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Gabbin named new director of honors programs

By Amy Porter
news editor

After teaching here for just one year, Joanne V. Gabbin has been named director of honors programs at JMU.

She succeeds English Professor Jeanne R. Nostrandt.

Officially, Gabbin, 40, won't fill the position until Sept. 1, but she's already planning changes and setting new goals for the program.

Gabbin, an associate professor of English, said she hopes the number of honors students will increase to 500 over the next three years. Currently, there are fewer than 200.

To increase the number, Gabbin plans to recruit outstanding students not only from

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Touch-tone phones ready

By Jennifer Batty
staff writer

Reaching out to touch someone will be a little easier next year — at least after you figure out how to work the new campus phones.

Students will be using a touch-tone phone, with many additional features, to reach out to someone.

Director of Telecommunications, Tom Bonadeo, said the phone system was changed because the old system was too small.

"We needed a system able to handle between 4,000 to 5,000 phones, to communicate both voice and data, and an automated system to manage those phones," he said.

After three years of sifting through proposals from various companies, Universal Communication Systems, Inc., a Roanoke-based operation, was chosen.

"They were chosen because they offered the best overall package, not necessarily the cheapest price," Bonadeo said.

The whole package cost \$3.5 million. According

to Bonadeo, the new features were part of the system so the school did not pay an extra amount for them.

"When you buy a phone system, the technology is such that these extras come as part of the package. Our first object is to provide a service to the students," Bonadeo said.

One new feature of the system is the ability to transfer a call from one dorm room to another. A student can put a caller on hold to check a fact or date, and then pick the call back up on the same phone or on another phone.

Conference calls also will be possible. Two calls, or three people, may be connected at the same time to discuss dinner plans or group projects.

A callback feature on the new phones will save the time it takes to make repeated calls. This feature allows a caller to leave a request for an automatic callback by using a specific code.

If a student calls a teacher and the line is busy, he presses in the code and when the teacher hangs up, the phone automatically dials the student's

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Silliness

Jim Warren (left) encourages stranger Andy Leech to perform an embarrassing act in "The Foreigner" at JMU Dinner Theatre. See related story Page 3.

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Dr. Joanne V. Gabbin

Virginia high schools, public, private and parochial, but also from high schools around the country.

Besides recruiting, Gabbin plans to publish a brochure in the fall for faculty and students on campus.

"We want to publicize the program so faculty and students will know about it," Gabbin said.

She said one of the weaknesses of the honors program is that it's "a well-kept secret."

Some of the program changes Gabbin will implement include activities outside the classroom, like honors seminars and social functions. Another is the option for honors students to complete either an honors thesis or an honors project during their senior year. In the past, a thesis was their only option.

"An interesting (new) feature is assessing how well we teach," said Gabbin. Honors students will now establish models for evaluating professors.

About fulfilling her goals Gabbin said, "I am very optimistic because I've set goals for myself and I'm an achiever. I have the support of the administration, and the time is right.

"If it fails, it won't be because of the administration, but because I can't get students or faculty to catch fire."

The honors program is part of the five-year plan for increasing academic quality at JMU.

Gabbin previously taught English at Lincoln University in Pennsylvania where she received a national honor, the Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching.

"I am an enthusiastic teacher," Gabbin said. "I try to convey my knowledge of the area and

my love for the discipline. That love was contagious. I got students excited about what they had to do."

Gabbin's specialty is black American literature, and her 1985 book, **Sterling A. Brown, Building an Aesthetic Tradition**, received the Award for Distinguished Literary Scholarship from the College Language Association in April 1986.

Also, she has written articles for the Dictionary of Literature Biography.

Gabbin came to JMU last fall through Commonwealth Visiting Professor, a special program supported by Virginia to attract outstanding minority teachers. Her husband is an accounting professor here, and last year won the JMU Outstanding Accounting Teacher Award.

Gabbin said her work as director of honors programs next fall will take up most of her time, but she will still teach a class in black American literature.

"I love teaching," Gabbin said. "I do that best. I don't know how well I administer, but I'm confident."

