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## Phone system to fulfill needs

Mark Miller  
editor

JMU's new phone system is more than a replacement — it is an upgrading, the vice president for business affairs said.

William Merck said the \$3.6 million system now being installed will meet both current and future needs for phone lines. Currently McGraw-Long Hall, parts of Carrier Library and several academic and administrative offices do not have university lines.

Merck said the system will be cut over at one time, probably in the summer of 1986.

The new system initially will have 4,100 lines and eventually may have as many as 5,000, Merck said. The current system has 3,300 or 3,400, said Robert Campbell, superintendent of general services.

Campbell said each faculty member and administrator probably will have a separate line. Now "a large number" of them share lines, he said.

The system also will have the capacity to meet JMU's growing needs for lines, in places such as the Phillips Center, the fine arts building and any other new buildings on cam-

pus, which eventually could include new dorms and a new school of business, Merck said.

While the new system's running costs will be \$250,000 to \$300,000 higher per year than the current system's, it will offer numerous services currently unavailable on campus, he said.

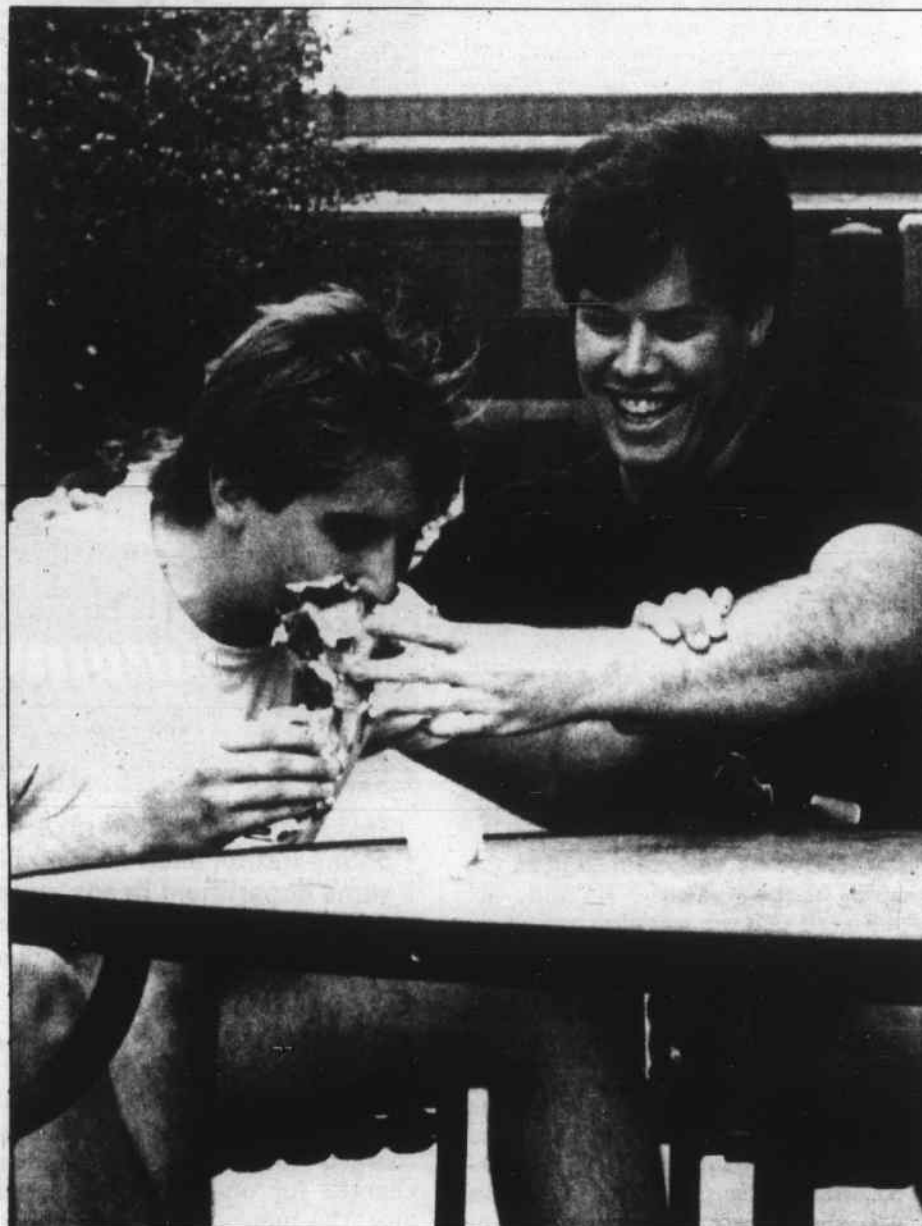
Campbell said, "We had nothing but voice" with the current system. Among other uses, the new system will allow faculty and students to transfer data through microcomputers.

