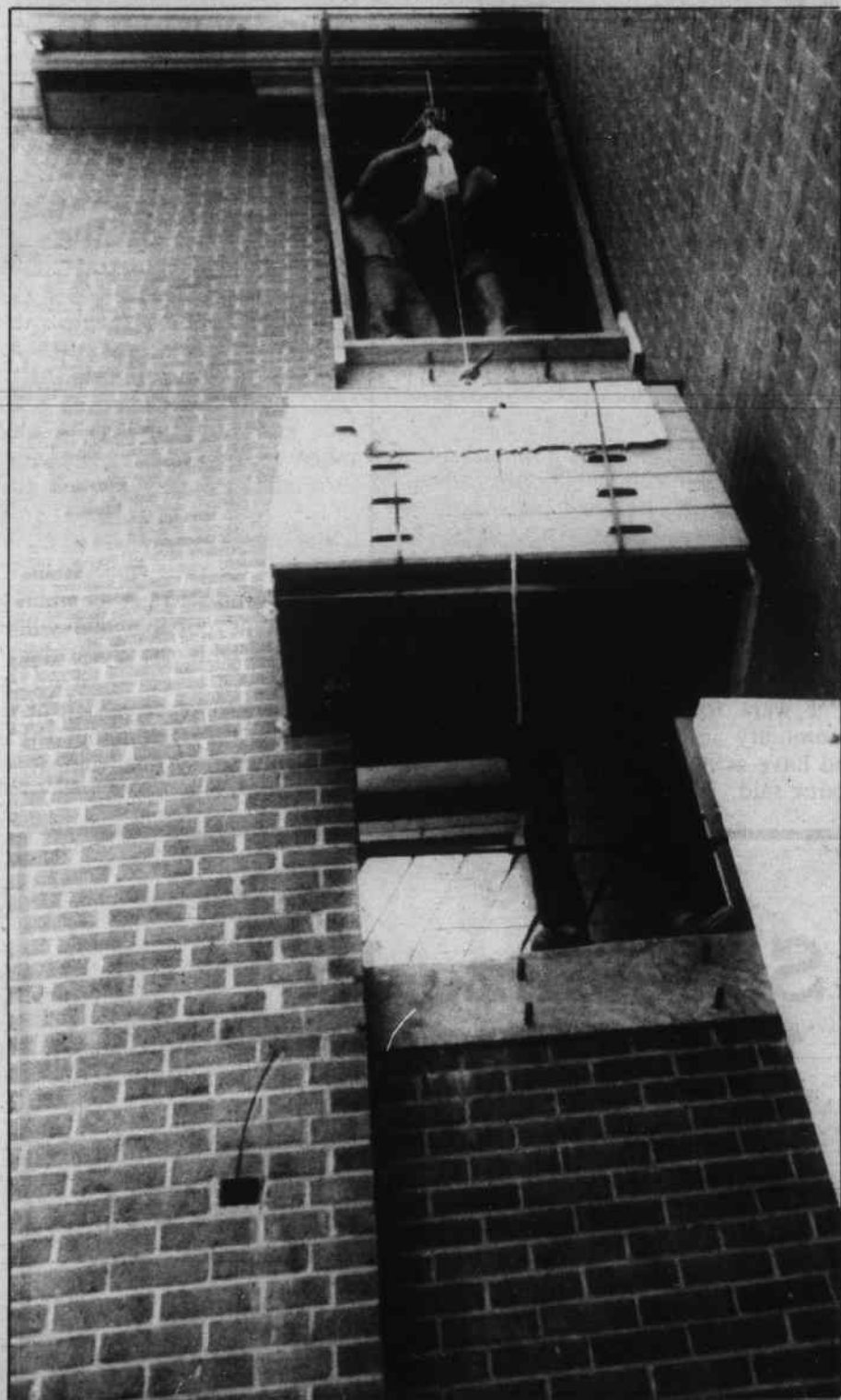


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Workmen apply final touches in order to ready McGraw-Long Hall for this fall.

