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staff writers

A day of tense waiting ended last night as United Nations forces launched a massive air attack against Iraq and Kuwait.

The United States launched Tomahawk cruise missiles at targets in both countries at about 5 p.m. EST — or 1 a.m. Thursday Iraqi time — in the opening stages of what is now termed "Operation Desert Storm."

The air campaign is expected to last for up to 10 days, during which time officials say no ground forces will be

employed. The targets included nuclear reactors and chemical-weapons factories in Iraq — "militarily oriented targets," said Gen. Colin Powell, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, at a 9:30 p.m. press conference.

U.S. Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney said the offensive - which includes French, British, Saudi Arabian and Kuwaiti forces appears to have gone very well."

The first signs of the attack were reports of anti-aircraft fire and bombers leaving Saudi Arabian air bases about 7:30 p.m. EST. Soon after, the Baghdad sky was lit with green and orange lights, according to NBC News - signs of explosions at the Baghdad airport, among other

Aside from the anti-aircraft fire. there were no signs of Iraqi retaliation late Wednesday night.

President George Bush, addressing the nation Wednesday night, said, "Tonight the battle has been joined . . We have no choice but to drive Saddam from Kuwait. We will not

"The world could wait no longer because the sanctions showed no signs of accomplishing their objectives," Bush said.

A spokesman from the Department of Defense said Wednesday afternoon, "We are in a heightened state of readiness, troop morale in the area is high, and if necessary we are ready to do the job we were trained to do."

Security was tightened at the Pentagon Wednesday after several bomb threats were reported. Officials believe terrorism will become an increasing concern as the war

A diplomat from the State

Department said, "The mood around State is pretty somber."

Student opinion was mixed as bombing began half a world away, and students flocked to TV lounges across campus.

Scott Williamson, a sophomore, said, "I'm worried that we are in this whole thing for the wrong reasons. We are all just praying that it won't be drawn out."

When the announcement was made that U.N. forces had attacked Iraq, junior Cynthia Tower said, "No, please don't say it's war! I'm not ready to hear that now."

Mike Delgado, a junior said, "When you come up against a madman like Saddam Hussein, you've got to do something. Sometimes war is necessary."

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#### Gulf war may be 'medical disaster'

**Chet Lunner** 

USA Today Apple College Info Network

WASHINGTON - "War in the Gulf would be an unprecedented medical disaster for which doctors have no cure," members of a Nobel Prize-winning physicians group told a congressional forum Monday.

At the same hearing, the head of a Vietnam veterans group warned that the United States could lose a war with Iraq and urged lawmakers not to "squander" American lives.

Dr. John Pastore, secretary of the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, told the hearing that estimates of Persian Gulf casualties approaching 200 an hour from intensive battle "would dwarf the rates seen in Vietnam.

"There is no medical system in the world that can provide adequate medical relief under such circumstances," said Pastore, an associate

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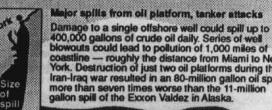
#### Worst-case scenario for environment

Smoke from burning oil could block sunlight, lower temperatures by as much as 68°. F within 1,000 miles of Kuwait. Could disrupt monsoons throughout India, Asia and Africa, causing crop failures for up to 1 billion people.
 Reduced sunlight to Northern Hemisphere could lower average temperatures as much as 10° F.
 Create equatorial ozone hole that would increase exposure to cancer-causing ultraviolet light.
 Accelerate long-term global warming; carbon dioxide from the burning oil traps heat before it escapes to the upper atmosphere, pushing up world temperatures.



Pollution from chemical weapons

A strike against Iraq's major chemical weapons storage site at Samarra could unleash a toxic cloud contaminating crops and water supplies, including region's main tresh water source. Tigris and Euphrates



Attacks against





#### Speaking Out

Tanya Washington voices her opinion on U.S. military action in Kuwait Monday during a "speak out" on the commons.

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Tim Gillons, a junior said, "I think we are overrating ourselves [militarily]. We have to remember that they're not riding around on camels and using sticks anymore."

Those with friends and family in the Gulf are trying to come to terms with the situation.

"I'm stunned and nervous," said junior Bernita Brooks. "I have a cousin and a boyfriend in the Marines. I just sent them cards, but I guess they won't get them. I'm just praying things go OK for us. Now all we can do is sit and wait."

"I know people over there," sophomore Rachel Martin said. "I can't imagine what's going through their minds - the fear. I'll never forget where I was when I heard we were going to war."

Todd Rabold, a freshman, said, "I have two best friends there now. I'm scared for them."

And the lives of other JMU students may soon be affected as others are called up to fight in the Gulf.

"I don't know what to think," said freshman Susan Frith. "My brother is a reservist, and there is a good chance he could be called up."

Senior Eric Brown, a member of JMU's ROTC, said, "I feel we are justified in being over there. The mood in ROTC is generally supportive, but nobody wants war, especially not us, since we would be the next ones to go over."

Students with opinions on both sides expressed their feelings at a series of demonstrations across campus this week.

On Monday afternoon, the University Program Board held a student gathering on JMU's commons. Although organized as an anti-war protest, views from both pro-war and peace activists were heard.

"We had a diverse, opinionated crowd from both ends of the spectrum," said Andy Luck, one of the demonstration organizers. "It got people to open their minds and think.

"I think people's opinions are going to change when people start to die," he said.

Even though the war has begun, Luck said, "It's never too late to protest."

Sanam Emami, another of the organizers, said, "We just wanted to educate people from another source. Everything people hear is from the media and the government. We wanted to get across other

One of the nearly 50 speakers at the demonstration, Jody Wheeler, a senior, said, "I'm kind of divided over the issue. What Saddam Hussein did was absolutely horrible, but at the same time we have troops over there defending a country we didn't care about five months ago."

Students also had differing opinions about the effectiveness of the demonstrations on the commons.

"I think a lot of people are protesting because they like the idea of protesting," Gillons said.

"They don't necessarily know the issues," he said. "I'm not sure they're doing it for the right reasons. They've heard stories about their parents protesting and they liked the idea."

Others believe the protests will make a difference. "I think the demonstrations are great," Tami Scarola, a junior said. "I think people should be able to voice their opinions and I think it's important that other people listen to them."

Scarola expressed the views shared by the JMU community and the nation as this war begins when she said simply, "I'm scared."

Dr. Robert Scott, acting vice president for academic affairs, said that classes will continue as scheduled. The counseling center is available to help students cope with the crisis.

Katie McFadden, Brookie Davis, April Hefner, Laura Hutchison, Doug Parkes, Robyn Davis, Ellen Stern and Derek Carbonneau contributed to this story.

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professor of medicine at Tufts University Medical School, Boston. His group won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1985.

Pastore noted that a 1988 congressional study found the military medical system "could not carry out effectively its peacetime or wartime mission.

"The critical question is: Has this picture improved since 1988?" Pastore said.

A report from the physicians group released Monday questioned Pentagon assertions that the

military medical system is prepared to recover wounded soldiers and ferry them to hospitals behind the lines in Europe and the United States in time to properly treat their wounds.

Pastore said the doctors found the estimates of Rep. Les Aspin, chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, to be "absurdly low." Aspin said he expects American casualties as low as 3,000 - with 500 to 1,000 of those being fatalities.

He told the hearing, called by Rep. Lane Edwards, D-Ill., that outside experts such as the Center for Defense Information have estimated up to 45,000 casualties, of which 10,000 would be deaths. The physicians' report also cited published accounts that indicate the Pentagon has 45,000 body bags in the Gulf already and has ordered 16,000 more.

The physicians' study focused on projected burn victims as likely casualties and found facilities for burn treatment lacking. In the United States, the study claimed, 80 percent of severely burned

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### News

### Some Bluestone lofts found to be illegal

Lisa Crabbs & Laura Hutchison

staff writers

A surprise maintenance inspection in Bluestone residence halls that caught many students with illegal lofts and platform beds has residents in Spotswood and Ashby halls frustrated and confused.

The Office of Residence Life was responsible for the inspections, which occurred over the holiday break.

"Frustration is the word to sum up everyone's feelings around here," said junior Chris Crooks, Spotswood Hall president. "Everyone is so frustrated because it's something we could've taken care of at the beginning of the

"Most residents were surprised as hell to find out they had to change everything," he said.

#### Residence life

"Our concern is for student safety," said Jim McConnel, acting director of residence life. "We are not concerned with being punitive. We don't want any residence life policy to be more restrictive than the fire marshal will

"We have an ethical and moral commitment to the residents in the halls," he said. "We would not want a situation to arise through our negligence where a student would be injured."

McConnel said some students in Ashby had lofts so extensive that they became an entire second floor.

He said to his knowledge no fines



MATT SCHWABEL/THE BREEZE

Junior John Kinsley, a resident in Spotswood Hall, cuts plywood while renovating his platform bed.

have been charged because of the

"We're not trying to figure out who to blame or to punish, we just want to be sure that all residents are safe and that nothing could lead to a crisis or disaster," he said.

The three people responsible for the Bluestone area inspections were Sue Wescott, assistant director for the Bluestone area; John Ventura, assistant director for facilities; and Carlene Campbell, a program support technician.

"These were routine maintenance checks," McConnel said. "All the rooms on campus were inspected sometime first semester.

"Oftentimes, students wait too long to report that things are deteriorating," he said. "We were trying to check on the things that aren't normally reported by students."

Inadequate doorknobs, electrical outlets, burnt-out light bulbs and malfunctioning smoke detectors were some of the things usually checked for during the maintenance inspections.

Another reason McConnel cited for the inspections was to find out what materials would be needed to prepare the rooms for the 1991-92 school year. Residence life must submit a budget by the beginning of February stating how much money they need for paint, carpeting and new furniture.

Residence life is now in the process of deciding what steps to take.

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#### SGA discusses campus tension concerning Gulf

**Christine Boltz** 

SGA reporter

While JMU students - and the rest of the world wondered if war would break out in the next few hours, the Student Government Association discussed the campus tension about the developing conflict at its meeting Tuesday.

Senators discussed the open forum that was held Monday afternoon at the commons. The forum was intended to be a place where students would be free to express their views about the Persian Gulf situation, although some felt that the open forum was unfair to students who supported the troops stationed in Saudi

"A number of my constituents were very offended by it," Spotswood Hall senator Greg Grzybowski said, "because it was supposed to be an open forum, [but] a number of individuals got up to speak for the troops in the Gulf and they were ridiculed, and a number of profanities were thrown against them. If it is done again it should be done in a proper manner and should actually be an open forum."

Joe Clement, executive chairman of the University Program Board, said, "The idea about doing this is that it not be dominated by one side or the other and that it not become a place where two groups get up and bash each other." Anyone who wants to speak on the commons should go to the scheduling office and will be able to schedule a time, he added.

Clement said there probably will be more events like this where students can express their opinions perhaps an open forum every week. Any students with questions or suggestions should contact the UPB.