Merck said the system will save a lot of "people time." Features such as speed dialing, last number redial, automatic recording, call forwarding and conference calling will leave faculty and administrators more time to do other work.

One feature that will save money is least cost routing, which automatically chooses the least expensive way to call at a certain time, he said. Currently only SCATS service is available on campus; the routing feature could use MCI, Sprint or other services, Merck said.

Also, there will be better reporting of calls. Department heads and

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Staff photo by Ming Leong

Dennis Argerson and Dave Bell at the ice cream social, which has been held each Wednesday this summer on the Warren Campus Center patio.

## Touch-tone registration considered here

Mark Miller  
editor

Registration by phone?

JMU may adopt a growing trend, touch-tone registration, which will be possible with the phone system being installed here, said the director of records.

Polly Long said that eventually the university probably will move to phone registration and now is studying it for feasibility.

On-campus students would call a number from their dormitory rooms and hear a set of recorded instructions to register over the phone instead of waiting in line at Carrier Library.

Off-campus students would use on-campus phones, perhaps in the basement of the library, she said.

The main advantage of touch-tone registration would be the elimination of lines, she said. It probably would not save money, she said, because it would involve more computer time.

Workers who register students with the computers in the library no longer would have to be employed, but they are paid only about minimum wage, Long said.

Touch-tone registration is a relatively new idea around the country. Several schools are considering it and a few have begun to implement it. The first two schools to use it were Georgia State and Brigham Young universities.

"I consider it pretty much an overwhelming success," said Dan Hammond, registration coordinator at Georgia, where touch-tone registration is available to all students this summer for the first time. The main advantage of the system there is that students do not have to come to campus to register, Hammond said.

About 22,000 students register for each quarter, and all commute, as there is no on-campus housing.

A complication with the system is that students still need to pick up an invoice on campus after registering before they can pay fees. The financial

office is behind the registration office in terms of computerization, Hammond said, but soon there will be ways to pay fees by phone also.

Touch-tone registration now is offered only for early registration, but Hammond said other phases of registration also will be computerized.

All students eligible to register for fall classes have been sent an appointment card telling them what day and time they can register. They have a choice of phone or walk-in registration and have 48 hours after the appointment time to complete registration.

They can call 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday. There now are about 16 lines being used, and soon there will be 32 lines, Hammond said.

Instructions for registration by phone are printed on the schedule of classes, which also is sent to students. The entire process of registering by phone takes about three minutes, Hammond said.

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## Phones

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deans will receive periodic reports that will tell them the patterns of calls and allow them to determine ways to save money. If a particular service, such as conference calling, is not being used, a department may decide to drop that feature.

Monitoring calls for misuse is only a minor part of the reports, Merck said, but long-distance service can be cut off after business hours if necessary. Many offices are choosing that option, he added.

The school's policy regarding phone use is that they are not to be used for personal calls.

Students also will benefit from the new system. All dorm rooms will have touch-tone phones, and rooms in Chandler, Hoffman, McGraw-Long and White halls will be wired for transfer of data with personal computers. Students may have access to the academic computer and do homework from their rooms instead of from computer labs, Merck said.

Wiring all university rooms for data transfer would be too expensive, he said, but all dorms will have a center from which any room could be wired.

Campbell said more rooms will be wired according to the demand for the service. "Our goal is to meet the needs of the students," he said.

Merck said the software can be rewritten "to do whatever you want it to do." There are a lot of possibilities, but the uses will to be studied and probably limited for security reasons.

Another advantage for students may be lower rates for long-distance service. Details have not been worked out, Merck said, but the system will allow the university to sell on-campus students services they now buy from Continental Telephone of Virginia.

The price of such service generally will be lower than what Continental charges, but higher than the university's cost, he said. The profit will go



This phone model, Dterm 5, will be installed in offices with heavy phone traffic, such as the president, vice presidents, deans and some department heads, according to William Merck, vice president for business affairs. This phone has a message screen, 16 feature buttons, 20 speed-dial buttons and other features.

back into the system, which Merck said he hopes will pay for itself.

Sources of revenue will include administrative departments, which are charged for phone use; students charged for on-campus phone service (this money is part of students' room rent), and the resale of long-distance services.

Continental still will be getting money from JMU, however. From the company the university will rent trunks, which are groups of cable that send signals to the Continental

system, from which calls are relayed to other areas.

