retail/wholesale companies in the United States spend an average of between \$4,800 and \$5,600 per employee. You would

think that with the way Wal-mart draws in its customers, they it would be able to spend more on employee benefits. All the excess spending goes to pad corporate bank accounts rather than help the friendly employee who directed me to the fabric softener.

Wal-mart also tends to be prejudiced against women. Just last year, the company faced a class-action case for discrimination charges against six women. One of the plaintiffs, Betty Duker, began as a cashier in a Wal-mart store outside of Pittsburgh. She had high hopes of becoming a manager one day — hopes that were quickly dashed. Time and time again she was overlooked for managerial positions — usually the positions were given to men with less store experience. Her suit sparked the

largest class-action suit in employee civil rights case history. She is one of more than 1.5 million women who hired attorneys to fight the discrimination they felt while in the Wal-mart workplace.

More than 100 women have signed statements that detail incidents and environments that allegedly reflect an attitude of sexism. Some descriptions include male managers holding staff meetings at Hooters and giving higher pay to men because they have to support families, according to an article by Nancy Cleeland of the *Los Angeles Times*. This implies that women cannot be the breadwinner of a family. It is appalling that in today's society, where there is a plethora of single mothers raising families, this sexist attitude is permitted — especially at the largest company in



the United States.

In Massachusetts, Wal-mart donates money to the support of the Pioneer Institute for Public Policy Research. This organization has an agenda of attacking bilingual education and opposing voluntary integrated education, among other things. Although this is happening in Massachusetts, it still means that Wal-mart willingly supports this agenda. By supporting Wal-mart, we are supporting the agenda of the Pioneer

Institute for Public Policy Research. We should be helping, not hindering, in the integration of these different cultures — even in other states.

In a town as small as Harrisonburg and with a limited — sometimes very limited — college budget, it is difficult to completely avoid Wal-mart. However, next time you go in for the bare essentials, consider the adverse affects Wal-mart has on the American public.

Molly Little is a junior English major.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Scholarships incorrectly reported

I fail to see both the relevance and purpose of the information in the Feb. 7 article "Athletics reallocates scholarships" in today's JMU news community. While it is true that the athletic department did indeed reallocate scholarship money for ten sports in 2001, this change occurred nearly four years ago and is no longer worthy of front-page news.

The article's shallow coverage of this controversial topic only managed to insult the "participatory" sports and create disagreement in the athletic department. If *The Breeze* would like to offer future information on the scholarship reallocations of 2001, they would serve the reader better to report on the ways that these changes have impacted the various sports programs.

Rebecca Vanderelst  
senior, CSD  
JMU women's tennis player

Lawmakers right to vote down bill

Our national constitution, which supersedes all others — including JMU's, explicitly states that the peoples' "right to bear arms shall not be infringed." We do not need people telling us that our rights make them uncomfortable and that we should suspend them. The House committee was correct in ignoring this unlawful attempt to retract a right given to us in a document authored by the university's namesake — which makes this attempt all the more ironic.

To any who would pass a similar bill, I say keep your laws off our guns, our bodies, and our gods. Your campus-oriented world view may be well received in the SGA but, in the real world, it's as reasonable as a soup sandwich.

Michael Santos  
sophomore, history

Time for public to move past abortion

In response to Ken Ong's letter, "Abortion amoral, new Holocaust," in the Feb. 14 edition, I think it is time to get over these controversial issues because we will never find an appropriate answer. Abortions are legal in the United States, giving every woman the freedom to choose her child's destiny. Freedom of choice is something universal in the American society, granting everybody the right to pursue his or her own dream. In contrast, freedom of life is a subjective moral position toward certain things. Attitudes differ based on individual preferences that result from a religious or non-religious affiliation.

In contrast to Ong's opinion, abortion is a women's issue because they have to live with the consequences no matter what decision they make, and I doubt these decisions are made five minutes before dinner. Once again, the U.S. Supreme Court clearly gave that right to every woman, no matter what various religious groups think.

Comparing this situation to slavery and the Holocaust is absolutely not appropriate. I didn't hear and see the majority of Christians standing up for the African American part of society, even though they were all Americans as well. I didn't hear or see the Christians either when the Holocaust happened, which may have forced the United States to intervene earlier in Europe.

If you are a true Christian, you are not even considering an abortion as an option, so stop judging and trying to convince individuals outside your beliefs, because everybody has their own moral standard.

