THE BREEZE



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Students encouraged to participate in Madison Week

BY ASHLEY McCLELLAND news editor

This year, Madison Week will focus on getting students more involved with James Madison's birthday celebration.

"We want students to show their Madison pride and school spirit by wearing purple and gold and coming to all the events," said senior Tara Breslin, a member of the events planning committee.

Madison Week events will be held after spring break from March

2005 celebration set to focus on pride and school spirit 14 to 18

Events will include speaker Stanley Klos who will present a speech entitled "President Who? Forgotten Founders" Tuesday, March 15 at 11 a.m. Taylor Hall, room 404.

There will also be a James Madison Commemorative Debate and Citizen Forum where university debate teams from all over Virginia and the United States will debate whether the draft should be reinstated. Teams will com-

pete for the Madison Cup.

The debate will take place
Wednesday, March 16.

A Wreath Laying Ceremony will
take place Wednesday, March 16 at 11
a.m. in front of the James Madison statue
in front of Vamer House, with free birthin front of Varner House, with free birthday cake to celebrate James Madison's birthday. Student body president Tom Culligan will speak, along with Senior Vice President of Student Affairs and University Planning Mark Warner and

The main James Madison Day Ceremony will take place Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. in Wilson Hall Auditorium. The Honorable Nicholas Katzenbach, former United States Attorney General, will give the Madison Day Lecture. Katzenbach is famous for helping to integrate schools in Alabama. He will discuss "The Constitution in Times of Crisis with emphasis on Brown v. Bourd "This year is the first step in trying to make Madison Day a big holiday event and to get more support," said senior Tori Doyle, committee member.

To encourage students to attend the events, the 50 first people to arrive to both the debate and the Madison Day Lecture will be given a free limited edition Madison Pride shirt, said senior Mike Keown, member of that committee.

"We want to create a sense of ownership with Madison Day. We want students to understand that this is our holiday," Keown said.

Shots fired in Ashby

Police charge two suspects

BY LISA GERRY AND SHARON SCHIFF senior writer and assistant news editor

Gunshots were fired Saturday night outside of 1210 Devon Lane in Ashby Crossing. Though no injuries were reported, two arrests of non-students were made and charges were filed, Sgt. Scott Clark of the Harrisonburg police said.

Michael Adams, 20, of Yorktown, was charged with reckless handling of a fire-arm, unlawful shooting into an occupied dwelling and possession of firearm by a convicted felon.

Terrell Smith, 20, of Harrisonburg, was charged with accessory after the fact and possession of marijuana.

Clark said police responded to a report of a fight at 10:53 p.m. Once police arrived at the scene, the call was updated to include that gunshots were fired. It is unknown whether the fight and gunshots were related.

When police arrived at the scene, people were "fran-tically" walking around the area, Clark said. "I observed a handgun being tossed out a window," Clark said. "Other officers entered the back of the apartment (1210)."

A shell casing from a handgun bullet was found in the breezeway. Police could tell that the casing was the result of a recently fired weapon. Police were able to locate an entry hole from a bullet that had pierced the siding of the apartment complex. It is unknown if the bullet penetrated into another apartment as well, Clark said.

An evidence technician responded and processed the scene. The evidence then was sent to a lab for further analysis.

Sophomore Sherman, a resident in the 1210 apartment complex in Ashby Crossing, said she heard two gunshots outside of her apartment at about 10:30 p.m.

Sophomore Lindsay Russell, one of Sherman's roommates, said the police officers prevented residents and visitors from leaving by establishing a perimeter around the apartment building. Sherman said this lasted for about 30 minutes.

Sophomore Castleberry, who was visiting friends in 1220, was on the balcony and said he heard commotion and noticed a "swarm of people" surrounded by police officers. He said security guards would not let any-one near the scene and that the Harrisonburg police had taped off the area.

"Knowing people can have guns this close to cam-pus is pretty frightening,"

Clark said the shooting incident is under investigation



Police arrested two suspects Saturday night in connection with gunshots fired outside of 1210 Devon Lane in Ashby Crossing, Harrisonburg Police reported no injuries. An evidence technician responded to the scene, sending the recovered evidence to a lab for analysis.

Israeli Parliament member to speak on democracy

contributing writer

Hillel will host a member of Knesset, Israeli's Parliament, tonight at 7:30 p.m. in PC Ballroom. He will speak about Israel and the United States' similar democratic values.

Effi Eitam is a member of Knesse and serves on the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee and is a retired Brigadier General. He has commanded special operation forces, worked with the 1976 Entebbe hostage situa- discuss democracy tion in Uganda and was a founder of the Zionist party.

"In the Jewish context, Zionism is about peace and bringing people - a political movement for constructing the Jewish national state," said junior Hilary Oskin, Hillel's membership chair.

Hillel got in touch with Caravan for Democracy, a group that encourages dialogue on campuses by bringing speakers from Israel to

Eitam's speech will include an explanation of Israel's current situation and his experience in their political process, Forstater said.

ome students are anticipating the speaker as an opportunity to empow-er the campus. "We're trying to open people's eyes, get them to be aware ut what's going on in other parts of the world and this is a great way to do it," Oskin said.

Junior Mark Scialdone, Hillel's

want to know] how what a prominent political figurehead has to say will compare with the media and what I've heard from other scholars."

Scialdone hopes the speech will "enlighten [students], make them become more aware and promote dialogue on campus about what's going on in the Middle East."

Doors open at 7:30 p.m. and will be a social, emotional and spiritual Wellness Passport event.

Class of '09 novel chosen

BY RACHANA DIXIT senior writer

The Freshman Reading Program unveiled its book choice, "Caucasia," for the incoming freshman class last Wednesday.

The novel, "Caucasia" by Danzy Senna, explores racial issues during the post-Civil Rights Movement in America. It touches on themes of biracial identity and its implications, which were inspired by Senna's own life experiences.

The selection process of the

novel took nearly one year, said Steve Grande, assistant director of Orientation and the First Year Experience. The book is chosen by the Freshmen Reading Se-lection Committee, which comprises faculty from Orientation

and General Education.
"The faculty committee is on recommendations from the General Education Dean and Cluster One coordinator," Grande said.

Grande said there are many criteria that the selection committee looks for when choosing the novel; themes of the novel should be connected to firstyear student transitions. The novel should be able to sustain discussion in Cluster One courses, yet be appropriate for a wide variety of disciplines, and the novel should be written by a contemporary author who would be able to speak at Freshman Convocation.

"[Caucasia] has a little bit of everything in it," said Jen-nifer McCabe, professor of JMU Libraries and a member of the Freshman Reading Selection Committee.

In past years, some faculty members have used the Freshman Reading Program book in their classes, typically in General Education and Cluster One.

"I teach a lot of freshmen, so it's a good way to form a con-Annick Conis, a professor in the school of communication studies and member of the Freshman Reading Selection Committee

"Hopefully students will enjoy reading the book, but re-gardless of whether they like the book, we want them talking with their classmates about the ideas and themes in the book,"

City examines prospect of baseball stadium

By KRISTIN CARPENTER contributing writer

A proposal for a development that would include a minor-league baseball stadium, civic center, retail complex and hotel currently is under review by the city of Harrisonburg.

Harrisonburg Downtown Visions, LLC, a development group, submitted a \$100 million project proposal to the city

to be the primary developer of the property at the intersec-tion of Neff Avenue and Port Republic Road.
This is just a proposal at this

point," said Miriam Dickler, public information officer of the city of Harrisonburg. "Negotiations are still taking place and no contracts have been made."

Feasibility studies conducted by both the city and development group show that Harrisonburg

is a good site for the new com-plex. Harrisonburg is continual-ly growing and efforts are being ade to enhance the retail and entertainment aspects of the city for its residents and summer tourists, Dickler said.

According to Dickler, the population of student residents is very important to the city and thus, the city is actively talking to JMU for its feedback and contributions to the project.

acres of the land at the pro-posed site, which totals 108 The other 67 acres are privately owned. As of now, JMU has not agreed to any funding, but if they agree to take part in the funding of the stadium, it will in turn lease the stadium for the university's team. Baseball coach Spanky

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Wednesday, March 2

The Animal Rights Coalition is sponsoring Michael Gregor to speak about how NAFTA, the WTO and the FTAA affect humans and animals at 8:30 p.m. in Health and Human Services, room 1209. This is a Wellness Passport event. Contact vondohlr with any questions.

You can contribute a story to a leadership book which is being written by Senior Vice President of Student Affairs and University Planning Mark Warner and Psychology Professor Bill Evans. The book will combine content and personal leadership stories.

Authors of stories used in the book will receive credit in the book for writing. For more information e-mail Josh Tarr at tarrip.