Continental will not have to bill students and do maintenance, but still will get paid for the rental. Merck said students will receive the same service, but JMU will be the retailer and Continental will be the wholesaler.

A telecommunications director, an assistant and two technicians probably will be hired, and JMU will contract out for maintenance, he said.

## Registration—

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First a student calls the registration number. A recorded message informs the student he has reached the registration center.

Next the student enters his social security number and four-digit access code, which is the month and year of his birthday. A person born in January 1964 would use the number 0164.

Then the four-digit course numbers are entered. The computer then tells the caller the name and time of the course and whether it is open. Courses can be changed at any time within the student's 48-hour period.

When the student is done, he enters 9999 to close the call, and the computer reviews the courses he has entered, and tells him the amount of money he owes and the options of payment.

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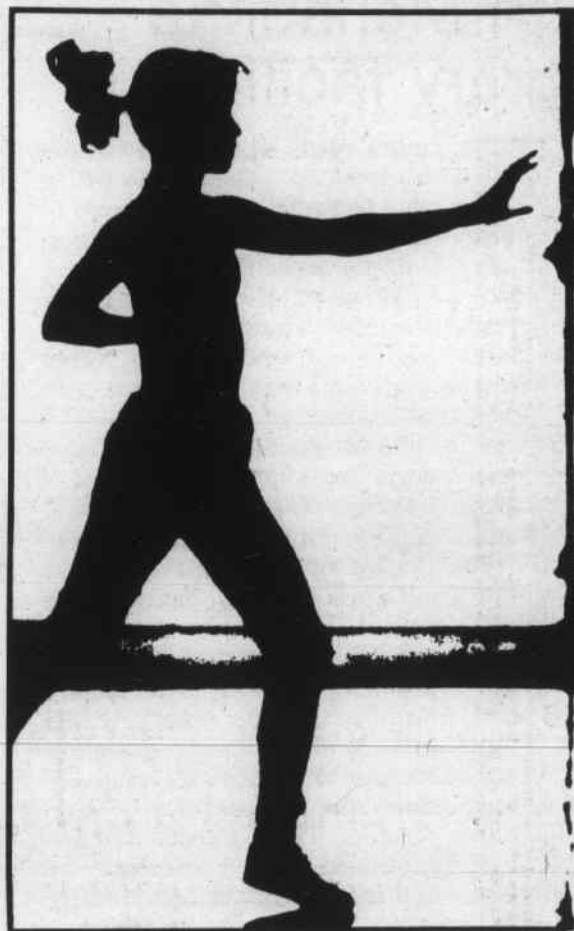
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# Students keep fit with aerobics, other activities



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**Nsimbi Buthelezi**  
guest writer

"Aerobics makes me go!" said a JMU aerobics instructor. "It's good for almost everybody and good for the whole body — keeps the heart in better condition than normal, tones the muscles and all that."

Bonnijean McGrew is an example of students here this summer trying to keep in shape and have fun at the same time. Students are jogging, weightlifting, swimming, biking and walking, among other physical activities.

McGrew started aerobics three years ago and said she has since lost about 15 pounds and gained confidence in herself, an awareness of healthy dieting, and a creative way to keep fit by teaching aerobics.

An average of about 30 people have attended the summer aerobics program in Godwin Hall. The four weekly, hour-long workouts took McGrew three to four hours to put together.

The process involves deciding what parts of the body need development, choosing songs that fit the routines, and making sure the music and exercises are enjoyable and effective, she said.

"Often I will ask other instructors what they do, to find out ways to improve my workout," she said. "Plus I listen to either the complaints or suggestions of the people I teach. That helps, a lot."

Marinette Urquhart said she enjoys aerobics' grueling fun. "It's beneficial because I'm getting

stronger; stronger people live longer," she said.

Johlene Hess said she likes the exercise-dance combination in aerobics, unlike running, which she said may overexert the feet. She also bikes and swims for recreation.

Another JMU student, Denise Jones, also combines a variety of sports to keep fit. She recently added weightlifting to aerobics and swimming, and said she already feels a great improvement in her overall performance.

Dan Herzer, who works in Godwin Hall's weightlifting room, said, "The same people come over and over. The people who seem the most fit are those who seem to keep on working out. Consistency is the key."

Herzer estimated that 15 people per hour have been using the weight-room facilities. He said he prefers outdoor activities such as tennis, golf and running in the summer.

There have been about 10 regulars per hour using the Savage swimming pool, said Dominique Ruogean, an assistant in the Godwin Hall issue room. Her summer exercise has included aerobics and weightlifting.

