

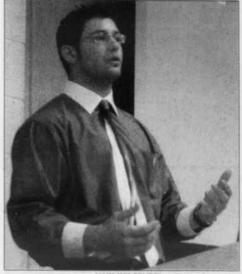
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Nick Manzione of the Office of Judical Affairs warns students of the trouble online photos can cause

SGA starts new year

Speaker warns against posting photos online

BY ASHLEY MCCLELLAND

Before Winter Break, the SGA Executive Council vetoed a resolution with a 0-3-1 vote stating support of an appointed Board of Visitors representative.

The resolution, written by CAL Senator Geary Cox, sugressed appointment to raise ested appointment to raise.

gested appointment to raise awareness among students about the BOV representa-tive's position. According to Student Body President Wesli Spencer, the resolution was not passed because the mem-bers of the Executive Council did not feel the Senate did enough regarding the position. He said they would be more likely to support a bill that was reworded and more thoroughly researched. The Senate had the oppor-

tunity to overturn the veto, but did not succeed in getting the two-thirds majority vote. Cox said although he sponsored the bill, he is glad it did not pass. According to Stephanie Genco, JMU's BOV student

representative, she presented the resolution to the members of the board at the last BOV meeting on Jan. 6. They said that the current election meth-

that the current election method for the student representative should be kept in place.
SGA Sponsor Dave Barnes
also spoke on behalf of Mark
Warner, senior vice president
of student affairs, stating he
was interested in looking into
the process of filling the position and would like to see
more students educated about

the position. Barnes also said he felt the BOV would not revise the process of selection, whether the resolution was

passed or not. The SGA also heard from guest speaker Nick Manzione from Judicial Affairs.
Manzione shared concern
with the SGA over the use
of Webshots and Facebook to share pictures of students par-ticipating in illegal activities. "[Students'] pictures online can be used against them," Manzione said. When students display pictures on the World Wide Web, they become public domain and can be presented as evidence — along with other evidence — to judicial, which can result in a variety of penalties for the students, Manzione said, Manzione also said students should be careful about what the what they post online

BOVlooks at '06 budget

Board approves funds for future campus projects

BY ALLISON GOSSAT

On Jan. 6, the Board of Visitors met to discuss the future Visitors met to discuss the future of JMU and its students. The board, which meets four times a year, makes important decisions involved in governing the university, and the most recent meeting was no different.

The budget amendments approved by the board were especially important to future projects. Due to the growing number of students on the east side of campus a large dining

number of students on the east side of campus a large dining facility similar to D-hall is in the works. A CISAT library was also approved by the board. JMU spokesman Andy Perrine said both projects are necessary in order to meet the needs of the

order to meet the needs of the growing number of students on that part of campus.

"With the growing number of students on the east side of campus, it becomes necessary to accommodate them," Perrine said. "Festival was only meant to be a cash operation and students. be a cash operation and students need a full-service dining hall similar to D-hall."

similar to D-hall."

Construction on Miller Hall is steadily progressing as well, and when the construction finishes, the psychology department is expected to relocate.

While the BOV has approved the budget amendments necessary to fund these projects, they must first be approved by legislators in Richmond this spring before work can begin.

before work can begin.

In addition to the number of amendments to the budget discussed and approved, sev-eral presentations were given to educate the board. JMU president Linwood Rose point-ed out that JMU ranked first ed out that JMU ranked first in the nation for money raised by a college during Relay for Life, and Fred Hilton, director of the Centennial Office, explained the planning of the celebration scheduled to take place in 2008.

The tuition price of sum.

The tuition price of summer sessions also increased. In addition, junior Stephanie Genco, who currently holds the non-SGA student position on the board, gave a presentation about two programs she has organized.

Genco's first program, "Darts & Pats on the Commons" which took place in October, gave students the opportunity to com-ment on what they liked and disliked about the university. Based on the feedback she received, Genco presented her plan for a program called "Myth Busters The program will attempt answer students' questions like why books are so expensive and what happens to the money from parking tickets. "I think that the Myth Busters

program is a great way to edu-cate students on how the univer-

sity functions," Genco said.

Another topic of discussion at the meeting was JMU's Carnegie distinction. The Carnegie distinction is given Carnegie distinction is given to those schools that are well-rounded and unique. Carnegie schools also epitomize what is means to be a higher-education facility. Perrine explained what is unique about JMU.

"JMU did research to see how many other schools closely resemble JMU. Miami University of Ohio was found to be the only university with simi-

be the only university with simi-lar characteristics," explained Perrine. "This is because of the Perrine. This is because of the high graduation rate for our undergrad population [80 per-cent] and other factors, which says something about the high quality of education here at James Madison."

Students provide health care

Group travels to Central America to help ill citizens

A group of pre-health students who recently returned from a trip to Costa Rica and Nicaragua gained both medical experience and an under-standing of a new culture as they provided much needed health care to

provided much needed health care to people in Central America. The 24 pre-health students spent 12 days split between Costa Rica and Nicaragua where they diagnosed, reated and prescribed medicine. The patients they saw are unable to afford medical care. In Nicaragua, 94 percent of the population lives off less than \$2 a day.

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The level of poverty was quickly evident to the students. "As soon as we crossed the border to Nicaragua, we were surrounded by children, begging us for money," said senior Nicole Grocky.

At each location, the students worked at both professional medical clinics and clinics run out of area homes or churches where patients lined up to see doctors.

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Conditions were especially poor in Nicaragua where doctors, who are employed by the government, have been on strike for more than two months

hoping for pay raises.

The students saw, and treated patients for the first time, with a variety of ailments including cavities, scabies, fungal infections and parasites — all of which could be prevented by good hygiene practices. Senior Natalie Lee said so many

children had parasite infections that the doctor the students worked with called the prescription, consisting of anti-para-site medication and vitamins, dubbed a

But the help the students could provide was limited. One 6-year-old female patient was seen for a stomach ailment.



to courtesy of GENE WONG

more Tara McCluskey checks a patient's blood pressure as part of the charitable, eduational trip.

Unable to speak, her mother explained this was caused by an accident at the age of four that left her with nerve damage. Her family was unable to pay for any type of surgery or

"It was upsetting when patients had very serious problems that required special treatments and surgeries that we could not provide," Nicole Grocky said. Jurnior Kelli Savia said she never would have gained this experience in the United States.

United States.
"It would take graduating undergrad, graduating from medical or dental school, and it wouldn't be until residency that we

would be able to do something like this,"

students gained, they were also presented with the opportunity to learn more about the region's culture.