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

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POLICE LOG

By Sharon Schiff/asst. news editor

Grand Larceny

A JMU student reported the larceny of a mountain bike from a bike rack outside of Converse Hall between Feb. 18 and Feb. 21 at unknown times.

A JMU employee reported the larceny of a parking decal from College Center East between Jan. 25 and Feb. 24 at unknown times

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Total number of tickets since Aug. 19: 68

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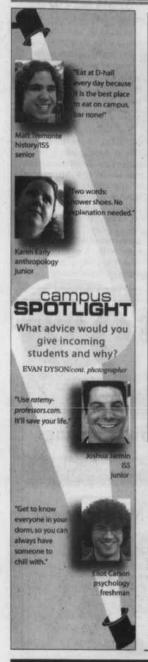
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Everyday Leaders, JMU's first community-wide leadership conference, is looking for leaders to sit on panel discussions, lead workshops, and present case studies on April 23. Go to www.jmu.edu/everydayleaders and click on "Call for proposals" for more information. Proposals are due Friday, March 11.

Have a question? E-mail Alison and Josh at everydayleaders@yahoo.com.



Dancing for a cause



Senior Emily Flech and junior Steve Zivich share a dance during the Habitat for Humanity dance-a-thon on Friday in the PC Baliroom.

.IMU looks for leaders

BY KATIE FLANAGAN contributing writer

The first "Everyday Leaders" conference will allow JMU students and the community to learn how others lead through attending workshops, panel disons and examining case studies

Though the event will not be held until April 23, proposals for those wishing to present at the conference are due by March 11. Proposal forms can be found at www.jmu.edu/everydaylesders.
Individuals and groups are invited to

participate in this conference. The theme

of the conference is "How do you lead?"
"I think the EDL Conference would be really beneficial to those students who are interested in learning about how to take a more active role in the events, activities and organizations that are based around JMU," junior Shayla Givens said. "From there, they can gain helpful tips about how to become a leader and make a difference in their communities."

Senior Alison Fargo, EDL co-orga-nizer said, "We're trying to get the Harrisonburg community, JMU students and Harrisonburg High School stu-dents to participate. It's important to include Harrisonburg because it's such a big part of JMU."

We stress that the presentations need to be interactive. They are supposed to be upbeat; it's supposed to be fun," Fargo said. "Our slogan is 'Inspiring excellence throughout campus and community."

Senior Josh Tarr, EDL co-organizer, "This is an amazing chance to enhance leadership skills and interact with other leaders

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- Josh Tarr senior, EDL co-organizer

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Sophomore Molly Hoffman said, "I definitely think that it is a good idea for students and I would be interested in participating. There are so many organizations on campus that are student run. Learning leadership skills is imperative to running these organizations. Helping students better lead their peers can only be helpful for the JMU community, as well as the futures of those students."

WildWires helps service students' computers, protect against viruses

BY MEGAN NEAL contributing writer

For computer help, stu-dents can now turn to Wild-Wires, LLC, a local network/ telecommunications services company that offers proactive support solutions.

Peter Denbigh ('01) and Saunders Roessel ('01) began WildWires as a small business their senior year that dealt with telephone sysand home security.

Denbigh and Roessel have always maintained a relationship with their alma mater; when the school finds themselves unable to service a student's computer, Wild-Wires is there to help as an outsource vendor.

"The goal was for us to be able to provide a turn-key solution — everything a client could need electronically," said

tems, Internet, cable wiring Director of Technical Solutions Group Paul Villyard.

Technical Solutions Group or TSG, is the department in volved with computer support. Currently, the business

deals with an average of 20 computers a week. WildWires' turnaround

time is usually no more than a day. Pickup service is available when dealing with on-campus student cases. On-site services are also ofThe goal was for us to be able to provide a turn-key solution...

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fered for an additional trip fee of \$20.

The company is the only business in Harrisonburg ser-vicing Macintoshs.

They give me the most liquid hours of any job I've ever had; I really enjoy the flexibility," sophomore Danny Cohen said. Cohen has worked with WildWires since fall of 2004.

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Shuttle flights to DC

Shenandoah again offers service to Dulles

BY ELISABETH ROUNDY contributing writer

Shenandoah Valley Regional Airport will begin offering flights to Washington Dulles International Airport.

This service is being reinstated after it was terminated following the events of Sept. 11, 2001. The flights will be replac-ing those currently connecting to Pittsburgh International Airport, which is decreasing its traffic, going from larger airports to smaller airports such as Shenandoah Regional Air-port, said Campbell.

"We were really pleased to get the Dulles service back," said Greg Campbell, executive director of Shenandoah Valley Regional Airport. Campbell said the airline industry is competitive right now and it is a difficult time to expand.

Freshman Dan Horton said, "I have a lot of friends from Texas. It gets really hard when the closest airport is Richmond or Dulles, so it will help out."

The pricing of tickets through Shenandoah Valley Regional Airport is comparable to those of any other airline but Campbell pointed out JMU students could probably save time and money on gas by not driving to Dulles.

"Connecting flights take the same amount of time. Do I want to be stressing sitting on a plane or focusing on the road? Either way, it's time wasted," junior Candice Flandrau said.

Those wishing to book flights through Shenandoah Valley Regional Airport may wish to see their Web site, www.flyshd.com.



A flight takes off for Dulles International Airport from Shenandoah Valley Regional Airport Friday. Flights to Dulles were cancelled after Sept. 11, 2001, but now have resumed.

MINOR: Stadium to be discussed

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McFarland said there are several ways a stadium would benefit JMU's baseball team.

"Lights would mean night games which would equal less class missed, more fans would be able to attend and we could get some bigger-name opponents," McFarland said.

The parking also would be a bonus, he added, because there is little parking at the current field. In addition, a stadium would give JMU baseball the opportunity to host CAA, NCAA or other tournaments.

Students agree that the addi-tion of these facilities would be good for the city. "I think it would help the community financially," junior Kelly Cummings said. "Also, it will help draw more attention to Harrisonburg."









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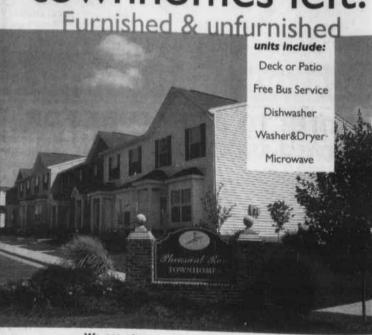
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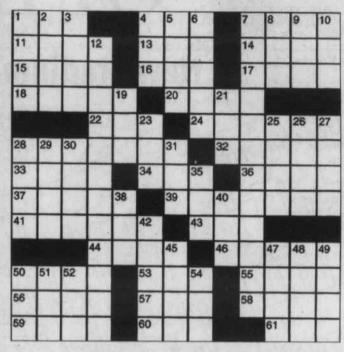
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HOUSE EDITORIAL New stadium will boost city's economy A proposal under review by the City of Harrisonburg would bring all the excitement of a minor league baseball team to the community. The proposal would involve the construction of a reetings from lighted baseball stadium as well as a civic center on part of 41 acres of land owned by JMU, both of which would be used by the city and JMU. The new facilities will bring more than just a day at the ball game to the community. A minor league team would attract fans who come with both home-team fanaticism and an intense desire to buy things. While the minor leagues don't typically attract the broad fan base of the pros, any fan brings an important accessory games or her wallet. the Friendly City thase drive BURG, VA 22801

While the proposal costs \$100 million, the tourism and advertising that the developments would attract would bring a surge of customers to local businesses. The town would benefit from increased revenue and the population from a greater variety of shops, restaurants and entertainment.

The JMU community would immediately benefit from the chance to catch a ball game — either the Diafrom the chance to catch a ball game — either the Diamond Dukes or minor league — and, over time, will see an increase in the quality of the commercial district in Harrisonburg. The quality of the field will be a welcome improvement — Longfield/Mauck Stadium's facilities are aging, and dark at night. The lights at the proposed stadium would allow for night games, making the games more accessible to everyone.

Better facilities also means better recruiting, which will lead to an improvement on the modest record the team sported last year. As any JMU football fan will tell you, a winning team catapults a school into the national spotlight. If the football team can win a national championship with just a new scoreboard, imagine what the baseball team could do with a new stadium.

The proposed civic center would add another dimension to Harrisonburg. Not only can it hold bas-ketball games, but it would also provide a new ven-ue for large-scale productions. It could hold major concerts or even hold circuses — instead of putting

them in mall parking lots.
While the stadium could increase traffic on Port Republic Road, it's important to keep the construction in perspective — a minor league baseball team does not attract the crowds of the New York Yankees. A new stadium will not move Harrisonburg from "The Friendly City" to the "Big Apple of Appalachia," but it will draw investors and tourism money into the city.