"But basically, I walk," she said. "I walk from College Station to JMU in the morning, and then take the bus back home."

The pool, weightroom and issue room close tomorrow until school begins in the fall. Tonight is the last aerobics class until school starts. Classes will be offered 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. in the Godwin Hall gym.

## Recreation, entertainment available off campus

**Quentin Stifel**  
staff writer

Off-campus facilities offer a variety of recreation and entertainment options to JMU students.

Harrisonburg has several health clubs, including the Wellness Center at 411 Stone Spring Road. The center offers 12-month memberships and prospective members may try the center before deciding to join.

Lakeview Golf Course on Rte. 11 gives students a special price, \$1 per

nine holes, when school is in session. Regular green fees are charged for playing 18 holes. Regular fees are \$7.50 on weekdays and \$10 on weekends. Golf club rental is \$2-3.

Students who like golf but don't want to play a course have two options. South Tee driving range offers buckets of balls to hit onto the field. Harrisonburg Miniature Golf offers putt-putt golf at a reasonable price.

Students can bowl at Valley Lanes at 3106 S. Main for \$.90 a game on weekdays before 6 p.m. After 6 p.m.

and on weekends, tenpins costs \$1.25 per game and duckpins cost \$1.10. Shoe rental is \$.50.

Student bowling leagues will be formed in the fall.

The Harrisonburg Community Activities Center has several recreational programs, including swimming and tennis. The center is in Westover Park at Rte. 33 West and Dogwood Street. Other parks are on Washington Street and on Rte. 42.

Fishing is available at Shenandoah Lake off Port Republic Road.

Ten movie screens are available off campus. a four-screen theater recently was completed at Valley Mall, and three are located on South Main Street, one downtown, and two drive-ins at the north and south ends of Harrisonburg.

If you want to see movies at home, several stores in town offer VCR and movie rentals.

For students interested in shopping, they can choose from more than 100 stores at Valley Mall and several specialty shops downtown.

## Best, worst movie choices of summer

No matter where you are for the rest of the summer, one source of entertainment is movies. Brian Rawdon, Breeze editorial editor and film critic, has selected what he thinks are some of the best and worst films of the summer.

**Back to the Future** — The best movie of the summer and one of the best of the year. Robert Zemecki's film produced by Steven Spielberg about a high school kid who goes back in time to meet his parents as they were at his age is an action-packed and hilarious piece of movie-making.

Zemecki's superb direction keeps the viewer on his toes up until the final seconds. Michael Fox and Lea Thompson are very appealing as the kid and his mom, and Christopher Hazard's wacky mad scientist is perfect. Huey Lewis, who does the soundtrack, adds a hilarious cameo appearance as the

man with the megaphone.

**Cocoon** — Ron Howard's follow-up to *Splash* is not as good as that film, but it still is one of the best movies of the summer. A group of elderly Florida residents find life-renewing energy in an abandoned pool, while some aliens are on an age-old rescue mission. As usual for Howard, the comedy is warm and heart felt. Unfortunately, the film is unnecessarily goes from understated to overstated towards the end, with some Spielberg-influenced razzle-dazzle. Still, a very good film.

**Pale Rider** — Clint Eastwood's summer western is too much of a *Shane* rip-off to challenge *Silverado*. Similarities to *Shane* include identical shots, scenes and characters. But the film is well made, has an incredible series of opening shots, and Clint is good, as usual. Worth seeing if you like Eastwood, are starved for a western or have never seen *Shane*.

**Rambo, First Blood Part II** — Okay, suspend all belief at the start and enjoy a film stuffed with action, action and more action. It's far from art, but it is enjoyable. Sylvester Stallone goes back to Vietnam to rescue MIA's still held prisoner. The story is getting old, but they milk it for all it's worth. Enjoyable nonsense.

**Red Sonja** — This movie is significant only in that it is the worst of the summer and of the year,

and probably one of the 10 worst movies of all time. A stinker from beginning to end, this "female Conan" story even has that camp film star himself, Arnold Schwarzenegger, along for credibility(?). Sex and violence would have helped this film.

**St. Elmo's Fire** — This story of Georgetown graduates out on their own is nothing more than an acting showcase for some of today's best young actors. The plot is non-existent, the characters are a little weak, the setting ridiculous, and the music awful.

But the acting is good enough to make it worth checking out. Especially good are Ally Sheedy, Andrew McCarthy, Mare Winningham and Demi Moore. Any film in which Rob Lowe shows even a hint of talent has got to have something going for it.