Junior Ashley Smith said the people she and the other students met lived in small shantytowns, had homes with dirt floors

and no running water or sewage systems.
"Surprisingly, these people were so grateful for their lives and for us being there. It was really a wake-up call to how selfish we can be here in America," she said. This relief effort was started after senior co-

leader Gene Wong went on a similar trip last year with Internal Service Learning, a group that organizes medical-related service trips. He said his two trips were complete-ly different. He visited different locations,

worked with different doctors and this time, he was traveling with JMU students. Originally he and his co-leader, alumna Emily Dunston, had planned to only have 11

to 12 students to travel with them. That num-ber grew and exceeded their expectations. "I am so proud of each and every one

of my fellow peers that devoted their break time and energy to serve the local residents,"

Week's events to honor, remember King

Theme to be "Empowering the Vision: Discovering the Content of Your Character"

BY RACHANA DIXIT

This year the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Week aims to commemorate King's life and legacy through a myriad of events under the theme "Empowering the Vision: Discovering the Content of Your Character," Content of Your Character

The theme was generated after committee interest meetings began in the fall. Dusty Huebner, Center for Multicultural Student Services graduate assistant, said, "We started with words that Dr. King embodied." The character-

istics then were applied to stu-dents and the community.

The week, scheduled for today through Jan. 21, features a series of new events along with many

events held from year to year.

New events include the Warm Clothes Drive from Jan. 9 to Jan. 21, and a performance by the Harlem Gospel Choir in Wilson Hall on Jan. 13. Huebner said the choir was formed because of an MLK celebration, and they share ngs of inspiration and hope.
The Warm Clothes Drive is one

of two service events also being held during the week. Huebner said Gamma Sigma Sigma, a potential new sorority on campus, wanted to get the clothes drive started this year to add to the regular Habitat for Humanity event. "It worked out really well," Huebner said. Drop-off sites for clothes include residence halls, Warren room 245 and on the

halls, Warren room 245 and on the commons on Jan. 18.

Other events being held this year that have been held in the past include Unity Day on Jan. 18, the MLK March and Speak Out on Jan. 12 and Poetry Night in TDU on Jan. 19. Poetry Night, which is sponsored by the University Program Board, will allow students to discuss

many subjects through poetry or through music. Senior Anna

Fitzgibbon UPB's director of variety enter-tainment, said, "It's just really a chance for students to share." She added that the poetry or songs can focus on anyone's struggle and that it doesn't have to deal and that it doesn't have to deal with Martin Luther King Jr. "It's about anyone who's overcome something," she said. Fitzgibbon hopes to do other events for MLK week and with

CMSS in the future. "Everything associated with MLK last year

was very powerful," she added. Events recognizing King's efforts have been held at JMU since 1998. Students held a protest on the day of President Linwood Rose's inauguration because, at that time, the school was in session on MLK day. The following year, after Rose became presi-dent, the holiday was granted.



Martin Luther King Jr. Week kicks off today and goes until Jan. 21.

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Several JMU students were charged with possession of marijuana at Rockingham Hall Jan. 9 at 7:43 p.m.

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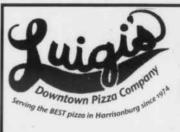
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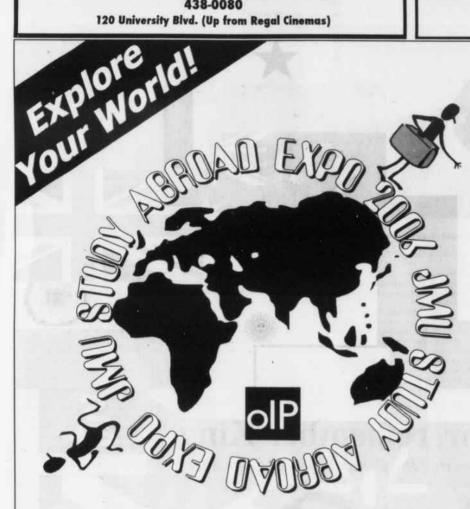


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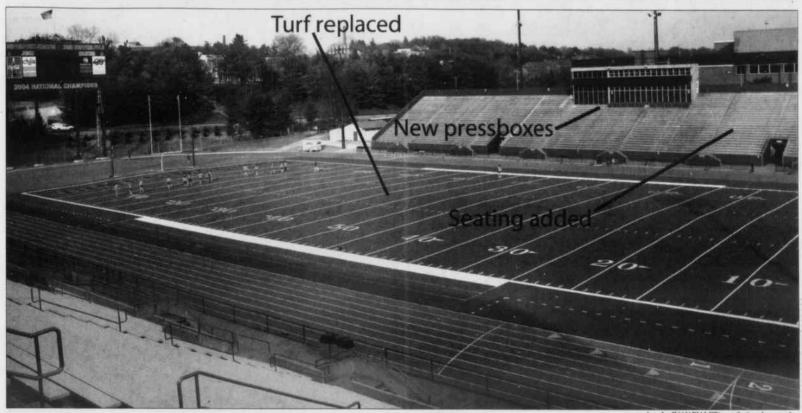


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If the plan is approved and funding is received, the stadium would not undergo renovations before July 1, 2006, and it would take at least a year to complete. There are no finalized plans, but a \$10 million project to expand the stadium was recently approved in the governor's 2006-'08 budget.

Bridgeforth gets ready for an upgrade

Potential upgrades may include a new press box, turf, luxury suites

BY WHITNEY PROFFITT

Plans to upgrade Bridgeforth Stadium have been made and currently awaits approv-al of the Va. General Assembly before official

al of the Va. General Assembly before official plans can be determined.

Charles King, vice president of administration and finance, said as of now there are no finalized or official plans for the stadium. However, a \$10 million project to expand the stadium was recently approved in the Governor's 2006-'08 budget.

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If passed, the project would include many changes, such as replacing the turf on the field,

improving the press box facilities, adding luxury suites, improving restroom and concession facilities and expanding seating.

While no definite decision has been made on how many seats would be added, there has

been discussion to increase the capacity of the

stadium from 12,000 to 20,000.

Phase One of the project would replace the stadium's aging Astroturf with Sports Grass, a surface made to look like and mimic real grass. In addition to looking better, the turf may be safer. "The injury rate on that surface is much lower than what we currently have," said Ath-

letic Director Jeff Bourne.

In addition to the new turf, the press box

will be improved and luxury suites would be added. Seating would be the final part of the expansion. For several years, temporary bleachers have been added in the end zone.

"This project will enable us to eliminate these temporary bleachers and add a significant number of additional seats," King said.

In addition, Bourne added, "Additional seating would help generate more revenue and help fill the large demand."

The project now needs the approval of the

The project now needs the approval of the Va. General Assembly. After gaining approval, an architect would be brought in to review and

sist with expansion options. "This could not occur before July 1, 2006,

and it would take a minimum of 12 months to

and it would take a minimum of 12 months to complete this process," King said.

