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## Faculty salary raises top JMU concerns

By Kyra Scarton  
editor

Once again, faculty salaries top the list of priorities as the university enters this year's session with the Virginia General Assembly.

JMU faculty salaries are scheduled to hit its peer group's 60th percentile with "heavy increases" over the next three years, said Dr. Robert Shapiro, acting vice president for academic affairs.

With about 350 faculty members attending a general meeting Monday in Grafton-Stovall Theatre,

Shapiro said JMU has scheduled a 25 percent increase in salaries over the next three years. The target figure was derived on the assumption that other institutions in its benchmark group give inflationary raises, he said.

A benchmark or peer group is a 25-member group of colleges and universities with similar quantitative measures, such as size and the proportion of students in each major. The State Council of Higher Education for Virginia develops the listing periodically, after each school has reviewed a

50-member draft. The school can challenge any institution on qualitative differences.

Faculty salaries are not reviewed when developing the peer group, Shapiro said.

"I caution you — don't go out and spend that 25 percent," Shapiro said. "Don't go buy that new car yet."

JMU is operating at 91 percent of the state guidelines, said Lin Rose, vice president for

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Staff photo by LAWRENCE JACKSON

### Taking stock

Sophomore Lisa Pulvirent helps with the Student Government Association used booksale, which opened today in the Phillips Center ballroom. The booksale closes Friday.

### Cheering champs

JMU's varsity cheerleading squad was recognized as the nation's best in a competition last week.

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## Warren assigns homework to prepare faculty for year

By Kyra Scarton  
editor

Classes hadn't started yet, but acting JMU President Russell Warren already was handing out homework assignments Monday.

And the assignments weren't for students. They were for the more than 350 faculty members attending Warren's semi-annual State of the University address.

Few universities could "have a year like this" with an acting president assisted by two acting vice presidents, he said. But Dr. Ronald Carrier, who is nearing the end of his one-year leave of absence as director of the state's Center for Innovative Technology, has reiterated his intention to return to JMU in April.

The homework assignments are part the administration's goal of becoming "the best undergraduate university in the country," said Warren, stressing the phrase that has become Carrier's trademark in describing goals for JMU. The assignments stress how the faculty can impact the changing university, influenced by the five-year plan for academic excellence.

● Faculty members need to consider ways to better challenge those students that can handle the challenge, Warren said. More challenging does not mean more difficult, as the university must "see if we can better match the needs of our challenged students."

Departments need to outline specific

objectives. "Historically, higher education has made an assumption I think is wrong," he said. Teaching just the facts won't guarantee a broad education.

"The next phase in higher education is to explicitly identify how we're going to teach these objectives," he said.

● Departments need to identify a few broad concepts to instill in individuals, he said.

Faculty members talk about the economy and world events — they don't talk about the teaching process, Warren said.

Two rumors that run through the administration are that faculty members are overworked and the rewards aren't significantly high, he said.

"Frankly, about 25 percent of the faculty is carrying the service burden," he said. "There are people here who I've never met yet."

● Individuals need to let people know they want to get involved with the five-year plan.

"I worry that all the initiatives come from the central administration," Warren said.

● The final assignment reiterated the need for total involvement in the university and its students.

The best ideas come from the bottom, Warren said.

"We don't know where we'll find the money, but we'll find it if it's a good idea."

### Eight straight

The JMU women's basketball team has not lost a game since a Dec. 11 loss to UVa.

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# Concerns

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administrative affairs. Overall, state-supported colleges and universities average 93 percent of the guidelines. The guidelines apply to state funding of faculty positions.

Rose said the university will request an addendum to the JMU operating budget, to bring the university to 93 percent, a move it has made the past three biennia.

"All we're asking to asking to do is get to the average," Rose said later.

Requesting about \$1 million to fund 27 new positions would bring JMU to 93 percent, he said.

Another \$367,000 will be requested for an academic computer and about \$209,000 in support funds for new positions budgeted last year, Rose said.

In capital outlays, the second aspect of the university's financing, JMU will request \$1.25 million to bring complete the Burruss Hall renovation, he said. To date, \$3.5 million had been allocated, but the additional funding is needed since the scope of the project expanded.

Although the university has won acclaim at the national level, JMU officials will move to have the university recognized on the state level for its work with the upcoming anniversary of the U.S. Constitution, he said. The document celebrates its 200th anniversary Sept. 17, 1987, when the university will conclude the programs it initiated in the fall.

JMU has been recognized by the National Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution as a bicentennial university, the only one in the state to be recognized to date by the commission. The national office is under the

direction of Warren Burger, former chief justice of the Supreme Court.