**Silverado** — The big western gamble is a success, at least filmically. Lawrence Kasdan's story of four good guys against a host of bad guys is the best western since *The Shootist* in 1975. Though it lacks a bit of authenticity and you never get to know the bad guys, the action is continuous.

Also, the film is packed with terrific performances, especially Linda Hunt as a saloon keeper and John Cleese as a sheriff who is slightly out of his element. A must-see for the summer.



## Housing department hosts conferences

**Maria Logothetis**  
staff writer

It has been a busy summer for JMU's summer conference and housing department, which is handling 37 organizations here this summer.

The department manages housing arrangements, conference rooms and catering service for groups who use the university's facilities for meetings, conventions and camps.

Leslie Welch, assistant coordinator of the department, said most scheduling is done during the school year. In May, the summer department begins to oversee the details and extra scheduling.

The groups range in size from 50 to 450 people, said Peter Slater, director of the conference and housing department. Youth groups usually have 200 people and other conferences generally have 75 to 150.

Most youth camps are for basketball, cheerleading, field hockey, gymnastics and wrestling.

Last week's groups, Hunter Publishing Co., Caller's School (a square-dancing conference) and an

art seminar, were for teachers. Other organizations that have met here include the Fellowship Foundation, the Va. Dept. of Taxation, JMU Band, Sigma Nu and Psych Institute.

The visitors are housed on Greek Row and McGraw-Long, Bell, Weaver, White, Ikenberry, Chandler, Shorts and Eagle halls.

Slater said these programs bring "some profit" to both the university and sponsors. He called it "an image builder for the university." Also, information about JMU is given to students visiting here and may persuade them to consider attending the university, he said.

"The majority of groups have been here before," Slater said. "Word of mouth is how other organizations find out about us." JMU does not strongly advertise its facilities, he said. "We will probably expand some day, but repeat attendance keeps us busy now."

Earl Johnston, representative for the Caller's School, said the group has been coming here for 15 years after a JMU graduate recommended the university.

## JMU makes agreement with Eastern Mennonite to share library facilities

**Joe Shenk**  
guest writer

JMU and Eastern Mennonite College have adopted a faculty inter-library loan system to provide reciprocal library privileges.

The new arrangement gives each school's faculty full access to the other institution's library holdings. Previously, JMU faculty could check out materials from EMC's library, but EMC faculty had to use the time-consuming national inter-library loan system to borrow materials from JMU.

Early last fall, Dr. Russell Warren, JMU vice president for academic affairs, met with EMC's academic dean, Dr. Lee F. Snyder, to discuss ways to improve academic relations between the schools, and Warren agreed to open JMU's Carrier Library to EMC faculty.

JMU faculty may continue to borrow materials from the EMC library by merely signing them out. Under the new system, EMC faculty can be issued library cards and may check out materials from Carrier Library.

JMU's library may be used

more often with the new inter-library loan system than EMC's, said Grace Showalter, director of the Menno Simon's Historical Library in the EMC library.

However, she said she thinks the EMC library has a greater variety of books and other materials on religion and philosophy.

JMU faculty members also may be interested in EMC's holdings on genealogy and local history, especially on Germanic families in the Valley, she said.

Carrier Library has a larger selection of books and periodicals, which Snyder said probably will draw EMC faculty members to the library. EMC must limit its library collection because of the school's relatively small size, she said.

As of 1984, Carrier Library contained the equivalent of 450,000 volumes, including books, periodicals, microforms and government documents. Figures released last spring indicate that EMC's library has 132,000 volumes, including books, periodicals and microform units.

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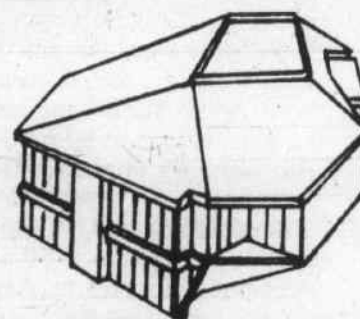
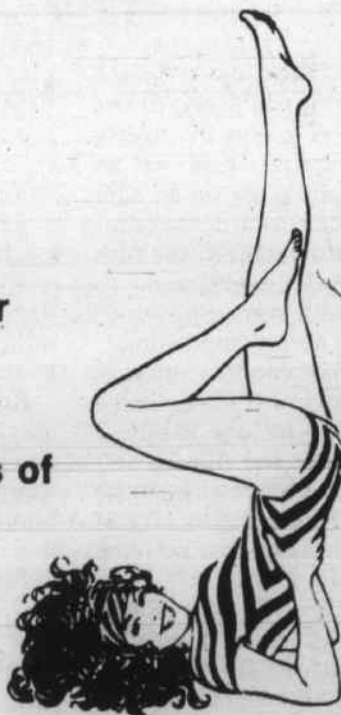
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# Theater has unique menu, atmosphere

**Julie Rogers**  
guest writer

Where can you sample a buffet including mesquite grilled chicken, steamed shrimp, seafood salad and a round of roast beef?