Any expansion projects done on the sta-dium would also have to be approved by the school's Board of Visitors. A financial analysis would need to be done in order to determine exactly how much the upgrades would cost.

Ticket sales revenue, student fees, private funds and athletic reserve funds would be used to fund the project.

"I'm extremely excited about the prospect," Bourne said. "We've worked hard to

get to the point where we are, and as an ad-ministration, we look forward to taking it to the next level."



AARON STEWART/staff p

Tunnel to be built under S. Main St.

BY RACHANA DIXIT

Due to a potential increase in the amount of pedestrian traffic caused by the future Perform-ing Arts Center, the university ing Ars Certic, the diversity is seeking funding for a tunnel to be built under South Main Street connecting the Quad with the new center.

Proposals for the tunnel project began in 2002. Charles Kine vice president of Admin-

King, vice president of Administration and Finance, said, "The tunnel is necessary to provide a safe passageway from the main ous to the new Performing Arts facilities

King said the construction of the tunnel will be completed in two phases. The first phase, which

is anticipated to begin in the sum-mer of 2007, will relocate the utili-

ties from South Main Street. He said this phase will hopefully be completed by August 2007. Phase Two is expected to take place the summer of 2008, which will include the installation of the tunnel itself. The project is set to be finished before the opening of the Performing Arts Center, scheduled for 2009.

JMU spokesman Andy Perrine said the proposed tunnel would start toward the center of the Quad and end in a plaza between the two buildings of the new Performing Arts Center. "The idea is ads directly to the parking deck," Perrine said.

The tunnel project itself costs roughly \$3.75 million. JMU is

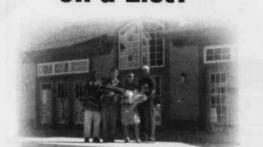
responsible for supplying about \$1.88 million of the total project cost, while matching funds will be provided by the state. Uni-versity officials will be lobbying the Va. General Assembly and Governor-elect Tim Kaine in the part future since the legislative near future, since the legislative session begins this month.

Some preliminary investi-gation has been completed to determine what steps are necessary to install the tunnel across South Main Street. King said, A geotechnical study has been completed, which provides the university with information on

the substructure of the street."

He added, "We also have determined that there are several utilities located in the street which will have to be relocated."

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OrangeBand starts Anti-Apathy Campaign

OrangeBand is encouraging students to get in-volved with issues important to them with the up-coming Anti-Apathy Campaign, scheduled to run from March 15 through 31.

On Jan. 28, OrangeBand will host the Anti-Apa-

On Jan. 28, OrangeBand will host the Anti-Apathy Campaign Planning Workshop at TDU from 15 to 7 p.m. All are welcome to participate in the open space discussion and to help shape the Anti-Apathy Campaign in their own way.

The OrangeBand Initiative is JMU's non-profit, non-partisan student organization dedicated to providing a forum for people to openly express their ideas and see what others have to say. The organization's coals are to proposed will discourse; rivis engagement goals are to promote civil discourse, civic engagement and social capital, according to its mission statement. "Social capital [describes] how connected we are," said Kai Degner ("03), faculty member and founder of

OrangeBand, who believes that ideas spread when

people are comfortable discussing them.

OrangeBand president jumior Tyler Burton said
OrangeBand's events and open-space forums allow
anyone to engage in "open, friendly, relevant conversation" on any topic they choose.

"People really care, but don't talk about it."

Degner said OrangeBand wants to put events together to combat apathy, which is the opposite of civic

Burton and Degner said the JMU community has shown interest in the discussion of ideas gauged by the popularity of public display of orange bands. The orange strips of cloth made available at OrangeBand events are not given out, but rather made available for the taking by anyone who has an issue he or she would like to discuss.
"We want to be a national example of what a stu-

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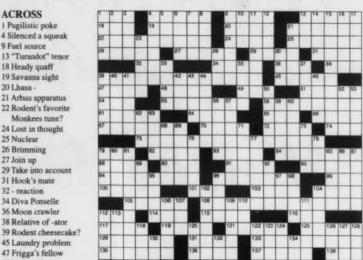
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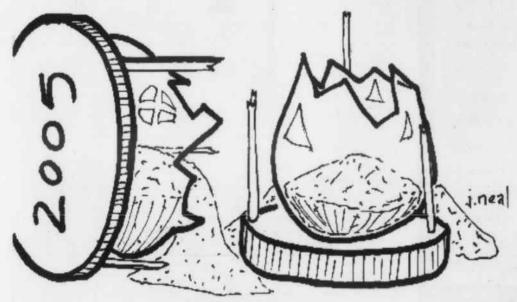
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HOUSE EDITORIAL

Vacation falls short of student needs

Winter Break



With our first week of classes well underway, we have officially bid farewell to our friend, the ever-popular Winter Break. Winter Break used to be known as "Christmas break," but recently changed its name in light of public pressure. Never one to go halfway, however, Winter Break accompanied the new name with a weight-loss program that ultimately took a quarter off the break.

As a result, our beloved Winter Break went from four glorious weeks to a paltry three. In the grand scheme of Winter Breaks, we fall a little short in comparison, as most schools in the East are endowed with the traditional four weeks off, while some grant as many as six.

We also are one of the few schools to return to class before Martin Luther King Day, requiring all students and staff to report for a mere week before granting more time off. Most other universities have figured out that, rather than flanking the first week of class with vacation time, beginning the spring semester on Tuesday makes much more sense.

This puts our students at a great disadvantage, for the break is an integral part of the academic year. It provides many of us to go back to work, recouping the hole in our bank accounts and enabling us to pull through to the summer. Attempting to make the same amount of money in three weeks that one previously made in four can throw off students already precarious finances. A four-week break also enables us to see family and friends, both near and far, whom we

have neglected while lost in the bright lights and big city that is Harrisonburg.

But Winter Break is our friend primarily because it allows us to recover, for by the end of finals week, the student body is more burnt out than the members of Kiss. Three weeks is hardly enough time to recuperate; with only three weeks, there likely are members of the student body who still are hung over from last semester. Three weeks of Winter Break is a sneer to the student body who desperately needed some real time off. The university cannot expect to put our noses back to the grindstone when they re still worn down from last time. JMU would be wise to keep this petite Winter Break as short-lived a concept as

BETWEEN THE LINES

W.Va. tragedy should be remembered in New Year

BY PATRICK CALLAHAN

As people across the nation watched the big ball drop, I would say that very few of them, young people especially, even considered making a New Year's resolution that would benefit the less fortunate. No, most of us probably stuck to the same old "stop smoking" or "lose weight" resolutions. But I would bet that 13 miners from West Virginia — 12 of whom have since lost their lives — had hopes and dreams for things more admirable than we can imagine.