Other state universities vying for selection could include the University of Virginia, George Mason University and the College of William and Mary. JMU claims the recognition because of its namesake, James Madison, who fathered the document.

"The difference between us and the other universities in the country is that they have one or two programs recognized," said Mark Warner, director of the Constitution Bicentennial Program at JMU. Both state and national committees have told the university that JMU is one of the most comprehensive programs, he said.

"We do hope this [state] legislation will be approved, but given the competitive nature of the state universities, our university might not get singled out," Rose said.

University officials also will be working with legislators on a proposed measure to limit out-of-state enrollment to at least 15 percent at state-supported schools, Rose said.

The JMU Board of Visitors and the administration have placed an internal limit of 25 percent on out-of-state enrollments, acting President Russell Warren said. In fall 1986, about 24.9 percent of the entering class were non-Virginians. The overall out-of-state enrollment at JMU is about 23 percent.

Faculty members also will need to review their own constitution, as Dr. William O'Meara, speaker of the Faculty Senate, addressed the group about proposed changes in the senate's constitution.

While each department now elects senators based on its total number of faculty members, the revision calls for each department to elect one senator, with the remainder of the membership filled by at-large

positions. Each department with more than one full-time faculty member whose primary duties are teaching still will be guaranteed that selection.

Under the proposed change, each college would select at-large senators according to the college's total percentage of faculty members. Colleges with 3 to 15 percent of the total faculty would select one additional senator, with the next ratios being 16 to 25 percent for two at-large votes and 26 to 35 percent for three votes.

The proposed change would bring the senate membership to about 40, O'Meara said. The constitution guidelines set up 31 departments with senate selections, with the remaining filled by at-large positions.

However, according to differences in the number of departments in each college, each college with somewhat equal faculty membership might not receive equal representation in the senate, he said.

O'Meara also said senators in the past have been tied to voting as directed by the department. With the at-large positions, those senators would be free for an overview of the university.

"I believe the spirit in which all senators should serve is the good of the university as a whole," he said. But the differences in each college's representation will need to be reviewed, he said.

The proposed changes will be presented as faculty hearings at today's Faculty Senate meeting. It will be held at 3:15 p.m. in Room C of the Warren Campus Center.

After a final proposal is approved by the senate, paper ballots will be distributed to faculty members. Senators will be responsible for collecting the ballots to ensure all faculty members have had the chance to vote.

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## Ground cleared for new building

By Mike Wilson  
assistant news editor

Construction workers have taken the first step in a project that will change the quad's appearance and alter the route of Alumnae Drive.

Clearing the ground beside Spotswood Hall, workers are preparing the area for a new academic building which will hold classrooms mainly for music courses, said George Marcum, director of the physical plant. Construction should begin this week or next, he said.

As soon as the contract is finalized, Neilsen Construction Co. will begin construction of the new building, which is expected to cost about \$5.5 million.

"It seems like a lot of money until you start dealing with a lot of this kind thing," Marcum said. The building will cost about \$100 a square foot to build.

The building, which should be completed in about two years, will have a basement and two floors, Marcum said.

Alumnae Drive, the road that now runs behind Spotswood Hall, will be re-routed once construction is underway because the new building will extend back about halfway across the road.

"It's going to change the whole complexion of that area," Marcum said. The road probably will become one-way with traffic going in the opposite direction from what it is now. The road will run between Burruss and Miller Halls as it does now, but it probably will turn behind Cleveland Hall and run directly in front of Duke Fine Arts Center, he said.

The cost of re-routing the road has not been figured into the estimated cost of the building, Marcum said.

Before any construction can begin, a high-voltage cable that runs through the area must be moved, he said.

Another project that will change the look of the quad is the construction of a new College of Business building, which is now in the pre-planning stages.

The new business school will be located beside Ashby Hall, directly across from the music building.

Construction of the new business building probably will not begin for about three years, Marcum said. It is expected to cost about \$6 million to build.

Marcum said construction of the new hillside residence hall is ahead of schedule, and work on the new Greek housing unit is slightly behind schedule. He said the new residence hall will be used next fall.



Courtesy of Public and Sports Information

Varsity cheerleading co-captain Joni Takane kneels in back of the Duke Dog. Co-captain Pat McFeeley is second from the right in the top row. Most of the 1986-87 squad members shown here competed in the national competition.

## Cheerleaders win first place

The JMU varsity cheerleading squad won first place in a national competition last week.

Competing with nine other squads from across the country, the JMU squad earned its title in the Ford College National Cheerleading Championship in San Diego, Calif.

JMU qualified for the competition in a previous regional competition where the squad was ranked as one of the two best squads in Division I.

Co-captain Joni Takane said the squad received many compliments on its performance. "The judges felt that the routine was very crowd-oriented, very clean."