OFF THE WIRE

World faces new problem, humans could live forever

EZRA MANN University Daily

Forever. That's a really long time. Usually the time frame most baseball fans would suggest for a Texas Rang-ers World Series. Then again, if medi-cal science pulls a Houdini, I might be around long enough to see the championship come to the Lone Star state. Of course, I'd rather drop dead.

Often the sick fantasy from a genius afraid of demise, immortality remains the Holy Grail for those not wanting to kick the bucket. The latest "gifted" mind not ready to shuffle off this mortal coil, Ray Kurzweil, believes living forever will be a reality within 20 years. Kurzweil believes with the help of robots the size of blood cells, humankind should see more years than any man can fathom. Besides being impossible science fiction, the negatives far outweigh the positives.

Too many factors make immortal-

ity a false hope. Human beings will die because everything from overcrowding, world hunger and disea to sheer stupidity will cancel life's time card. We may be able to lengthen the time before we croak, but something always finds a way to pull the plug. Death also makes life more precious and without it life loses meaning. People need limitation, not another reason to procrastinate.

Before you grab your torches and pitchforks, Kurzweil sits above most quacks with achievements like being inducted in the Inventors Hall of Fame and creating the first read-ing machine for the blind that's capable of reading any typeface. Like many of us, he takes death with a feeling of sorrow and wants to find a fix. What he fails to realize during his quest to be eternal is his disregard of the limitless ways this cannot succeed.

Let's face it — we're all going to be pushing up daisies eventually. World

hunger already grips major sections of the world's population and by making immortality as accessible as Slurpees at 7-Eleven, food supplies will continue to shrink

Sure, dieting would take on a whole new meaning, but we also would run into overcrowding. Finding other worlds would even not be enough. If by chance we manage to populate other planets, a significant increase in birth over death would still cause us to bump elbows even on the moons of Saturn. Think of the lines at Disney Mars. You can forget the ease of the five-hour wait when Mount

Olympus opens up. If lack of food and overcrowding seem tame, we can always rely on stupid people. All it would take is one weak link to find someway to cancel it out in the end. Some people need to die early. Besides, life would be boring without the Darwin Awards.

On a more serious note, dying

ery day as if tomorrow was only a maybe. Human nature allows us to use our days to the fullest. If we cannot die, we surrender reasons to live. Seize the moment and waste not on ignorant desires.

Finally, I don't need another reason to procrastinate. I put stuff off for another day way too often. Give me deadlines or give me death. I don't think the editor at The University Daily would find it funny if I told her to give me a few years to think about my next assignment.

I don't plan on waiting forever and I know anyone with half a grain of common sense agrees. Going six feet under puts an end to life's wonders, but we can enjoy as long as we live. Life will lose meaning without death. Without sense of a final moment, we soon will forget what living is really about.

Ezra Mann is a columnist for Texas Tech University's University Daily.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Human life always holds value

Recently, I have been angered by legal developments in the case of a disabled Florida woman, Terri Schiavo. I suggest a change in the way we, as citizens of the United States, view human life. After suffering cardiac arrest in 1990, Terri suffered brain damage. Since then, Terri's husband, Michael Schiavo, has sought to remove her feeding tube, which would result in her death from starvation and dehydration. Her family has said Terri's eye contact and physical responses to loved ones indicate she is by no means a vegetable. While her case is both a frightening injustice to all people with disabilities and a pitfall of judicial activism, it is primarily a humani-tarian concern. Is this how we, as U. S. citizens, view human life? Does any one person have the right to end Terri's life simply because she cannot visibly contribute to society? That's called utilitarianism. While many of us would never subscribe to such an injustice, I suggest our words and actions tell a different story. To my grief, I believe we do think this way on many issues abortion among them. But we must consider the consequences of those ideas We must carefully examine our thinking to ensure we never allow someone's worth to be determined by his or her abilities or contributions. Who knows, we may one day find ourselves in Terri's shoes, helpless and hoping that others see our intrinsic value. So, in your shoes, right now, where do you find human worth?

> Stephanie Naus junior, political science major

OFF THE WIRE

California drug education program lies to students

Just say no. Say no to drugs and, in California, say no to inaccurate messages provided by anti-drug programs in public schools.

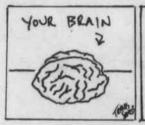
evaluation of Narconon Drug Prevention & Education, a free anti-drug program with ties to the Church of Scientology, revealed inaccurate and unscientific information within the program's curriculum.

After the San Francisco Chronicle reported its flaws, superintendent of public instruction Jack O'Connell launched a full evaluation. The results were released on Wednesday.

Among the errors some teachers reported that Narconon instructors were telling students that the body can sweat out drug residues in saunas and that as drugs exit the body, they prothe idea that drug residues stay in body fat, caus-ing people to experience repeated flashbacks and a belief reflective of those held by the Church of Scientology.

Has there ever been a more obvious reason to keep religion out of the public school system than this?

Narconon programs have been in at least 39 California school districts since 2000. What took people so long to get rid of this ridiculous program? It took five years for a panel of five medical doctors and nine school health education spe-







cialists to conclude that the program "does not reflect accurate, widely accepted medical and scientific evidence."

School officials should have screened the instructors and the content of presentations before these falsehoods got to students.

Could this have happened because the program was free? Perhaps the fact that actual pub-lic school teachers would not be responsible for the lessons - Narconon instructors simply made presentations - made the program so attractive.

Whatever ridiculous incentive rooted in someone's laziness it was that led to this program's implementation, at least it's finally coming to an end.

There are enough issues with the educational system. Students in California do not need to be told that it is the amount of drugs consumed that determines whether or not they act as seda tives or stimulants, or that drugs ruin creativity and dull the sens

Before California students are found rushing to the nearest saunas after taking just enough heroin to feel sleepy, O'Connell had better find a suitable program to replace the Narconon one one that will teach students the truth about drugs and the dangers of drug abuse, not one affiliated with unfounded beliefs.

School children deserve to know the truth, and if we are too afraid to tell them for fear that they can't handle it, the least we can do is give them the facts.

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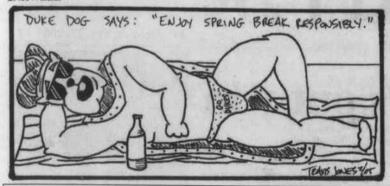
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A "thanks-for-your-creepy-confession" dart to the guy who told everyone within earshot at a party that he goes through un-derwear drawers at parties.

From an ISAT kid who never wants to take

you anywhere ever again.

A "how-does-it-feel-to-get-played" dart to the smooth-talking guy who thought he could play two friends at the same time. From the girl who knew you were schem-ing from the start and always will put chicks hefore pricks.

ing from the before pricks.

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From a sophomore girl that wishes more peo-ple would stay young at heart.

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a note on the window.

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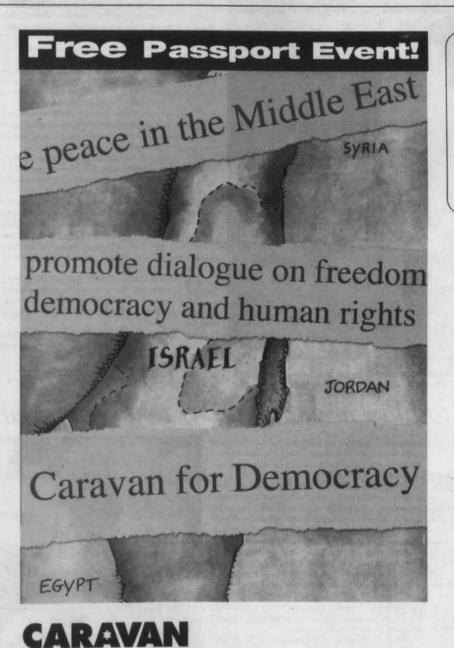


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SPORTS

WRESTLING

Dukes pinned by Wildcats

BY CAROLINE MORRIS contributing writer

The JMU wrestling team's record of 4-15 heading into Satur-day's match against the David-son College Wildcats might be a little misleading in the same way the outcome of Saturday's match was misleading.

Though the Dukes lost to the Wildcats 22-20, they won five of the 10 matches, including a pin from junior Chris Cvitan.

"It felt pretty good, but I wish we'd been a little closer so we could have won the match," Cvitan said.

However, some may have been surprised not to see senior Brian Lambert doing the pinning. Lambert has a team-best five pins.

'We really weren't counting on [Lambert] for a pin," coach Josh Hutchens said. "His guy was a really tough guy. We were just looking for a win from him."

Lambert, who made his final home appearance along with

seniors Aaron Swift and Derick Schoenly, was not in the least disap

Davidson 22 JMU

pointed with his performance. He was too busy enjoying his last day in Godwin's Sinclair Gymnasium.

"This was a pretty emotional day," Lambert said. "This was the last time I'd be wrestling at Godwin and the last time I'd be touching that mat. Win or lose, I just wanted to walk off that mat with no regrets.