Christian Hopp  
freshman, CIS

Need for abortions must be reduced

Taking a stance on abortion does not have

to mean fighting for one extreme or the other. Rather, why not find ways of decreasing the need for an abortion. I am pro-choice, but I would not use that choice unless it was rape and I had no other option. Abortions are used as a last resort when the woman feels she has no other option available. It is not a decision that women take lightly — it is a decision they have to live with for the rest of their lives. Whether you're pro-choice or anti-abortion, no one is in favor of the abortion procedure. We need to act to find ways to reduce the need for abortions — such as promoting better education, increasing available contraceptives and the availability of the emergency contraceptive pill, which prohibits fertilization and harms nothing if it has already occurred, and men need to stop ignoring their responsibility in the prevention of unwanted pregnancies.

Abortions will continue to happen, but they need to happen legally and safely. Deaths from abortion declined drastically after legalization. To state that only 1 percent of abortions are due to rape is misleading. Rapes are under-reported, thus statistical information of such cases are hard to come by.

Tiffany Brooks  
junior, Dance

Holocaust reference inappropriate

In Ken Ong's letter, "Abortion amoral, new Holocaust," he makes an inaccurate, tasteless and highly offensive comparison of abortion to the Holocaust. The Holocaust was the systematic collection, enslavement, torture, murder and attempted genocide of Jews and a number of other peoples because of their religion, ethnicity or sexual orientation. On the other hand, abortion is the legalized destruction of embryonic cells. Abortion differs greatly from the fully aware suffering of already born people doomed to their deaths in concentration camps such as

Dachau and Auschwitz and to make that comparison is simply incorrect. Ong's comparison belittles the suffering of those sentenced to die and trivializes the horror and sadism of the Holocaust. There is a great difference between the premise of the Holocaust and abortion. There is no genocide component to abortion. Hitler used racial grounds to exterminate Jews and other people — no one is set out to destroy all embryos. To make such a comparison is an insult to the memory of the living and conscious human beings murdered by the Nazis. Ong is fully entitled to his opinion regarding abortion, but his comparison to the Holocaust is both highly inaccurate and inappropriate — despite its emotional appeal.

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# PROTESTORS: Methods often offensive

PROTESTORS, from page 6

are problematic. Not only are they ineffective at reaching those who don't already subscribe to the *American Life League* newsletter, they also isolate those of us who are anti-abortion, but don't necessarily want to raid an armory and go doctor hunting. I was mighty livid when I saw them in my peripheral vision for the first time — and I agree with most of what they were saying. One

can only imagine how a pro-choice person — let alone a post-abortive woman, felt seeing them up there — passing unspoken condemnation. And that, of course, was fairly mild for an anti-abortion protest. No screaming, no pointing, no human chains around parking lots and no lifeless bodies dressed in lab coats lying in pools of blood by their cars. Our masked friends kept the

protest to a protest, rather than elevating it to the hate-filled jihad so many are willing to make it.

Jihad is an accurate term, for the anti-abortion movement also is quick to cite the religious nature of their war. It's a sad irony for people to hear sermons about love on Sunday, and spew sanctimonious hatred on Monday to pregnant women and doctors who perform abortions, who both are in need of that love more than most.

Jesus did not give instructions in the Gospels on how to form human chains around Planned Parenthood parking lots, but he did talk a lot about love. And in light of the whole divinity thing, he probably knows a lot

more than we do about what is effective in changing circumstances.

Our full-frontal attack on the pro-choice status quo can adequately be described as a failure. *Roe v. Wade* still stands, women in their most desperate time of need are afraid to go to us out of fear of judgment and doctors who perform abortions circle the wagons all the closer every time one of their own is gunned down in the street. Maybe we should instead unload our guns, store up our signs, sell our "Scream" masks back to costume store, and decide to simply love the hell out of people — literally.

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An "I-can-breathe-for-the-first-time" pat to the two guys belting out Kelly Clarkson at a red light.  
From two out-of-shape girls "exercising" while eating gelato who appreciate the ab workout from laughing so hard.

A "get-a-sense-of-humor" dart to whoever was "embarrassed" by the Potty Mouth blurb, "Don't be a fool, wrap your tool."

From a female JMU community member who thinks it's about time men take part in birth control to reduce unwanted — or unneeded — abortions.

A "clean-your-cage" dart to our roommate, whose heaping piles of stained and pungent boxers must constitute a health code violation in our bathroom.

From your three roommates who thought they were living in a house, not a hamster cage.

A "thanks-for-the-\$3" pat to the anonymous student at the Festival who paid for my lunch since I didn't have enough FLEX and no cash.  
From an embarrassed faculty member who hopes she can repay your random act of kindness.