"We had never performed it outside before, so there were a lot of things, like the sun right in our

eyes," that made it more difficult, she said. "But we just pulled it all together."

Cheerleading sponsor Casey Carter said the competition was valuable because "it's interesting to see how teams from different parts of the country reflect their areas. For instance, you see more dance from teams on the West Coast."

Although the JMU squad had been plagued with injuries throughout the season, squad members were "very fortunate" that no one was hurt before last week's competition, Carter said.

The national competition will be aired on the Entertainment Sports Programming Network [ESPN] later this month.

— Heather Dawson

## SGA addresses semester's major issues at meeting

By Martin Romjue  
SGA reporter

Possible changes in drop/add policies, a proposal for a plus/minus grading system and a new campus pub are among major issues facing the Student Government Association this semester.

Committee chairpersons briefly outlined goals for this semester at Tuesday's meeting.

"We're looking forward to a

successful semester," President Greg Gromada told senators. "We need to encourage the committees to push real hard toward their goals."

Administrative Vice President Ann-Marie Johnson told senators the SGA needs to get more student feedback on the drop/add issue before voting on the issue.

Last semester, the faculty senate proposed shortening the course drop/add period from nine weeks to five.

Jennifer Showalter, chairwoman of the curriculum and instruction committee, will organize a committee of students to take a random telephone survey to get student reaction to the Faculty Senate's proposal. The survey will be done within the next two weeks.

"We want the [SGA] senate to have an idea how students feel about this issue so they can vote accordingly," Showalter said.

The committee also is looking into a proposal recommending a plus/minus grading system. A committee member is researching the idea and how it works at other colleges in Virginia, Showalter said.

Showalter said the proposal, if passed, would be presented to JMU administrators for final approval. The senate probably will discuss the

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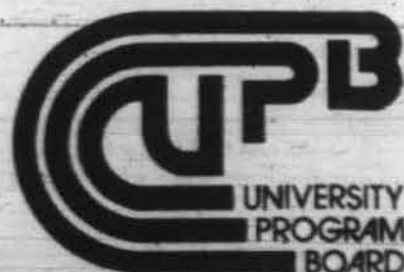
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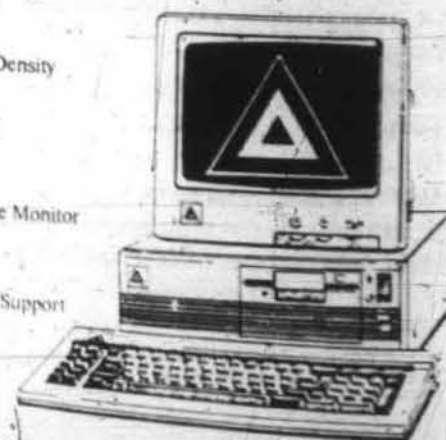


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# Two students die during holiday break

Two JMU students died over the holiday break.

Karen Lynn Nice committed suicide Sunday, Dec. 21, two days after final exams ended. And Bethy Jo Hefner was killed in a car accident on New Year's Day.

Nice, 21, was found about 10:40 a.m. Dec. 21 in an apartment where two of her friends lived on Dutch Mill Court.

She was taken to Rockingham Memorial Hospital and then transferred to the University of Virginia Medical Center, where she was pronounced dead on arrival. She died from gunshot wounds to the head.

Nice, who was from Virginia Beach, was a senior majoring in English. She lived in Chandler Hall and worked at Gibbons Dining Hall as a cashier.

A fellow worker, Penny Foster, said a lot of people recognized her name because her nametag at D-Hall was unique. Her last name was colored light blue with an apostrophe between the N and the I, imitating the trademark of a cough medicine called N'ice.

Foster, who worked with Nice for

two years, said her death was a shock.

"I can't seem to believe it," Foster said. "I thought they were joking at first. I saw her a few days before and she seemed to be OK. But I did hear she was down — having problems with classes. She never seemed to be the type of person to kill herself."

Jeanie Quigley, a friend of Nice and a resident of the apartment where she killed herself, said Nice stayed there the weekend after final exams to attend December graduation and to drive a friend home.

Nice's funeral was held in Virginia Beach on Christmas Eve.

Hefner, 26, was in a car accident at 4 p.m. New Year's Day on Port Republic Road.

Hefner, a JMU graduate student, had graduated from West Virginia University in 1982 with a degree in journalism. She was seeking a teaching certificate here.

She was riding with Harrisonburg attorney Robert Franklin Keefer, 28, when he lost control of the car on the snow-covered North River Bridge.

The car struck the right side of the bridge and skidded sideways into the path of an oncoming Ford pickup truck.