Gabbin said she thinks she was chosen as director because she inspires teachers to enjoy themselves at a high level of teaching. She inspires students because of her enthusiasm. She said she communicates well and so can present the program effectively, on campus and off.

"I believe in the whole student," Gabbin said. "College should provide the opportunity for students to develop themselves academically, culturally and socially, and the honors program will add to all those areas."

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Communities throw birthday parties for USA

By Laura Barton
staff writer

JMU summer school students can celebrate America's 210th birthday tomorrow at a variety of places around the area. Staunton, Grottoes and Dayton are holding local celebrations.

"Happy Birthday USA" in Staunton features the USA parade and the Statler Brothers concert at Gypsy Hill Park from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Admission is free.

The activities, which originated in 1970, include arts and crafts, games, refreshments, and concerts on stage in the baseball field at the park.

The park has a lake, duck and swan fountains, a zoo, picnic tables and grills, and a golf course, all of which will be open during the day's events.

The parade begins at 10 a.m., the Statler Brothers concert starts at 8:30 p.m., and the celebration will culminate with a flag ceremony and a fireworks display.



Staff graphic by Tricia Anderson

Staunton is located about 25 miles south of Harrisonburg off I-81.

Grand Caverns Regional Park in Grottoes offers an alternative to the

Staunton celebration. The first annual July 4 festival will feature two bands, games, swimming, and Grand Caverns tours.

The celebration will be held on the park's lower grounds and admission

is \$2 for adults. The bands are Twilight, a country band, and a bluegrass group, 100 Proof.

An old-fashioned array of games shows are planned, including a moonwalk, a bull whip show, hay rides, arts and crafts, and a guns and minerals show.

For an extra charge, a nearby swimming pool and miniature golf course will be open.

Approximately 20 minutes south of JMU, Grottoes is off I-81 at the Weyers Cave exit.

Known for its old-fashioned fireworks, the 7th Annual Dayton 4th of July Celebration is scheduled to begin at 6:15 p.m. with fireworks beginning at 9:15 p.m. at Turner Ashby High School.

After refreshments and games, a flag ceremony and a speech from 6th District Congressman James Olin is planned. At 8:15 a country band, the Star City Band, will perform. There is no charge for the events.

Dayton is five minutes from JMU on Route 42 south.

Summer school's not all class, work and study

By Tricia Anderson
staff writer

Summer school doesn't have to revolve around classes, working and studying. The university and the surrounding communities offer many activities for students this summer.

The JMU Dinner Theatre offers theatrical performances and buffets and brunches. This summer's productions include "Baby" and "The Foreigner." The theatre is open May 29 through Aug. 19, Thursday through Tuesday. Dinner buffets begin at 6:30 p.m. and the featured play begins at 8. Evening buffet prices are \$16 for adults and \$12 for children under 12. Every Sunday, brunches are served at 2 p.m. Prices are \$14 for adults and \$10 for children. Sunday shows are non-smoking.

For a night at the movies, the UPB offers suspense, comedy and thrillers. A few of the upcoming features include "Psycho," "Commando," "Private Benjamin" and "The Blues Brothers." All movies begin at 8 p.m. in Grafton-Stovall Theatre. Admission is \$1.50 for JMU students and \$2 for guests.

UPB will sponsor dances in the WCC Ballroom July 11 and July 25 at 8:30 p.m. A disc jockey will provide music. Admission is free.

The UPB also offers students a chance to beat the summer heat. Wednesdays, ice cream is served beginning at 2 p.m. in the Warren Campus Center. For the early birds coffee is served every Tuesday and Thursday at 9 a.m.

Also on campus, the outing office rents a variety of camping equipment like tents, sleeping bags and canoes. Literature on area sights is also provided.

Harrisonburg offers a variety of recreational activities such as golf, miniature golf, camping, horseback riding, bowling and skating.

The Lakeview Golf Course offers a discount to JMU students, faculty and staff, Monday through Friday for \$2.