An "I-should-have-called-the-cops-on-you" dart to the peeping Tom who was creeping around my apartment building Saturday night.

From a disgusted senior who thought people had more dignity at this school than to be so perverted.

A "thanks-for-sharing-the-side-walk" dart to the girl in the puffy pink jacket who thought walking with her friends was more important than letting someone who was going the other way get by.

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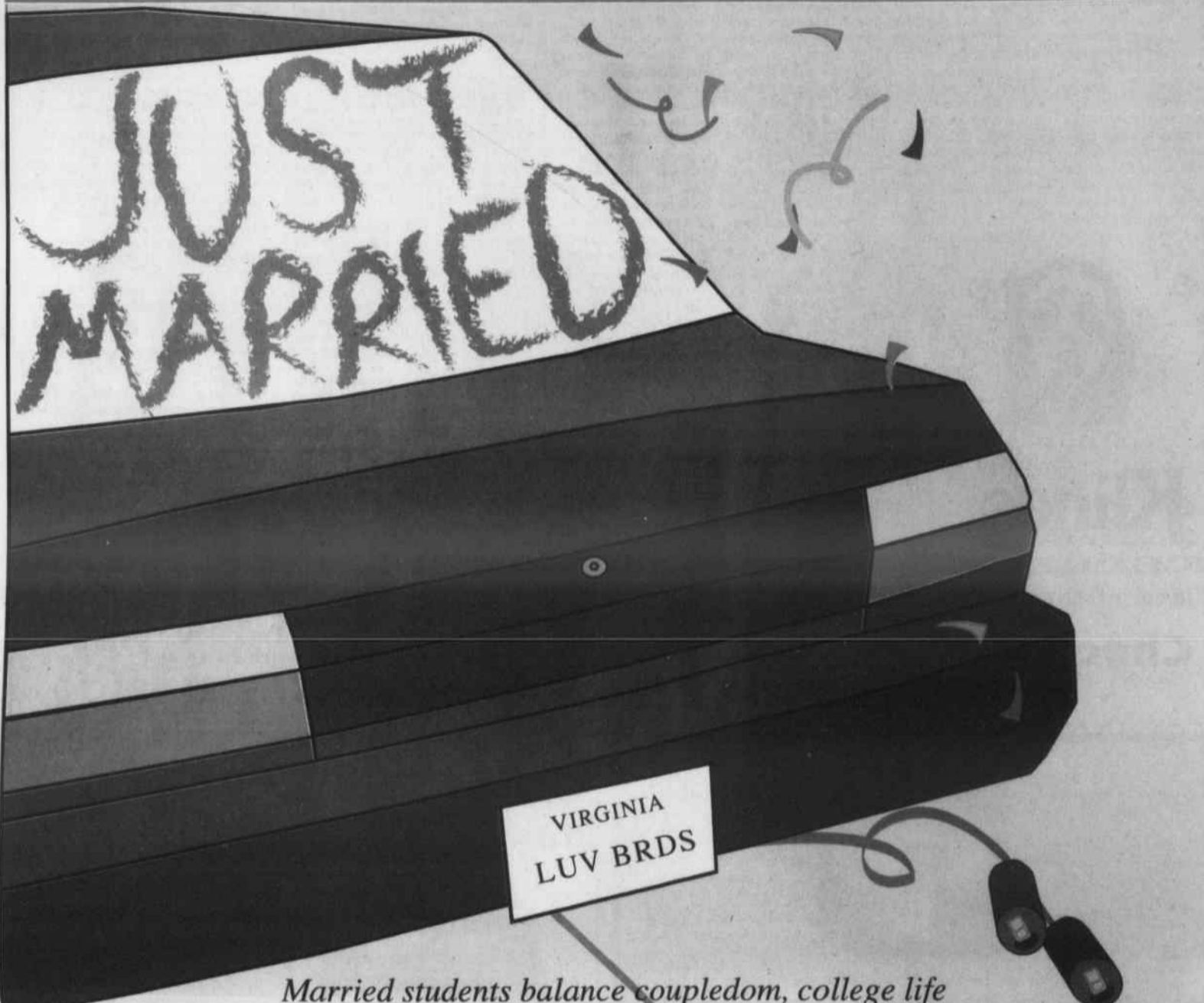
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## Married students balance coupledness, college life

Story by senior writer Erin Lee • Graphics by art director Jenny Chanthapanya

Noisy apartment parties, the loud hum of voices in D-hall and the tolling of the Wilson Hall bell are typical sounds that a JMU student hears. "Here Comes the Bride" usually is not one of them. There are, however, students who choose to get married before they graduate and remain full-time students, making them both unique and courageous.

