Virginia first state to declare outbreak of flu

By MATT SUTHERLAND

Though JMU is well into the spring semester, it is still early enough to see if this year’s flu season has passed its peak. In fact, on Feb. 2 Virginia became the first state in the nation to cite widespread outbreak of the flu this season.

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More than 50 students seek treatment for mono

By ANNE BLEWETT

Anna Degenhard loaded up her black Dukes bag with twice as much food as normal. No, she wasn’t feeling extremely hungry. She was buying for two.

Degenhard was taking care of her roommate, sophomore Sarah Russo, who was too tired to get out of bed for meals because she had mono.

“She was just this pile of covers,” said Degenhard, a sophomore interdisciplinary studies major. “Fifty-four students have sought medical attention from the health center for mono so far this year, which is fairly average, according to Stephen Rodgers, the medical director of the University Health Center.

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WASHINGTON — President Obama plans to order a sweeping overhaul of the National Security Council, expanding its membership and increasing its authority to set strategy across a wide spectrum of international and domestic issues. The result will be a “dramatically different” NSC from that of the Bush administration or any of its predecessors since the Truman era established it in 1947.

The new NSC will advise the president on diplomatic and military matters, according to national security adviser James Jones, who describes the changes in an interview. “The world that we live in has changed so dramatically in this decade that organizations that were created to meet a certain set of conditions no longer are terribly useful,” he said.

Jones, a retired Marine general, made it clear that he will run the process and be its primary conduit of national security advice to Obama, eliminating the “back channels” that at times in the Bush administration followed Cabinet secretaries and the vice president’s office to ultimately influence key policy and make policy out of the others.

The new structure, to be outlined in an April 16 presidential directive and a detailed implementation plan to be signed jointly by the secretaries and Jones next month, will allow the NSC to be much more elastic body, with Cabinet secretaries and the vice president willing to go to jail for his distinctive graf- fix, hasn’t gone entirely mainstream. Fairey was arrested Friday night in Boston on his way to the Internet Contemporary Art for a kickoff event for his first solo exhibit, “Supply and Demand.”

Two warrants had been issued for Fairey on Jan. 24 after police determined he had tagged property in two locations with his street art campaign featuring André the Giant and the word “Obey,” said Boston police officer James Kenneally.

Fairey, a commercial artist and graphic designer, is expected to be arraigned on Monday, said Jake Wark, a spokesman for the Suffolk district attorney. The Associated Press reported that Fairey was released on bail a few hours after his arrest.

China’s Wheat Industry Suffers Due to Drought

Beijing — With the global economic crisis producing unrest in rural areas, Chi- nese authorities have taken emergency action in wheat-growing regions that are suffering from their worst drought in 50 years.

The three eastern provinces that ac- count for more than half of the country’s wheat production have seen winter rainfall levels as much as 80 percent lower than normal, the National Meteorological Adminis- ter reported.

In a sign of seriously the govern- ment is taking the drought, state-run me- dia reported that a top-level executive, dis- appointed the crisis. The New China News Agency reported that President Hu Jintao and Prime Minister Wen Jiabao personally had ordered the emergency efforts to deal with the drought.

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On Thursday, Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner’s philosophy of how govern- ments should respond to financial crises.

He favors aggressive use of all available tools to prevent a rout in the financial sector and to bolster confidence in the financial system. Geithner said that the government response during a severe crisis poses a greater risk than too much response, he said at his confirmation hearing.

Obama ‘Hope’ Artist Arrested for Graffiti

Geithner: Too Little Government Poses a Risk

WASHINGTON — The nation’s top economic policymakers were putting the finishing touches Saturday on a financial rescue plan that will deploy hundreds of billions of dollars to spur the flow of credit to consumers and businesses.

The Obama administration aims to ease the drought, state-run me- dia reported.

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The Master Plan for JMU's expansion plans include a new Village and expanding the football stadium. Many of the projects associated with the Master Plan are ongoing, and all of these are state-funded, but because of the conceptual nature of the plan, future changes may not occur. The only projects that are requiring current tuition are a new dining facility and a new residence hall on the East side of campus, both of which are already paid for.