Commuter senator Jay Shepard read a presidential letter that he had received from the College Republican National Committee to college students. Shepard, a staff sergeant of the 29th Light Infantry Division, said that he could be called to the Persian Gulf at any time

In the letter, President Bush explained why he has sent troops to the Persian Gulf:

"If armed men invaded a home in this country, killed those in their way, stole what they wanted at. ? then announced the house was theirs - no one would hesitate about what must be done," the letter stated. "And that is why we cannot hesitate about what must

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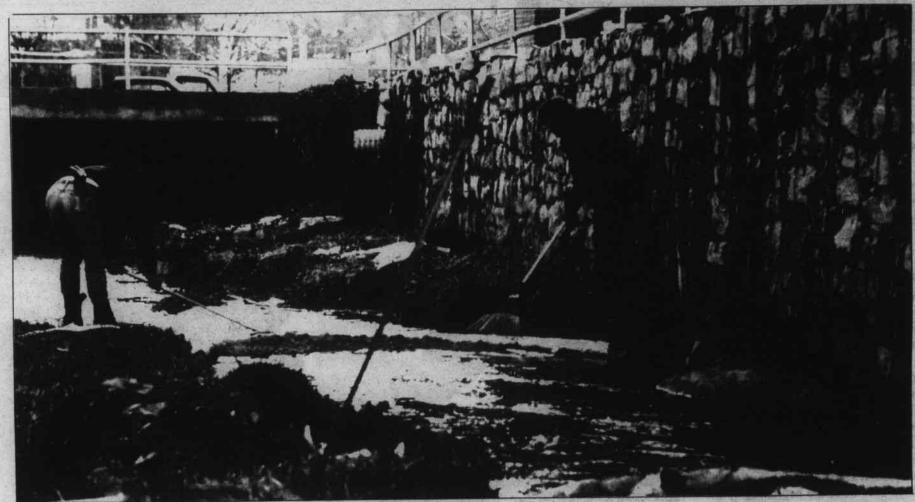


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#### Fuel spill in Blacks Run

Diesel fuel spilled into Blacks Run Monday after 50 to 100 gallons flowed from a Rocco Enterprises Inc. storage tank on Kratzer Road in Harrisonburg, according to Tuesday's Daily News-Record. Harrisonburg's Hazardous Materials Team worked with the Harrisonburg Fire Department for two and a half hours with booms and dams to clean up the spill. Pictured above are fire department members Joe Glick and Dwayne Sly.

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#### Dave Fields

police reporter

Campus police reported the following:

Possession of Marijuana

Student Scott F. Schellhammer, 19, of Virginia Beach, was charged Jan. 15 with possession of marijuana after lab test results proved positive. Schellhammer was originally arrested Nov. 5.

#### Possession of Controlled Substances with Intent to Distribute

Non-student Franklin L. Payton was charged with possession of controlled substances with intent to distribute after lab test results showed cocaine and marijuana present in a plastic bag police allege he was carrying at the time he was arrested Nov. 3.

Trespass/Voyeurism

An unknown male intruder allegedly peered over the top of a shower door at a female resident taking a shower in Eagle Hall at 10:59 p.m. Jan. 14. The intruder was gone when police arrived at the scene.

#### Presentation of False Identification

 A student was charged judicially with possession and presentation of false identification after presenting a false JMU Access Card at Gibbons Dining Hall at 1:26 p.m. Jan. 14 in an attempt to obtain dining services. The card had been canceled by JMU officials after it was discovered that the student illegally obtained the card Nov. 28 under another student's

The student went to the ID Center to find out why the card was cancelled and fled when he was confronted by officials with the facts concerning the issuing of the card.

Possible Alcohol Overdose

A student believed to have overdosed on alcohol was found in a severe state of nausea and intoxication in Shorts Hall at 1:53 a.m. Jan. 13. The student was transported to the emergency room of Rockingham Memorial Hospital for treatment and was not charged.

Possible Grand Larceny
- A book in the Carrier Library Special Collections section titled "Atlas of Shenandoah and Page Counties" by B.N. Griffing, published in 1885, was reported missing to police at 1 p.m. Jan. 9.

The book has been missing since January 1988, and its loss had been reported by library officials prior to Jan. 9. The search for it will continue.

The book is valued at \$500.

**Grand Larceny** 

 A jade green Jamis brand Diablo model 18speed mountain bike apparently was stolen from outside of the Alpha Chi Rho fraternity house sometime between 10 p.m. Jan. 10 and 8 a.m. Jan.

The bike had been attached to the chain fence in front of the fraternity house with a faulty U-shaped high security lock.

The bike is valued at \$500.

 A wallet containing several credit cards apparently was stolen from an unlocked room in a suite in Shorts Hall sometime between 10 p.m. Jan. 11 and 2:30 a.m. Jan. 12.

**Petty Larceny** 

A wallet apparently was stolen during a party in Garber Hall sometime between 9:30 p.m. and midnight Jan. 12. The wallet was recovered minus \$135 in cash. Credit cards belonging to the victim were still in the wallet when it was recovered.

#### False Fire Alarm/Destruction of Public Proper-

A smoke alarm was activated when an unknown person set off a bottle rocket in Wayland Hall at 4:07 a.m. Jan. 17. The rocket also caused a burn mark

**Destruction of Public Property** 

· Three students were charged judicially with destruction of public property when a water balloon they launched broke a window in Eagle Hall at 11:16 p.m. Jan. 14.

**Destruction of Private Property** 

 The rear window wiper blade was broken off a vehicle parked in N-lot sometime between 5 p.m. Jan. 6 and 3 p.m. Jan. 12.

Damage to the vehicle is estimated at \$35.

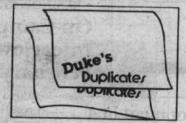
The windows of two vehicles parked in X-lot were damaged sometime between 11 p.m. Jan. 11 and 2:30 p.m. Jan. 12. The passenger side window of one vehicle apparently was kicked in and both the driver's side and passenger side windows of the other vehicle suffered the same damage.

Damage to the two vehicles is estimated at \$400.

Non-student Christopher J. Camera, 20, of Springfield was charged with destruction of private

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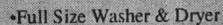
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property after he was arrested for allegedly breaking the window of a car parked in J-lot at 11:30 p.m. Jan. 12.

Damage to the car has not been estimated.

#### **Personal Abuse**

 A student was charged judicially with personal abuse after he allegedly struck an officer with a snowball near the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity house at 1:58 a.m. Jan. 12.

The officer was responding to a false fire alarm in the area when he was hit with the snowball.

#### **Capias Arrest**

 Student Matthew W. Stark, 19, of Lancaster, Pa. was arrested on an outstanding bench warrant at 4:03 p.m. Jan. 12 for failure to pay fines.

 Non-student Roger D. Morris, 28, of Harrisonburg, was arrested on an outstanding bench warrant at 11 a.m. Jan.

A capias arrest takes place when police serve an outstanding bench warrant.

Number of drunk in public charges since Dec. 1: 14

#### Casualties.

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victims spend 80 days in the hospital; 50 percent spend 50 days hospitalized; and 30 percent spend 35 days.

While Pentagon casualty estimates remain classified, the physicians' report noted that in all of Europe there are about 400 burn beds, while the entire United States has only 2,100. The existing beds could be overwhelmed by the first wave of casualties, the report said.

Bobby Muller, director of the Vietnam Veterans of America, warned that despite claims of vastly superior air power and weaponry, there is no guarantee that U.S. forces will defeat Iraqi troops.

"If you think it's absolutely impossible to lose this war, I ask you: roll back the clock 25 years," said

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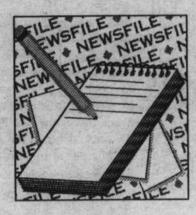
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#### Visiting Scholars:

The JMU Visiting Scholars presents Robert L. Harris Jr., the director of African Studies and Research Center of Cornell University, Jan. 22.

His speech is titled "Human Rights and the Founding of the United Nations" and will be given at 7 p.m. in the Highlands Room of the Warren Campus Center.



#### Asian American Conference:

The JMU's Asian American and Indian Pakistani Association is presenting the 1991 Asian American Student Conference on Jan. 25 and 26.

Guest speakers include Ambassador Emmanuel Palaez of the Philippine Embassy and Dr. Joy Cherian, commissioner of the Equal Opportunity Commission.

Registration forms are avialable at the WCC help desk. For more information, contact Mona Kumar at 568-6321.



#### Civil rights leaders angry:

Civil rights leaders were outraged at the possibilty proved true last night - that the birthdate of their apostle of peace could be marked by war. Slain civil rights leader Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. would have been 62 years old Tuesday, the deadline for Iraq to withdraw from Kuwait or face military action and the day before a U.S. stike against Iraq.

#### Students go to Israel:

Many U.S. citizens fled Israel before shooting started, but some are headed in just that direction. A chartered El Al jet was to leave New York late Monday with 400 Yeshiva University students aboard. Their mission: to show solidarity with Israel.

Like other U.S. citizens, they fear the price U.S. troops may have to pay. But many also fear for Israel.

#### Hatfield votes against war:

Sen. Mark Hatfield, R-Ore., has no desire to revisit the horrifying visions of war that traumatized him as a young Navy lieutenant in World War II.

He was the only senator to oppose both the resolution that authorized war in the Persian Gulf as well as the resolution to continue sanctions.



SCOTT TAIBBLE/THE BREEZE

#### Waiting for the deadline

Gifford Hall Senator Bob Hope reads a letter from President Bush about the Gulf conflict to Gifford Hall residents minutes before the U.N. deadline Tuesday night.

#### 14 die in Soviet Attack:

President Mikhail Gorbachev said Monday he did not know about "tragic events" in Lithuania until after the attack, but he backed the Soviet military action.

Fourteen people died and 140 were injured Sunday when Soviet troops took over Lithuania's main television and radio stations.

#### Drugs supplanted as no. 1 ill:

Bad economic conditions replaced drugs as the top problem confronting local communities, according to a National League of Cities survey out Monday. Drugs topped the list the past three years.

The overall economy was cited by 34 percent of 269 elected officials in the random sample of communities of more than 10,000 people.

#### Fighting in Bucharest:

Romanian police and protesters clashed in the capital of Bucharest Sunday after a peaceful rally by about 8,000 people supporting strikes in the western city of Timisoara.

Club-swinging police waded into a crowd of about 200 demonstrators blocking traffic in University Square, the city's main intersection, and some of the demonstrators threw homemade gasoline bombs.

#### **Elections in Portugal:**

President Mario Soares of Portugal had a landslide reelection victory over three rivals.

The 67-year-old veteran socialist leader captured 70.4 percent of the vote AROUND THE GLOBE

with 4,134 of the country's 4,208 precincts reporting.

#### Oklahoma students mourn:

Counselors from churches and mental health clinics were on hand as students at Fort Gibson (Okla.) High School returned to classes for the first time since six classmates were killed in a traintruck collision Friday.

"We've got a strong community. They'll pull together," said Su-

perintendent John Harrison.