Would you believe at D-Hall? During the summer, JMU Dinner Theatre patrons enjoy these and other delicacies.

Students with meal contracts often are offered many of the same recipes, left over from the dinner theater, and also prepared year-round especially for the cafeteria. The dining hall and dinner theater food is the "same food bought from the same vendor," said Rick Arnold, food production manager of the cafeteria, dinner theater and children's theater.

About 240 people attend each dinner theater performance. They consume a total of almost 25 pounds of shrimp, 24 pounds of crab meat, 100 pounds of roast beef, 160 pounds of barbecued ribs and 280 pieces of chicken breast, as well as side dishes and desserts.

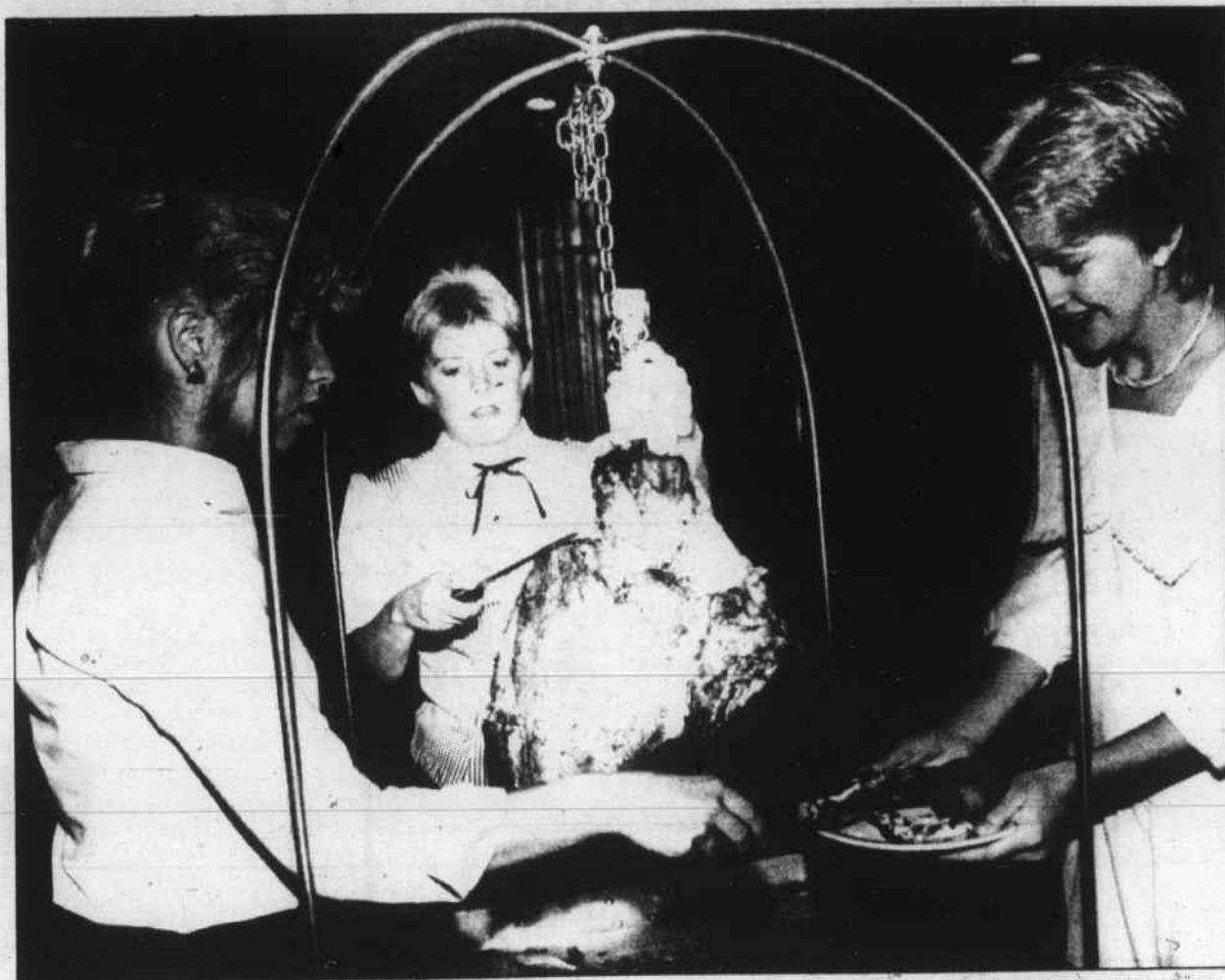
The dinner theater menu offers more selection, but the dining hall prepares larger quantities to feed about 3,500 students every day during the regular school semester.