(Photo by Steve Emerson)

Newest dormitory will open on time

By Beth Fink
staff writer

JMU's newest dorm should be completed in time to house incoming freshmen women this fall.

Construction of the dorm is "on schedule, or maybe even a little bit ahead of schedule," according to James Krivoski, director of residence life.

If work continues at the present pace, McGraw-Long Hall will be ready for occupation Aug. 25.

The dorm will house 210 freshmen women this year and will be open to all females beginning next year as part of the regular housing sign-up.

McGraw-Long Hall is located next to Bell Hall, which houses 138 students. The two dorms will look identical, but the newer building will have an added wing to accommodate the extra students.

While the new dorm should help with the housing shortage, it probably will not alleviate the problem, Krivoski said.

"The new dorm should help get a number of students out of Howard Johnson's," Krivoski said. "It won't solve the problem. I don't know how many dorms would solve it."

The high number of returning upperclassmen choosing to live on campus is the primary reason for the housing shortage, according to Krivoski.

Unlike some schools, JMU virtually guarantees four years of housing to all who want it. Only freshmen are required to live on campus unless they are from the local area.

In an effort to provide enough housing, JMU has assigned as many as 120 students to Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge in the past.

Although described as "temporary housing," the motor lodge has been used for the past eight years. Howard Johnson's will provide space again this year if necessary.

Krivoski said he expects to know by the end of July whether the new dorm will put an end to off-campus housing such as that at Howard Johnson's.

McGraw-Long Hall, which will cost \$2.4 million, will have seven-day visitation with alcohol permitted. The dorm is named for Walter McGraw of Richmond and Nellie Long of Edinburg, both former members of the JMU Board of Visitors.

Ooops...

JMU = 568

JMU's new telephone prefix number, chosen to correspond to "JMU," will be 568, not 586 as reported in last week's *Breeze*.

The new number will be put into service Aug. 13.

The Breeze regrets the error.

\$4.85 million telecommunications system slated

By Cay Fultz
summer editor

A \$4.85 million telecommunications system will be installed at JMU by January 1986.

The new computerized system will use telephone lines to transmit information as well as voices, according to William Merck, JMU vice president for business affairs.

With the new system, JMU's telephone lines will be capable of transmitting messages between on-

campus computers.

On-campus students will get new touch tone phones and will have the capability of data transmission from their rooms, Merck said.

Primarily administrative and academic computers will be on the new system but on-campus students with personal computers also will be able to plug into it.

Also, on-campus students might be able to obtain reduced telephone rates, Merck said. With the new system, students will have the ability to save

on long-distance phone calls by using such phone companies as MCI.

The university decided to buy its own system because the present system no longer can meet the school's growing needs. "We started looking at things a few years ago when we realized the present system here was becoming obsolete," Merck said. "We want something tailored to meet JMU's needs."

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May, 1983
graduate Brett
Monk found
himself alone
Sunday when he
returned to cam-
pus to soak up
some sun on the
quad.

(Photo by Steve Emerson)

Phones

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Because JMU's present system cannot handle any additional phone lines, the new dorm, McGraw-Long Hall, will be on the downtown telephone system, Merck said.

Until the new system is installed, seven-digit numbers will have to be dialed to reach the new dorm instead of the four digits now dialed between on-campus parties.

JMU received the General Assembly's approval for installation of the new system this year.

The school is obtaining the money needed to fund the system through a revenue bond issue under which it can borrow up to \$4.85 million and pay it back over 15 years.

The money will be collected from student and administrative user fees, Merck said.

After receiving General Assembly approval, JMU began working with the Department of Telecommunications in Richmond and hired Telecommunications International, Inc., an independent telephone consultant company.

The company surveyed JMU administrators and campus groups in May to find out what special needs existed. The library, admissions office and financial aid were among some of the groups surveyed.

The company then sent the school a report with recommendations and guidelines for the type of system JMU needs.

"Whatever we do, it's probably going to be infinitely better than what we have now," Merck said.

JMU will be accepting bids from manufacturers of telephone equipment until Oct. 26. By Feb. 1, 1985, the university hopes to have a contract signed.