The truck, which was driven by Randall Chandler, 29, hit the passenger side of Keefer's car, where Hefner was riding with her seat belt fastened.

Keefer, who also was wearing his seat belt, was treated for head injuries at the UVa. Medical Center and released about two weeks later.

During 1984 and 1985, Hefner worked as a receptionist-secretary at the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Chamber of Commerce to earn enough money for school.

In 1985, she enrolled at JMU. She was scheduled to begin student teaching in Harrisonburg Jan. 5.

Hefner's funeral was held Jan. 5 in Moorefield, W. Va., her hometown.

An education scholarship is being established in her name. Anyone wishing to contribute can contact Ashton Bishop, an associate professor of accounting.

— Amy Porter



Courtesy of the Chamber of Commerce

Bethy Jo Hefner

## Class offers 'realistic picture' of intimate relationships

By Sallyann Smith  
staff writer

It's always open season at JMU for students seeking "Mr. or Mrs. Right."

And a course offered in the psychology department gives students a chance to prepare for their relationships and marriages. The course is called "Psychodynamics of Human Intimacy."

Dr. Bijan Saadatmand, fondly called "Uncle Bijan" by his students, teaches one section of this Psychology 400 course during the second block of each semester.

The course entails examining the mate selection process and analyzing interpersonal relationships. Saadatmand said he puts much emphasis on participation.

On most days, Saadatmand passes out a true case study for the students to analyze. Students arrange their desks in a large circle and observe while two students role play the couple experiencing marital difficulties. Members of the class are encouraged to question and summarize the couple's problem.

Saadatmand stresses the importance of class participation by encouraging students to verbalize themselves and realize their limitations, if they find such verbalism strenuous. This participation also stimulates the students to critique and challenge one another.

Twenty-eight year old Judy Hensley was the only married student in last semester's class. She feels that the

class offers a lot of insight regarding issues relating to marriage.

"It offers the student that isn't married a realistic picture of married life," Hensley said.

"Some of the material we go over in class are things I never thought about before I got married — like the importance of getting to know future in-laws and seeing their influence upon your future spouse."

Although she regards it as an

He likes students in the course to be dedicated, upper-level students who have taken a general psychology pre-requisite.

Students in relationships are strongly encouraged to take the course with their boyfriends or girlfriends, Saadatmand said. He feels that the course benefits serious couples.

Sophomore Terry Crittenden heard that the course was a good one. Her boyfriend planned to take the class with

There were a few engaged students in the class last semester. Saadatmand said during the course of the semester, these students evaluate their mate selection procedures, communication processes, and expectations in marriage.

He estimated that in every class, more than 30 percent of the engaged student break their engagements because they realize their decisions to marry were not congruent with their real wishes.

Senior Jay Barden did not know what to expect when he signed up for the course. But now, he said he would advise others to take it.

The course "helps in interpersonal relationships with mates, bosses, co-workers. . . . It teaches you how to interact with others, not exclusively on an intimate level," he said.

Barden said the class case studies provoke beneficial discussion. "Sometimes you don't really know how you feel until you verbalize your thoughts," he said.

Saadatmand said his class compels students to learn about themselves — to "look in at themselves in the mirror."

His students examine their personalities in comparison with others. "They develop empathy and strengthen their predictive abilities, so when in a position of decision making, they are well equipped with tools."

Saadatmand has two doctorates, one in developmental psychology and one in marriage/family interaction. He also has practiced marriage counseling.

*"I've learned to stick to the issue and to communicate more when a problem arises."*

— Terry Crittenden

excellent class, Hensley said that the size of the class can hinder participation and discussion. The class contained 80 students last semester.

Saadatmand explained why the class is so large. "Large numbers are needed in order to have generation of hypothesis."

He said diverse opinions are important to generate interest and participation.

Saadatmand said he rarely closes the class because it is a "service course."

her, but could not fit it into his schedule.

Crittenden has gotten a lot out of the class, she said. Material studied in class has helped her with all of her relationships.

"I've learned to stick to the issue and to communicate more when a problem arises," Crittenden said.

Discussing problems leads to better and more effective communication than holding in what is bothering you, she said.



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# Graduation draws larger crowd than expected

A crowd of about 4,500 people caught graduation planners by surprise last month at the Dec. 19 ceremony.

"That's about 10 guests per graduate," said university spokesman Fred Hilton. Nearly 500 students graduated.

About 2,000 people attended the December ceremony during the last academic year and about the same number were expected this year. Last year, the ceremony in Wilson

Auditorium was overcrowded so it was moved to the Convocation Center.

Seating was arranged so people would sit on just one side of the center and speakers would face that side. To accommodate the overflow at the ceremony, a few people had to sit on the opposite side and watch the ceremony from the back.