"We have an expensive menu at JMU compared to other schools," said Hank Moody, Gibbons Hall director. Arnold said there is no difference in the cost of the dining hall and dinner theater food. He declined to comment on the cost per dinner theater meal or the percentage of theater ticket price spent on food.

The age group that will be eating the food influences what is served in the theater or dining hall, Arnold said. Older patrons enjoy the cactus salad more than the dining hall students. Hot dogs and baked beans are served to the younger audiences of the children's theater. But the roast beef, shrimp, seafood salad and most desserts are exactly the same.

Moody and Arnold agree that the major difference in the food is the service and its presentation.

Lunch-time rush hour at Gibbons Hall is "horrific," Moody said. From 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., students have to wait in line at the door, wait



Staff photo by Ming Leong

**Employees at the JMU Dinner Theatre serve roast beef to a guest. About 100 pounds of roast beef are consumed at each theater performance.**

in line to get food and sometimes wait to find a seat. The noise level is terrible and tables often are not clean because of the crowd, he said.

Smaller numbers at dinner theater cause less noise and confusion.

Waiters and waitresses serve beverages, and the food is "dressed-up" with dishes and spreads on the table. The roast beef is sliced in front of the guests.

Moody recalled a trick he played on the SGA food service committee. The committee attended a "get acquainted" meal served by waiters using china, crystal and tablecloths. The committee members raved about the food, and Moody told them it had come straight off the cafeteria line.

Students complain about the same food that dinner theater patrons praise, Moody said. "After eight months, anyone gets tired of the same food."

## Faculty members working on summer research

**By Paige Halrston**  
staff writer

Several faculty members are hard at work with research projects with topics from philosophy to solar energy.

Twenty faculty members were awarded summer session research grants of \$3,000 by JMU President Ronald Carrier.

Forty-one faculty members applied for the grants, which were broken into two categories. Category 1 designates a research or other scholarly project related to a faculty member's specific professional interest. Thirty-three faculty members submitted proposals for this type, and 16 were awarded grants.

Category 2 is for projects for which a faculty member wants to work on to improve some aspect of instruction at the university. Eight faculty members submitted pro-

posals and four were awarded grants.

Dr. William Hall, dean of the graduate school, said the summer grant program is designed to foster research and assist faculty members in pursuing scholarly activities.

Dr. Richard West, associate professor of psychology, is researching "The Role of Syntactic Information in Word Recognition."

His research deals with understanding how the mind works when people are reading, and he is formulating a guide to help others read more easily.

"I like to think of myself as a scientist of mental processes," he said. "Without a good understanding we can't find a better way of reading."

West uses a computer to flash sentence fragments with a word missing and then the computer flashes the missing words to study how fast the subjects respond. When the subject expects a certain word his

response time is faster.

The research "enhances me professionally and helps me stay on top of the field I teach," West said.

Dr. William O'Meara, professor of philosophy, said his research is like compiling a term paper, "only bigger." His topic is "The Social Nature of Self and Morality in Two Representative Thinkers in Pragmatism and Phenomenology."

"I enjoy intellectual life," O'Meara said. "I feel I come to better understand my life and others by this type of study."

One thing O'Meara is examining is the relationship between Marxism and Existentialism, which have "very strong" parallels, including human alienation and degradation, he said.

"We don't discover new facts in philosophy. This study gives me a chance to compare some significant interpretations of contemporary life and evaluate them."

Christine Myres, who teaches interior design, chose as her topic

"Development of Microcomputer-Assisted Instruction in Residential Energy Systems: Solar Energy."

She said it is "a very natural part of what I teach." Solar energy is a very important part of today's life and the designer, she said.

A computer in the department will enable students to work through problems related to solar energy.

The information from the study will be used as a teaching aid and will allow students to do on their own what they don't have time for in class.

She will create a program for the computer to allow students to study solar energy technology, review information, and make calculations necessary for planning residential energy systems.

"I'm enjoying the research; it's part of my profession," she said. "I like my work, setting my own pace and schedule. It's nice to sit quiet and read."