#### Albanian mission:

AROUND THE GLOBE A

Greece's prime minister became the first Western leader to visit Albania since the end of World War II.

But Albania said it rejected a request from Greek Prime Minister Constantine Mitsotakis to grant amnesty to ethnic Albanians who recently fled to Greece.

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#### Loft

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#### What students think

Junior Essen Daley, a spokesman for the residents of Spotswood, said Spotswood residents were given a one week deadline to bring their platform beds up to standards.

"There doesn't seem to be much consistency in the policy," he said. "There are too many little details, so we're not sure what is really right."

Junior Mark Landon, an Ashby resident thinks the whole situation is, "pretty silly."

"I don't see how it's [the lofts] really a hazard when our radiators heat up to more than 200 degrees," he said. "That seems like more of a fire hazard than the loft problem.

"I didn't feel like it was right of [residence life] to search our dorm while we were not here," he said. "It would've been nice to at least let us know."

Amy Nussbaum, Ashby Hall council vice president, said she doesn't understand why it took until the middle of this year to suddenly call the platform beds illegal.

A loft is defined by residence life as an entire second floor built into a room. A platform bed is a free-standing structure on four posts. Two platform beds may be attached to one another in a "t" or "I" formation, but not side by side.

"The loft laws have existed for at least five years, and residents here have used the same lofts for all those years,"

Daley agrees. "We're all wondering, 'Why now? Why has it been swept under the rug?"

During the inspection of Spotswood Hall, residence life officials found that "several platform beds did not meet the specifications set forth by the Virginia Fire Marshall," McConnel said. "When students and staff returned, we let them know which lofts did not meet the specifications." The problem may have appeared to be worse in Spotswood because of the small number of rooms in the building, McConnel said.

"If we had found five, 10 or 15 violations in Eagle, it would've been no big deal," he said. "But 15 violations in Spotswood is about 50 percent of the residents," he said. "Maybe they [the residents] are a victim in this, too."

Part of the problem may be the architecture of Spotswood, McConnel said. "The corner rooms are almost all windows."

This presents a problem because it is virtually impossible to construct a platform bed in a room where three walls are taken up by windows and not block a window.

#### The law

Six years ago, lofts were outlawed by residence life because, "The state fire marshal said that lofts were 'death traps waiting to happen."

Specifications for the building of platform beds are distributed in a pamphlet that was given last year during spring room sign-up. Those specifications include:

- · Uprights must be 4 inches by 4
- · The mattress support area must be no lower than 4 feet, 6 inches from the floor and no higher than 7 feet from
- · The sleeping surface must be at least 30 inches from the ceiling
- · Beds can be no longer than 89 inches and no wider than 42 inches.

"Livin' On Handbook." distributed by the Office of Residence Life, has rules for students who build platform beds in their rooms on campus. According to rules seven and eight on page 15, "Any construction in university residence halls must receive prior approval and will be checked for compliance to guidelines. Before construction begins a statement of

responsibilities form must be signed by each occupant of the room in which construction is to take place."

That form, which is to be given to students at check-in at the beginning of the school year, states that students understand and will comply with the specifications given by residence life, including that the beds will not block doors and windows.

Residence Life regulations for room inspection also are detailed in the housing contract and the "Livin' on Handbook."

#### Possible solutions

'We may need to establish a broader policy to say that you cannot build platform beds at all in some rooms," McConnel said. "We may need to be more lenient about regulations in rooms with three windows.

"I hope that there's an easy answer to this. The solution I'd like to see is that all platform beds be adjusted to a point that insures the safety of the residents."

McConnel said he hopes the solution will be as simple as moving a bolt down a notch to raise or lower the loft.

"I haven't seen the lofts, but I hope this is just a matter of redrilling and moving a bolt six inches one way or another,"



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be done halfway around the world: in Kuwait.

"I have been in war," Bush said in the letter. "I have known the terror of combat. And I tell you this with all my heart: I don't want there to be war ever again. I am determined to do absolutely everything possible in the search for a peaceful resolution to this crisis but only if the peace is genuine, if it rests on principle, not appeasement."

Shepard said he will distribute a copy of this letter to all senators. The senators should then show the letter to their constituents.

Commuter Senator Eric Rabel replied by saying while Bush denounces Saddam Hussein for committing atrocities in Kuwait, we should remember that the U.S. government supported the government of Guatemala, which has killed thousands of people for unjust reasons, and that we are really only fighting in Kuwait for economic reasons.

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"It is my contention that a lot of communication between senators and their constituents should be broadened," Nguyen said. "These students should be up-to-date on each and every issue brought up at our weekly meetings. Before we can have an open line for communication, we must establish one ourselves.

Also at the meeting, Commuter senators Sven Johnson and Tracey Selph had asked the Food Services Committee to investigate JMU's liquor license and profits from PC Dukes. When the committee had tried to find out information, they had been referred to Fred Hilton, communications officer for the president's office.

Also at the meeting:

Kim Graham, Legislative Action Committee chairwoman, has sent letters written asking for more funds for Carrier Library to Virginia state officials. The committee received several letters responding.

"They basically all said that the budget situation was very tough and that they will do what they can," Graham said. "But at least we got some correspondence going on between us and them."

· Commuter Senator Steve Billy, chairman of the Student Services Committee, said that Administrative Vice President Heather Wiley will discuss extending Fall Break with Dr. David Zimmerman, associate vice president of academic affairs.

 Legislative Vice President Pat Southall said there will be a Martin Luther King Celebration Jan. 21 at 11:45 a.m. in front of the Music Building. At 7:30 p.m., there will be a candlelight ceremony. Louisiana state senator will speak at the ceremony.

· The SGA made about \$20,000 at its annual booksale held last week.

· White Hall Senator Michael Booker proposed a bill to purchase more paintings, sculptures and other forms of art portraying James Madison.

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#### Virginia Governor's Fellows Program Summer 1991

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Funding .

No state funds are available to support Pellows. However, in previous years, colleges and universities have proved willing to offer summer grants to Fellows selected from those institutions. In 1991, institutions from which Fellows are selected again will be urged to make summer grants available.

Applicants are encouraged to discuss this matter with school officials before making application, if financial assistance is necessary for participation in the program.

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### Opinion

### Troops in war need support

After all the discussions, uncertainty and waiting, our country, its allies and Iraq have

The past several weeks — and particularly the last few days, as the final-minute peace proposals broke apart and the fighting began — have been ones filled with intense emotion from both sides of the war issue. And that's understandable. Perhaps no other questions can divide the country so deeply and dramatically as those of war, peace and what place either might hold in any particular conflict.

But while such personal conviction is understandable, certain attitudes are intolerable. Yes, war may be about land, beliefs, economics and politics — any number of tangible or intangible ingredients. But war involves people — soldiers who are loved and missed by many. Often, the human factor becomes hazier as public thought leans toward either side of the issue.

Monday's "Speak Out" on the commons included comments such as "We're not going to support our troops!" by several anti-war protestors. Whether or not those people support the reasons behind the war is their prerogative, but deciding whether or not to support the men and women stationed in the desert should hardly be a matter of debate for anyone.

One of the consuming dichotomies Americans will need to accept now that the curtain has risen in Kuwait is that of policy or *instrument* of policy. President Bush and the lawmakers in Congress have exercised their authority and authorized conflict based on their convictions, and as members of the military trained to follow orders, the soldiers listened to and obeyed their orders. Choosing to fight was not *their* decision, but they are the ones who may sacrifice their lives based on the decisions of others. For people to say they won't support these troops — if nothing else, in the interests of their safety — is reprehensible.

Twenty five years ago, this country sent troops into Vietnam, one of the least popular wars in history. Thousands of men and women, lacking political support from many of their countrymen back home, were sent into the jungles of Southeast Asia and promptly forgotten about once they returned. We can hardly afford to alienate another generation of soldiers.

We are, as the Pledge of Allegiance reads,

We are, as the Pledge of Allegiance reads, "one nation, under God, indivisible." And at no time should these words be truer than now that our own citizens are engaged in war.



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#### Just wasting away in dietville

People often ask me: "Dave, what do you do for entertainment?"

The answer is: I try on pants. It's the only real joy I have in my life anymore, because I'm on a diet. It's

called the Think About Food All The Time Diet. The way it works is, you turn every experience you have into a food fantasy. For example, if you're watching the movie "Alien," and you get to the part where that spaceship crew member is on the table, looking queasy, and suddenly his chest bursts open, blood flying everywhere, and out lunges this horrible, gore-dripping insect-like thing, your reaction, on the Think About Food All The Time Diet, is, "Hey, I could sure go for some ribs!"

On this diet, if you were on a jetliner seven miles in the air, and all the engines exploded and you started plummeting toward the Earth, your only thought would be: "Damn! I could have had the lasagna!"

I got on this diet because one day several months ago my wife became possessed by demons in a mall and purchased a digital bathroom scale. I have always liked the old-fashioned, incompetent bathroom scale, the kind that makes a creaking noise when you step on it, and the the dial swings wildly back and forth as if the scale is trying to make up its mind, and it never gives you anywhere near the same weight twice, and if it seems to be registering a little on the heavy side, you can adjust the little knob, or simply put the scale on the bathmat and instantly lose 27 pounds. You don't feel a lot of pressure with a scale like that.

But the scale my wife bought home was a very strict Certified Public Accountant of a scale, the kind that, in Scale College, was always studying in the library on Friday night when the other scales were at wild parties puking their springs out. When I stood on this new scale and it informed me, within one-

AT WIT'S END

Dave Barry

tenth of a pound, how much I weighed, my immediate reaction was that a very large parasite, such as a Doberman Pinscher, had attached itself to my body somewhere without my be-

ing aware of it.

Looking back, I realized I'd been ignoring subtle signs of weight gain, such as that I had wom only one pair of pants for three straight years. They were my biggest pants. The only way I could wear my other pants would have been on my arms. But I did not attribute this to weight gain. I attributed it to a weight shift that occurs naturally as guys get older, where in your weight gradually shifts to your thighs from other areas, such as your refrigerator.

It had not occurred to me that my pants situation might be related to eating habits I had developed regarding foods such as spray cheese. This is a kind of synthetic cheese that comes in an aerosol can, like shaving cream. You're supposed to make hors d'oeuvres with it by squirting dainty little cheese flowers onto crackers, but I figured, hey, why slave away for as long as two seconds over a Triscuit when you can obtain instant results by squirting the cheese directly into your mouth? I was going through as many as two cans a day, which is the biological equivalent, hors-d'oeuvrewise, of attending nine wedding receptions. This is not natural. One of the first things you notice when you look at healthy animals in the wilderness is that they are not spraying canned cheese into their mouths.

Of course there is nothing natural about the "food" I eat on the Think About Food All The Time Diet, either. For example, I eat "rice cakes" which are obviously made from the foam pellets used to protect VCR's during shipment. I also drink "shakes" similar

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to what Oprah Winphrey used when she lost an amount of weight equivalent to all of Sally Jessy Raphael. Instead of eating a regular meal, you simply drink a glass of skim milk mixed with a special powder containing chemicals that render your body too weak to chew.