"There were too many for Wilson Auditorium last year and there were too

many for that part of the Convocation Center this year," Hilton said. He said next year's ceremony might be planned so people can sit on three sides of the Convocation Center.

Also, traffic problems at this year's ceremony caused a half-hour delay in the start of the program, Hilton said.

Despite the problems, the center is a good setting for graduation, Hilton said. "It's very impressive to have the

students and the faculty walk in from the same side and sit down." And the acoustics are better in the building than they are at the outdoor May graduation, he said.

The largest number of graduates to receive degrees at December's ceremony were from the College of Business, with about 440 business-related majors graduating.

— Maria Osborn



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## Faculty member succumbs at 66

Dr. Alton Wheelock, a JMU associate professor of accounting, died of a heart attack Saturday, Dec. 13. He was 66.

Wheelock came here in 1978. He was a member of the Blue Ridge chapter of the Association of Accountants and the University of Virginia Student Aid Fund.

A native of Brant, N.Y., he earned a bachelor of science degree from the State University of New York in 1942 and a master's in business administration from Harvard University in 1959. He earned his doctorate from the University of Virginia.

A funeral was held Dec. 16 at the Church of our Savior in Charlottesville and burial was in Monticello Memory Gardens.

## SGA

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proposal will within the next three weeks, she said.

Cindy Twining, chairwoman of the food services committee, announced the opening of the JMU campus pub Jan. 29. The pub will feature a deli-menu, along with mocktail beverages, beer and non-alcoholic beer.

The pub, located in the Warren Campus Center ballroom, will be open from 6 p.m. to 12 a.m. Thursday through Saturday.

The committee also is working on a food services student satisfaction survey to be mailed to a sampling of students in February. The purpose of the survey is "to find out if people are happy with what food services are offering," Twining said.

Shorts senator Michael Kinsley said a private consultant has been hired to work on an application to the Federal Communications Commission for WJMR, the proposed student-run campus radio station. The station will be located in the new Greek housing units being constructed at the end of Greek Row.

Chairwoman pro-tempore Nanci Campbell announced the SGA will be accepting applications for student-at-large committee positions until Jan. 19.







## BUSINESS

# Sales, gas taxes increased in Virginia

By Kyra Scarton  
editor

Out-of-state students might have been shocked to find an extra cent taxed to the price of their six-packs of beer when they returned from break.

The state sales tax increased half a percentage point Jan. 1, making the tax 4.5 cents on the dollar.

"Naturally every consumer would pay a little higher in terms of the final price they pay," said Dr. Ehsan Ahmed, director of JMU's Office of Economic Service.

The new sales tax should not have a drastic impact on consumers because it does not isolate any particular products, he said. The purpose of the tax increase is to gain overall revenue.

"How much they're willing to put up with that is what consumers in the state will have to decide," Ahmed said.

The increase will generate about \$105 annually from a family with an annual income of \$30,000, according to a Richmond Times-Dispatch article.

"The 4.5 cents, I'm sure, is a compromise," said Dr. David Kreutzer, assistant professor of economics. Opposition to the increase probably prevented the tax from moving to 5 cents, which would have produced a 25 percent increase in the sales tax, he said.

"When you look at the half cent out of the whole tax, it's not a very big burden," he said.

But the odd figure of 4.5 cents could be "a pain in the neck" and "awkward" for consumers and merchants alike, he



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said. New tax charts need to be printed and shoppers will need to be aware of the new rate.

Along with the sales tax increase came a 2.5 percent increase in the state gasoline tax.

Revenues from the new tax, which now brings in 17.5 cents per gallon of gas, will go toward funding Gov. Gerald Baliles' new transportation package. The tax was approved during a special session of the Virginia General

Assembly in September to help implement his new road program.

Although the legislature did not approve Baliles' full transportation proposal in the September session, the tax increase is expected to raise about \$150 million by June 30, the end of the fiscal year, said J.W. Atwell, director of finance for the Virginia Department of Transportation.

About \$420 million should be generated from the tax during the next

fiscal year, the first time the tax will be in complete effect, he said.

The transportation program had been budgeted at about one billion dollars a year, but the approved package comes in just less than a billion dollars annually, Atwell said.

During the 1986 regular session, the legislature replaced a 3-cent oil excise tax with a 4-cent tax at the gas pump, he said. Consumers saw about a 1.6 cents a gallon increase, he said.

That tax, which was imposed July 1, should raise about \$63 million by the end of June, Atwell said. The revenue will finance the Critical Highway Improvement Fund.

Ahmed said he doesn't attribute an increase in gasoline prices to the new tax.

Gas prices should continue to increase, especially after a price increase by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries a few weeks ago, he said.