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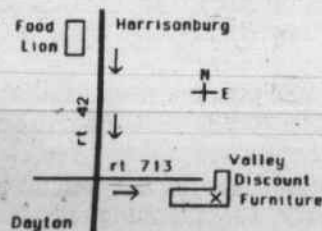
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## Paris a 'classroom without walls'

# France semester begins in fall

By Lisa Culp  
staff writer

This fall will mark the beginning of a program that will allow JMU students to study in the "city of lights."

Twenty-one JMU students will arrive in Paris Sept. 1 to study French art, history, music and government. All the courses will be taught in English except a required French language class. Students do not have to know or be studying French to get into the program, said Dr. Ralph Cohen, English professor and director of the studies abroad program.

Paris will be a "classroom without walls" Cohen said. Classes will meet once a week for a lecture and a second time for an outing. Each week students will see museums, concerts, operas, historical sites or important institutions in Paris.

Day trips will be to places outside Paris such as Versailles, Chantilly, Fontaine Bleu and Chartres.

There also will be three weekend trips to sites such as Mont St. Michel, Normandy, the chateau valley of Loire, Province and maybe the French Riviera. All outings are determined by instructors and the faculty member in residence, Dr. Dany Perramond.

Students will be living in the center of the student section adjacent to la Sorbonne, or the University of Paris. They will be at the Hotel St. Jacques, a two-star bed-and-breakfast hotel that is four minutes from the metro and within walking distance of 60 percent of the sites of Paris.

The program is not affiliated with la Sorbonne. The students' classroom is located at the Hotel de Ville. The walk to the classroom takes students across the the Seine behind Notre Dame and over the tip of l'Ile de St. Louis.

Continental breakfasts are supplied by the hotel. Students will receive \$35 weekly for other meals.

Occasionally, students will eat with the French faculty and each student will eat with a French

family at least once.

The course instructors have diverse backgrounds. One is a popular TV reporter in Paris, Daniel LeConte. Others include a museum curator, a professor that has written an architectural book of the year, a concert pianist from American University and a professor from la Sorbonne. Mr. and Mrs. Perramond will instruct the French classes and will live in a flat near the hotel.

The Paris semester breaks from Oct. 12-20 to give students a chance to travel independently through Europe. Some students plan on visiting JMU students in London. Others are to visit Italy, Germany or the rest of France.

Semesters in France will be offered each fall, Cohen said. Students interested in the trip with Cohen in room 208 of Keezell Hall. The cost is \$1,825 plus JMU tuition and room and board.

The price includes basic texts, transportation in Paris, and group transportation. It does not include the cost of travel to and from Europe.

## Big Brother-Big Sister program aids children

Ming Leong  
staff writer

Some matches are not made in heaven.

In the case of the Big Brother-Big Sister program in Harrisonburg, a pairing of a youngster and volunteer can take up to a week of careful scrutiny. Personality traits, interests, backgrounds and temperments all are considered when pairing partners.

Who is the match maker? Jane Hubbell, the case manager of the Big Brother-Big Sister program.

Big Brother-Big Sister is a "preventive program" Hubbell said. It gives children 6 to 16 years old additional encouragement, compa-

nionship and friendship of a caring adult. The children in the program are primarily from single-parent homes or troubled two-parent homes, some with parents suffering from substance abuse, disability or mental illness.

"These children need a big brother or sister to survive," Hubbell said. "The big brother or sister will give the child the attention that he or she does not receive at home."

Big brothers and sisters are the essential part of the program. Some are students; some are professionals. All are volunteers. They are not paid or subsidized for their expenses.

They must go through a rigorous process that usually takes about two months before becoming a big

brother or sister.

A volunteer must first submit three flawless character references. Then he must pass a police check, several home visits, and numerous interviews. These tests are designed to discourage potential child molesters and other undesirables, Hubbell said.

The numerous tests may discourage a person who is genuinely interested in becoming a big brother or sister, but Hubbell said "people who are truly interested in the program will go through all of the red tape."

After the screening and matching process, the volunteer meets with his or her little brother or sister and Hubbell for an orientation. Then the

big brother or sister can choose other activities, such as hiking, swimming, archery or cooking. Anything goes, Hubbell said, as long as the big brother or sister spends at least three hours per week with their partner.

The relationships last at least one year. After the first year, the big brother or sister has the option of continuing the relationship.

Hubbell said she hopes the size of the program will double from 40 to 80 matches in the next two years. "Volunteers are always needed," she said. "The program works; you can see a change in the kids."

For more information contact the Big Brothers-Big Sisters of Harrisonburg, 122 South Main St., Harrisonburg.

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