For miniature golf, Roth Miniature Golf is open seven days a week, 7-11 pm.

Todd Lake, a 20-acre recreational area, also offers students a variety of outdoor activities in the Trimble Mountains like swimming, camping, hiking and picnicking.

Horseback riding and lessons are available at Oak Manor Farms in Burkettown.

Valley Lanes provides bowling seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. and midnight bowling every Saturday from 11 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Skatetown USA presents skate night every Tuesday from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. For JMU students admission is free and skate rentals are \$.75.



Maurey Lancaster (front), Vicki Ellis (left), Priscilla Greenagle and Robbi-Ann Sullivan perform in "Baby" at the JMU Dinner Theatre.

Bank opening delayed

By Pey Pey Oh
staff writer

First American Bank will not open on campus July 14 because of problems Sovran is having vacating the premises.

Originally Sovran was to have vacated by July 1. The culprit is the bank's automatic teller, which will not be removed until July 8.

First American now plans to open July 21 or 28.

In an effort to make a smooth transition, 1st American sent out 95,000 brochures in the spring listing their special student services. Students could fill in a card and mail it to set up their account with First American when it opens.

Some of the special services offered are two checking accounts to choose from, overdraft protection for either, special auto loan terms, savings, and credit cards for graduating seniors. Also offered will be the use of the Money Exchange 24-hour banking machine which will be located outside Mr. Chips.

When JMU put its banking business out for bids because Sovran's contract ended June 30, First American submitted its proposal along with four other banks. It won the bid because of its flex-

ibility and willingness to make price concessions for the students. They were careful to put a lot of attention into student services and monitor the needs stated by students in surveys on banking services.

Susan Showalter, regional marketing officer at First American on Mason Street said, "We are beginning to think that college campuses are a good source of business. We are watching for a success at JMU and thinking of expanding to other campuses in the state."

"It's going to be a new experience for us to open so many new accounts. We're making an effort to get things done ahead of time and will try to alleviate the rush when the bank opens with extra staff. Since this is our first year, we don't know what to expect yet. We're doing the best we can to handle things smoothly and think of every situation that could possibly happen."

To talk to someone about the student services or drop off account information, they'll have an office open at Warren Campus Center, Room A and will be available from 11-2 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays, July 7, 10, 14, 17, 21, 24.

Phones

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number. The phones at each end ring notifying both parties of the call.

Students will also have access to the library and academic computers if they have personal micro-computers.

White, McGraw-Long, Chandler and Hoffman halls will have extra lines installed for use with computers.

These dorms were chosen by housing because there is a future intention of making them honor dorms. Also, each dorm represents a different area of the campus.

Even if lines are not available in a student's dorm, he can still use the phone or purchase an extra line for a very low cost.

Students will no longer have to deal with a telephone company in order to get an off-campus line installed.

The school will offer a Telecom Account Card for \$4.50 a month which allows a student to call off-campus and long distance. Each person in the room may have an account, which eliminates the trouble of figuring out a phone bill addressed to one person.

Bonadeo said he is pleased with the new system and "will be even more so if a lot of students take advantage of the account."

About half of the students had long distance service last year. Bonadeo said he hopes at least three-fourths of the students will take the

off-campus option this year.

JMU joins other colleges such as the University of New Mexico, University of Tennessee, Yale and University of Iowa, in using the Universal system.

A booklet explaining how to use the phones will be given to students at orientation, also a pamphlet will be placed under each phone and handed out to students when they check into their dorms.

During summer school, features other than regular dialing are not available. All of the features will be operational when school begins in September.

DUI standards raised in Virginia

The legal blood alcohol content level dropped from 0.15 percent to 0.10 percent in Virginia July 1.

Before the law was changed, a 0.10 percent blood alcohol content resulted in a presumption that a person was too intoxicated to drive safely. Prosecution for driving under the influence was difficult at this level.

Under the new law, a 0.10 percent blood alcohol content level is sufficient to prosecute for DUI.

Most states now set 0.10 percent as the legal blood alcohol content level.