"Whether we increase the tax or not, the prices are going to go up," Ahmed said.

The country faces a stable inflation growth of about 3 to 4 percent, with the consumer seeing a 3 percent growth, he said.

"They are never balanced in the fact that all parts of the economy are different," Ahmed said.

If OPEC is successful in raising the price, it could lead to a small increase, but nothing substantial, he said.

"They are limited to their influence in this," Ahmed said. "It has yet to be seen how much effect they will have."

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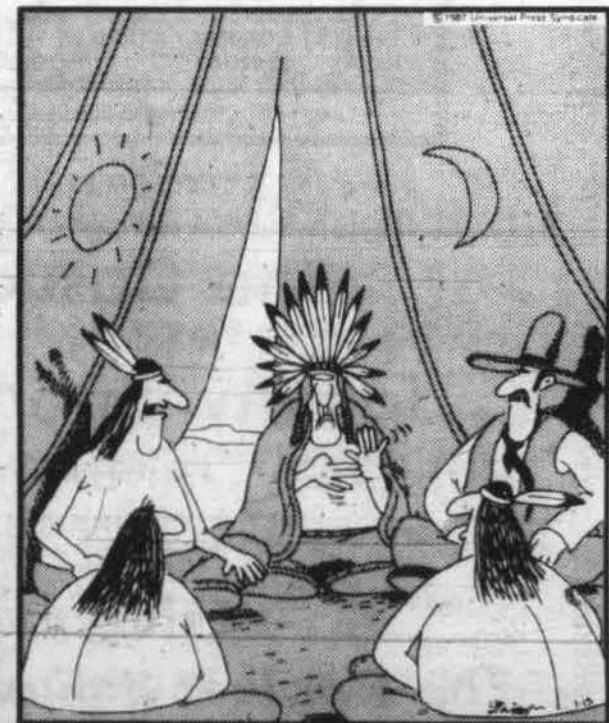
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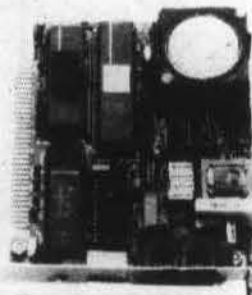


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# ARTS & PEOPLE

## Group bridges death row gap

by Sallyann Smith

A smile crosses Gene Stuart's face — he got a letter today.

To some people, a piece of mail might not mean all that much. To Stuart, it means a great deal.

Stuart, who resides at the Idaho State Penitentiary, is one of more than 1,700 prisoners on death row in the United States. Letters are just about his only contact with the outside world — he cannot receive visitors, and he is entitled to make only collect phone calls at specific hours.

Stuart thanks the Death Row Support Project for his mail. Founders Bob and Rachel Gross of Indiana developed this program in 1978 to encourage private citizens to write letters to prisoners.

Bob Gross says the project's two main goals are "to provide prisoners with support and some kind of personal contact" and "to increase awareness — to show people the reality of how the death penalty works, so they see its negative effects on society."

He says the ultimate goal of Death Row Support is to have someone writing to every death row prisoner who cares to correspond. As of Oct. 1, about 1,000 prisoners had correspondents.

The Grosses have compiled a list of names of those on death row. Names are randomly assigned to interested participants, who receive inmates' addresses and a list of guidelines and suggestions. Guidelines include tips on how to initiate correspondence and what types of questions to ask.

Volunteer correspondents range from teens to retirees. JMU is the only university in the country to have a group participating in the project.

JMU's Death Row Support group formed two years ago, and in two years, involvement has grown from seven participants to about 40.

Senior Anne Paparella, who heads the group this year, distributes prisoners' names to those interested in writing, gives guidelines and holds meetings several times a semester.

"These meetings are basically for support of those involved," Paparella says. "We pass around ideas, discuss how correspondence is going and try to work out any problems that may have occurred."

Problems might include not receiving a response from an assigned inmate or not knowing how to answer an unusual letter — a love letter or one that asks for money.

Freshman Jeanne Smith, Stuart's correspondent has been writing to Stuart for seven months and says they share a special relationship.

"I write letters to Gene just like I write letters to friends at home. I talk about school, my job and even guy problems — and Gene gives good advice."

Smith says that Stuart is more than just a pen pal. "He's really interested in what's going on in my life, and I'm very interested in his appeals process."

This relationship has intensified her sensitivity towards the death penalty. "It makes you realize that they [death row prisoners] are just like us, with the same feelings and emotions that we have."

In a recent letter to Smith, Stuart wrote that he enjoys his part in the correspondence

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# Prisoners

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as well.