Now and then, I fix a Weight Watchers frozen entree, which is a convenient product that comes with most of the food already eaten for you. My guess is that this happens at the factory, which is probably staffed by diet-crazed workers who grab the food as it goes by on the conveyor belts and stuff it into their mouths, leaving you with an entree the size of a cocktail olive. They're working on an entree with no food at all; you'll purchase a box containing a small frozen plastic plate, which you'll just heat up and throw away.

Meals like these don't leave me satisfied. Meals like these leave me thinking of ways to distract the dogs so I can quietly grab a handful of kibble. The only time I feel really good is when I'm trying on pants. It's the highlight of my existence. I wish I'd saved my pants from high school so I could try them on. What I'm looking for is a restaurant where, when the waiter brings around the dessert cart, he also brings a pants cart, so I can select a couple of pairs and try them on in the men's room while all the normal humans eat cheesecake. But for now I'll stay home, waiting for the Big Moment when I can thaw out my dinner. Not that I'm asking for sympathy.

Do you plan to eat that entire Tic-Tac?

CThe Miami Herald

#### Letters to the Editor

#### 'Innocent man' in danger of facing execution unless something is done

To the editor:

An innocent man might be executed because our society won't do anything to help prevent it. Joseph Giarrantano is scheduled to die soon in the electric chair for the 1979 murders of Barbara and Michelle Kline.

The case seems open and shut — Giarrantano confessed and was convicted. Let me provide some background. Giarrantano was living with the victims at the time. A drug and alcohol addict who suffered from mental illness, he often fell victim to blackouts and hallucinations. All he remembers is finding his friends murdered. He assumed he had done it and fled to Jacksonville, where he turned himself in. Over two days he made five inconsistent confessions to a crime he didn't remember committing.

Giarrantano was convicted in a non-jury trial that lasted less than a day. Today, much evidence strongly suggests his innocence. Bloody shoe prints were examined by a forensic expert who declared they were not Giarrantano's. Blood spots found on one of his boots were, according to the arresting officer, not from the crime scene. Both these facts were withheld by prosecution. Also, a forensic expert established that Barbara Kline was stabbed by a right-handed person. Giarrantano is left-handed and suffers a slight paralysis in his right hand and arm. A private investigator has identified a more likely suspect who knew the victims, had the chance to commit the murders and, unlike Giarrantano, has a history of crimes against women.

Among evidence never introduced are six unidentified public hairs; unidentified fingerprints; a license belonging to neither the victims nor Giarrantano; and the original police theory that the murders were committed by a right-handed assailant. No physical evidence links Giarrantano to the crime! Unfortunately, much information could not be argued in appeals due to a

Virginia procedural law that states if something isn't objected to in the first trial it can't be brought up in appeals. Virginia is one of the only states that makes no exceptions in capital cases.

Giarrantano is not asking for a pardon, he is asking for a conditional pardon which would allow a new trial so all the evidence can be heard. If you feel this man deserves a new trial, please write to the Honorable Governor Wilder, State Capitol, Richmond, VA 23219, or call (804) 786-2211. Time is running out, so please act fast!

Leslie Martin junior social work/psychology

#### Columns are supposed to reflect 'personal thoughts,' not just news

To the editor:

In response to Shereen Elnahal's letter about Laurel Wissinger's "My Word," I have a few things to say. First of all, a column, which appears on the opinion pages, is just that - opinion! It doesn't contain much late-breaking world news, as you seem to think it should. There is plenty of that in the rest of The Breeze. A column is a forum for personal thoughts and opinions. I happen to very much enjoy Ms. Wissinger's column; I think she writes about things we can all relate to, and I find it a nice contrast to some of the overwritten, pseudo-intellectual columns in The Breeze. Maybe you've never been sick at school, but the majority of us have and can understand what Wissinger was saying about it "sucking." And if you read her "thankful" column closely, you would have noticed it was about the things we overlook - not the major blessings in our life. Ms. Elnahal, may you take all your scantron tests in pen, and may you keep YOUR words to yourself from now on.

Amy Johnson sophomore economics

#### War in Gulf means much more than politics

Shortly before reaching the Atlantic, the tidal waters of the Cape Fear River slap against the rip-rap of Riverfront Park and swirl past the stern of an old battleship.

The U.S.S. North Carolina, moored permanently on the far shore of the river, is a curious sight set against the quaint backdrop of downtown Wilmington, N.C. Once called the "Showboat," she was the pride of the Navy in World War II, seeing action at Guadalcanal, Okinawa and Iwo Jima. But in this age of nuclear-powered carriers and Aegis missile cruisers, the Carolina has become a five-buck-a-head tourist trap for old veterans and young school children.

Wilmington is the archetypical Southern town with it's mild coastal climate, towering magnolias and pines, antebellum mansions, Confederate memorials and a myriad of historical markers. It's home to a fair-sized university and is a popular stop for beach goers.

Here, as in towns and cities across America, people are waiting out an especially troubling mid-January. The Gulf Crisis has made its impact. Fort Bragg is a couple hours drive away in Fayetteville, and Camp Lejune is just to the north near Jacksonville. Thoughts and prayers are with sons, daughters, husbands, wives, girlfriends, boyfriends, sisters and brothers who are stationed in Saudi Arabia or in the Gulf — on ships similar to the North Carolina.

The Showboat is enormous — more than two city blocks long, 15 stories high and equipped with 16 inch guns that could hurl 2,700 pound shells 24



#### SO IT GOES

-Matt Wasniewski

miles . . . accurately. With a compliment of 2,000 men, she was a gray, floating city complete with eight mess halls, a post office and laundromat. Combined her two anchors weigh 50,000 pounds — more than Columbus' Santa Maria.

Standing on her stern between two mammoth anti-aircraft guns, it's easier to understand the reality of a war about to take place thousands of miles away. It's not about fighting for oil, the economy, freedom or even to save the world from a tyrant like Saddam Hussein. War is about dying.

It's been that way since before our grandfathers fought against the Axis and our fathers flew on bombing runs against the Viet Cong. I never understood why my father spoke so little about his war or the medals he'd received or about the day his best friend was killed. Maybe I just never asked enough. Maybe the American people should have asked more questions.

Our generation will no longer have to listen to father's stories or read the '60s section of an American history book. It's our turn to learn, firsthand — the peace protests, flag burnings, failed diplomacy, news clips about body bag factories or interviews with 5 year olds whose parents are off at war.

"Yellow ribbons," we'll tell our kids, "mean a lot of terrible things."

It gnaws at your belly — being torn between patriotism for the troops, trying to justify a war and coming to grips with the impending immense loss of human life. Fighting a war is no longer as simple as shaking a big stick and cracking it over the head of a third world country. Will Israel, Syria and Jordan jump into the conflict? What type of weapons will be used? Will there be a draft? Will we build another war wall in Washington?

It's also hard to reconcile the personal relief of being far away from the conflict with the sorrow for those who will die — on both sides. There'll be a twinge of guilt (war guilt?) too, when 19 and 20 year olds — kids younger than I am — start dying.

If Vietnam has taught us anything, perhaps we can console ourselves that there'll be a less selfish reaction from the American people. When the troops come home perhaps, we'll blame them less and hold the policy-makers accountable.

And all that's left to do is worry in the waning moments of peace along the Cape Fear River.

This night, the North Carolina's red navigation lights outline her bridge and stacks soon after darkness falls. War, watching from Wilmington's waterfront district, seems only a stone's throw away. It's awful and real, and as menacing as the huge battleship.

Matt Wasniewski is a senior history and communication major.

#### If war is unavoidable, we must support our troops more than ever

To the editor:

This letter is in response to the "Speak Out" concerning the Persian Gulf held Monday. I found the nature of the event very upsetting.

We all want peace above anything else, but as the deadline approaches and expires, war seems unavoidable. In addition, it is obvious to me that our leaders, for the most part, have decided our nation's course.

Whether I am for or against our action in the Gulf is not important; although I do have my own personal opinion. What is important at this point in time is that we unite as a campus and as a country and put our "energies" toward support of our soldiers instead of arguing about who is right and who is wrong.

Our soldiers, some of which may be family and friends, need our united support now more than ever.

Matt Manetti political science/public administration 9 other signatures

#### 'Tie-dyed protesters' don't know the true threat faced in Mideast

To the editor:

As I listened Monday to the arguments of those speaking against our involvement in the Persian Gulf, I was struck by the seeming irrelevance of most of their points.

Some of the statements were sillier than any I had ever heard before. For example, does anyone really believe that the deadline of Jan. 15 was intentionally chosen to slight Martin Luther King Jr.? Is it really probable that the crisis is the result of a scheme of the "military-industrial complex?" And finally, is our involvement in the Persian Gulf truly just another instance of our "mixed up environmental priorities?" Some of the protesters seemed to think so.

Clearly, those who argue that we must stay out of this crisis are not really serious about wanting to avoid war. Rather, they are manipulating the situation to further other political agendas. If they truly sought peace, they would realize that for us to allow Saddam Hussein to overrun Kuwait and Saudi Arabia would be an open invitation to aggression for other third-world dictators all over the globe.

Eventually, the United States will be drawn into conflict. Do we want to fight now, when we have international and bipartisan unity, or should we wait until later, when the casualties will be greater and the consequences worse? The president, the Congress, and the United Nations, all agree that action now may be necessary to avoid world chaos later. Maybe those few tie-dyed protesters know something everyone else on Earth does not. But to me, that hardly seems likely.

John Wirth senior political science/public administration

#### 'Unstable leader' must be dealt with, regardless of the oil issue

To the editor:

On Monday, we watched what purported to be a free exchange of ideas degenerate into an anti-war protest.

We were able to listen to a professor who decided that, because the congressional vote on the situation did not agree with his opinions, Congress didn't properly do its

According to all recent public opinion polls, the majority of Americans support the use of force. To us this means that they were doing their job of representing the will of the American people.

We were also able to listen to a truly enlightened individual who concluded his statement by informing the crowd that the solution was "Bongs, not Bombs." There was an individual who took the mike to put forth a long string of incoherent obscenities, and whenever

someone took the mike to state an opinion that was not completely anti-war, he would shout from his position from the side of the stage that they were a puppet or tool of the government. This and other factors served to intimidate speakers of opposing viewpoints from taking the stage. Because of this we have chosen to express our opinions in a letter that won't be shouted down before its points are made.

We feel the main reason we are in the Gulf is not because of oil, but rather, a national and international security issue. Saddam Hussein is a power-hungry autocrat who has been linked to global terrorism and has used chemical weapons on political opponents both inside his country and in his war with Iran. The crux of the issue is that leaving an unstable leader in power who believes he can act according to his wishes without regard to the international community will further destabilize an already volatile region with biological, chemical and (in 6-12 months) nuclear weapons at his disposal. Because of this, the international community has deemed military intervention in the region

We don't believe JMU is an apathetic campus. We do think, however, that there were a majority of students whose views were not represented in this "Speak Out," In fact, less than a third of the approximately 300 people who showed up at the rally actively supported the anti-war sentiments of the organizers of the event. It is for this "silent majority" that this letter is being written. A majority that is not pro-war as some would contend but rather trusts the more informed opinions of their elected officials.