Senior Kateesha Manderson met her husband Marcus, a junior, at JMU. He proposed in May 2003, and they planned on waiting until they graduated to get married, but their plans changed along the way. They married on March 3, 2004, at the Rockingham County Courthouse without telling their parents. That June, however, they had a big wedding ceremony with family in Woodbridge, their hometown.

Kateesha has been Mrs. Manderson for almost a year. "Life at JMU is different because you have to run your household, and you have a family to think of," she said. "You have a different perspective, but it definitely can be fun — time management is very important."

Senior Maite Taylor married her husband Jonathan in June 2002. Maite is from Harrisonburg, but her husband is from Richmond. After meeting at church camp when she was 15 years old, they kept a long-distance relationship for three years. Then he moved to the Valley to go to JMU because she was going to Blue Ridge Community College at the time.

"We had been together for so long, it was natural for us to get married," she said. "We just didn't want to wait anymore." Maite is very happy with her decision and enjoys married life.

Despite their successes, there are a few worries and work is often one of them. Both Maite and Jonathan work full time at Staples, pulling 40-hour work weeks as full-time students. She said it's a lot of responsibility, but the bills have to be paid. Jonathan now attends Blue Ridge Community College, while Maite is finishing up her last semester at JMU.

The Mandersons are not working right now, but are full-time students. They are able to support themselves with money they saved from summer jobs and wedding gifts, as well as financial aid. Manderson wants to work next year at JMU while her husband finishes up his last year of school.

Another pressing issue for married students is finding the right place to live. The Mandersons live in Deer Run Apartments in Harrisonburg. "It's a nice family environment; we were looking for a clean community where there were not a lot of parties," Manderson said. The Taylors, on the other hand, bought a house in

Grottoes, a few miles outside of Harrisonburg.

Managing time wisely in order to balance home life and school is crucial for married students. "Time wise, it's a lot harder because you don't have a lot of time for yourself, but whether or not you do it before or after you graduate, you're still going to have to do it," Maite said. She will graduate in May with a degree in management.

Being in similar situations allows the Taylors to relate to one another. "Since [Jonathan's] a college kid, too, we understand each other because we're both going through the same thing," she said.

Kateesha is still very career oriented. She hopes to put her English major to use as a newspaper journalist. Her husband is a music industry major. "Things have changed a little bit because I wanted to go to law school after I graduated," she said. "So, I had to put some things on hold and he had to, too."

Besides balancing school and family, friends don't disappear after marriage. Kateesha works hard to maintain the relationships with her friends. "There will be times when the girls go out but I'm hanging out with my husband," she said. "Last semester was a sacrifice because we were settling into our house, but now you get into the rhythm and start enjoying things more."

Senior Christine Wilson is Manderson's roommate from her freshman and sophomore years. She said she doesn't get to see her as often as she used to. "It sounds weird sometimes when she says 'I have to go home to my husband,'" she said. "I was surprised because I thought she would wait until she graduated, and one day she hit me up on IM and was like 'I'm married,'" Wilson said. "But I'm definitely happy for her decision. Marcus is great for her."

Taylor admits the people she hangs out with have changed since getting married. "When we go out, we do stuff together ... because people don't expect you to be married and guys may try to pick you up," she said. She and her husband tend to hang around other couples more than single people.

Despite a few extra decisions and worries, being a married student is not an impossible task. "A lot of people think that being married is hard and that you can't graduate school, but if two people really love each other, they can make it work," Kateesha said. "I've been married almost a year and I love it."

Some may even say there are benefits to getting married young. "I feel like I'm getting a heads up on stuff so after I graduate I don't have all that to do," Maite said.

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## Difranco's new, heartfelt album appeals to all

BY CAITE WHITE  
senior writer

Ani DiFranco's latest album, "Knuckle Down," is exactly what one would expect — but that isn't necessarily a bad thing.

Like her past albums, DiFranco's lyrics in her latest collection are painful but heartfelt, sad but subtle and — above all — haunting. With the recent end of her marriage and a death in her family, DiFranco's tone wreaks of a quiet depression as she comes to terms with love, loss and living on her own.

With this album, DiFranco had a lot of firsts. Her older albums had a more brassy sound, but this album is more of the string persuasion, due in part to her first-ever collaboration with co-producer, songwriter and guitarist Joe Henry. Henry was added to the credits of this album, along with many musicians recognizable to anyone who has followed DiFranco's career. The appearance of these talents lends a new color to her urban-folk sound.