The Master Plan "reflects things that are truly important to the campus," said Don Egle, the university spokesman. Making the campus more environment-friendly, realizing existing space and solving JMU's infamous parking problem are some of the plans. But one of the most notable innovations is the level of the current dorms in the Village.

Attitudes are mixed toward this change, from advocates promoting the necessity of dorm rooms with air conditioning, to Village alumni disgusted with the loss of their former homes.

S. Murrin, a sophomore history major and former Village resident, expressed his anger toward these changes.

"The Village is the embodiment of JMU; it represents the wonderful community we have here," he said. "In fact, some of my best memories occurred [in the Village]."

Alyssa D’Oro was equally disgusted with the loss of their former home. Another modification discussed in the Master Plan is a complete overhaul of the student body for a number of reasons.

"I am so proud that I stuck through the hard times," said a former Village resident. "I love working with children," Peacock said. "I've learned a lot about myself and about life in general." Students can make a difference as teachers by changing the lives of children and inspiring them to dream for a brighter future.

By ANTHONY ESPOSITO

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By RACHEL DOZIER
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**5K: Heart Disease is the No. 1 Killer of Women**

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prevention education, but also WHF was able to hire a bilingual dietician to assist Spanish-speaking patients, which makes up 25 percent of the clinic's clientele.

Though working with heart disease is the sorority's national philanthropy, the Theta chapter of JMU chose to work with WHF because of a sister named Kole Podell. Podell was an intern with WHF and connected Alpha Phi with the organization three years ago.

Since then, WHF has helped prevent heart disease and educate those at risk throughout the JMU and Harrisonburg community. Maria Hostetter, the Heart Health Navigator at WHF, spoke of a patient who was also an international JMU student from an underdeveloped country.

"This JMU student was referred to our clinic and given a free heart checkup appointment, which indicated she was at a 'needs improving' level for heart disease," Hostetter said. "After a few months we provided her with a second heart screening and she had decreased her risk by 6 percent, lost 25 pounds and moved on to a 'doing well' level."

Students who have been helped like that are the reasons behind Alpha Phi's philanthropy week.

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must meet the basic criteria for being accepted into the program. The TFA site states that a bachelor’s degree, at least a 2.5 GPA and U.S. citizenship are required, as well as having "demonstrated past achievement: achieving ambitious, measurable results in academics, extracurricular and/or work leadership."

Usually the Teach For America corps will receive the same benefits and salaries as other new teachers. According to Gleisner, "generally, students are paid by the school district in which they are assigned and received the same salary and benefits as any beginning teacher."

But it is not for money that students join this program. Gleisner also said that "students are interested in Teach for America because they want to help close the achievement gap in communities across the country."

On top of giving valuable aid to communities, this program has also been recognized as a tool to help students' professions. In 2006 Business Week ranked the program No. 1 in one of the "50 Best Places to Launch a Career."

Students applying for the 2009 year need to complete their application — including an interview, recommendations, resume and essay — by Sept. 19. The entire process will take more than five months before the applicant is notified of their admission.

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**MONO:** Virus in Body for 30 Days to 50 Days Before Appearing

Mono, from front spread of the disease, Rodgers said.

College students may also have low inhibition about going to the clinic, whether through fear, knowledge or some other reason. "They're afraid of getting a bruise — through shared bodily fluids, Rodgers said. When Russo was seen for the first time, she was diagnosed with mononucleosis from the Epstein-Barr virus. The virus incites the body for the next 30 to 50 days before symptoms appear, and the contagious period is during the time of fever, usually the first five days after the first symptoms began. It is usually out of a person’s system after six to eight weeks. This may attack the lymph node tissues, causing the swelling of the lymph nodes and sometimes the spleen and liver.

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**WHAT IS MONO? HOW IS IT TREATED?**

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William Cane succeeded in drawing a flock through the Looking Glass. Though Cane might know something about
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**IN REVIEW: Movies: That Hit the Big Screen this Weekend**

**‘Pink Panther 2’ has some o’ slapstick gags**

By JOSH STANDING

More than 60 years ago, Blake Edwards did a pair of movies with Peter Sellers, the original Pink Panther Steve Martin, of “Chinatown by Day” fame. Now, on top of the roles of the likes of Inspector Jacques Clouseau in “The Pink Panther” series, the gags are and will be all over the place. Sellers’ slapstick comedy was so beloved that it returns in this sequel the same way Mendes and the song returns in this sequel.