"The only thing I can say is that through [Death Row Support] I've been able to write to a very sweet and special person, who I think is a truly kind human being. And if it weren't for [the project], I wouldn't have ever heard of you. And I wouldn't have ever received the pleasure your letters bring me.

"So, I must say I think the support project is wonderful, and I just hope it does the same for many others as it has done for me."

Smith doesn't know why Stuart has been sentenced to be executed. One of the guidelines suggested to participants is to not ask about the prisoner's charge, but rather to inquire about the progress of appeal processes.

Smith says Stuart's charges are not important to her. She is excited that he has a post-conviction hearing scheduled.

Another JMU participant is graduate student Valerie De Pietri. Since last April, De Pietri has corresponded twice a month with 35-year-old F. L. Williams, who is in a state prison in Florida.

He writes back immediately upon receiving her letters, she says.

Williams denies being guilty of the murder with which he is charged,

although DePietri says she has never inquired into it.

"I'm not concerned with whether he's guilty or innocent. I'm concerned with the fact that he's on death row, and that anyone in that position needs a friend."

DePietri says Williams encloses Bible verses and religious pamphlets in every letter and constantly advises her to stay away from drugs and not to party too hard.

As a graduate student, Kevin Doyle

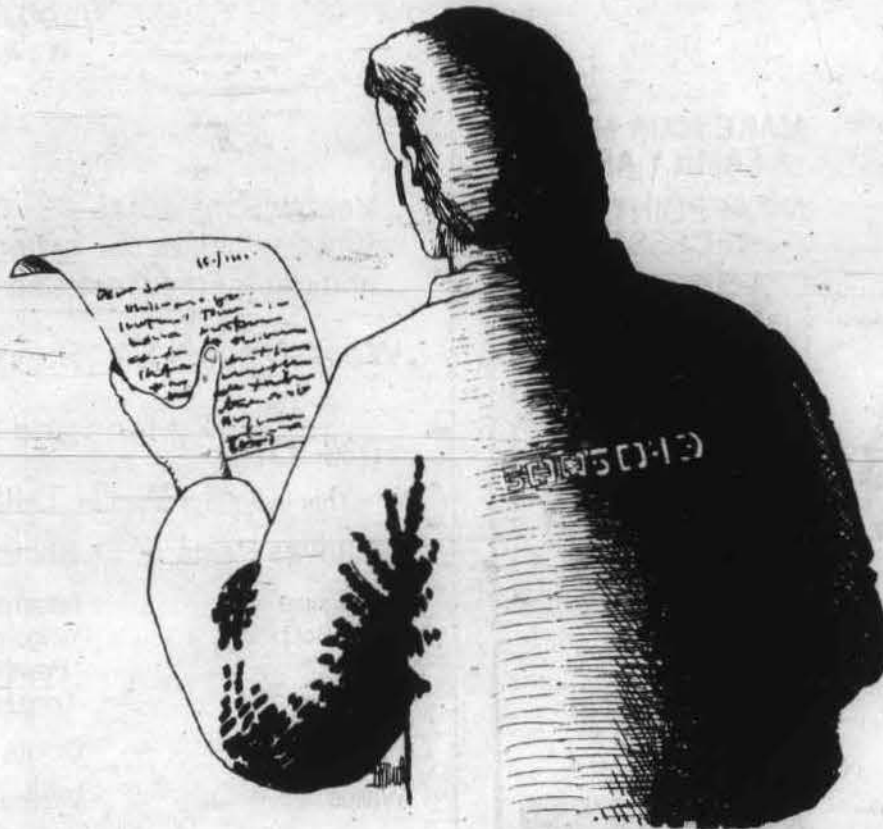
ran the project here last year. Although he now works as a counselor at Arlington Hospital and can no longer head the group, he still corresponds with his inmate, who resides in the Georgia Demographic Classification Center in Jackson. The two have been writing to one another for six years.

Recently, Doyle and his wife prepared a Christmas package for his friend. He received a list of guidelines from the prison regarding what can and cannot be sent to inmates at Christmas.

There are different regulations at various facilities. The G.D.C.C. allows its prisoners to receive nuts, hard candy, fresh fruit and pre-packaged cheeses, cakes and sausages. The total weight of the package may not exceed ten pounds.

"Writing to [his inmate] has been a great experience," Doyle says. "Death row prisoners are among the most abandoned people in our society. The Death Row Support group project is truly a needed thing."

Doyle advocates writing to an inmate because "it is something anyone can to, whether they are for, against or have no position on the death penalty. These prisoners still deserve to be treated like people."



Staff graphic by STEPHEN ROUNTREE

## AFTER HOURS

### THURSDAY

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**Johnny Sportcoat and the Casuals** — Gandy Dancer, cover charge not available.