The opening track, "Knuckle Down," displays a classic DiFranco sound — simple, yet truthful and solemn. As most tracks on DiFranco's CD, this one is ridden with slow, playful guitar melodies which is complimented by the artist's husky voice. Similarly, "Manhole" and "Lag Time" give that same vibe. In "Modulation," DiFranco changes the melody mid-song so naturally and with a flair that only she could pull off.

In "Parameters," a personal favorite, DiFranco quietly delivers a spoken monologue to the strum of a guitar in the background. The poetic nature of this track — about a woman that comes home one night to find a stranger in her bedroom — adds a certain melancholy personality to the collection, and the perfect song to listen to when you're feeling pensive and introspective.

If you aren't a die-hard fan of DiFranco, this album is easy to approach with an open mind, and may even have you running out to the store to buy her older CDs. But, if you live and breathe DiFranco, you'll be happy to know she has delivered yet another awesome collection of music.



CAITLIN FRIEL/staff photographer

Sophomore Christina Miller (right) participates in Student Ambassador training, which will prepare her to lead one of the many tours JMU students are used to seeing around campus.

# Fearless Leaders

JMU Student Ambassadors recruit prospective students

BY LAUREN EUBANK/contributing writer

The art of walking backwards while pointing out great aspects of JMU all while answering questions is clearly a skill only a Student Ambassador possesses. The Ambassadors are a motivated group of individuals who are hand selected to represent JMU. Most of us know them as the outspoken tour guides we see around campus recruiting high school students to become a Duke.

Sophomore Christina Miller was chosen to be a Student Ambassador at the beginning of this semester. "I was most attracted to the club when I attended Operation Santa Clause last year as a freshman," she said. "OSC collected toys and money in exchange for a great performance by many of the musically talented groups across the JMU campus, including the entertaining group Exit 247 B-Flat Project." She admired that all the money was given to a local organization that gave to children who were not going to receive anything, which gave them a much more memorable holiday season, she said.

To become an Ambassador, students must go through an interview process. This year, Ambassadors implemented a new interview process.

"They introduced group interviews, which allowed for a lot more people to be able to be seen and express themselves through words, as opposed to last year, where it went straight from the application to the interview process," Miller said. She said it is

very exciting to be a new person, known as a "newbie," rather than awkward as she had first anticipated.

"It is a very welcoming group that is always willing to go the extra mile to make someone feel more comfortable with their surroundings," Miller said.

Time seems to be a precious commodity on campus. For Student Ambassadors, time is equally valued, but Ambassadors can spend as much time as they want being involved, Miller said. "As a 'newbie,' there is a lot more going on this first semester because you are getting to know a ton of new and incredible people. But, after the first semester, you can put as much time into it as you want. It is completely at your discretion. Some of this time is spent in meetings, which consist of talking about new and upcoming events.

"We play games every so often to break up the monotonous speaking, which is always a lot of fun," Miller said.

Life as a Student Ambassador involves rubbing elbows with people on a very frequent basis.

"[I like] being able to interact with some really great people and also being able to have an impact on JMU prospective students as well as JMU students now, and JMU alumni," Miller said.



## 'An Invisible Sign of My Own' portrays one woman's emotion, struggle

BY ERIN WEIRETER  
staff writer

Having read a fair number of books in my lifetime, let me assure you, one of the most telling — and often times frightening — things that can happen to you is seeing yourself in a character. When I read an author's description of a character's eccentricities, fears, mannerisms and personality and they seem to parallel my own, I start to wonder if I am really that transparent.

I read Aimee Bender's "An Invisible Sign of My Own" and felt, in some way, the author knew me.

Mona Gray is a 19-year-old second-grade math teacher, disillusioned as

she has watched her father slowly succumb to an unnamed and incurable illness. The melancholic hush that has fallen over her family as a result leaves her unable to enjoy or appreciate anything. She quits the things that she loves before she ever has a chance to be disappointed — including dance lessons, piano classes, running and her first boyfriend.

Her only comfort lies in the stability of her work, in the security of numbers and their unchanging nature. When she immerses herself in teaching, her father's illness and

her own unhappiness feel miles away.

Seeing myself in Mona may be somewhat exaggerated, but there are undeniable attributes that we both share.

What Mona fears most is loss. The thought of being helplessly abandoned by her father is almost too much to take, so she in turn abandons everything else in her life in an attempt to gain a sense of control, no matter how skewed that control may be. She longs for something unwavering and constant to cling to in an unreasonably harsh world.