We'd like to close with perhaps the most pertinent comment made at the rally: Whether or not support the international community's policy on the use of force, make sure you give your support to the soldiers in the Gulf who are carrying out that policy as their duty requires.

Dave Thomas sophomore political science/economics Nils Hlegren chemistry

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### Business

### Airlines face stormy weather financially

Robyn Williams

assistant business editor

Travel plans for Spring Break?

If airline travel is among those plans, it may not be as readily available as expected.

Some airline companies selling those domestic and international flight tickets may no longer exist in March because they are declaring bankruptcy or discussing possible mergers.

The national recession, high jetfuel prices following the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait and competition within the industry are prime reasons why most of the airline industry is now struggling.

Many airlines now pay almost \$70 million more a week for fuel than they did in July. Since August, 10,000 jobs have disappeared and airlines posted all-time record losses of nearly \$1.4 billion in 1990, according to the Jan. 14 issue of Business Week.

Last year's financial drop doubles the previous record loss set in 1982, according to the 1990 USA Today/ Apple College Information Network.

The airline industry currently is struggling due to a "long term response to the deregulation [of the industry], and you had a lot of very intense competition," said Dr. Barkley Rosser, JMU professor of economics. "Fares have been much lower, which has been good for the consumer, but it has made it a lot harder for an airlines to make money.

"The more immediate factor has been the huge increase in jet fuel prices because of the increase in oil prices because of the gulf crisis situation," he said.

#### TWA and Pan Am

During Christmas week last year, these two weaker airlines discussed a merger as the only hope for survival, according to the Dec. 31 issue of Time..

TWA and Pan Am had tentatively reached an agreement to rescue both from the depths of debt, but that proposal crashed early this month, according to the Jan. 7 issue of *Time*. By the terms of the since disposed contract, TWA would have acquired Pan Am for \$375 million, which equals \$2.50 a share in cash and other securities.

Current TWA Chairman Icahn bought TWA in 1986 for \$435 million. There was a record \$250 million profit in 1988, but TWA bottomed-out and lost \$287 million the next year. Further losses amounted to \$114 million in 1990's first nine months.

For the merger to be completed, Icahn had to compensate Pan Am's losses incurred in the post-holiday season hull. TWA required its rival to file for reorganization in bankruptcy before giving a loan of \$100 million to the airlines, so Pan Am declined the offer.

However, a merger would only have solved the situation temporarily. TWA still has a debt approximating \$2 billion and Pan Am has a weak than a decade.

The new Continental management is led by former Delta Air Lines President Hollis L. Harris. He believes there will be no immediate repercussions for the passengers or company.

#### Eastern

Eastern Air Lines also filed a Chapter 11 claim in March, 1989, but Judge Burton R. Lifland has promised to keep its planes flying and the 18,000 employees on the payroll, according to the Dec. 17 issue of Business Week. Debts continue to

turnaround, but recent negative situations are slowing that process, according to the Dec. 24 issue of Business Week.

Like the other airlines, Northwest has no choice but to pay the extravagant prices for fuel. In addition, a Northwest 727 crashed into one of the airline's DC-9s on Dec. 3. Eight people were killed which soiled the company's reputation.

#### Delta

While its competitors struggle to stay alive, Delta Air Lines, based in Atlanta, intends to expand the Greater



state-to-state program.

"The problem with Pan Am is that they didn't have any domestic routes," Rosser said. "They were going up against subsidized nationalized airlines and the rest of the world, and they didn't have any domestic routes to fall back on," like a profitable Washington-to-Los Angeles route, for instance.

#### Continental

The recession and excessive fuel costs aided its havoc, but Continental Airlines Holdings Inc. declared Chapter 11 Dec. 3 because the former president, Frank Lorenzo, left too much debt and an unhealthy corporate reputation, according to the Dec. 17 issue of Business Week.

This marks the second time Continental, the nation's fifth largest airline, has filed bankruptcy in less grow because Eastern creditors claim the right to about \$400 million in disputed asset transfers between Continental and itself. Also, the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp., based in Washington, D.C., tallied Eastern's unpaid pensions to employees at \$680 million.

Creditors say they would rather liquidate the airline completely to cut their losses. They didn't want to keep the airline in service over the holidays. Lifland could change Eastern's Chapter 11 reorganization to a Chapter 7 liquidation if sales of assets are in the "best interest of the creditors and the estate," according to the same issue.

#### Northwest

Al Checchi, a former Marriott Corp. and Bass brothers executive, purchased Northwest Airlines in July, 1989, for \$3.65 billion with hopes of a positive Cincinnati International Airport at a \$315 million price tag, according to the USA Today/ Apple College Information Network.

At the close of last year, the company ordered 26 new Boeing airplanes totaling more than \$1.5 billion.

One reason for Delta's success is that the company "has a much better management than many of the other airlines," Rosser said.

"They have a very intelligent management in foreseeing problems and has kept its work force happy and kept its employees happy - in contrast to Eastern, which is the extreme opposite case," he said.

Delta sustained a \$473 million profit in 1989.

"We remain a very strong, solid, viable airline moving forward," said Neil Monroe, a spokesman in Delta's Atlanta headquarters.

#### BSU sponsors missions trip to Atlanta

### Holiday break taught 11 JMU s

This article is written as a reflection on a week that assistant arts editor April Hefner spent with 10 other JMU students over the holidays in the Deep South. This story is most certainly not a travel guide, but perhaps it will allow people to see how very fortunate we are here in the sheltered isolation of the Burg.

Perhaps it may even instill a bit of compassion toward the millions of individuals in this country who face lines every day — lines unlike at D-hall and the bank — but lines to enter soup kitchens for a free meal or to seek safety in a shelter from the 35-degree weather on a dangerous winter night.

Welcome to Atlanta, Ga. . . . home of the Hawks, the Falcons, the Braves and more than 16,000 individuals who are forced to live on the streets.

Not exactly what the travel agents have in mind as the perfect vacation spot for a winter holiday, but a spot that changed the lives of 11 JMU students who chose to spend part of their Christmas break in one of the most poverty-stricken areas of Atlanta.

With the coming of the Olympics in 1996, this Southern city's economy is booming. Unfortunately, the number of jobs available are far less than the many who seek employment. The homeless dilemma is compounded by an ever-increasing drug problem and lack of space in local shelters.

Volunteers from the Baptist Student Union at JMU left Harrisonburg Dec. 29 for a week's worth of work in conjunction with the Techwood Baptist Center.

The Baptist Center is not a shelter. It is a missions-oriented outreach center in the Techwood area of Atlanta. Techwood is well known in Atlanta for its run down housing and high incidence of crime.

We anticipated many things from this trip — including sore muscles and aching backs from hard labor, but the first thought on our minds was to serve God in a place where our eyes would be opened to the real world.

"I wanted to get some experience working with people in the inner city," senior Rich Rollings said. "I wanted to see what it's like to work with homeless people and I wanted to help out where I could."

Perhaps the most negative thought to enter our minds was the potential dangers to be found in the community where we were staying — a haven for drug dealers.

"It's one thing to say you believe in God, it's another to trust Him," sophomore Karen Kimsey said.

After successfully cramming 11 people, their suitcases, backpacks, sleeping bags and two guitars into the BSU van, we set sail amidst the snow and ice of a chilly Harrisonburg morning.

Upon our arrival, an orientation session was given by Terry Moncrief, the director of the Techwood Baptist Center, and his assistant Don Cockes, a 1990 JMU graduate. We were all impressed by the many programs the center had, including a food pantry, a clothes closet,



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visits to the elderly and cleanings of homes in the nearby low-income housing projects.

Our first introduction to the harsh realities of the area began as area residents testified at a Sunday morning service to what they felt God had done in their lives the previous week. Nearly every person praised God for simply getting them up out of bed that morning.

Although initially the true meaning behind those statements escaped us, we each gradually began to understand how appreciative these people were for the simple gift of life. Despite the fact that a sense of security was rarely found, these people rejoiced in surviving another day.

The First Baptist Church of Atlanta became a source of inspiration for our team Sunday night when Dr. Charles Stanley spoke on the importance of seeking Christ first in everything we do. The sermon from Joshua 1; 6-9 served to encourage us to "be strong and courageous" in our coming week as well as to remind us God is with us "wherever we go."

We would need to be reminded of that very promise several times during the week as we met a variety of people and saw many humbling and devastating sights.

Meeting Rose, one of the people the Techwood Baptist Center helps, proved to be one of the most humbling experiences of my life — as well as my most difficult challenge of the week. One of our biggest tasks was to clean apartments for people who asked for the center's help. When Cockes assigned us to Rose, he sent eight of

us to her apartment to clean for three hours with the parting comment, "You probably won't finish in there today."

As anxious as I was to serve God, I was terrified at the thought of entering this particular apartment. Upon our first visit, however, Rose refused to let us enter, saying she was afraid the sight would make us physically ill. I wasn't exactly disappointed by her refusal to let us in, but I was intrigued. After all, we were volunteering to clean her apartment for free. The rest of the team was as puzzled as I, and so we returned the next day with a smaller, less intimidating group.

Although she was still hesitant, this time Rose accepted our offer.

I can honestly say I know of no other time in my life when I have been more repulsed. Fruit flies circled our heads, cockroaches lined the cabinets and drawers, dirty tissues lay in six-inch piles next to the bed and dust flew from every inch of a floor that had not been vacuumed since last February.

"At first I didn't think it was bad, but then it really disgusted me," Kimsey said. "After I saw those roaches, I was ready to scream. It was hard for me to stay."

One member of our group did get physically ill in accordance with Rose's predictions, while the rest of us felt feelings of disgust and futility. After two hours we had barely made a dent in the work or in Rose's life.

"At first I thought she was drowning in self-pity, and it made me angry. I was totally bewildered and wondering

### students the meaning of giving





"I wanted to get some experience working with people in the inner city. I wanted to see what it's like to work with homeless people and I wanted to help out where I could.

Rich Rollings senior

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se from left: (left to right) Donna Percira, sophomore Holly Collins, Juanita Jackson, senior Rich Rollings and senior Jonathan Id check out the clothes in the Techwood Baptist Center's clothes closet; sophomores Karen Kimsey (left) and Heather Tierney an Atlanta soup kitchen; senior Jeff Aames cleaning apartments in an HUD high rise.

why we were there," Kimsey said. "It just really upset me and made me realize how much people need God."

Upon our return the following day, Rose admitted to some of her problems. Terrible health and a critically low self-esteem prevent her from cleaning or having any real motivation for life in general. A tragic past has given her little reason for hope amidst the backdrop of the environment she is in now. However, as we left Rose for the final time, with only minor changes in the condition of her home, we felt as though her attitude may have improved.