But now those men are gone forever. They leave behind widows, sons, daughters and hopes of retiring peacefully — but why? Why did they have to work their entire lives toiling miles below the earth?

The answer is quite simple — in an area with few employment opportunities, they left themselves at the mercy of mine officials and company owners in order to provide a better life for their families. They went down the mine shafts each day knowing it might be their last. But they continued to do so, not because they enjoyed it, not because they felt any significant attachment to the coal that covered their clothes and filled their lungs — but because they loved their families and cared more about their future than their own.

The people who stood to profit from these miners' sacrifices couldn't have cared less what physical or emotional consequences these men suffered. They didn't care that the miners' children hardly saw them or that their wives kissed them every morning before work praying silently to God that they would return to them in one piece. These thoughts don't cross the minds of big mine executives who sit in offices far away from Sago, West Virginia and who hardly know the town at all, aside from the profit reports that come across their desks.

it was a vacation.

When I see Ben Hatfield, chief executive of International Coal Group Inc., or Gene Kitts, senior vice president of the company, step up to a podium to deliver a heartfelt briefing to nationwide television — I scoff at the irony. Where were they throughout the last year when federal inspectors and mine safety officials cited them time and time again for safety violations and rule infractions? Some of the violations involved things as serious as inadequate protection from roof falls, hazardous gas leaks and breathable dust. If they cared so much about the miners who they choose to impersonally call "production crews," then why have they sat on the sidelines for months while allowing the miners to continually enter such a hazardous environment?

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LOVER OF WOMEN, CONQUERER OF NATIONS

2006: Year in preview

BY BOBBY McMAHON SENIOR WRITER

Congratulations. It's 2006. I can't believe it either. As the sights and sounds of 2005 fade from our collective consciousness like the transgressions of a booze-soaked bender, we, as time-monitoring humans must turn our attention to the events of 2006, as already have pundits and quacks alike made attempts to predict what our new year will bring. Yet, to the best of my knowledge, none of them have a crack team of investigators with psychic abilities (and, as of Jan. 1, dental insurance) working on their side. I thankfully do. Here are the events that will shape our world and garner headlines in 2006.

It seems 2006 will be a year for the record books, most notably in the world of weather. While records were set across the globe in 2005 (most notably in the categories of tropical storms and highest average temperature), 2006 will those records with such McGwire-like tenacity that Major League Baseball will try to test Mother Nature for steroids. In response to the dire state of the Arctic, multi-national soda giant and polar bear enthusiast Coca-Cola will lead the charge for tougher emissions standards in an effort to curb polar ice melting and subsequently save their beloved Christmas mascots from drowning. In other business news, 2006 will mark the beginning of the end for the tanning bed industry, as the destruction of the ozone layer coupled with rising global temperatures will enable yearround outdoor tanning worldwide and give teenage girls who are uncomfortable with their pale complexion new and sexy ways to contract skin cancer.

In the realm of politics, the Supreme Court will command news coverage well past the confirmation hearing of Samuel Alito, when in March a bad container of applesauce in the SCOTUS kitchen will lead to the retirements of Justices Scalia, Stevens, Thomas and Ginsburg. President Bush, facing a shortage of qualified jurists, will nominate New York Jets star and All-Pro cornerback Ty Law solely on the strength of his last name. Justice Law will strike fear into the hearts and bladders of those entering the court, as they know Law will exact swift and definitive justice on whoever presents in his chamber. Given

the stature of his name, J. Law will be given the unprecedented right to interrupt court proceedings with a timely "I AM THE LAW!" or "YOU CAN'T HANDLE THE LAW," leaving the object of the outburst looking like Sen. Pat Geary when Tom Hagen says, "This girl has no family. Nobody knows that she worked here. It'll be as if she never existed." While rampant change will

occur on around the globe, MMVI will also be a year of change on a more personal level for one lucky JMU student. On the morning of June 17, one of you will drive to meet your fiancé for breakfast at Bob Evans (because your fiancé has an unhealthy appetite for gravy) and, upon arrival at your destination, you will discover that your fiancé has been trans-formed into a Blue-Backed African Rhinoceros (Diceros tendrados). After a sizable donation by your fiance's parents into the "I'll Marry Your Child if You Buy Me A Sailboat" Foundation, you will chose to keep the engagement on and spend hours daydream-ing about your wedding day in vivid detail: You, quivering with anticipation over the brand-new sailboat in the parking lot, and your fiancé/rhinoceros, fanta-sizing about charging into the congregation and goring Uncle Phil, will stand across from each other dressed in the finest formal attire. If this turns out to be your future, I wish you all the blessings of a happy life together and all the joys that only a house full

of children can bring.

The year of 2006 will end much in the same way that its predecessors have ended, with alcohol-fueled indiscretions and countless "reviews," "look backs" and "retrospectives" on a year barely over. For some, 2006 will be a year of great achievement, unparalleled discovery and newfound promise for a world so embroiled in turmoil and strife. For others, 2006 will be remembered as a year of unbelievable mediocrity in your life, containing performances so pedestrian that you'll have trouble believing that you weren't asleep the entire year. Whatever your future may hold, good luck in 2006, and pray that your fiance

doesn't turn into a rhino.

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A "thanks-for-keeping-me-up-to-date" pat to my brother who sends me The Breeze to enjoy while I'm deployed. From an Army Nurse serving overseas who misses both [MU and her brother dearly.

An "as-if-finals-aren't-crappy-enough" dart to the city servants who tracked dog poop all over our townhouse when responding to a gas leak.

From some disgrantied upperclassmen who, while they are appreciative of your hard work, actually prefer the smell of leaking propose to dog fees.

A "glad-to-see-you're-secure-with-yourexuality" pat to the

guy wearing bright pink pajama pants to D-hall.

From a girl who appreciated the unexpected interjection of laughter during finals week, and knows it takes a real man to wear pink.

An "I-have-a-news-flash-for-you-Walter-Cronkite" dart to the group of guys who, thinking they were so hot right now, flagrantly cut in line at Dukes. From a disappointed junior who is pretty sure there's a lot more to life than being really, really good looking, and wants you to plan on finding out what that is.

An "instructors-should-take-lessons-from-you" pat to the professor who stopped to chat with us and pass out candy canes the day before our final.

From two stressed-out roommates who had all but taken up resident.

dence in ISAT studying for finals, and greatly appreciated the random

An "even-my-dog-is-house-trained" dart to the person who thought it would be fun to donate a pair of soiled panties in the box at Festival for warm winter clothing donations.

From a junior girl who almost soiled her own panties in horror after seeing the mess as she passed by.