The teams' biggest problem came from the number of points lost early in the match. The JMU lightweights were dominated by the Wildcats, who used cradling to their advantage

"We haven'thad a lot of expe-rience going over it," Hutchens said. "All they did was cradle. You only have week to prepare for each team. We work on those things that week, but it's hard."

Things started to turn around for the Dukes when junior 141pounder Brian Kibler, narrowly won his bout against Davidson's Benjamin Graham.

"I lost a lot of takedowns I shouldn't have in the middle of the match," Kibler said. "When I was pushing the pace, I was getting takedowns. I could have done that more and it wouldn't have been so close. Overall, though, I got the win and that's what's most important to me."

It was Kibler's third consecutive win.

Sophomores Jason Chalfant and Zach Winfrey also pulled out wins for the Dukes at the 184-lbs. and 197-lbs. weight-classes, respectively. Winfrey's win put him at 10-12 overall, winning four of his last five bouts.

Although the Dukes' lightweights have had a tumultuseason, Lambert isn't the least bit worried.

re got a lot of fre men," Lambert said. "Those kids are tough and they're working really hard. It's just a couple of mental mistakes but we'll fix those. The coaches are great and they'll straighten them out."

But, Lambert is sad to be leaving.

They are going to win more matches next year and they're going to be tough," he said. "I wish I could be here."



CASEY TEMPLETON

ior Derick Schoenly gives idson's Ronnie Lofrese a taste of the mat.

LACROSSE

JMU squeaks out win

By JAMES IRWIN sports editor

Freshman midfielder Haller's second collegiate goal broke a 10-10 tie with 4:31 left in the game and JMU opened its season with an 11-10 win over the University of California Golden Bears Sunday at the JMU Lacrosse Complex.

Haller's game-winner came off a rebound shot by sophomore attacker Kelly Berger. Haller picked up the loose ball and buried her shot in the back of the net.

"Kelly took an eight-meter." Haller said. "It went off the goalie

and I just scooped it up."

Berger added three goals of her

own to lead a balanced JMU scoring attack. The Dukes' 11 goals were scored by seven different players.

"Coaches coming in know they have to cover Kelly," JMU coach Kellie Young said. "But Emily comes off a groundball inside and puts it in the back of the net. Other players come off feeds inside. You can't stop everybody.

But early on it was JMU who couldn't stop the Cal attack. The Dukes found themselves down 4-2 at the 14:00 mark

in the first half af- Sunday ter Cal midfielder Cal Schuyler Sokolow JMU beat JMU senior

goalkeeper Amy Altig. Young called timeout to get her team

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back on track

Every game we have to work out a kink," Berger said. "There's always a lesson to be learned. Kellie gives us a chance to get a reality check."

JMU responded off the timeout, getting goals from freshman midfield-er Lauren Bradley and Haller to draw even at 4-4. The two teams ended the first half knotted-up at 6 apiece

"It was almost like a green light to go out and fight instead of just going out to play," Young said of her time-out speech. "All of a sudden they get fired up and they put it into action." The seesaw battle continued into

the second half with neither team

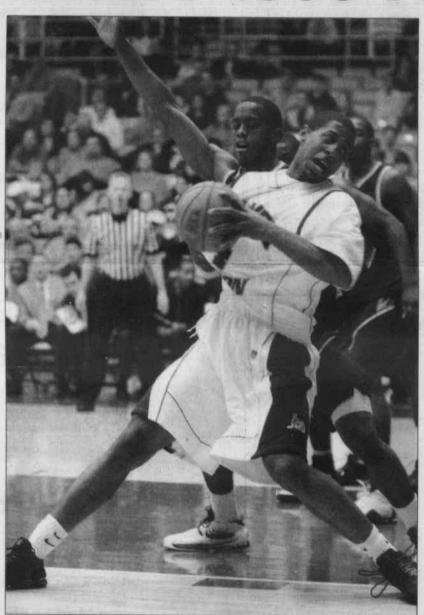
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JMU freshman midfielder Lauren Bradley scoops up the ball. Bradley scored one goal.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Dukes lose royally



JONATHAN TAYLOR/constri

JMU sophomore forward Eddle Greene-Long attempts to post up an Old Dominion defender in Saturday night's game. Greene-Long finished the night with 2 points in three minutes.

Monarchs sweep season-series

BY JAMES IRWIN sports editor

The Old Dominion University Monarchs came into the Convocation Center Saturday night and showed why they've been the team to beat in the Co-lonial Athletic Association all season.

ODU opened the game on a 28-3 run, led 41-22 at halftime and defeated the Dukes 82-60 in front of 3,572 fans on senior night.

They have all the components that make up a championship team," JMU coach Dean Keener said of ODU. "Depth, talent, inside-outside combination and confidence.

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The Monarchs (15-3, 25-5) show-Saturday ased a balanced scoring attack, finishing with four players in double figures. Forward Valdas Vasylius led ODU the way with 16, guard Isaiah Hunter had 15, center Alex Loughton and guard Drew

Williamson added 10 apiece.
"I'm very pleased with our team's performance,"
ODU coach Blaine Taylor said. "The start of the game was pretty impressive. I thought we shared the basketball and

played very unselfishly. We made good decisions."

Conversely to ODU's fast start, the Dukes (6-21, 315) shot 23 percent from the floor in the first half. In the game's first 8:31, sophomore forward Cavell Johnson was the only JMU player in the scoring column.

"We wanted to set the tone on defense." Hunter said. "We were pleased with the way we came out." Keener said, "They were able to jump on us early. I

mean, [the lead] was 22. It felt like 32 or 42. ODU's biggest first half lead was 25, which was at the end of its game-opening 28-3 run. Despite outscoring the Monarchs 19-13 the rest of the first half, the Dukes

would get no closer than their 19-point halftime deficit. "It was just Old Dominion being so efficient," Keener said. "They stepped up and made shots and they run their stuff so well."

The Monarchs made 16 of 29 first half shots, shoot-

ing 55.2 percent from the floor in the opening period.
"They just make you pay if you're a step slow or get
hung up on a screen." Keener said. "They're very good and they've got it all."

Hunter and Vasylius particularly made the Dukes pay, combining to shoot 11 of 18 from the floor and 5 of 10 from 3-point range

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JMU relegated to play-in game; ODU takes top seed

BY MATTHEW STOSS assistant sports editor

The two teams that departed the Convocation Center after Saturday night's men's basketball game are going in two very different directions.

JMU, which got ruled by the Monarchs of Old Dominion University 82-60 in Colonial Athletic Association action Saturday, is heading toward Rich-mond for the CAA tournament and a second consecutive year in a play-in game. This time around, the Dukes will be taking on the College of William & Mary (3-15 CAA, 7-20 overall).

Thus far, the Dukes have split their season series with the Tribe with each squad winning on its home court.

"The one good thing about postseason play is we're not leaving the season with this taste in our mouth," JMU coach Dean Keener said. "We've got a chance to redeem ourselves

We've got a team we played 10 days ago, and nothing but good things can happen if you go play well in your conference tournament. That's a nice thing besides that automatic bid that hangs out there for those 10 teams."

The Dukes finish their first regular season under

Keener at 6-21 overall and 3-15 in the CAA. Keener's maiden voyage on the Dukes' bench has been injuryplagued, with four players missing considerable time due to assorted ailments

The most noticeable has been the absence of senior guard Daniel Freeman, who has missed all but four games with a foot injury. Sophomore forward David Cooper and sophomore guard Ulrich Kossekpa have suffered knee problems, while freshman Joe Posey has yet to see the Convo floor due to a broken wrist.

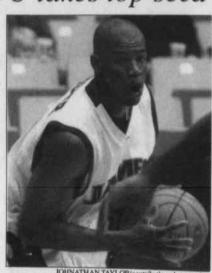
Sophomore forward Eddie Greene-Long has also been absent due to a team-enforced suspension and ophomore forward Chris Cathlin missed two games while mulling his basketball future.

"Even with all the losses, it has gone quickly," Keener said. "Overall, these guys have generally tried to do the right thing as far as learning how to compete, play hard and execute.

But one thing that has really hurt us is our ability to score. That is one area we really have to improve on in the future."

Conversely, Old Dominion, a team that has no trouble scoring, has a No. 1 seed waiting for them in

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JOHNATHAN TAYLOR/co JMU's David Cooper looks for a lane against ODU.

LOSS: Early run beats JMU

"My teammates did a good job of getting me open," Hunter said. "I didn't really have to come off the dribble a lot

today. I was just shooting."
The Dukes were led by Johnson, who shared game-high honors with 16 points. Sophomore guard Ray Barbosa had 12 — all in the second half and all on 3-point shots. JMU's shooting woes improved in the sec-ond half, as the Dukes connected on 14 of 27 from the floor.