"Even if we did just clean the room a little bit, she saw that people loved her and that Jesus loves her," Kimsey said.

Rollings summed up our emotions. "I saw that to really help out these people, it's going to take in-depth personal contact.

"You can't give a quick fix. You have to really take time to help them and to understand where they are coming from."

"I gained insight on needs and how rewarding it can be to sit down with people and talk to them," sophomore Holly Collins said. "I felt like there were a lot of needs. It seemed like such an awful place, and at the same time there were a lot of people who were caring."

One of those caring people who made a definite impact on our week was a middle-aged man named Jim, a resident in the area and a volunteer at the Baptist Center. He spoke of the many gunshots he hears in his neighborhood at night — a frightening thought compared to the relative safety of the Shenandoah Valley.

"Jim had been in the service, he'd been a taxi driver, he'd been married with three kids, but his family had left him nine times because of his drinking and wild lifestyle," sophomore Scott Williamson said. "He went to a three-week rehab program in Florida but was there for nine months. He accepted Christ there, and he's been volunteering at Techwood [Center] ever since."

Poor health has kept Jim from obtaining a permanent job, so he is forced to rely solely on disability checks once a month. However, his attitude has proven to be a tremendous aid to the people at the center.

"He was very open and easy to talk to — very wise for someone with little education," Williamson said. "He's really got a sensitivity to people, and I think God has used him there [Techwood] to reach his neighbors — the people who are hurting."

Vera, an elderly woman living alone in a Housing and Urban Development project, was another friend we made during our stay. Her willingness to discuss major world issues was invigorating and humbling. As we analyzed the causes of drug use in America, "Miss Vera" was quick to pipe in her own opinion: "I don't see the point in taking all those pills — I get my high by simply being able to get up, dress and walk downstairs every day."

Although forced to live alone, rarely receiving a visitor, Miss Vera continuously found a reason to smile.

It amazed each of us to see how little we appreciate our youth, our health, our financial situations and our families.

Rose, Vera and Jim, along with many others, affected the way in which I view this world — my idealistic nature has been seasoned by the realization that people are struggling to survive on a daily basis within the borders of my own nation. The rest of the team and I may never look at this world in quite the same way.

"I got a completely new perspective on how valuable life is and how important it is to follow God's direction and make that a priority above things that might seemingly lead to success," Williamson said.

Rollings said, "I think I learned God loves everybody the same. It's not just because of situations, and I need to learn to help out people who are in worse situations than I am in. I learned how much God loves me and how much I need to share that love."

Collins said, "It's taught me to live like there is no tomorrow — to make a difference today and not to wait until I'm older."

More than anything this team has decided to place God as the priority in our lives and never stop counting our blessings.

"It makes me consider how lucky I am," Kimsey said.
"It gave me greater insight into how God works in mysterious ways, especially in prayer. You receive so much more in return than you ever give."

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### JMU to celebrate King's birthday

Donna Ragsdale

staff writer

Let us all hope that the dark clouds of racial prejudice will soon pass away and the deep fog of misunderstanding will be lifted from our fear-drenched communities, and in some not too distant tomorrow the radiant stars of love and brotherhood will shine over our great nation with all their scintillating beauty.

> — Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. "Letter From a Birmingham Jail"

Though nearly 23 years have passed since the death of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., his ideals of human equality and peace live on at JMU and on college campuses across the nation. Jan. 21 will mark Martin Luther King Jr. Day, and the JMU campus plans to celebrate the life and teachings of King.

Beginning with a Unity March, the day will include a "Speak-Out" and a formal evening ceremony.

The JMU Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Committee planned this year's celebration, the fourth one at JMU. Co-chairpersons Pat Southall and Thomas Rivers head the committee of approximately 25 members who began planning campus events in late October.

Southall, a junior who began working on the committee her freshman year.

"My expectation is to see as many people from different cultural backgrounds to come out because that's what Martin Luther King stood for — that was his dream," Southall said.

The Unity March will start at 11:45 a.m. near the Music Building and lead to Grafton-Stovall Theatre for a noon "Speak-Out."

"Noon Speak-Out is really for anyone who wants to read poetry or speak on what Martin Luther King Jr. represented," said Rivers. Students or faculty who want to be included on the schedule of speakers may contact either chairperson.

"He was someone who had a strong desire and dream to unify all people for a common interest."

Pat Southall junior

A formal program will be held Monday evening at 7:30 p.m. in Wilson Hall Auditorium. Opera singer

Marjorie Wharton from the Metropolitan Opera in New York will perform, as will the JMU Contemporary Gospel Singers.

Cleo Fields will be the speaker for the program. Fields is a 27-year-old graduate of Southern University and A & M College at Baton Rouge, La.

At the age of 24, Fields was the youngest state senator in the United States, representing Louisiana.

A candle-lighting ceremony will end the service.

Byron Bullock, the assistant to the associate vice president for student affairs in the Office of Multicultural Student Services, has been in charge of the celebration for all four years, and thinks Fields will be an appropriate speaker for the celebration.

"He represents a young, dynamic leader. He's young and relates well with college students," he said.

Bullock said the program provides an opportunity to remember the work of Martin Luther King Jr.

"It is an opportunity for us to take time out to reflect on the life of Dr. King and the work he did," Bullock said.

Rivers said working on the committee and reading more about King's work was a growing experience.

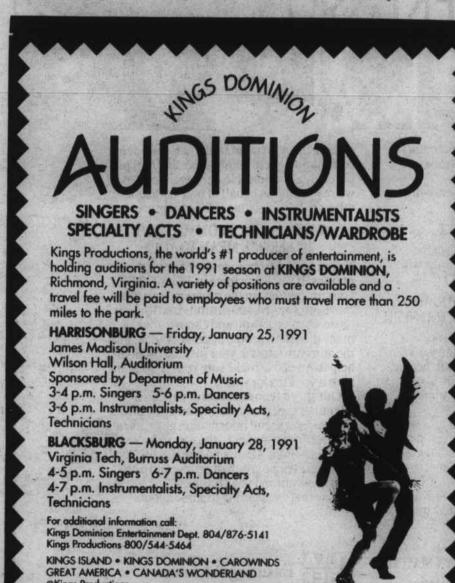
"I've come to a better understanding of the struggles he went through for civil rights," Rivers said.

A birthday party also will be held in King's honor Sunday night beginning at 10 p.m. in the PC Ballroom.

The committee for the celebration also worked to involve the community. An essay contest was held for local high school students. The winning essay will be read at the noon "Speak-Out."

Southall said it was important for everyone to remember the ideals King represented.

"He was someone who had a strong desire and dream to unify all people for a common interest," Southall said. "He didn't just fight for black rights, but for everyone."







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#### **Casualties**

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Muller, a former Marine officer confined to a wheelchair since Vietnam. "Everybody said it was going to be no contest . . . 10 years later, after 300,000 casualties and 59,000 dead, we left. It is a communist flag that is flying over South Vietnam today. We lost. Don't try to clean it up—we lost."

Muller also questioned the effectiveness of air power — often cited as America's military ace in the hole — against well-entrenched ground troops.

"I came back from Vietnam in 1969 after getting shot while assaulting an enemy that was dug in on a hilltop," Muller said, his voice rising. "I assaulted that position after repeated jet strikes dropped their bombs right on top of the enemy; after hours of heavy artillery shelling and countless rounds of tank fire."

Muller said a string of lucky coincidences led to his survival. A helicopter evacuated him almost immediately to a hospital ship that happened to be nearby.

"They entered into my medical record that had I arrived one minute later, I would have died," Muller said. "How many in the Gulf will die because they cannot receive immediate medical care?"

Turning to his fellow veterans in the audience who also were wounded in battle, Muller said: "We lived in Vietnam. We'd be dead in the Gulf."

Retired Adm. Gene La Rocque, director of the Center for Defense Information, a Washington military think tank, gave Iraqi forces a respectful review.

"They're defending their homeland and their families," La Rocque said.

"They're certainly experienced. Their weapons are tested in that environment."

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### Arts

### Sing!

### Tenor refines voice to discover spirit of music



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Senior John Bellemer will be performing the lead tenor role in 'Mozart Medley' next month in Latimer-Schaeffer Theatre.

Kathryn Peterson

staff writer

Her fingers melt over the keys, filling the room with the sound of the piano. His voice rises, harmonizing with the piano chords.

For a split second, singer and accompanist lose connection. Then they blend together once more — provoking, inspiring and hypnotizing.

This is the magic of music — but the magic doesn't just come automatically.

"No matter how much of a gift you have, you have to work at it," says John Bellemer, a JMU senior from Burke.

Bellemer is a music major with a concentration in vocal performance. He is playing the lead tenor roles in a program titled "Mozart Medley" next month. This program includes the performance of the opera "Bastien and Bastienna" and another opera scene titled "Cosi fan tutte."

"I think he's definitely one of the most outstanding voice students we've ever had at JMU, and I expect him to do big things," said Dr. John Little, Bellemer's voice professor.

This summer Bellemer was fulfilling that prophesy.

He performed with the Ohio Light Opera, a touring company that worked mainly with operettas.

"It opened my eyes," Bellemer says.

"It taught me a lot about the stage. I got to see how people work, how professional everything really is, and I suddenly realized — wow, I really can see myself doing this for the rest of my life.

"The main thrill for me is to just be up there on stage and interpret what the poet or composer has to say — to do it as they would do it if they could."

Sometimes interpreting a piece is hard for Bellemer. "Sometimes it's hard to understand something," he admits. "And sometimes it's hard to pronounce some of the words in a foreign piece."

French is Bellemer's least favorite language to pronounce. He likes the "harsh languages better, like German."

Sophomore Scott Williamson, Bellemer's little brother in the Phi Mu Alpha music fraternity, said Bellemer's talent is more than impressive.

"It's hard to put into words," Williamson says. "You have to listen

to him. His high range is incredible. It is a voice that would be envied by anyone. He can sing higher than a lot of girls in the department. It's remarkable."

Besides his course requirements, Bellemer has to get ready for his senior recital:

Although the recital isn't until April 19, Bellemer already is studying, researching and practicing the music.

"I have an overwhelming amount of work to do in the next few weeks," Bellemer says. "I have to research all the composers, look into the language that some of the pieces were written in, and practice, practice, practice."

Even though singing is a lot of work, there's nothing else Bellemer would rather be doing.

"I know I should be singing," he says. "There's no question of that."

But Bellemer hasn't always been this clear about what he wanted to do with his life.

Even though he's been singing in church choirs since third grade, Bellemer wasn't serious about music until the ninth grade. He made history in his high school by "being the first freshman boy ever to make the Swing Singers group."

And even then he didn't consider it a possible career choice.

"I just didn't think I could make a living at it," he says. "It's also hard to take something seriously that a lot of people make fun of you for," he says.

"There's a stigma attached to being a male singer — especially in high school. Let's face it — male singers are not known for being masculine. It's just a stupid stereotype."