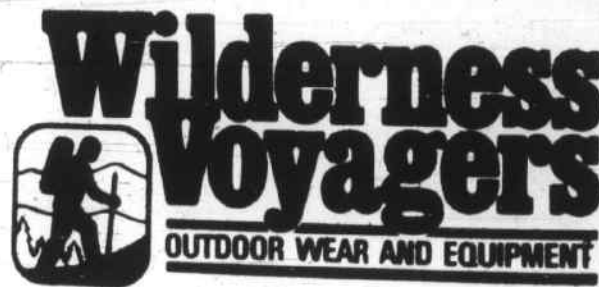
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Besnier leaving JMU

By Rob Washburn
editor

After nine years at JMU, head wrestling coach Dick Besnier will leave to become the new athletic director at Clarion (Pa.) University. The 47-year-old Besnier will assume his new duties in mid-July.

Besnier has led the Dukes' wrestling team for the last eight years, and his squads have compiled a 93-39-2 record. JMU has won the last two NCAA Eastern Region wrestling championships, and individual competitors have represented the Dukes at the NCAA wrestling championships in each of the last six seasons.

"It was an opportunity career-wise to become an athletic director at a four-year institution," Besnier said. "I've been a coach for 26 years and this seemed like a good time to get out of coaching. It's something I've always wanted to do."

Besnier was also JMU's athletic promotions director and director of the Convocation Center, and his athletic responsibilities have been



Dick Besnier

divided between two current members of the JMU athletic department.

Pete Schuyler, who assisted Besnier with the wrestling team last season, will direct the Dukes' wrestling program for 1986-87.

Brad Babcock, JMU's baseball coach for 16 years, will assume the promotions director's duties, and responsibilities at the Convocation Center. Babcock will continue to direct the baseball program.

Clarion has a reputation for very competitive sports teams. The Golden Eagles' wrestling team was ranked third in the nation last year, their women's swimming team captured the national championship and the football team also had a strong season.

"Their sports program has been very successful," Besnier said. "I hope to continue what they're doing. Of course I have goals and plans of my own, but I need to get involved first."

Besnier compiled a 72-19 dual match record in 11 seasons as head wrestling coach at William and Mary, prior to coming to JMU. He coached 32 Southern Conference individual champions and won four state and four conference while at William and Mary.

sportsfile

Coach promoted to full time

Dave Dutton, who served as JMU's part-time assistant basketball coach last season, has been promoted to a full-time position.

Dutton replaces Larry Epperly, who resigned and accepted an assistant coach's position at Virginia Commonwealth University.

Dutton received his bachelor's and master's degrees from JMU, and was a graduate assistant coach on the Dukes' staff for the 1979-80 season.

"We're very happy to have Dave join our staff fulltime; he did an outstanding job as a part-time assistant," JMU head coach John Thurston said. "He works hard and is very deserving of the opportunity for a full-time coach's position."

During his five years as a high school basketball coach, Dutton led Manassas Park and Page County to district championships.

Baseball awards

Seven Dukes named to all-star squads

Seven JMU baseball players were selected to all-star teams for their outstanding play last season.

Second baseman Mike Mathews, shortstop Jeff Garber, center fielder Glen Dgren and pitcher Mike Stout were named to the all-Colonial Athletic Association first team, and JMU baseball coach Brad Babcock was chosen the conference's coach-of-the year.

Mathews batted .349 during the regular season, and committed only seven errors in 223 chances for a .969 fielding percentage.

Garber, one of only two sophomores selected to the team, broke the school record for singles in a season with 54, and batted .372.

Derén, one of the Dukes' co-captains last season, led JMU with 44 runs batted in and hit .333. He also led the Dukes' outfielders in assists.

Stout compiled a 6-2 record with two saves for JMU, and led the club with five complete games. Among his top performances were a four-hit shutout of East Carolina and a three-hit victory against UNC-Wilmington.

Babcock led the Dukes to a 35-14 record in 1986, and JMU made its eighth appearance in a post-season tournament in nine years. Babcock's record at JMU now stands 455-198-2.