With world-renowned clown, the vaudeville. The film is about the Pink Panther, a famous jazz player, and only a few more people talking to, like father like son.

Tiffaney Sprague (right) performs the up-and-down kiss on Melissa Brown.

UPB brings smooch guru to Memorial Hall

By KARLYN WILLIAMS

The University Program Board brought the show to campus rather than going to party somewhere else, “said senior Sean Santiago, vice president of marketing for UPB. “Colleges wanted me to come speak, and there were all kinds of things on campus rather than going to party somewhere else.”

“Mike Check” was able to fully describe the kisses, causing the packed audience to laugh. He wrote the book as a late-night program.

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**KISSING:** Couples packer-up In 35 different ways on Friday

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“The boots I’m wearing make me taller than him,” said Mauney, a senior.

One of the kisses demonstrated was the fantasy dentist kiss, which was the most physical and over-the-top kiss during the show. “Once people get on stage they become a different animal,” said Cane. “Something clicks and they become more extroverted and even do things that I didn’t tell them to do.”

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Dukes Hold On

JMU weathered 13-0 second-half GMU run, wins 68-66 thanks to savvy play down stretch

By MEGAN MCGOVERN

Devon Moore wanted one finger as he paced toward the 3-point line in between free throws, mimicking the words “one more.”

The freshman point guard had made his first attempt with three seconds left to go in a JMU 2-point lead. And while he missed his next one, JMU held for a 68-66 victory against George Mason on Saturday afternoon, in front of 5,740 at the Convocation Center.

Fans immediately stormed the court as soon as GMU forward Ryan Pearson full-court prayer clanked off the rim, as the Dukes beat the Patriots on Saturday afternoon, in front of 5,740 at the Convocation Center. The Dukes (16-9 overall, 8-5 Colonial Athletic Association) won their 17th straight, a run that began with seven minutes, 40 seconds left and ended when junior forward Dazzmond Thornton made a leap with 4:22 remaining, bringing the score to 60-59 in favor of JMU.

The Patriots applied full-court pressure during the first half, however, as the Huskies were able to half-halt their path, and the team was never in doubt. The Dukes led 46-27 at halftime, and ended the game out of reach for the Huskies.

Thornton scored 21 points — tying a season-high — and scored 15 points going along with six rebounds. Senior forward Kyle Swanston led JMU, as he forced fouls that ultimately gave his team the victory. Moore scored 11 points and went 5-of-6 on free throws, all of which he took in the final four minutes of the game.

“I just think they wanted it more than us,” said GMU guard John Vaughan, who led the Patriots with 19 points. “When we get the lead, coach emphasized attacking and going to the basket. [I] try to go inside to Darre [Monroe] continually. At times, we don’t get it inside to him, we settle for jump-shots.”

Said Thornton: “I was just trying to get position inside. Coach went to four guards and myself, and I just tried to get it to position.”

Monroe scored 13 points on 6-of-9 shooting, proving to be Mason’s strongest inside threat. But GMU forward Ryan Prattson struggled to finish with Thornton guarding the player, going just 2-of-10.

Thornton played 29 minutes — tying a season-high — and scored 15 points going along with six rebounds. Senior forward Kiel Swanson led GMU, with 19 points and 5-of-11 shooting on 3-pointers.

“Contributions were big from everybody, [and] Kiel Swanson makes a big impact when we have 16 assists and eight in the league,” Brackney said.

Thornton shook his head and smiled when asked how JMU won, saying: “I can’t explain it. Can’t really explain it, it’s a big win for us.”

Said Vaughan: “This coach said, a rivalry doesn’t start unless the other team wins. So this win is big, you know, just for the program, for our fans [who] come support us. It’s just a big win all around.”

With only six regular-season games remaining (and no more than one potential loss in the CAA tournament), the overall guarantee that the Dukes will finish with at least a .500 record for the first time since 1999-2000, when they finished 20-9.
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