When Bellemer came to JMU, he was a biology major enrolled in the pre-dentistry program.

"I was going to be an orthodontist," he says with a laugh.

But he still kept singing. During his first semester at JMU, he tried out for several musicals and joined two vocal ensembles "just for the fun of it."

And from there Bellemer's college singing career took off.

"I've been in so many things it would be impossible to count them all," he says. "It seems like I'm always working on something."

And working with someone.

#### Recitals: Musicians make practice pay off

Donna Ragsdale

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music reporter

Many JMU musicians spend months of practice, days of worry and hours of concentration on a single 30-minute recital.

Each year JMU hosts 250 to 300 student and faculty recitals. The purpose of such performances may differ for each recital.

Music Performance majors are required to give a 30-minute junior recital and a 45-minute senior recital. Music Education majors have only the senior recital requirement.

Senior Sam Elson, a Music Education major in percussion, believes recitals are important for both

"Whether you are an education or performance major, you still need to know your instrument well,"

Senior Kim Clayton, a music education major, said her senior flute recital is good preparation for her future career.

"I'll have to get in front of an audience like I will every day [as a teacher]," Clayton said.

Students have the responsibility of signing-up for their recital dates. Junior Julie Stoots has been preparing for her piano recital since the middle of the

"You have to share music with other people, it's no fun keeping it to yourself," said Stoots.

Preparing for a recital requires practice and time for students and faculty. Trumpet instructor James Kluesner said the preparation for faculty performances requires additional time from his schedule.



Senior Sam Elson will perform his percussion recital Jan. 25 in Anthony-Seeger Auditorium.



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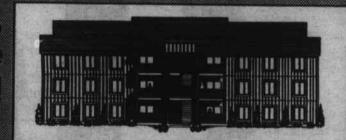
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#### Bellemer.

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One of the things that distinguishes vocalists from other musicians is that "a lot of times, you find you have to rely on more people to come up with a finished product," Bellemer says.

"Unless you sing without an accompanist, you're going to automatically have one person to work with, and many times, you'll be accompanied by more than one instrument," he says.

Bellemer's senior recital will be a good example of team effort. During most of the recital, he will be accompanied by pianist Julie Stoots, who has been working with him for almost two years.

"Julie and I are a team," Bellemer says. "We rely on each other for the overall effect of the work we're performing."

Stoots and Bellemer have been working together so long that they connect with each other both personally and professionally.

"We're so in tune with each other that we almost always know what each other is going to do at certain points in the music before we even do it," he says. "And we can tell by a look if the other is having a bad day.

"When you're in a position like we are," he says, "when so much depends on both of you doing well, you know that you both will pull through — even if things start off a little rocky."

Their first performance this semester was a prime example of their best work, he says.

"I think it's been one of my all-time best experiences on stage here at JMU," he says reflectively. "We really connected well and had a great performance. After the performance we were both buzzing, we were so excited."

"Buzzing with excitement" is a phrase Bellemer uses often to describe "the natural high I get from singing."

"When I'm up on stage and look out on the audience, I get such a rush," he says, his eyes sparkling at the thought.

Some of the music in Bellemer's recital will be easy to interpret, "Because it was written with me in mind."

Composition major Michael Conley, Bellemer's housemate and friend since freshman year, is writing a song cycle to four Robert Frost poems, including "The Road Not Taken."

"We'll be interested to see where that takes us," Bellemer says. "I have confidence in Michael. He knows what he's doing. He's only just recently started composing for the voice, and he's doing a wonderful job."

Bellemer's relationship with Conley is an example of how close friendships come from music.

"When you work with someone in the music world," Bellemer says, "you really get to know them. There's just this bond there. And if you have conflicts, you tend to air them quickly, because it's the hard to work with someone if there's tension between you. The friends that I have now I can see myself having twenty years down the line.

And that, Bettemer feels, is one of the most rewarding benefits of singing.

"There's no doubt that music majors in general have to work all day long and never stop — but we love it. And how many people can say that about their careers?"

#### Recital

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"The biggest thing about a faculty member's performance is finding time to prepare," said Kluesner. "The evenings we perform, we've already gone through a full day of teaching."

According to Dr. Pat Rooney, director of bands, recitals are not required for faculty members but are encouraged. Rooney said faculty recitals benefit the students and the instructors.

"I always feel like it's putting the shoe on the other foot," Rooney said. "The best way to teach students is by example."

Kluesner and Rooney will give a faculty recital Jan. 22 at 8 p.m. in Wilson Hall. With Kluesner playing trumpet and Rooney on clarinet, they will perform solos and duet numbers.

Kluesner admitted that even faculty members can get nervous. "It's a human reaction that we can control and jurn into positive excitement for the performance," Kluesner said.

The following three students will be giving their senior flute recitals Friday in the Anthony-Seeger Auditorium: Jan Lee at 4:30 p.m.; Kimber Beasley at 6 p.m. and Kim Clayton at 8 p.m.

Faculty members James Kluesner and Dr. Pat Rooney will present a recital on the trumpet and clarinet respectively Jan. 22 at 8 p.m. in Wilson Hall.

Another student recital will be held Jan. 25 in the Anthony-Seeger Auditorium. Sophomore Natalie Toida will begin the student recital on the violin at 3 p.m. Junior Michael Conley follows at 4:30 p.m. on oboe while pianist Julie Stoots presents her junior recital at 5 p.m. The evening concludes with senior Sam Elson's percussion recital.

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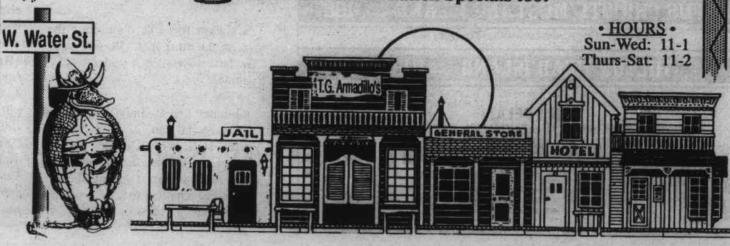
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### Sports

### Dukes bench fills in for suspended trio

Brooks sprains ankle, out 4 weeks

**Maurice Jones** 

staff writer

WILMINGTON, N.C. — Billy Coles, Jeff Chambers and Barry Brown stood, wearing warm-up jackets, watching as the final minutes of a close CAA clash ticked away. Each an integral part of the JMU men's basketball team, they were regulated to the role of cheerleaders, while their seldom-used replacements came in to make the big plays the Dukes needed to knock off UNC-Wilmington in overtime, 73-69.

Troy Bostic, Clayton Ritter and Alan Dorsey were called upon and played key roles in assuring JMU of its third consecutive CAA win.

Coles, Chambers and Brown were suspended for Monday night's game by head coach Lefty Driesell after the trio broke the team's curfew by about a half an hour last Saturday night down in Greenville, N.C., after the East Carolina game.

"They missed curfew, and so if you miss curfew I figure you're not ready to play," Driesell said.

Coles, Chambers and Brown, Driesell announced, will all be reinstated for Saturday's game against American. But the Dukes will be forced to play without the services of back-up point guard Kenny Brooks. At the 7:59 mark of the second half, Brooks went down with a leg injury after colliding with UNCW's Matt Fish.

At first the team feared Brooks had broken his ankle, but it proved to be only a sprain. The injury will keep the senior out of the line-up for at least four weeks, leaving JMU with only Hood and Irvin as experienced backcourt players.

In the game, Bostic was one of three JMU players who tried to keep the 6-11 235-pound Fish, from totally dominating. When JMU's Chancellor Nichols fouled out with 2:35 left in regulation, that responsibility was placed squarely on the shoulders of Bostic and freshman Clayton Ritter.

"I didn't think anybody played very good defense on [Fish]," Driesell said.
"They did a good job of getting him the ball down low, and he got on a roll ... we couldn't contain him really."



CHRIS TYREE/THE BREEZE

Steve Hood led JMU with 24 points, including six in overtime Monday.

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### NCAA revisions won't hurt JMU

Mark DeStefano

staff writer

Despite the far-reaching reforms that were passed at the NCAA Convention in Nashville last week, many of the programs here at JMU will see little to no change in the way they operate.

The reforms, which mainly dealt with recruiting, scholarship allotment, size of coaching staffs and time restrictions on the student athlete, received full support of the JMU delegation. Athletic Director Dean Ehlers headed the delegation and said many of the moves were made to reduce the athletic budget.

"The university has always been in favor of

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### Defense, attitude play key role in JMU's 10-game win streak

Mike Beebe & Rob Kaiser

staff writers

Riding a 10-game winning streak, the JMU womens' basketball squad has formulated a mental and physical attitude to their game.

"I think that the kids have made up their minds that they're going to play at a high level of intensity and that they're not going to allow things to bother them when it gets hard," said head coach Shelia Moorman.

The Dukes dominated UNC-Wilmington Monday, vaulting their record to 12-2 and 3-0 in conference play. There have been many contributions to the strength of play during the streak, but defense stands out.

"I think our kids are feeling a lot of confidence in their defense, and they're enjoying playing it and taking a lot of pride in it," Moorman said. The defense which leads the Colonial in holding other teams at bay and holding down opponents' field goal percentage is drawing comparison to previous JMU squads. Teams that Moorman has previously taken to the big show don't rest free from the comparison.

"I really think we're getting there," she said. "This group is capable of playing the same style of defense we had with our better teams."

But Moorman is still counting on her teams'

"I think we need to keep working. We're not there yet."

Part of the work ethic has to do with the blend of players that the Dukes are working with. Kerri Gilmore is now starting at the point and Nickie Hardison and Jeanine Michealsen are coming off the bench.

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#### Men

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The Dukes did find a way to contain Fish in the overtime period. His only point came on a free throw with 3:54 left. Bostic and Ritter basically closed off the passing lanes to Fish, and the junior was forced out to the top of the key in order to touch the ball.

The biggest defensive play in overtime came with 2:30 left. The Dukes led 69-68, and the Seahawks were looking inside to Fish, who was being defended by Ritter. Wilmington's Reggie Veney tried to loft a pass into Fish. Ritter stepped in front, tipped the ball and ran it down before it bounced out of bounds.

Ritter realized that with the team's top four big men out he had to respond.

"He's a heck of a player, and I just wanted to come in and shut him down on defense and try to stay out of foul trouble," Ritter said.

UNCW tied the game up with 1:51 left. But just 20 seconds later, JMU's Steve Hood's driving lay up gave the Dukes the lead. The Seahawks had a chance to tie the game, but Joe Cherry's threw up an air ball with :52 remaining. JMU came down with the ball, but there was seven seconds between the game and the shot clock.

Wilmington decided against fouling and instead played tight defense.

The plan seemed to work as Hood's fall away jumper bounced off the rim and backboard and rim again, but the Seahawks failed to box out Alan Dorsey who chased down the ball and fed it to Fess Irvin who got it back to Hood. Hood found his way to the basket and ended the scoring with a lay up.