Miners: Unearthed problems

MINERS, from page 06

What really gets to me is that after seeing 3 times as many violations and 2 times as many citations since tak-ing over the mine-the mine of ing over the mine— the mine officials had the audacity to stand on ground miles above the bodies of 12 dead miners and tell the national media that safety has improved dramatically since the takeover and that, "We think that we are operating a safe mine."

While watching CNN's Headline News over break I saw in a five min-ute span what our nation's priorities have been reduced to. At 41 minutes past the hour they showed a grief-stricken man from Sago standing in front of a church front of a church asking with tears in his eyes how the mine officials could've allowed this to happen and why they would so irresponsibly com-municate the fates of those men. At of those men. At

43 minutes past the hour the newscaster gave a shockingly unemotional wrap-up and by 44 min-utes past the hour it was on to stock re-ports and news on the latest pop star romances. romances.

romances.

The nation will forget this tragedy. They will forget who allowed it to happen. But the people in West Virginia will not—and I hope you won't either.

Patrick Callahan is a senior political science major.

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Furniture moving fun for all

Ideally, I would be writ-ing in regard to a JMU sport — probably basketball, being as it's in season, but besides as it's in season, but besides suspending players and losing eight out of their last nine games, they haven't done much. And I will not bring down my sports section with such negativity (unless you count two out of the four stories on this page). Instead, I have devised an alternative to the World's Strongest Man Competition that is both more exciting and utilitarian.

I bring you Competitive Furniture Moving.

Normally, the strong men in these competitions move

in these competitions move heavy things of varying shape usually

big rocks, anchors,

and buses



an anchor.

And unlike a friend of mine whose enthusiasm for lifting crap is borderline

unhealthy I am bored by ugly men with consonant-heavy names from tiny, former communist countries in tight shorts mov-ing industrial equipment.

Not to say dragging an anchor 25 yards is easy, but rather, I feel it's inaccessible to the non-muscled spectator, as most people do not have to lube up to walk through doors. In other words, the average man needs a boat to tow an anchor.

an anchor. With furniture moving, like golf and bowling most notably before it (well, most sports really), everyone can and has moved furniture while simulaneously knowing the joy of watching your old man crush his fingers between a couch and narrow door frame only to hear language once used to to hear language once used to tow an anchor on a boat. Consider the skill involved

Consider the skill involved with the moving of furniture when compared to what those obscenely buff guys do. In both arenas, the objects are oddly shaped, rarely symmetrical with the weight almost never dispersed evenly, but unlike those pansies in the World's Strongest Man Competition, the furniture mover must navigate doorways, ceiling fans, igate doorways, ceiling fans, chandeliers, pets, stairs and inchandeliers, pets, stairs and indecisive, nagging women who
don't understand how much
a refrigerator really weighs.
And sometimes, they even do
it while walking backward
— and down stairs! I'd rather
see ugly men, possibly in tight
shorts, depending on the season and day of the week, move
domestic equipment while
navigating a course more challenging than a straight line.
What do I envision?
A sport comprised of fat

A sport comprised of fat guys with monosyllabic names with the ability to close a Golden Corral for an afternoon moving beds, couches, ward-robes and sconces — whatever those are. To add further drama, some of these competitors are probably hungover, as men named Bud, Bob and Leon with minimum-wage grunt jobs requiring heavy lifting tend to be on weekday mornings. Real working guys that politicians like so often to be affiliated with.

And now, some play-by-play from the first-ever World Furniture Moving Finals, live from an attic some where in rural North Carolina. "Look at Dwayne use his

legs to get that dining room table over the coffee table. Perfect technique, eh Kenny? You would never know he hasn't worked out since his high

school gym class.' Moments later

'Oooo, bouncing that armoire off the door frame could hurt him in later rounds as it only gets tougher with the sofa-bed division."

Here, the color man interrupts "In his defense, Dick, he as moving backwards down old, wooden steps. Everyone knows that the judges favor the blindside maneuver. It shows both the mover's agility and courage. Plus, he's hung over. What heart!"

exactnew Stoss is a junior English major with lots of spare time.

No-win situation

Dukes take losing streak into Thursday

BY MATTHEW STOSS

The JMU men's basketball

team could use a hug. In Dean Keener's In Dean Keener's second season as head coach, Madison

is 3-9 and tied with Georgia State University for the worst overall record in nial Ath-letic Association.

Basketball Thursday

Men's

VCU at JMU 7 p.m. Center

sociation.
In conference play, JMU is 0-4, placing it in a four-way tie for last place.

The Dukes' standing hasn't been helped by a current four-game losing streak, which comes within a stretch where they have directled they have dropped eight out of their last nine games.
Also making things

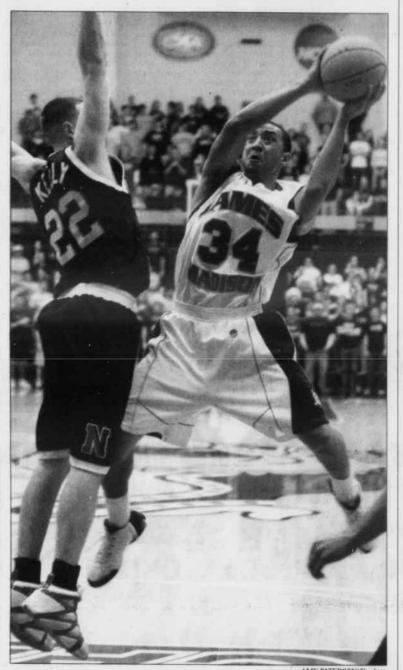
worse are the suspensions of junior forward Cavell Johnson and redshirt freshman

son and redshift treshman guard Joe Posey. Johrson was suspended Jan. 4 for the remainder of the season and had his scholarship

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Men's Basketball

Conf.	/ Overal
Old Dominion	4-1, 11-
George Mason	4-1, 10-
UNC-W	4-1, 11-
Hofstra	3-1, 10-
Drexel .	3-1, 9-6
VCU	3-2, 9-4
Northeastern	3-2, 7-5
Towson	2-2, 6-7
Georgia State	1-4, 3-9
William & Mary	0-4, 5-8
Delaware	0-4, 4-9
JMU	0-4, 3-9



AMY PATERSON/file p

JMU junior guard Ray Barbosa scored a season-high 28 points against Towson Jan. 7, including a career-high seven 3-pointers in the Dukes' 99-84 loss.