To avoid disruption of services,

installation of the new system will not take place until the winter break between fall semester 1985 and spring semester 1986.

"I want to keep the university community informed on progress and have as much input as I can," Merck said.

He said he wants to get as much student input as possible and will begin working with the SGA this summer.

Students were surveyed earlier this spring on how they felt about the present telephone system and its rates.

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Freshman orientation

Future students and their parents sample JMU

By Tim Arnold
staff writer

"I could live down here," said a parent of an incoming JMU freshman. "It's just beautiful."

Don and Joan Fendler of Greenwich, Conn., consider their daughter Dona's orientation a "mini-vacation."

The Fendlers are among the parents accompanying many of JMU's 1,600 incoming freshmen to two-day orientation sessions here.

For two days, future freshmen and their parents come to JMU to become acquainted with many aspects of campus life. They tour campus, see programs on the honor system, register for classes, and get a taste of D-hall food.

The sessions, which began July 2 and run through July 20, are held Monday - Tuesday and Thursday - Friday. Orientation for transfer students took place June 21-22 and June 25-26.

The eight two-day sessions are required to accommodate the high percentage of new students who decide to attend orientation.

About 95 percent of newly-

accepted students will participate in orientation this year, according to Dr. Elizabeth Finlayson, director of student orientation and academic advising.

The Fendlers, like other parents who attended orientation with their children, are appreciative of JMU's program. The Fendlers also have put three other children through college.

"I think it's been very good, very informative," Don Fendler said. "They've done a nice job. There are nice people doing it."

"The bus tour helped us a lot," Joan Fendler said. A bus tour of campus is offered each session to give parents and students a better feel for the school's layout.

Having put son Gary, 29, through the University of Texas and daughter Lynn, 25, through the University of Colorado, the Fendlers think the orientation has been helpful in "getting more information and not coming in cold on opening day."

Dona, who was accepted at Lynchburg College and the University of Connecticut, chose JMU after her first visit to the campus in March. She said the campus was one of the

main reasons she chose JMU.

Mr. and Mrs. Fendler chose to attend orientation with Dona because they're the ones who "pay the bills."

And they are impressed with the school, especially the location. Joan Fendler said the area was beautiful and she wouldn't mind living here.

Thomas and Adriane Weaver of Columbia, Md. are another set of parents who will be sending their son to JMU this fall.

Jeffrey, who plans to major in computer science, was accepted at Virginia Commonwealth University and Pennsylvania State University, but chose JMU for a variety of reasons.

"He had visited once before and read about the school," said Adriane Weaver. "He liked what he read and he liked what he saw. He decided this would be it."

Jeffrey's brother Stephen just graduated from Virginia State University. The Weaver's said JMU's orientation is more organized than what they experienced there. "It's a much better approach."

At Virginia State, orientation lasted a week and parents were not

as involved as in JMU's orientation.

"For most of it, I didn't know what went on," Mr. Weaver said.