"The only thing going through my head was we had to bounce back," Johnson said. "We dug ourselves a hole and we just thought we could bounce back out of it."

But ODU made sure that hole was too deep to climb out of. The Monarchs opened the second half on a 16-6 run, increasing their lead to 57-28 and sealing the deal with 16:20 left in the game.

"They played much better

and harder in the second half," Vasylius said. "But we had a big lead. We were up 20."

JMU is next in action Friday, when it opens the CAA tournament against the College of William & Mary at the Collseum in Richmond. Tip off is 5:30 p.m.

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WIN: Dukes open strong

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enjoying more than a one-goal cushion. After senior attacker Jessica Brownridge's second goal of the afternoon gave the Dukes a 10-9 lead with 7:35 left in the game, the Golden Bears tied it up on a goal by attacker Liz Reifsnyder.

Haller's loose-ball rebound ave JMU the lead back at 11-10. Cal had an opportunity to tie the game up again, but Sokolow's penalty shot against junior goalkeeper Livvy King hit the post. King had subbed-in for Altig and had not faced a shot all game

"I wasn't worried about Livvy having not received shots," Young said. "But I was very thankful it hit the pipe. It was almost like all the things that went against us early on came back in our favor in that moment."

CAA: Dukes, Monarchs take different paths to tournament

the capital city and to go with that top tourney seed, the Monarchs also have clinched the regular season CAA title. "We got the championship run fin-ished in outright fashion," ODU coach

Blaine Taylor said. "It's ours alone and we are the Colonial Athletic Association champions and it's an achievement.

"But now there's a bid up for grabs that everyone has an equal shot at, so we start over, but really, no one can take any of this away from us. There is just some future stuff to be earned by somebody."

The rest of CAA seeding shakes out with the University of Delaware tak-ing on Towson University in the other play-in game Friday night at 8 p.m. Saturday has Drexel University chal-lenging Hofstra University at 2 p.m. and No. 2 seed Virginia Commonwealth University against the winner of Towson/Delaware at 6 p.m.

The last game of the bill is No. University of North Carolina-Wilmington playing No. 6 George

Mason University at 8:30 p.m.
If the Dukes win, they will have to face Old Dominion for the second time in a week. That game is sched-

uled for a noon start. "I try not to let it take too much precedence over how I think about an oppo nent coming up," JMU sophomore for-ward Cavell Johnson said. "But it's definitely, as we have experienced throughout the season, a comeback game. If we get to that, when we get to that, we need

to have a stronger sense of urgency."

The CAA tournament kicks off 5:30 p.m. Friday night at the Coliseum in Richmond with the Dukes taking

on William & Mary.
"There are 10 teams showing up in Richmond," Taylor said. "And only one of them is going to leave happy.

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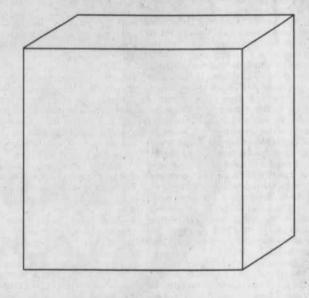
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VARIETY

Internships abroad offer more than experience

By ERIN LEE

Imagine strolling past Big Ben or the Eiffel Tower on the way to your job as an intern. These once-in-a-lifetime opportunities are offered by the JMU Office of International Programs — but you'll need to move quickly, applications are due by March 4.

"We have a wide variety of businesses and organizations in Western and Eastern Europe, and we hope they give a number of options to students no matter what their majors may be," said Judy Cohen, coordinator of the International Internship Program.

Fifty internship positions are available for the summer, fall and spring semesters in various areas such as business, government, public relations and the arts. A complete list can be found online at www.mu.edu/international/abroad/programs_internships.shtml. Internship locations include Italy, Germany, France, Spain England and the Czech Republic.

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After working for the Study Abroad program for 16 years,
Cohen has insight into what makes the perfect candidate. "We
look for people who are slightly adventurous and want to
have the experience of living and working in another culture
by doing internships abroad." she said.

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Senior Kim Broas will be doing an internship through the program in London, England this summer. She will be interning for 12 weeks with London TheatReview where she will help produce a magazine, as well as learn to judge various theater productions.

"I found many positions that were interesting to me and

"I found many positions that were interesting to me and I knew that I wanted to move to London for the summer," Broas said. "So I narrowed my decision down to one specific choice and the OIP helped put me in touch with the lady

offering the internship."

Students must fund their trips including travel, dining and housing expenses. "It's an investment students have to make, but we think it's a good investment or we wouldn't still be doing it," Cohen said. "They're able to spend time with a company who wouldn't otherwise be open." Senior Jennifer Lansing did an internship at a publishing company in London in spring, 2004. She discovered the program through the American Intercontinental University, which she attended for a semester in London. She admits that living abroad was expensive but well worth it. "It was a great experience because I basically got trained to do a job there, and at the end I just

I basically got trained to do a job there, and at the end I just knew what was expected of me," Lansing said.

Another benefit to working abroad is the option to travel relatively inexpensively to other countries on the weekends and breaks. "I really want to spend some time in Ireland, Scotland and Paris," Broas said. "It's always been a dream of mine to see the Eiffel Tower. Unfortunately, my job will be very time-consuming, but any chance I get, I'll be on the go."

Anyone can apply for the program, even students at other Virginia universities or those who will graduate before their summer internship. "We normally expect interns to have completed two years of college before they go off to intern, because it's a very independent endeavor." Cohen said.

Applications can be found on the Web site and include a written application, experience and language evaluation forms, and require two recommendation letters and a resume.

Reel | Reflections 'Wedding Date' amuses audiences

BY MEGHAN MARVILLE contributing writer

Weddings automatically equal stress — without the additional complications of ex-boyfriends and emotional baggage. Clare Kilner's "The Wedding Date" tells the ridiculous story of how the main character, Kat, handles the ordeal of her sister's wedding. Additionally, viewers watch Nick as he helps Kat overcome her ambiguous feelings about her ex of seven years and her pessimistic mindset on relationships.

Like all others before it, this chick flick follows the romantic comedy formula passed down through the ages. Boy and girl meet, they fall for each other in about an hour of reel time. Then, the twist in the plot temporarily turns the relationship sour. Will the lovers get together in the end? Of course they will. The romantic comedy formula has stood the test of time and in "The Wedding Date," it remains equally as strong.

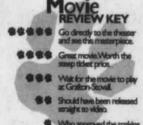
While this is not Debra Messing's ("Along Came Polly") first time on the big screen, it is her first leading role, and she makes a smooth transition from television. No stranger to comedy, Messing plays the smooth-talking Kat, a slightly distressed Virgin Atlantic customer service agent with a broken but mending heart. Messing's amusing antics get her in and out of trouble along the way.

An apparent favorite for

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hilarious wedding flicks, Dermot Mulroney ("My Best Friend's Wedding") commands the attention of the audience. Mulroney brings raw, sexy sensuality to the screen — emphasized by one delectable scene of his rock-hard midriff. "The Wedding Date" is adapted from "Asking For Trouble," a novel by Elizabeth Young. The framework Young provided, combined with the movie's witty banter, keeps audiences sufficiently amused.







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Bering Strait, a Grammy-nominated band from Russia, performed at Wilson Hall Saturday. The band includes (above left to right) Alexander Ostrovosky, Natasha Brozilova, Alexander Arzamastsev, Lydia Sainikova and Sergel Olkhovsky. Below, lead vocalist Borzilova strummed her acoustic guitar to add to the band's enticing instrumentals.

TOUCH OF FAME

By MAURA TRAIL contributing writer

"Td rather play," said Sasha Ostrovsky — who plays dobro, lap steel, steel guitar and sings backup vocals — when told to take the microphone during downtime at the Bering Strait concert. His playing spoke more about the band than any words could — their passions lie with their music. Bering Strait was formed from one teacher's top students at a classical music school in Russia — inspired by a bluegrass album and a banjo.

Bering Strait performed at Wilson Hall Saturday at 7:30 p.m. as part of JMU's Masterpiece Season. "[We brought Bering Strait here as] an attempt to bring something to the community through our encore series that the community wouldn't normally see," said Jerry Weaver, executive assistant to the dean of the College of Arts and Letters. Working with the Center for Multicultural International Student Services, they were able to make this goal a success — they attracted an audience of students, professors and members of the Harrisonburg community.

Together, the band brought a refreshing sound to the stage of Wilson Hall as they combined their talents to tell stories of life, love and heritage through their music. "I liked how they each had their time to take the spotlight and show off their talents," junior Kristin Davis said.