These may seem like silly childhood fears, but I have felt the same way before. Sometimes, a lingering voice in my head tells me my world could come crashing down.

Yet, while Bender portrays Mona as a girl with possibly unwarranted insecurities,

she also provides her with an outlet for conquering her emotional obstacles. Mona meets a teacher who seems to look right into her soul and understand the anguish she feels. He shows her how to break free from the pain and appreciate the life that is right in front of her.

As I read about Mona breaking free from her painful shell, I realize that I, too, am fully capable of understanding. I see that my life, my world, is such a blessing, no matter how bad things can seem sometimes.

Bender has an unbelievable ability to tap into the reader's mind and to make him or her feel as if their undisclosed fears and worries are on display for the world to see. In a sense, feeling that was therapeutic. I didn't feel so alone in my anxiety.



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## BRIEFING



FILE PHOTO

Sophomore forward Cavell Johnson drives to the basket. Johnson is averaging 11.5 points and 6.3 rebounds per game.

## Johnson Player of the Week

Sophomore forward Cavell Johnson was named Colonial Athletic Association co-Player of the Week for the week ending Feb. 12.

The Middleburg native shares player of the week honors with Hofstra guard Loren Stokes.

Johnson established career-highs in points and rebounds Wednesday night against Hofstra, scoring 21 points and grabbing 15 rebounds. The Dukes lost to the Pride 95-88 in triple overtime. Johnson's effort marked the first time a JMU player had at least 20 points and at least 15 rebounds in a game since the 1977-'78 season.

Against the Drexel University Dragons Saturday, Johnson re-broke his career-high, scoring 30 points in JMU's 75-66 loss. He made 13 of 18 shots from the floor and had seven rebounds.

Johnson has averaged 20.3 points-per-game during JMU's last four contests. This season, he is averaging 11.5 points and 6.3 rebounds.

Stokes averaged 24.5 points and 9.0 rebounds per game for the week, including a career-high 30 points against JMU Wednesday night. He added a 19-point, 10-rebound effort against the University of North Carolina-Wilmington Saturday, helping the Pride defeat the Seahawks 74-68.

— from staff reports

## Men's tennis falls to Tribe

The College of William & Mary trounced JMU Sunday, defeating the Dukes 5-2 in Williamsburg.

The Tribe improved to 3-6 overall with their first win in Colonial Athletic Association play over JMU. The Dukes dropped to 1-4 and 1-2 in the conference.

W&M won three matches quickly, all in doubles. Senior David Emery and freshman Jesse Tarr lost the top match 8-2. The No. 2 match left sophomores Brian Clay and Don Davidson with the 8-3 loss. And the No. 3 match was more of the same with junior Bob Allensworth and freshman Carlin Campbell getting the third straight loss for the Dukes with an 8-2 score.

JMU lost their first two singles matches before scoring a point.

Freshman Matt Rubenstein clinched the victory for the Tribe, beating sophomore Brian Clay in the No. 5 match in just three sets.

The Dukes now rest for three weeks before hosting Washington College on March 4. The first serve will be at 2:30 p.m.

— from staff reports



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FILE PHOTO

Junior guard Shirley McCall looks for an open teammate against The College of William & Mary Sunday.

## Goin' down south

Dukes look to take season series against Seahawks

BY JAMES IRWIN  
sports editor

Much like his leading scorer, JMU women's basketball coach Kenny Brooks is having health issues heading into Thursday's game against the University of North Carolina-Wilmington.

"I'm fighting a sinus infection," Brooks said. "That's not great when you're going on a seven-hour bus trip."

Neither are back spasms — which freshman forward Tamera Young has been battling since leaving Sunday's game against The College of William & Mary early. Brooks said Young should play Thursday.

"She came down awkwardly," Brooks said. "We held her out for the rest of the game and she didn't practice [Monday]. I think she'll be fine to

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FILE PHOTO

Sophomore point guard Andrea Benvenuto drives on a William & Mary defender last weekend. Benvenuto and the Dukes face UNC-W tonight.

## Dukes held hitless by Wolfpack in Triangle Classic

The JMU softball team came up hitless against North Carolina State Sunday in the UNC Triangle Classic.

The Wolfpack's Abbie Sims tossed a complete game, no-hit shut-out. She struck out 11 and walked one while guiding N.C. State to a 4-0 victory over the Dukes.

JMU's Renee Bounds opposed Sims in the circle.

The sophomore pitcher went five innings, giving up seven hits, striking out three and walking none. Senior Liz George came on in the relief to pitch the bottom of the sixth.