JMU does not need any Vicks

If Santa is starting his list for 2006, he can scratch off Marcus Vick and put him on the list for coal — and that's one list he won't have

to check twice.
Seriously, who does Marcus
Vick think he is? Not only did he
intentionally step on Louisville's
All-American, NCAA sacks-leading defensive end Elvis Dumervil, but when his coach, Frank Beamer, asked him to apologize, he appar-ently didn't. Dumervil denies ever having received an apology. What Virginia Tech does is its own businesse; I, for one, did not ap-

ply there. But

can hon-I don't think ehavior like this would have been ated at JMU. eryone was a little disappointed in the fact that



team didn't make it to the playoffs this season, but I'm more proud of our program for having a team that isn't made up of a bunch of thugs who can't go one season without getting suspended or having inter-course with minors. Virginia Tech has built its

viginal ice has built its school's reputation on its football program. And how unfortunate that is for them today, because their star quarterback, aka an overrated punk version of his older broth-

er, was kicked out of school.

Congratulations, Virginia Tech, you won the Gator Bowl — and a new starting quarterback.

I know that some of you may be

I know that some of you may be thinking what does any of this have to do with JMU sports? But when something like this happens in college athletics, it can be applied to situations across the board.

This type of behavior should have never been tolerated at Technology.

from the start, but because the school's football team has so much hype surrounding it, it would have been a big blow to their pro-gram to get rid of Vick for the first 12 times he screwed up. That is one of the major differ-

ences between our school and the one down Interstate 81. Because JMU athletics don't play as much of an integral role in the funding

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Depth still a question

Soft schedule early could hurt Dukes in CAA

BY JAMES IRWIN

Vulnerability can come in many different forms, even when you're 10-2. As the JMU women's bas-ketball team grinds toward the season's halfway point, a quick glance

at the numbers reveals optimism. Dukes fueled by an early-season nine-game winning streak, are packed in a

Friday NU at JMU 7 p.m. Convocation

Women's

six-team log-jam near the top of the conference standings and lay claim to four of the top 14 scorers in the Colonial Athletic Associa-

Yet, as JMU enters what could be the toughest stretch of the regular season, warrant ed questions about the Dukes lack of depth are popping up with increased frequency. The Dukes have ripped through the non-conference portion of their schedule on the shoulders of arguably the best starting five in the CAA. But it's been out of

necessity more than choice. "That wasn't the plan going in," JMU coach Kenny Brooks "We came in thinking we were going to have a lot of depth. The core has logged a lot of minutes and they've

kept us going."
But they haven't had much of a say in the matter either.

Preseason injuries decimated JMU's frontcourt and bench. The four junior starters — center Meredith Alexis, point guard Andrea Benvenuto, shooting guard Lesley Dickinson and forward Shirley McCall — along with sophomore forward Tamera Young, ancall—along with sopnomore forward Tamera Young, answer the bell to the tune of 33 minutes a night. The question is, can they keep it up for the next 18-plus games?

"They're going to have to because we don't have any other options," Brooks said. other options. Brooks said, "We can't make a mid-season trade or pick someone up off waivers. We've had to re-eval-uate our game plan. We're also trying to rest them in different

ways at practice."

Even so, the Dukes will Even so, the Dukes will need production from their bench to make a run at the program's first CAA champi-onship since 1989. Against the University of Delaware last weekend, 18-point games from Alexis and Young and a seven-assist night from Benyenuto assist night from Benvenuto still translated into a 70-62 loss as Brooks went with a sevenplayer rotation and got only six points from his reserves — all from freshman forward Kisha Stokes. Still, Brooks maintains that his bench is being productive enough to win, especially since the CAA is full of good teams with thin benches.

"That might be the saving grace this year," Brooks said. "A lot of teams are playing sev-en, eight players with the ex-ception of a few teams. Maybe this is the year where it doesn't come up and bite you."

The recent knock on JMU has been the Dukes' inability to beat the conference's elite programs, namely Delaware and Old Dominion University, which owns a collective

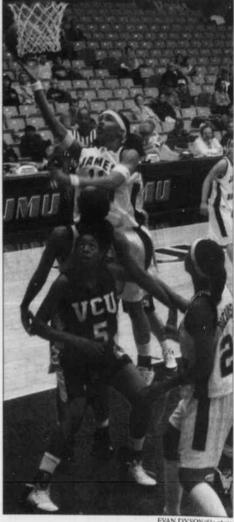
6-0 record against JMU since the beginning of last season. In the next 12 days, the Dukes will face three teams ahead of them in the conference standthem in the conference standings — Hofstra University, ODU and the University of North Carolina-Wilmington — looking to prove that their month-long winning streak wasn't simply the result of a soft early-season schedule. "This will be a good test for us," said Benvenuto, who added that the Delaware game served as a reality check. "For a while we didn't know what

served as a reality check. "For a while we didn't know what it was like to lose. We're about to play a lot of good teams. If we can beat them on the road, it will prove that we're a team a contender for a championship.

After all, 10-2 is still 10-2, and that's something even a little vulnerability can't un-

Women's Basketball **CAA Standings**

Conf./ Overall UNC-W 3-0, 9-3 3-0, 8-4 Old Domi 2-0, 4-7 2-1, 10-2 JMU. 2-1, 10-2 Towson 2-1, 7-5 VCU 1-2, 8-4 Drexel 1-2, 5-5 William & Mary 1-2, 5-7 Georgia State 0-2, 5-6 0-3, 4-8 George Mason 0-3, 4-8



JMU sophomore forward Tamera Young drives the lane against CAA foe VCU. JMU lost for the first time since Nov. 20, Sunday, dropping a conference game to Delaware in Newark, Del.

PREVIEW

Court Square Theater offers low-cost movie options

Films to be shown include documentaries, big-name actors

BY JILL YAWORSKI

Just when you thought your wallet couldn't get any thinner after the holiday season, it's suddenly time to buy new books for the spring semester. So paying \$8.50 for a movie ticket seems ridiculous right about now, if not imposdiculous right about now, if not impossible. However, Court Square Theater in downtown Harrisonburg is now offer-ing a cheaper alternative. For just \$5 a movie, you can watch three interesting films this month.

"We are trying to pick films that cover a wide array of foreign and independent film tastes," said professor Karina Kline-Gabel, who teaches Spanish at James Madison University and also serves as the theater's program director.

Beginning this Thursday, the theater will show the indie film "Thumbsucker," which is based on the novel by Walter Kern According to Kline-Gabel, the film is a '70s coming-of-age tale about a 17-year-old who can't quit a bad habit. Vince Festival Best Actor award-winner

Lou Pucci star in this amusing film.
"People can relate to this film," said "reople can relate to this film, said Kline-Gabel. "It pokes fun at the way we all have to deal with growing up, while also proving that everyone has a different way of coping with [life's] issues." Court Square Theater also will show

Court Square Theater also will show the long-awaited documentary "Wal-Mart: The High Cost of Low Prices." "We had lots of requests from the com-munity to show this film," Kline-Gabel said. The documentary is based on inter-views with ex-Wal-Mart employees and delves beyond the observable aspects of the corporate signt.

the corporate giant.
"This film is important to show since we live in an area where Wal-Mart dominates the economic structure," Kline-Ga-bel said. "It helps us understand both sides of these corporate giants. It also lets us see the people that are making sacri-fices so others can have cheap costs."