The band started out with bluegrass in 1988, and by 1992 had evolved into a country band. What

The band started out with bluegrass in 1988, and by 1992 had evolved into a country band. What appealed to the group most about these styles was the skill involved. "Country has good pickers — you have to have talent to play." said Lydia Salnikova, who plays keyboards and sings backup vocals. "Pickers" refers to the skill in playing guitar and

other string instruments. Next to skill, the storytelling quality of the songs was another appeal of country music. Through its music, Bering Strait tells the story of its journey as musicians.

Currently, Bering Strait plays through Universal South Recording Artists, but it has had struggles with the industry. "The industry [itself] has its ups and downs, and people you shouldn't get involved with," Ostrovsky said. "But the music is great. We play for the music."

Through beautifully harmonized vocals and enticing instrumentals, the group created a chicked with and the filled environment in Wilson.

Through beautifully harmonized vocals and enticing instrumentals, the group created a friendly and fun-filled environment in Wilson Saturday, inviting the audience to enjoy the show. The interludes of impromptu instrumentals and stories of its journey proved to be a graceful transition into the songs. Throughout the entire show, the members simply had fun on the state doing what they love they have they love they have they love they have they hav

stage doing what they love.

Bering Strait had something for everyone.
Ranging from old Russian drinking songs to the more modern, its selections included songs from new and old albums. Junior Laureen Klapka said she enjoyed the performance because "they had a lot of energy and they played new and old stuff." Its piece, "I Could Use a Hero," has been featured as the theme song on Animal Planet's "Animal Cops" and Bering Strait earned its first Grammy nomination, while songs such as "Safe in My Lover's Arms" and "Hurts Just a Little" will be featured on its upcoming album. Though a little stiff at first, the audience became more generous with their applause as the night progressed, and in the end gave the group a standing ovation.

Fashion takes a Spring Break — be prepared

Spring Break is less than a week away. I know that you're ready — but is your wardrobe?

Packing for any trip can be a hassle. Packing for warm weather, the polar opposite of what we are used to in Harrisonburg, is an even bigger obstacle. Check the temperature and forecast of the place you're going before you leave. I learned this lesson the hard way when I took spring clothes to cold and rainy England last year.

Necessities for tropical destinations popular with college students require the most preparation. First, you'll need a bathing suit for those lazy beach days. Separate bikinis or tank tops allow you to mix and match and to find the perfect style of top and bottom. Target has a great selection of affordable separates. Guys, try out some surfer shorts.

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Be sure to bring a colorful tote for towels, books and sunscreen. Tanks and halters in vivid colors like turquoise and coral look great with a tan and also are in style. Short to kneelength skirts and your favorite pair of blue jeans are fine choices for going out on the town. Pair your outfits with snazzy heels or more danceable shoes like embellished flats. Gold thong sandals will showcase your pedicured toes.

Guys, experiment with different shirt textures, like linen, for those warm, breezy nights.



Ladies, your makeup also should be modified since you will probably be a shade or two darker. Bronzer is a must. Try Scott Barnes's Body Bling, which was created for J.Lo, for some illumination. Make sure to apply makeup lightly because hot weather makes heavy makeup uncomfortable. Coral, gold and light pink are great warmweather colors for most skin tones.

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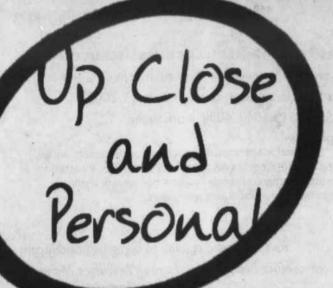
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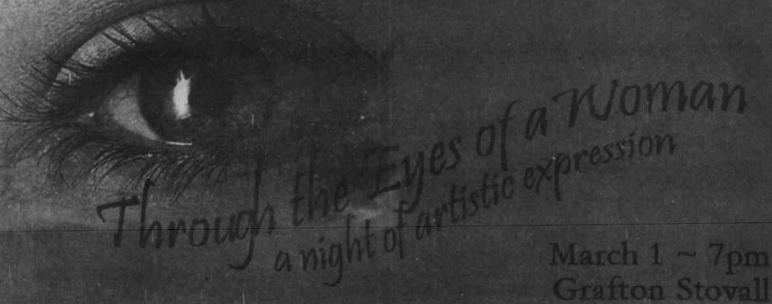
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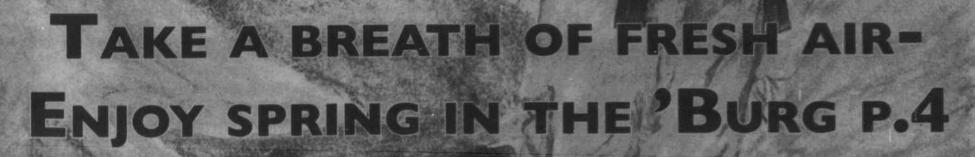
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Jackson waves to fans while leaving the Santa Barbara County Courthouse, Monday, Feb. 14 with attorney Brian Oxman.

Prosecuters go for Jackson's finances

By LINDA DEUTSCH Associated Press

Prosecutors in the child molestation trial of Michael Jackson want court permission to subpoena the star's financial records and present expert testimony about his wealth, according to documents released Friday, Feb. 18.

In their motion, prosecutors said they plan to show Jackson's actions toward his accuser and the boy's family were motivated by a desire to minimize the effects of a documentary titled "Living With Michael Jackson" and to "preserve both his fortune and his reputation."

They contend the entertainer held the family hostage at his Neverland ranch until they agreed to participate in a rebuttal video, making laudatory statements about Jackson.

This was the first time prosecutors have alleged a financial

motive by the entertainer.

Prosecutors also said they needed testimony of a financial expert, saying the jury cannot accurately judge Jackson's assessment of the documentary "without evidence of his financial circumstances."

The defense countered Jackson "is an international recording artist and a man who has varied and complex business relationships with numerous individuals and entities."

"The very nature of these types of business relationships is that the parties honor a commitment to their respective privacy," the defense said, arguing disclosure would hurt the star's ability to do business in the entertainment industry.

The 46-year-old pop star is charged with molesting a boy, plying him with alcohol and conspiring to hold his family captive.

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First-time Oscar host welcomes delay

NEW YORK (AP) - First-time Oscar host Chris Rock, a comedian known for his frequent use of expletives, says the five-second decency delay on the ABC show's Feb. 27 telecast will be a welcome "safety net."

"I've been on TV and been funny not cursing," Rock says in an interview on CBS' "60 Minutes" news magazine, to air Sunday night. "As far as content is concerned, I will talk about the movies. I'm not really worried about it. I'm sure ABC is more worried about it than me."

Gil Cates, the producer of the Oscar

show, has expressed confidence in Rock, who suggested in a recent *Entertainment Weekly* magazine interview that no straight black men watch the telecast.

"[A time delay is] a safety net. You know, you're a trapeze artist ... you welcome the net," Rock says.

Rock also says that when he arrives on Oscar night, he may be traveling "small," without an entourage. The 39-year-old actor-comedian says that "with a posse, you're not letting the real world in. And if you don't let the real world in, you're not going to be funny."

- Associated Press

Downtown Staunton atmosphere oozes with historic charm



CAROLYN WALSER/senior photographer

The main drag in downtown Staunton offers tourists and residents a plethora of entertainment options — from movies to shopping to eating out.

By JILL YAWORSKI contributing writer

What's there to do: There are plenty of options in downtown Staunton to choose from. Walk through the architecturally rich streets to the newly renovated historic Dixie Theater and watch a movie for just \$5. Or, eat lunch at The Pampered Palate and have homemade soups and sandwiches with fresh fruit on the side. One also can experience Shakespeare's plays at Blackfriar Playhouse, the first-ever re-creation of Shakespeare's original indoor theater. If it's nice outside, take a downtown trolley bus to the beautiful Gypsy Hill Park, play golf, baseball or volleyball and feed the ducks at the duck pond.

What to stuff in your bag: Downtown Staunton is a great place to drag all your buddies for the day. Explore the unique shops and restaurants Staunton has to offer together. For the hopeless romantic, the historic charm of Staunton is the perfect place for couples to relax and find exciting new things to experience together.

Who should fill up your car:

Although downtown is very compact and accessible, wear comfortable shoes for walking from place to place or through Gypsy Hill. In addition, bring some cash to try out one of the enticing restaurants, which are very noticeable

Why it's worth the gas: Since Staunton is only a short drive from JMU, a couple of hours should be sufficient to visit the shops or have lunch. Nevertheless, once you get there, you'll probably end up spending the whole day.

Roadmap for dummies: Take Interstate-81 South to Exit 222. Get off the exit and make a right turn onto Richmond Road. Follow Richmond Road into downtown Staunton.

Distance from the 'Burg: The whole drive only takes about a half an hour.

Taste of Thai offers unique flavor in 'Burg

BY ERIN LEE senior writer

Before eating Thai food in Harrisonburg, one might expect an experience similar to a characteristic Asian restaurant. Surpisingly, Taste of Thai is much different. The luxurious and unique décor instantly foreshadows the great cuisine to come.