The Wolfpack jumped out to an

early lead on 2-run home run off the bat of Jennifer Chamberlin.

N.C. State wouldn't strike again until the bottom half of the sixth inning, when the Wolfpack added 2 more runs to push the score to 4-0.

Chamberlin finished the day 2 for 3 with 3 runs batted in and a home run.

Also having a big day for the Wolfpack was Tess Corona who went 3 for 3 with 2 runs scored.

Before being no-hit by N.C. State, JMU won its first two games of the Classic, then alternated wins with losses in its last three contests.

The Dukes defeated Howard

University 8-1 and Elon College 5-3 in a double-header Feb. 11. JMU was then felled by Campbell University Feb. 12, 2-1, but bounced back in their next outing, downing George Washington University 3-1 later that day.

JMU does not return to the JMU Softball Complex until March 16 when they take on the Bison of Howard.

Before then, the Dukes must travel to Greenville, N.C., Radford, San Diego, Calif. and Chattanooga, Tenn., where they are next in action Friday, to take part in the UT-Chattanooga Sonic Challenge.

JMU opens the tournament against the Hilltoppers of Western Kentucky University.

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JMU (0-0 CAA, 3-2) — Renee' Bounds, Liz George (6) and Ashlee Schenk. CS: Briana Carrera 1.

N.C. State (0-0 ACC, 10-1) — Abbie Sims and Miranda Ervin. 2B: Tess Corona. HR: Jennifer Chamberlin SB: Corona.

— from staff reports

## SPORTS PERSPECTIVES

### Dukes look for sixth man

BY CAROLINE MORRIS  
contributing writer

As I stood in the "Electric Zoo" at Saturday's JMU game vs. Drexel University, I looked around at my fellow students and wonder, "Where is the sixth man?"

Schools like Duke University and University North Carolina have long known the power of the sixth man: The students. The sixth man has the ability to pump up a team when they're down and energize a team when they're tired. There is nothing like a stadium filled with people chanting your name to rev you up and spur you on to victory. The power of the sixth man is not just reserved for power house programs; however, and there is no reason why we shouldn't have excited and supportive fans here at JMU.

We know we have the ability.

We rallied around Mickey Matthews and the football team as they went on the quest for a national championship and emerged victorious. Now, in order to avoid looking like Boston Red Sox bandwagoners, we need to take the next step: Get behind our team — even when they aren't winning.

I looked around the stands at my fellow students present Saturday afternoon, and the first thing I noticed is the lack of JMU apparel. In fact, the number of other schools represented almost rivals the number representing our school. The guy next to me had a Virginia hat and another one two rows behind me wore a Princeton sweatshirt.

Another thing I noticed is the lack of noise in the Convocation Center. Silence during a game is not always bad but the unnerving silence of a quiet stadium is enough to throw off any player trying to shoot free throws. But on the whole, quiet at a game is disappointing. A few spirited fans try to start up a cheer every now and then, but it almost always dies in failure. The one chant that was clearly audible from the student section was an angry chant, of "The ref beats his wife," coming from a few students in the front, angry at the ref's calls. Now, I'm not saying that attacking a ref for bad calls is wrong, but personal attacks border on thuggish fans. We have more class than that.

Cheers should be in support of our own team.

I'm not saying that if tons of students show up at the next game, we will win. In the end, our players have much more to do with the outcome than we ever will. But why not get out there and show the guys that we are with them? It will make it that much sweeter for all of us when we do win.

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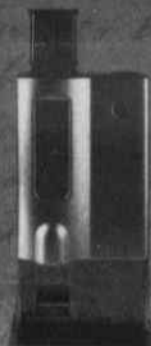
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## UNC-W: Dukes go for fourth straight

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start, unless I see something at practice tomorrow."

JMU enters Thursday's contest looking for its fourth straight win.

The Dukes are coming off a 66-61 victory over William & Mary behind double-double efforts from sophomores, forward Shirley McCall and center Meredith Alexis.

"It was huge," Brooks said of Alexis' and McCall's efforts. "Both were tremendous. They stepped up big, especially on a night where we lost Tamera."

JMU's three-game winning streak has pulled it into sole possession of fourth place in the Colonial Athletic Association standings. The Dukes, at 14-8 overall and 7-6 in conference play, hold a one game lead over the Towson University Tigers and the Hofstra University Pride — both of which check in at 6-7 in the CAA.

"We're getting back to where we want to be," Brooks said of the recent surge. "We're

hitting our stride and starting to close out games."