This past fall, A.J. Morey, associate dean for cross-disciplinary studies and

also the coordinator of women studies,

held a screening of the documentary.

"It shows the different kind of economic effects Wal-Mart has on communinomic effects Wal-Mart has on communi-ties, individuals and families while also forcing you to reconsider how [America] handles corporate policy." Morey said. The jaw-dropping statistics in the film makes it worth seeing. At the end of January, the theater will show a screening of the praised Palestin-ian film "Paradise Now," the winner of multiple prizes at the 2005 Berlin Film Festival, produced by Warner Indepen-

Festival, produced by Warner Indepen-dence. "Paradise Now" tells the story of two young suicide bombers facing the last

48 hours of their lives. Kline-Gabel believes this film is significant to show to the community. "It's timely because we need to understand where these men are coming from and to see their frustration," she said.

So look under the couch cushions and

save up enough change to treat yourself to a night at the movies, and be prepared to get your money's worth.

showtimes

Thursday, Jan. 12 at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 13 at 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 14 at 8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 15 at 2:30 p.m.

Wal-Mart: The High Cost of Low Prices" Friday, Jan. 20 at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 21 at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 27 at 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28 at 8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29 at 2:30 p.m.

All showings are at Court Square Theater in downto Harrisonburg. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

REVIEW

'Red Eye' DVD dull, unoriginal

McAdams carries movie alone

BY LISA RONEY

These, days, thrillers all seem to blend together. Even the special features can be-come redundant. "Red Eye," the newest suspense flick from master of terror Wes Craven (the "Scream" trilogy), does not do much to distance itself from other movies of its genre, and the small amount of extras included on the DVD are nothing to get excited about.

The best part of the DVD is the gag reel, a feature rarely found attached to this type of film, although it should be more often. The reel is more than five minutes long, and while it is not ridiculously funny, it does lighten up the mood of a movie

lighten up the mood of a movie that has little comic relief.
Along with the standard director commentary, this DVD includes "The Making of Red Eye" and "Wes Craven — A New Kind of Thriller," two 11-minute featurettes that are only intriguing to those interested in aviation and movie set design. These two stereotypical bonus features include noth-ing we have not seen hundreds of times in the past with every other suspense/thriller movie. Stars and filmmakers discussing scripts, casting and shoot-ing difficult scenes catches no one's interest anymore, and the "Red Eye" DVD makes no effort to raise the bar on the aver-

age disc additions.

As for the plot, Craven's
"Red Eye" is a story about a 20something, Miami hotel manager (Rachel McAdams, "Wedding Crashers"), who meets seemingly innocent man (Cillian Murphy, "Batman Begins") on a late-night flight. The ride soon turns sour when McAd-ams discovers that her fellow passenger is on his way to her

hotel to assassinate a high po-litical figure and his family. The gorgeous McAdams is the highlight of the film. Her realistic performance is more on cue than any suspense-ridden damsels-in-distress I have seen in the past. Unlike the girls that tend to run into a dead end and practically spoon-feed themselves to the killer, McAdams looks for any way possible to alert pas-sengers and attendants that the man sitting beside her is deadly. It seems like a good idea, terror at 30,000 feet, but the fact that the two carry on a conversation (in which Mur-phy reveals his entire plan) at a normal tone, and no one around seems to hear, makes the whole plot rather unbe-lievable. Anyone who has been on a plane knows that no matter how softly you speak, those around will still hear you. Even a vicious head-butt

does not draw attention those sitting a foot away. Overall, "Red Eye" is a passable thriller; with Mc-Adams's stellar delivery and Murphy's creepy facial struc-ture which defines him as the villain, Craven was able to succeed at making a suspenseful film without all the standard goriness, sex and swearing that seems to define today's horror flicks.



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New Pilates, yoga studio helps students, community unwind

BY CAITE WHITE

After 28 years as a ballet danc-er, Suzanne McCahill Perrine decided she needed a change. The owner of downtown Harrisonburg's new exercise studio, The Center, felt that Pilates would provide her with exactly that.

"Pilates is challenging because it takes a lot of control, which is a

it takes a lot of control, which is a really nice transition from ballet because it requires a lot of the same skills," McCahill Perrine said. "You really have to have that body, mind connection."

The Pilates method was created during World War I when a nurse, Joseph H. Pilates, created exercise equipment for immobilized patients by attaching springs to hospital beds. In fact,

the powerful effects of his exer-

cises are what draw such crowds to McCahill Perrine's studio.

"People keep coming back because you get the results," she said. "You start to see a dif-ference." McCahill Perrine, who plans to add Pilates fitness equip-ment to her studio in the spring. also enjoys the exercise because of its healing effects. It strength-ens, stretches, balances and even

ens, stretches, balances and even relieves stress — ideal for the college crowd, who happen to be her largest demographic. McCahill Perrine has per-formed with the Washington Ballet and various modern dance companies in Washing-ton, D.C., as well as taught at ton, D.C., as well as taught at JMU and Dance & Co. down-town. She has trained a variety of individuals of all ages and of

both genders, including JMU students and members of the Harrisonburg community. "Just about everyone can ben-efit," she said. "The classes can be

modified to suit different needs.

So what makes classes at The Center different from any other place in Harrisonburg to exer-cise? "Students can come here and feel free," McCahill Perrine said. "It's a small, intimate space - it's like a little oasis."

Located on the second floor

of downtown's Keezell Build-ing, across from Dave's Downtown Taverna, The Center holds 10 classes per week, consisting of eight students in each. That way, McCahill Perrine can give students a lot of feedback.

"I really try to let them know how they can improve or what they could be doing differently depending on their specific needs," she said. "I want my students to know why they're do-ing what they're doing so they can apply it to their everyday lives, like, 'How can I sit differ-ently when I study?''

Though McCahill Perrine was originally attracted to the merits of Pilates, yoga also plays a role in the body/mind connection McCahill Perrine strives to achieve.