The newly remodeled restaurant has an authentic Thai feel with its elaborate paintings and ethnic decorations. A bar serving beer and wine with a large flat-screened TV also gives it a modern look.

Taste of Thai's unique atmosphere comes from

an authentic source - its owners.

Ponsy Phonelata moved from Thailand on Nov. 4, 1999, to help her family get their new restaurant up and running. Her family came to Harrisonburg in 1983. They since have remodeled the original building, giving it a much larger dining area and kitchen.

As for the food, the menu is divided into sections including appetizers, entrees, vegetarian and dessert, with prices ranging from \$2.50 to \$15.95. Dishes are listed in Thai with an explanation under them - very easy to navigate for the novice Thai diner. Adjustments can be made to levels of spiciness to accommodate the diner's liking.

After studying the well-organized menu, I ordered sweet and sour fried tofu. My friend ordered Pad Khing, which is chicken with vegetables in a garlic sauce. Our dishes arrived within 15 minutes. We were pleased with our choices and agreed that our food was flavorful and unique.

Since opening the new and improved restaurant on Sept. 5, 2004, business has been steady and plentiful. "People always tell other people about it by mouth, and business gets bigger," Phonelata said.

Senior Erin Pettit recently visited the restaurant and had her first taste of Thai food. "The



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Above, JMU grad Vinny Mazzurco (left) and junior Tala Qashu (right) enjoy an authentic meal at Taste of Thai.

service and the atmosphere were both great," Pettit said. "The server was cheerful and knowledgeable of the menu." She recommends the restaurant for a date or just to enjoy good food with

Phonelata said, "Maybe some people have had Thai food before and they can come try it here, or if they haven't, they should try something new." She recommends getting a couple different dishes among your friends and sharing them.

Senior Austin Yursik has visited the restau-

rant numerous times. His favorite dish is the spicy Red Curry Chicken. "[Taste of Thai] is relatively out-of-the-way in a quiet location, and it's a different cultural experience," Yursik said.

"Everyone seems to like it when they go."
Taste of Thai is located at 917 S. High St. It is open Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Friday and Saturday until 10:30 p.m. and Sundays until 9 p.m.





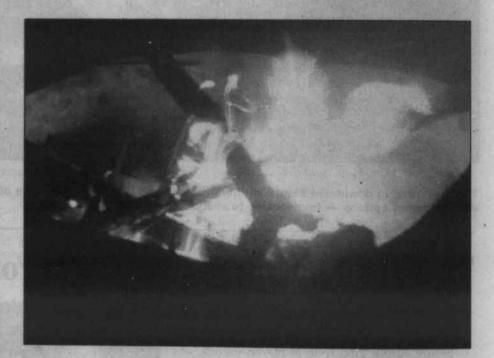
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(Left) The Shenandoah Valley offers many opportunities for nature lovers to hit the trails and enjoy the outdoors. (Top) Campfires are one of the many aspects that make camping exciting. (Bottom) Village Store Canoeing rents canoes for trips on the Shenandoah River.



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BY CLAY GAYNO pributing writer

ter warms up and spring fever sets in, don't let the lengthening as out of the JMU bubble and see what the Shenandoah Valley

something different to do every day if you want to take advantage Bobbitt, the coordinator of adventure programs at UREC. "How her places can you climb, cave, paddle, bike and ski all within 20 minutes of

As Bobbitt said, the area is teeming with outdoor activities, so here are a few deas to get a body moving.

For hiking, "Shenandoah National Park is a good place to start and its trails are well marked," Bobbitt said. "If you like waterfalls, it's a great place." He also noted that good hikes in the area are so plentiful there are "too many to list, with mountains on both sides!"

About an hour and a half northwest of the Burg, also in Shenandoah

National Park, lies Old Rag Mountain — a prime hiking and camping spot.

Senior Paul Wantuck recently completed the hike and recommends it to anyone in pretty good shape. "It was challenging; at the top you have to climb a lot," he said. "The view was awesome; you can see forever, but it was really windy."

Wantuck explained that there are two routes up the mountain, one shorter

and harder, the other longer and less challenging, with both ending up at the summit. He also mentioned that camping is allowed only along the trail until

reaching 2,500 feet in elevation.

Senior Jamie Ferrer recommends hiking and camping in the Ramsey's Draft Wilderness, near Staunton in the George Washington National Forest.

Sleep Under the Stars

o a representative from the Forest Service's Dry River Ranger District, whose offices are located here in Harrisonburg, tent camping is permitted anywhere in the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests as long as it is not marked as prohibited by signs. Campers should set up at least 100 to 150 feet away from roads, streams, trails and lakes. The Forest Service also maintains several developed campgrounds in areas located near Harrisonburg.

For a nearby day hike, Eric Deschamps, UREC's adventure program graduate assistant, said to check out the hike to Hidden Rocks, a climbing area near Hone

Quarry Recreation Area.

If floating or paddling sounds better than hoofing it around in the woods, look into a canoe or tubing trip down the Shenandoah River at Village Store Canoeing, located in the town of Port Republic.

"We shuttle you up river and you get back out at the store," store employee Sarah Hess said. She added that Village Store Canoeing offers two trip options, one that lasts three hours and another spanning five to six. "We have a campground about halfway down where people can picnic if they wish."

Hess said that it's best to make a reservation by calling 249-30%, especially on the nds when traffic picks up. The store provides everything boaters need, including a ddles and life jackets. Two people can share a canoe for \$30, with the option of third person in the middle for an additional eight bucks.

"We also have tubing, which is about a three-hour trip," Hess said, adding

Interested in visiting some of these places, but don't have the gear to make it n? Deschamps said UREC can provide all the equipment needed for a hiking or ng trip, including backpacks, tents, stoves, sleeping bags and sleeping pads, among applies. All that's required is a \$25 FLEX deposit which is returned, as long as the brought back in good condition.

UREC also leads trips of all kinds to various places. "This semester we have tafting, canoeing, kayaking, skiing, hiking, backpacking and caving, along wother specialty programs," Bobbitt said.

So get out there and put these ideas to work. And remember, the longer the more can be packed into it.

Contact Info:

- Village Store Canoeing 249-3096
- UREC Adventure Program Registration: 568-8734
- UREC Equipment Center: 568-8722
- Shenandoah National Park: 999-3500
- · George Washington and Jefferson National Forests: 265-5100
- Hone Quarry Recreation Area 828-2591



Celebrity gossip: Who's suing, who's making movies

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Ashley Olsen is suing the National Enquirer for \$40 million in damages over a story alleging that she was involved in a drug scandal.

The lawsuit filed in Superior Court Monday, Feb. 14 alleges libel and false light invasion of privacy by the tabloid. The publication and its parent companies, American Media Inc. and National Enquirer Inc., were named as defendants.

The lawsuit said while a story in the National Enquirer's Feb. 21 issue doesn't refer to her using or selling drugs, it implied that Olsen was doing so with a misleading headline and cover picture depicting the actress with her eyes half-shut.

"Freedom of the press is a valuable right, but it is not a license for gossipy tabloids to tar and feather innocent celebrities and destroy their reputations and businesses for the rags' profits," the lawsuit said.

A message left by The Associated Press Wednesday, Feb. 16 with the National Enquirer in Boca Raton, Fla., wasn't immediately returned.

"Access Hollywood" said a spokesperson for American Media, in a statement to the syndicated entertainment TV show, said: "We stand by the accuracy of the published information and intend to vigorously defend the lawsuit."

In addition to \$40 million in compensatory damages, the lawsuit seeks unspecified exemplary and punitive damages.

Olsen, 18, most recently starred alongside twin sister,





Markus Schreiber/AP

George Michael signs autographs after a news conference about his movie "George Michael: A Different Story" Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2005.

Mary-Kate, in the 2004 comedy "New York Minute."

BERLIN (AP) — George Michael says he's closing a chapter in his two-decade pop music career with his new autobiographical film, "George Michael: A Different Story."

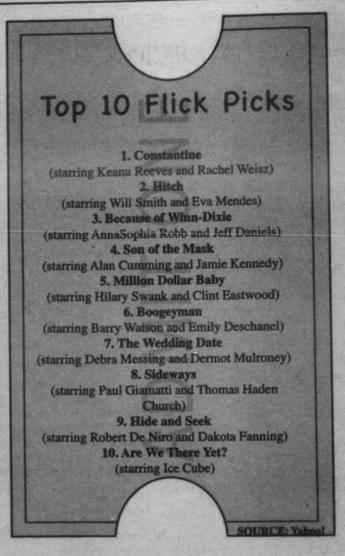
The reason?