The Dukes will attempt to widen their lead against a UNC-W team that enters with the second-fewest wins in the conference. The Seahawks, (6-16 overall, 3-10 in the CAA) have lost 10 of their last 12, including a 72-50 defeat at the hands of JMU, Jan. 23 in Harrisonburg.

"It's going to be different because it's on their court," Brooks said. "We opened up their zone last time. We'll have to do that again. It's an advantage if we can get the ball inside."

Getting the ball inside means more opportunities for Alexis. Against UNC-W earlier this season, Alexis posted a double-double with 13 points and 12 rebounds in 21 minutes.

"She's been playing well as of late," Brooks said of Alexis. "That night she got into foul trouble. We'll need her down the stretch."

Another player the Dukes will need is sophomore guard

Lesley Dickinson. The Queens Village, N.Y., native has been battling inconsistency all season, though she still ranks No. 9 in the CAA in scoring, averaging 14.4 points-per-game.

"Lesley is a marked player," Brooks said. "Anytime you're the reigning conference Rookie of the Year, you're going to command attention."

Dickinson appeared to climb out of her funk against Hofstra last Friday night, torching the Pride for 34 points on 10 of 15 shooting in JMU's 73-71 overtime victory. But she struggled Sunday against William & Mary, hitting just 3 of 15 shots and finishing with 11 points.

"She got into a nice rhythm against Hofstra," Brooks said. "She's understanding how to approach things. She realizes she doesn't always have to score for us to win. She's more valuable than just scoring points."

JMU and UNC-W tipoff at 7 p.m. at Trask Coliseum.

## Male birth control in works

Matt Belliveau

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"Don't worry, I'm on the pill."

One day, that could be a man speaking. And with the new agreement between the Norwegian-based company Spermat-ech AS and the University of Massachusetts Medical School, that day may come sooner than you think.

Spermat-ech researchers are in the planning stages of creating a drug that could possibly block sperm's ability to swim, as well as its ability to fertilize an egg.

This would not be the first attempt in creating birth control for men, but it would be the first to avoid tinkering with male hormones.

Previously, researchers have found that it is extremely difficult to suppress sperm production while maintaining normal male hormone levels. A drop in a man's hormone levels would likely cause a lowered muscle mass, a loss of sexual drive and other testosterone-related effects.

This new drug would instead affect a specific protein in the production of sperm that would inhibit their movement while forgoing the hormonal side effects that women currently experience in taking the pill.

Male students at UMass seemed to be split in their first reactions to the idea of a male birth control pill.

"I think it's great that we'll be given a chance to contribute in the act of birth control," said Dirk Barron, a junior at UMass. "A birth control pill could act as a back-up to condoms, which might break during sex."

However, Barron admitted he thinks the new pill might not be 100 percent safe. "I love the idea of having another option, but I just have a hard time believing that there won't be any harmful side effects, physically as well as sexually," Barron said.

Today, American men are left with only two realistic methods of birth control: condoms and vasectomies. Both, however, have drawbacks.

"For one thing, condoms aren't cheap, and a lot of guys dislike them because they decrease sensation and can spoil the mood," said Barron. "Vasectomies, on the other hand, would guarantee infertility, but I'm way too young for a vasectomy."

While the majority of the public may see this future development as a gift to American men, the creation of a male birth control pill may act as an even larger reward to women and the women's movement.

## Snacks: Eat the healthy way

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As spring approaches, some students try to fit a few extra minutes in UREC and leave those extra cookies alone at D-hall. The downfall for most comes when stomachs starts growling in

the late hours of the night.

No matter how hard we try, eliminating snacking from our daily lives is nearly impossible. The trick is to replace the unhealthy snacks with a healthy and delicious one. These two recipes are great alternatives.

### Amy's Healthy Fruity

Source: allrecipes.com

#### Ingredients:

- 1 cup strawberries, hulled
- 1/3 cup frozen blueberries
- 2 bananas
- 1/2 cup orange juice
- 1 1/2 cups plain yogurt
- 1 tablespoon soy milk powder

#### Directions:

In a blender, combine strawberries, blueberries, bananas, orange juice, yogurt and soy milk powder. Blend until smooth. Pour into glasses and serve.

### Guilt-Free Snack Mix

#### Ingredients:

- 4 cups crispy corn cereal squares
- 1 cup dried mixed fruit, chopped
- 1/4 cup yogurt covered raisins
- 1/3 cup chopped mixed nuts
- 2/3 cup banana chips

#### Directions:

In a medium bowl, mix together crispy corn cereal squares, dried fruit mix, yogurt-covered raisins, mixed nuts and banana chips. Store in sealed, airtight containers.



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