"Some people really need an intense workout, and you can work up a sweat with these ex-ercises," she said. "But-Pilates and yoga are about patience

— patience with the class and
patience with yourself. You walk out feeling calm and relaxed." Additional information

Additional information, prices and a complete schedule of classes offered at The Center can be found at thecenterdown-

TOP: Suzanne McCahill Perrine, owner of Harrisonburg's new yoga/ Pllates studio, The Center, instructs a class Wednesday

morning. BOTTOM: McCahill Perrine limits the number of students ght, that way she is free to give more feed-

photos by AMY PATERSON/photo editor



Indian-American student deals with social issues, stereotypes Freshman Puja Mody balances traditions, holidays of both Indian, American culture

BY FAREINE SUAREZ

Living in a country where racial tension has been a problem continuing throughout history, it is always refreshing to hear a story that doesn't

involve a struggle.

Freshman Puja Mody has one such story.

Born in Gujurat, India, Puja's parents immigrated to the United States shortly after their marriage. Puja was born and raised in the United States, but travels back to India with her family every two or three years. "It's fun because it's like you live in two

different worlds, but at the same time, it's one world and you get the best of both," Puja said.

Growing up in Roanoke, Va., Puja rarely en-countered racial hostility. Most of her friends were intrigued by her culture and often visited her house to have some of her mom's home-cooked Indian food.

"My friends love Indian food," Puja said, "Whenever they came over, my mom would al-ways make them eat. Mom feeds the world." Despite the cultural differences between In-

dia and the United States, Puja is able to balance both cultures well. Another perk of being an In-dian-American was that Puja has the opportu-nity to celebrate the holidays of both cultures. Puja and her family celebrate holidays such

as Christmas, Thanksgiving, and New Years, but they also participate in traditional holidays from her native India, like Navratri. Navratri is a Hindu religious holiday celebrating the religion's supreme goddess through a series of dances continued for nine nights. Whenever Puja visits India, she enjoys celebrating the cultural festivities with her family.

The most difficult thing for Puja to deal with

is the social aspect of being Indian-American. Go-ing out with the opposite sex is a tricky obstacle for Puja to navigate since the Indian culture tends to be

more conservative toward the subject of dating "They expect girls to sit at home and cook," Puja said, "but that's not who I am."

However, although Puja's life is free from erious forms of racism, it does not stop her

from being stereotyped.

In high school, she worked at a local Holiday Inn as a receptionist. Because of her heritage, some people assumed that her father owned the hotel and that was the only job that

she could get.

"Indians receive such a negative connotation sometimes," Puja said. "It's a stereotype that the only jobs they can get are owning stores or motels. In reality, most Indians are really smart and earned their education back in India. But because they don't have an Ameri can education, it's difficult for them to find jobs here, which is why they end up in stores and motels. As for me, I work at a hotel because I choose to. It's a job that I enjoy."



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man Puja Mody travels back to India with her family every two or three years to revisit her native culture.

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The 6-foot-6 James leads JMU in scoring and rebounding, averaging 14.2 points and 8.9 boards a game. James also was named the CAA's Rookie of the Week Tuesday after averaging 17.3 points and 8.7 rebounds. He recorded the fifth double-double

most consistent.

of his career against Towson University Saturday when he scored 19 points and grabbed 10 rebounds in the Dukes' 99-84

MEN: Basketball drops 8 of 9

Cathlin and Chami as a pair are averaging 3 points and two rebounds in 10 min-utes per game. Cathlin also is not available for every game as his religion prohibits play-

as his religion prohibits playing from sundown Friday to
sundown Saturday.

"I really hope that [Cathlin
and Chami] can have a little
more of a sense of urgency and
seize the moment," Keener
said. "Both have had some opportunities in the last couple of
games. There was a game down games. There was a game down in Texas where Chris couldn't play because it was a Friday evening and that will happen

again in coming weeks."

The frontcourt is further depleted with the absence of sehas only played in four games this year due to injuries sus-tained in a car accident Nov. 29 and arthroscopic knee surgery performed three weeks ago. Before going out, Cooper was averaging 7.3 points and six re-

bounds a game.
"Where we are right now is that David Cooper is still on the

injured-reserve list, so to speak with his knee," Keener said. "[As of Monday, it had been] three weeks since the 'scope. We just continue to take it day by day."

Posey, who was reinstated Monday, served a 13-day suspension and missed five games due to actions that did not help team chemistry, Keener said. Those actions involved a disagreement over running sprints after practice. Posey has played in seven games and was averag-ing 4.1 minutes. "He violated a team rule,

Keener said. "There were just some actions that were unbe-

coming of the team."

Thursday, that team will host Virginia Commonwealth University (9-4, 3-2) in a 7 p.m. tip at the Convocation Center.

tip at the Convocation Center.
"Obviously, VCU coming on Thursday is a big challenge," Keener said. "They're a veteran team. They'll start three ju-niors and two seniors and Nick George and Alexander Harper and B.A. Walker, those guys have played an awful lot of minutes and have a lot of starts under their belts.
"If we can sure up our de-

"If we can sure up our de-fensive struggles, I think we can stay in most games — in-cluding VCU."



MIHALKO: It's about time for Vick to leave NCAA

MIHALKO, from page 8 for our school, tolerating behavior simi-lar to that of Vick's closs of thappen. The perfect example is the

MEN, from page 8 revoked for violated team rules.

Keener would not specify what those rules were and Johnson will be permitted to rejoin the team next year.

particular incident. He knew that he was walking a very fine line, and over the holi-days, some things happened that put all of us in a position

where some rules and regulawhere some rules and regula-tions were broken."

Before the suspension, the 6-foot-8 Johnson aver-aged 13.4 points and 7.9 re-

bounds in seven games.

Johnson's absence leaves
junior forward Chris Cath-

lin, sophomore center Gabriel Chami and freshman forward

Juwann James in the low post. Thus far, James has been the

There were many things "There were many trings that led up to the suspen-sion," Keener said Monday after practice in the Convo-cation Center. "It wasn't one

The perfect example is the men's basketball team. While you can argue that it's a lot easier to suspend players on a team that isn't winning, it's more an issue of respect, and that ties into the reason suspended for 13 days. Although we are unclear on the specifics of why junior forward Cavell Johnson had his scholarship revoked, you can bet that the athletic staff at JMU was not willing to deal with whatever it was he was doing, And for the record, after all the

speculation about Vickpossibly transferring to a Division 1-AA program, such as ours, I'm glad he decided to enter the NFL draft. Good riddance, and good luck to whatever team decides to draft Vick and all the baggage he's going to bring with him.

College athletics doesn't need any more plagues like

Marcus Vick and his egotistical, careless behavior. And if athletes can't follow the simple rules set forth by their coaches and teams, then they don't deserve a spot on their team, let alone scholar-ships from our institutions.

Meagan Mihalko is an angry little junior SMAD major.





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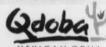
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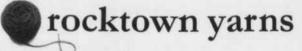
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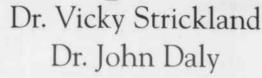
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