"I think my own genre is dead," Michael said Wednesday, Feb. 16 as he presented the movie at the Berlin International Film Festival. "I don't really think that there is anyone in the modern pop business who I feel I want to spar with."

Michael, 41, said he wants to "try to move my career into a different form — I don't know what that's going to be yet."

In the new film, directed by Southan Morris, Michael takes viewers through the highs and lows of his career, from his rise to fame as half of 1980s British pop duo Wham! to his 1998 arrest for lewd conduct at a public restroom in Beverly Hills, Calif.— an episode that forced his homosexuality into the public domain.

"Having been so private and not explained myself for the last 15 years or so, I thought that my fans



deserved to know what those songs were about," Michael told reporters. "It's almost as much for me as for them, in terms of trying to make sense of the last 22 years and bringing it to a close in a proper way."

"I'm much less worried about being intensely private," he added. "I'm sure a lot of that is to do with being outed — it changes everything."

Michael acknowledged embarrassment of a different kind over the early days of his career.

"I was the perpetrator of many fashion crimes in the '80s," he said.

The singer's last album, "Patience," topped the British charts last year. "I'm still going to be making music," he said.

Michael's film is showing outside the main competition at the Berlin festival, which ended Sunday.

Zeta-Jones named Hasty Pudding Theatrical's Woman of the Year

By Nancy Rabinowitz
Associated Press

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) - Catherine Zeta-Jones sang a tune Thursday, Feb. 17 from the musical "Chicago" — with lyrics just for her — in earning her pudding pot and being crowned Hasty Pudding Theatrical's Woman of the Year.

"Give me four more Oscars or I'll make The Haunting 2' When you're good to Catherine, Catherine's good to you," she sang with a smile, referring to the 1999 film.

Zeta-Jones, who won an Oscar for her part in the film version of "Chicago," also tap danced in high heels before being presented with the brass pudding pot — an honor that she joked ranked with "the 10 hours I labored to give birth to my children."

"All the brilliance that congregates here at gorgeous Harvard ... It's nice to know that there's not one ounce of class," Zeta-Jones said.

Husband Michael Douglas arrived before the ceremony and watched the tomfoolery from the audience. He was crowned the Hasty Pudding Man of the Year in 1992.

The awards are given to performers who have made a "lasting and impressive contribution to the world of entertainment," by Hasty Pudding Theatricals, the nation's oldest undergraduate drama troupe.

Earlier, Zeta-Jones appeared on the steps

of the Hasty Pudding Theater surrounded by cast members in drag. A traditional parade was canceled because of rain.

Zeta-Jones earned a best supporting actress Oscar for her role in "Chicago" and has starred in such films as "The Terminal," "America's Sweethearts" and "Intolerable Cruelty."

Actor Tim Robbins was crowned Hasty Pudding Man of the Year on Feb. 17. Last year's recipients were Sandra Bullock and Robert Downey Jr.



- CINEMA -

"Be Cool," starring John Travolta and Uma Thurman, opens March 4. Comedy/Crime/ Gangster.

"The Jacket," starring Adrien Brody and Keira Knightley, opens March 4. Drama, Romance, Thriller and Crime/Gangster. "Robots," with voices of Ewan McGregor and Halle Berry, opens March 11. Comedy, Science Fiction/Fantasy and Animation. "Hostage," starring Bruce Willis, opens March 11. Thriller.

"The Upside of Anger," starring Joan Allen and Kevin Costner, opens March 11. Drama. "Ice Princess," starring Michelle Trachtenberg and Kim Catrall, opens March 18. Comedy and Romance.

"The Ring Two," starring Naomi Watts, opens March 18. Suspense, Horror and Thriller.

"Miss Congeniality 2," starring Sandra Bullock, opens March 25. Comedy. "Guess Who?," starring Bernie Mac and Ashton Kutcher. Comedy.

"Beauty Shop," starring Queen Latifah, opens March 30. Comedy.

"The Weather Man," starring Nicolas Cage and Michael Caine, opens April 1. Comedy and Drama.

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.

- PLAYHOUSE -

"A King and No King" will be performed at Blackfriars Playhouse in Staunton March 4 at 7:30 p.m. The play is similar to that of Shakespeare's "The Winter's Tale." Because this is the first showing of this play, there is no set charge. Pay what you will. "Beauty and the Beast" will be performed

"Beauty and the Beast" will be performed March 4-5 at 7:30 p.m. at Broadway High School. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$8 at the door and \$5 for the encore showing on March 6 only. Call 433-3626 for more information.

Second City will perform at Court Square Theater March 4 at 7 and 10 p.m. The granddaddy of improvisational comedy returns to CST to celebrate its 45th anniversary with new cast members and the best comedy skits of the past 45 years.

"You Can't Take It With You" will be performed March 10 to 11 at 7 p.m. at Eastern Mennonite High School by the senior class. Tickets are available at the door. They are \$5 for adults and \$4 for students and senior citizens. Call 432-4500 for more information.

"Ordinary People," a sensitive and moving novel by Judith Guest, will be dramatized by Nancy Pahl Gilsenan March 17 to 19 at 8 p.m. and March 20 at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$5 for children, students and senior citizens. Call 828-2000 for reservations.

Dan Kamin will perform at Court Square
Theater March 19 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$18
for adults, \$15 for senior citizens and \$12
for students. Add \$2 to each ticket price at
the door. Dan Kamin, creator of the physical
comedy sequences for "Benny & Joon" and
"Chaplin," mixes eye-popping movement-illusions and mind-boggling slight of hand.

- TUNES -

David Pope Quartet will play at Dave's Downtown Taverna March 2. There is no cover charge for this event.

The Mixx will play at The Pub March 4. There is no cover charge for this event.

Mia Jones & No Luv featuring Deuce's Wild will play at The Pub March 5. There is no cover charge for this event.

Stable Roots Reggae will play at The Pub March 6. There is no cover charge for this event.

Greaseman and Billy C. Wirtz featuring Goldsmyth will play at The Pub March 19. There is no cover charge for this event. Phoebe, a solo blues and folk artist, will play at Cups To Go, located at 1350 Peach Grove March 26.

The Pheasants, an acoustic jam band, will play at Cups To Go March 26.

Valley Bluegrass Heated Indoor Festival, featuring Larry Stephenson Band, Bluegrass Brothers, Carolina Road and Phoenix, will be at the Rockingham County Fairgrounds' Exhibit Hall March 26 at 1-9 p.m. Doors open at 12 p.m. to set up chairs. Food and beverages will be available. Tickets are \$20-30 at the gate and are available at Plan 9 and www.valleybluegrass.com. Call 298-9516 for more information.

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

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

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

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

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

Latino Night will be every Saturday in March 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 March at Artful Dodger. Bring your own vinyl. International Night will be every Sunday in March at La Hacienda. Music from around the world in such styles as hip-hop, techno, salsa and reggae will be played.

- BOOGIE

Harrisonburg High School will host, a dance lesson March 5 in their Auxiliary Gym from 8 to 10 p.m. A free lesson is available at 7:15 p.m. Tickets for general dancing are \$10 per person, \$7 for USABDA members and seniors, \$5 for students with an ID. Dress is casual otherwise stated. Visit www. dancingwithkaren.com for more information. Taylor 2 Dancers will host a modern dance workshop for advanced dancers April 4 at 5 p.m. in Godwin Hall. Call 434-9189 for more information and eligibility, as space is limited.

- CRAFT -

Paul M. Kline, professor of art emeritus, will present a retrospective look at his work at the Cleo Driver Miller Art Gallery of Bridgewater College March 4-April 6 from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. This event is free and open to the public.

Rockingham County Fairgrounds will be hosting its annual Spring Arts and Crafts Show and Sale March 12. Call 879-9417 for more information.

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

· ETC. -

Lamar Neal, associate professor of political science and history emeritus, will discuss President Bush's second-term agenda in the Carter Center of Bridgewater College Mar. 15 at 9:30 a.m. This event is free and open to the public.

Old Massanutten Bed & Breakfast will be having a St. Patrick's Day celebration March 19 at 7:30 p.m. The celebration will feature celtic musician and storyteller Eve Watters of Charlottesville. The cost is \$10 general admission and \$9 for members of the Shenandoah Valley Folk Arts Society. Call 434-7365 for more information.

CrossRoads, a valley Brethren-Mennonite Heritage Center, will be having a sunrise service March 27 at 6 a.m. on the hill behind the Burkholder-Myers house at 711 Garbers Church Road. The celebration of Christ's ressurection will overlook the Massanutten Range and Blue Ridge Mountains.

Gold Crown Billiards, located at 92 Chesnut Ridge Dr., will host a 9-ball tournament every Monday in March at 7 p.m. People in the tournament play free from 6 to 7 p.m. Likewise, there will be a tournament every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. and people in the tournament may play free from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Call 434-9888 for more information.



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