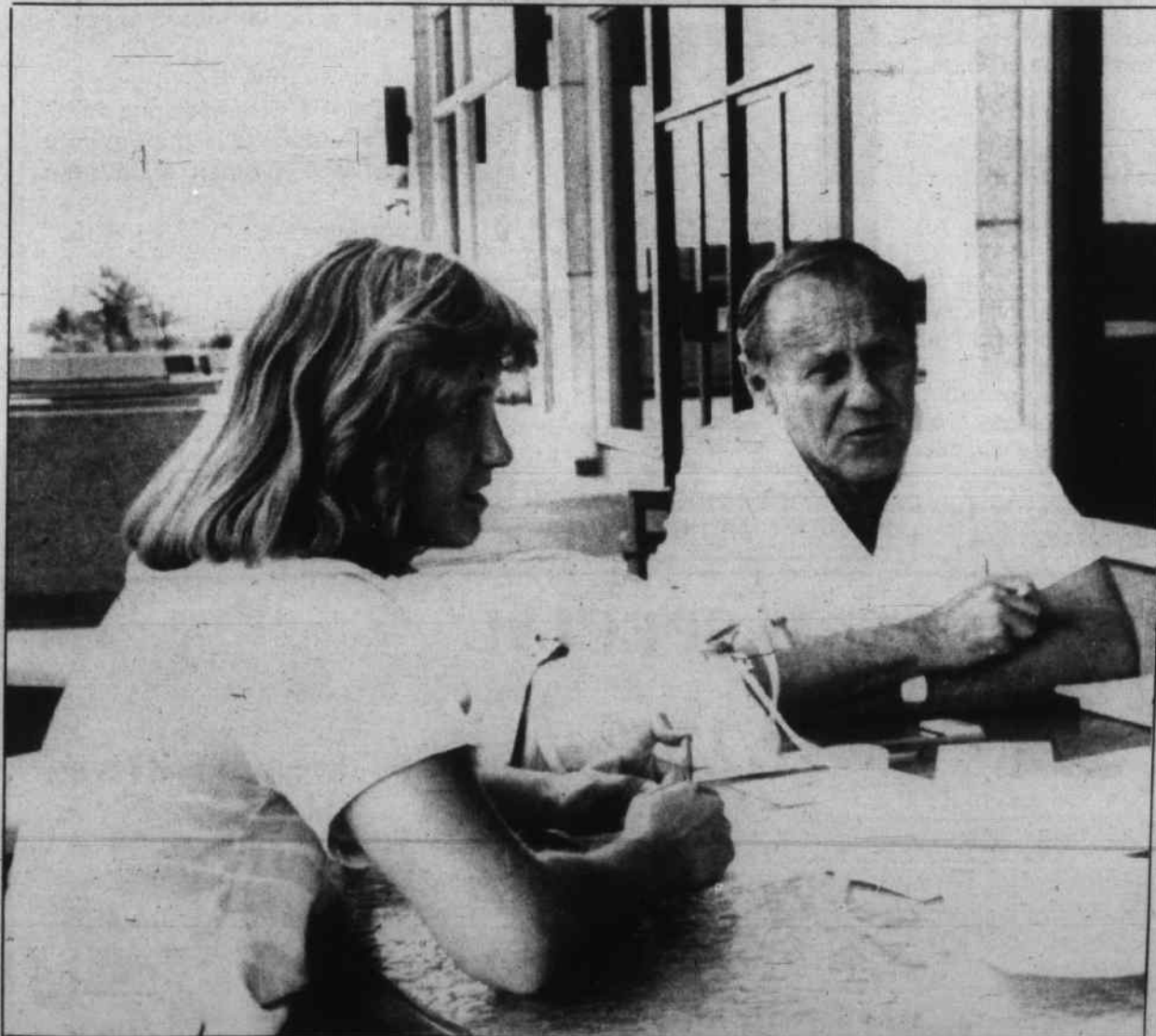
The Weavers decided to come to orientation with Jeffrey because they had not seen the campus. "The school was making housing available at a reasonable price, so we decided to come," Mr. Weaver said.

Rooms cost \$9 per person for a single room and \$7 for a double or triple. Breakfast is \$2.50 while lunch is \$3.50 and dinner is \$5.50. Parents also can attend the JMU Dinner Theatre for \$14 per person.

Michael Mullins is another parent who will be sending his son, Trevor, a pre-business major, to JMU this fall. The Mullins are from Gaithersburg, Md.

Trevor decided on JMU for two reasons. "I liked the campus a lot, and I heard they had a good business program," he said.

His father's reasons for coming were two-fold as well. "It's a good chance to see it (the campus) and it gives me a two - day break from work."



Don Fendler and daughter Dona take a break during freshman orientation Monday.

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New apartments almost complete

By Tommy Williamson
staff writer

JMU students who want to live off campus have yet another option in off-campus housing.

A new apartment complex, featuring the first community residential fire protection system in Harrisonburg, will be ready for students this fall.

College Station, constructed by the Scripture Building Corp., is located on Reservoir Street next to the Camelot Nursing Home and will be completed by the middle of August, said J.M. Neale, sales manager for Scripture.