Two JMU players were also named to the Virginia College Sports Information Director's all-

state team.

Sophomore outfielder Rod Boddie and junior designated hitter Bobby Ivanicki represented the Dukes on the 15-member team.

Boddie led JMU with a .383 batting average, including a team-high five triples. In two seasons with the Dukes, Boddie has started every game.

Ivanicki was the JMU's second leading hitter with a .375 average, and he led the Dukes with 16 stolen bases. Ivanicki was also 1-2 with two saves as a pitcher.

Dukes' senior pitcher Chris Garber was named to the state's all-academic team. Garber was 2-0 for JMU, and maintained a 3.67 cumulative grade point average as a mathematics major.

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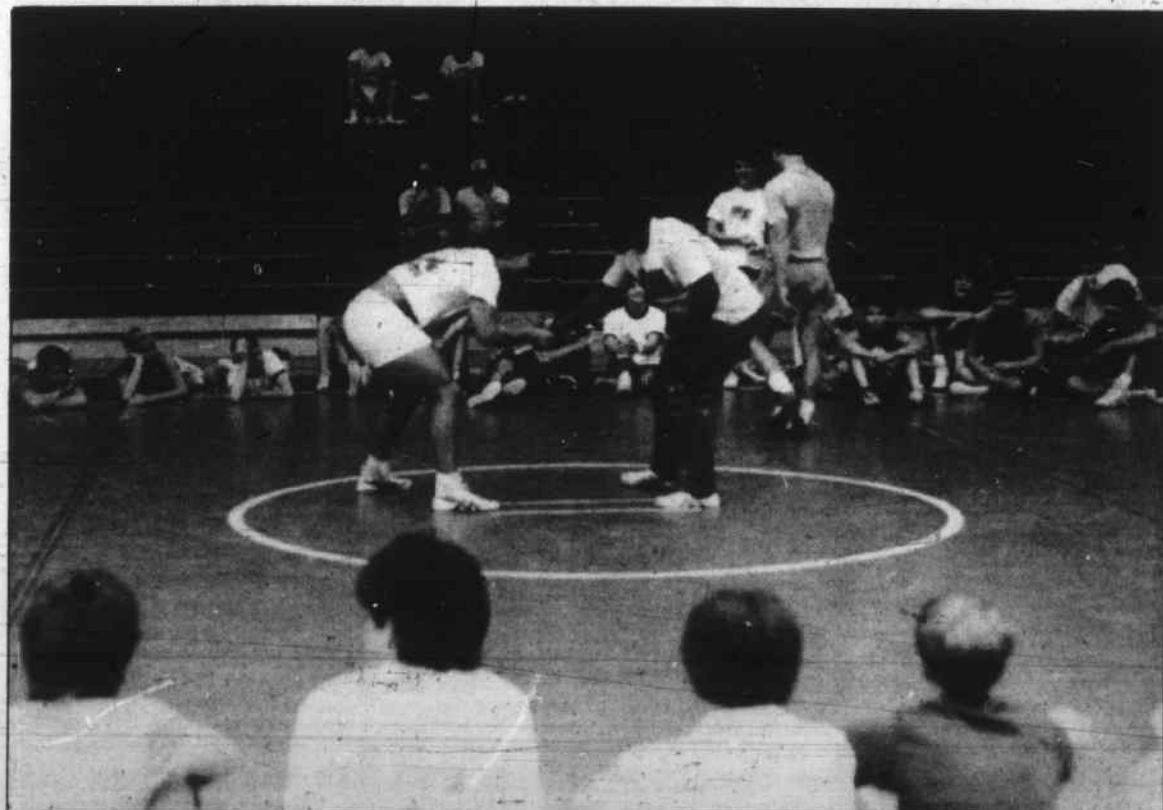


Summer camps

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Anthony Gonzalez (top) of Emerson, NJ, sports a sling he acquired during wrestling camp; a gathering of football campers (center); testing techniques of wrestling (bottom).



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