Driesell was impressed with the performances of his reservists.

"Alan Dorsey, a guy that hadn't played much at all, came in and got a big rebound, that really sewed it up for us," Driesell said. "Everybody had to play well for us because we didn't have but six or seven players.

"I was real proud of them. Under the conditions I thought it was a great win for us."

Two constants for the Dukes were the play of backcourt tandem Irvin and Hood. Hood led the team in scoring with 24 points and Irvin chipped in 19.

Both players played the entire game plus every minute of the five minute overtime.

"I thought Steve Hood played a great ballgame for us tonight, he was sensational, and Fess Irvin played well," Driesell said.

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reducing costs," Ehlers said in an interview Tuesday. "We have always supported any measure that would reduce the cost of intercollegiate athletics.

"There is a general feeling across the nation that we are spending too much money on athletics. Even programs that are generating big dollars are having trouble paying the bills. We've got to find ways to cut the loss," Ehlers said.

Of the 25 intercollegiate programs at JMU, the reforms will only affect three programs—men's basketball, women's basketball and football. The reforms include reduced scholarships, reduced coaching staffs, limiting recruiting visits and limiting the time a student athlete can practice with a team.

Women's basketball coach Shelia Moorman said the only reform that will affect her program is the cut in scholarships. "I don't have any concerns with the resolutions on the whole because the program already follows many of them," she said in an interview Tuesday. "Scholarships, though, are an area that should not be cut. We need scholarships to be available in case of injury, illness and attrition."

Moorman also said a cut in

scholarships would run the risk of deluding good athletes about competing on the college level while obstructing the opportunity to continue to develop the sport.

JMU football head coach Rip Scherer also doesn't see much change happening to the program he has inherited.

"Everybody's on the same restrictions," he said. "It won't affect us any different than it will affect Georgia Southern."

Scherer also sees the measures as a means to cut costs.

"We do waste a lot of money, and in that sense the reforms are good. There are a lot of wasted resources that can be eliminated or restricted that would not diminish the product we put on the field to compete," he said.

Moorman recognizes the nationwide athletic budget problem, and said in many cases the money to fund programs wasn't there.

"Many of the cuts made were done simply to keep heads above water and to keep schools from going in the red," she said. "We need to look to the future and keep expenditures from getting out of hand as they have in the past."

Men's basketball coach Lefty

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JMU's Vicki Harris (24) and Paula Schuler (32) battle for a loose ball.

#### **Streak**

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"They blend very well together," Moorman said. "I've found very often in coaching it's not always your best players that play together the best."

Senior Vicki Harris agreed.

"I think we finally found the right combinations to use, and we're using those combinations to our advantage," Harris said.

One of the advantages is an up tempo game. With Gilmore at the point, Emily McCracken can do what she always wanted to — run.

"I think last year Emily wanted to run, but she couldn't always get everybody to run with her," Moorman said

The move to second guard also as helped McCracken's shooting.

"Emily is a better scorer now than she was a year ago," said Moorman. "She was so focused on being a point guard a year ago and just trying to get people in the right places."

Against UNC-Wilmington, JMU started out with their up tempo squad, but didn't require their services for very long. After a Dukes 12-point scoring burst early in the first half, Moorman was able to insert her reserves. Nine JMU players contributed to the 37-11 halftime lead.

Midway through the second half, JMU exploded for another 12-point scoring drive and a comfortable 63-22 lead. In the end, every dressed Dukes player scored en route to a 77-38 victory.

Wilmington head coach Sherri Tynes praised the Dukes, who now have shutout the Seahawks 17 straight times.

"They are a better team player for player," Tynes said. "They just put so much pressure on the ball defensively."

Brandy Cruthird lived up to her defensive and rebounding responsibilities by pulling in six rebounds, four of them defensive.

"Almost every night we match her up with the other team's best post player," Moorman. said. "So she always has a big responsibility in the defensive end. We do expect her to be our leading rebounder. She has a difficult job with her size."

Down the road, JMU's toughest contests appear to be with George Mason and Richmond. The Dukes face George Mason at home Jan. 26 and play at Richmond almost two weeks later in a game that could decide the conference.

"On the surface it really does look like Richmond and ourselves are having the most success at this point," said Moorman.

Although she does not want to overlook any of the contests before Richmond, Moorman offered a comparison between the two clubs.

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#### Injury-plagued Dukes struggle to 1-4 start

**Eddie Gray** 

staff writer

For the JMU wrestling team, injuries have been hitting much harder than any opponent.

Third-year head coach Jeff Bowyer has seen injuries cut deep into a team that posted a 12-5 record last season, but has struggled to a 1-4 start this year.

"We've lost about eight or 10 guys that all saw some action last year," Bowyer said. "At this point, there's only three or four guys on the team this year that saw time last year."

Among the wounded are 190-pounders Bob Hamilton and Dave Sobocinski, 158-pound Brian Gray, 167-pound Todd Crompton, 118-pound Brian Dugan and 177-pound Mike Smith. All six wrestlers underwent knee surgery.

Shane Van Horne, a 142-pounder, left the team for personal reasons, and 126-pound Danny Durso is out with strep throat.

After finishing seventh in the annual Navy Classic on Nov. 17 and failing to place a wrestler in the finals of the JMU Invitational, the Dukes entered the regular season with the Millersville Duals Dec. 8. At that meet, JMU picked up a 31-9 win over American, and dropped matches to Millersville (24-14) and Lock Haven (35-9).

Following the Millersville meet, JMU headed to Charlottesville Jan. 9 and were beaten by Virginia, 25-9. But Bowyer felt the UVa loss was not as lopsided as the score might indicate.

"With a better effort, we could have won that match," Bowyer said.

"UVa wasn't a blowout," 126-pounder Keith Taylor said. "There were several close matches."

On Jan. 12, the Dukes fell to Liberty at home, 27-21.

"I wasn't anticipating any wins or losses [against Liberty]," Bowyer said. "I was just looking for a good performance from the individuals who were put out there. We got that in most cases."



MATT SCHWABEL/THE BREEZE

JMU's 118-pound Keith Taylor, a senior, has been one the few Dukes able to stay healthy this season.

Despite their losing record, the team has had a number of good performances this season. George Sucher finished sixth in the Sunshine Invitational Open held in Tampa, Fla. on Dec. 28

and 29, and fifth in the Navy tournament. Sucher has compiled a 14-5 record this season, an impressive feat considering that he has faced several All-Americans and nationally ranked wrestlers this season alone. Two of his losses have come to All-Americans.

"George has done an outstanding job to this point," Bowyer said. "He is in a competitive weight class, and it is difficult for him to look like he is doing well while wrestling against the sixth-ranked guy in the country."

Sucher is hoping to achieve some personal goals.

"Hopefully, me and Keith [Taylor] can go to nationals. That would salvage the season," he said.

Taylor has had a good season to this point as well, garnering decisive wins over Liberty, UVa, Millersville, Loch Haven and American. He also traveled to the semifinals in the JMU Invitational before being defeated.

"I think the guys we're putting out there are giving a good effort," Bowyer said. "I see a lot of good things from the guys that are our backups. It's some of our starters I question at times."

Sucher said, "It's good for some of the younger guys to step in and get experience, but it is hard to predict how well some freshmen will do in college wrestling."

The remainder of the team's schedule promises to be difficult, and, according to Bowyer, the team will be unable to compete against some of those teams. The Dukes will face George Mason and Old Dominion, both of whom were ranked in the top 25 in preseason polls, in addition to Virginia Tech and Maryland.

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Driesell would not comment on any of the rule changes. His program, like the women's team, will have to cut two scholarships from their budget in the future.

In all, the athletic department could save up to \$100,000 or even more by 1995, the deadline for all cuts to be effective. Ehlers said that while other universities might collect greater savings, JMU stands to lose less

during the transitory period. Ehlers also said the money saved will most likely be used to maintain current programs and offset inflation rather than to fund new programs.

"We've already been told that our operating budget for next year will be the same as this year's," he said. "We have to meet cost-of-living increases in travel costs, meal costs and housing costs — so the money will probably go there."

Despite cuts in scholarships, coaching and practice time, Ehlers said maintaining a competitive athletic program at JMU will not be a problem.

He cites JMU's philosophy concerning athletics as his primary source of optimism.

"The athletic department has never been told to operate as a business," Ehlers said. "Our athletic philosophy centers on sports being a part of the total education process."

Ehlers also said that JMU will continue to progress athletically and maintain competitive in the sports it offers.

Scherer voiced similar sentiments concerning his football program.

"I think to reduce the program by a handful of scholarships or a graduate assistant is not in any way going to diminish our chances of being successful," he said.

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Congratulations To The New AΣT Sisters! We love you guys.

Johnnie's Heritage Plays At ΣN - Friday, 10 pm, \$2, \$3 at door.

Campus Leeders – Join O∆K - the national leadership honor society. Applications available in Alumnae 106. Deadline Jan. 30.

Kick Off The New Year – With a free karale lesson at the JMU Martial Arts Club. Open to all ranks & styles. Stop by Monday or Wednesday, 7 to 9 pm in the Wrestling Room at Godwin Hall or call 434-8824.

Be Ready For Spring Break - Learn to scuba dive. Call 433-3337 for class schedule & fees. Sign up now!

EAE - Thanks for an invigorating initation extravaganza. You're great! EK.

#### PROTESTANT WORSHIP

Sundays, 11 am in the Valley Room of the WCC. Christians of all traditions are welcome. Sponsored by Lutheran, Presbyterian & United Methodist Campus Ministries

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"Heersay" From NOVA - At AXP. Fri., Jan. 18. No bottles.

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Athletes - If you want to help teach kids in area schools to say no to drugs, then contact Heather, 564-0530.

AKA - We'll wake up with you anytime. Luv,

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National DJ Connection - 100% music entertainment! JMU group rates. 433-0360.

#### Shoot Yourself!

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Submit your own photo or one of our photographers will take it.
Call x6541 or x4649 to enter before Jan. 22. Last Chance!

Women's Softbell Club Interest Meeting -Thurs., Jan. 17, 6 pm, Godwin 205.

ΣΦE – Prepare for some super ΣK's. Aimee, Carrie, Hunter, Jenf

A - Wants to congratulate Karen Saliter, Heather Mahoney & Lara Parker on getting

Men's Besketbell - Saturday at 7:30 pm vs. American.

Special Olympics Basketball Practice — With the athletes begins Jan. 29, 7-8:15 pm at Keister Elementary. Call 432-0834, Darci for into

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Discover Scube - Free introductory scuba lesson: Mon., Jan. 14, 7 pm, Harrisonburg Recreation Department. Bring swimsuit & towel. 433-3337 to register.

Students and Community— Members interested in travelling for a national protest rally at the White House today meet at 1, 3 or 5 pm at Godwin hall parking lot. If you can provide transportation or you need a ride. Sponsored by Harrisonburg Rockingham coalition for Peace in the Middle East.

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