College Station is the first residential community in Harrisonburg to have a water sprinkler system installed for fire protection, Neale said.

The complex can house 100 to 120 students, with four to five per apartment, he said.

Most of the apartments already have been filled, but "we do have some vacancies," Neale said. "It's really been popular."

Rent is \$165 per person per month. The apartments are furnished, air conditioned, and have wall-to-wall carpeting. Each apartment has a dishwasher and washer and dryer, Neale said.

Tenants will pay for utilities such as water, sewage, and heat furnished by electricity. Garbage disposal is paid for by the landlord, Neale said.

Scripture Building Corp. constructed the first housing near JMU sold directly to parents of JMU students.

In 1982, the company built the Madison Square complex, and in 1983 it built The Commons.

The complexes were planned taking into account changes in federal tax laws regarding investment property, including laws that provide tax breaks when renting to relatives.

All of the College Station apartments have been sold or rented out to parents or investors.



College Station, Harrisonburg's newest apartment complex, is the first local residential community to have a water sprinkler system installed for fire protection.

(Photos by Steve Emerson)

Huffman Hall goes co-ed for summer



JMU summer students Pauline Bellos and Joanne Mitchell break down and do some studying.

By Al Winter
staff writer

"Everyone's just trying to have fun while they're here," said a resident of Huffman Hall, home for all on-campus undergraduates during the summer.

"Also, there is some studying," said junior Debbie Hanes, a nursing student who occupies a suite alone on the third floor. But Hanes, who stayed on campus last summer, said she thinks she would have more fun living off campus. "Compared to last summer, this is nothing. It was the people that were here that made

it more fun," she said.

Keith Gilliam, a sophomore living in Huffman this summer, said, "So far it's alright, but we had a better time last year." He and Emmitt Thomas, another sophomore, lived on-campus last summer.

"People were more outgoing, and the resident assistants weren't as

restrictive then," Thomas said.

About 150 students, about half of them men and half women, are spending parts of their summer at Huffman. Eighty students moved in either for the eight-week session, the first four-week session, or both. An additional 62 students unpacked for the six-week term, and eight more just arrived for the second four-week session, said Joe Plaska, assistant director of resident halls.

The three-story, 200-person capacity building is divided into three sections, with males in one, females in another, and the third co-ed by floors.

Because there are fewer undergraduates on campus this summer, all were placed in one building, Plaska said.

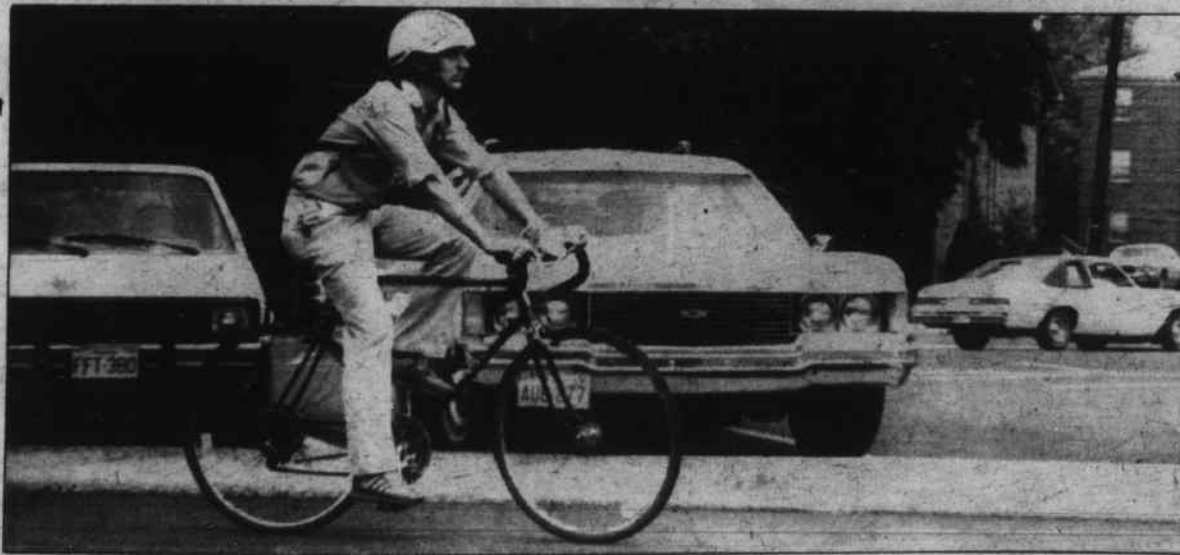
Last summer, 68 undergraduates stayed in Huffman for the first four-week session, 119 for the six-week session, and 135 for the second four-weeks.

Huffman Hall is located in the Village and is used to house women during the regular school year. But it is co-educational during the summer sessions.

So far it's been a "really good summer," Plaska said. "Students have been considerate of one another, and we've had no complaints. It's a lot more relaxed atmosphere than in the September to May terms."

Safety

Tips offered to joggers, cyclists



JMU student Peter Larsen pedals his way home from class Tuesday.

(Photo by Steve Emerson)

By Tommy Williamson
staff writer

Jogging and bicycling are popular forms of exercise around campus. But those who enjoy jogging, riding a bike, or even walking, might benefit from some safety tips to help avoid injuries to themselves or others.

Capt. M. Lawrence Stroble of the Harrisonburg Police Department offers some safety tips from two booklets entitled "Safe Walking Tips" and "Bicycle Safety Rules."

Bicyclists must obey many of the same laws as automobiles drivers. Zig-zagging or weaving in and out of traffic is not safe.

While it is permissible to ride a bicycle on the sidewalk, cyclists should always ride single file, and should remember that pedestrians always have the right-of-way. Also, cyclists should watch out for people getting in and out of parked cars.

When walking in areas where there are no sidewalks, always walk on the left side of the road, facing traffic. The same applies to joggers. Also, walkers and joggers should carry or wear something white at night so they can be seen by drivers.

Additional information, including the two safety booklets, can be obtained from the Harrisonburg police department.

Drinking

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number of students arrested for public drunkenness.

Tiene agreed with the idea of Policefile, but said, "If names are going to be published, all names should be published." Tiene then cited instances in which students allegedly had managed to keep their names out of the paper.

Other recommendations for dealing with drunk drivers came from former and active police officers, representatives of Virginians Opposing Drunk Driving,

and interested citizens.

Suggestions included running city cabs later in the evening, establishing routine checkpoints, and putting pressure on establishments selling alcohol to be more careful when checking identification.

Paul C. Cline, chairman of the task force and a JMU political science professor, said he was encouraged to see so many students attending the meeting and that he was pleased with the input. "We're interested in your ideas," he said.

Anyone with additional suggestions for the task force should call David Rood at 434-0154.

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Letter

State senator opposes law

To the editor:

As a member of The Virginia General Assembly, it is my position that only as a last resort will I be a party to a scheme by which the federal government is blackmailing us with our own money.

As far as Virginia is concerned, it is my opinion that raising the beer drinking age to 21 would be grossly unfair. Statistics presented to the Senate Rehabilitation and Social Services Committee this year show that there has been a substantial reduction in DUI convictions in spite of the fact that we have more intensive enforcement. Interestingly, the age group with the very best record in terms of percentage of reduction in DUI convictions were the 19- and 20-year-olds.

Is this any way to correct a situation that is a national tragedy? Is improvement not what we are after? Are we to improve the situation by penalizing the very age group that has shown the most improvement?

I'm convinced that this will cause widespread disrespect for the law among the 95 percent or more of the young people who are responsible and law abiding. I am convinced that it would encourage the use of more dangerous drugs.

Behavior patterns will change, but I am not naive enough to believe that any 19-or 20-year-old who enjoys beer will sip ice water while their 21-year-old classmates gather around the beer keg.

I seriously question whether implementation of a uniform drinking age of 21 would actually reduce highway deaths except possibly in the very short run.

Kevin G. Miller,
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