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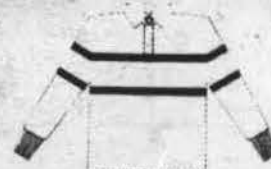


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# SPORTS

## Mids, Eagles end JMU's run

By Rob Washburn  
sports editor

In jumping out to a 10-1 start, the best in the school's history since moving to Division I, the JMU men's basketball team was becoming proficient at finding a way to win close games. The Dukes won six of their first 10 games by a combined margin of 19 points and seemed confident when the pressure was on down the stretch.

But before an energetic crowd of 6,530 Monday night at the Convocation Center, a tired-looking JMU team blew a number of chances for victory and dropped a 69-67 decision to American University. The loss, combined with Saturday's 95-70 defeat by Navy, left the Dukes' record at 10-3 overall and 1-2 in the Colonial Athletic Association.

"There was no fire in our eyes," JMU head coach John Thurston said. "[Playing with fire] was how we got to have this record and when you don't have it, you're simply going to lose. We got beat by a better team that wanted it more."

The Dukes looked beaten physically and mentally against American. Physically, JMU appeared drained from the aggressive inside play of Navy, especially forward John Newman, who was hindered by a severely sprained ankle. Mentally, JMU seemed short on emotion after losing to the 19th-ranked Middies.

But Thurston said the loss to Navy was no excuse for his team's performance.

"That's nonsense," he said. "You can play 30 games in 30 days, it all depends on what your mental attitude is. We played two nights of fast-paced basketball to win the Times-Dispatch [Tournament] on the road. If you've got the fire and desire, you can win."

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Staff photo by MING LEONG

JMU's Ben Gordon drives against Virginia Tech during the Dukes' 90-74 win in the finals of the Richmond Times-Dispatch Invitational. The junior point guard won the tourney's MVP award.

## Dukes prove ranking with holiday victories

By Sonny Dearth  
assistant sports editor

Most JMU students used the semester break for rest and relaxation, but the JMU women's basketball team made the most of their time off this holiday.

Since a Dec. 11 loss to Virginia, JMU has won eight straight games, including a tournament championship and conference wins over George Mason and American.

Head coach Shelia Moorman said that finishing the first semester helped her squad's concentration.

"I think December is very hard on [NCAA] Division I basketball players," Moorman said.

"They're expected to get into the swing of their season when they're just finishing their studies.

"Our kids have always done a good job balancing, but we really started to get rolling after exams."

JMU gave itself a big post-Christmas present, winning the championship of the eight-team LaSalle Invitational in Philadelphia. The Dukes were forced to prove their ranking, facing Northeastern and Providence before reaching the finals against host LaSalle.

Northeastern, for instance, sported a 3-6 record going into Philadelphia, but they gave JMU quite a scare in the first round.

"Northeastern is a tough defensive club," Moorman said. "They play some of the best defense we've seen this year."

The Dukes were outrebounded 37-32 by the Huskies, but JMU used its 56.8 percent field goal shooting to win 64-61.

In the semifinals, the Dukes were to play Big East power Providence. JMU defeated the Friars 55-53 in the preliminary round of the NCAA tournament last March. The two teams' next encounter was more fast-paced than last season.

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## SPORTSFILE

### JMU triumphs at S. Florida

The JMU women's swimming team (5-1) won its third straight meet with a 95-76 triumph Jan. 9 over South Florida in Tampa.

JMU had lost four consecutive meets to South Florida and had not defeated the Bulls since 1981.

Freshman Kamie Kuester broke the 1,000-yard freestyle for the third time this season with a time of 10:31.82.

JMU takes on Navy Saturday in Annapolis.

#### WRESTLING

JMU moved its dual match record to 3-5 after defeating Syracuse 21-19 Jan. 9 and losing a tough 18-17 decision to 19th-ranked Maryland in matches at College Park, Md.

The Dukes used wins by 118-pounder Jeff "Peanut" Bowyer, 126-pounder Dave Monize, 150-pounder John Durso, 167-pounder Brian Kurlander, and 177-pounder George Fiorile to take an insurmountable 21-8 lead over the Orangemen.

Bowyer, Durso, 134-pounder Jon Blauvelt, 158-pounder Pat Smith and 190-pounder John Checks won their matches against the Terrapins.

JMU next travels to Charlottesville Friday to face Virginia.

#### MEN'S SWIMMING

South Florida edged the Dukes 92-91 Jan. 9 at Tampa.

JMU collected 13 of 15 points in the final event, but could not overcome its deficit.

The Dukes' Randy Parker won the 50- and 100-yard freestyle races, while Mike Gough won the 200-yard backstroke. Eric Johnson placed first in the 200-yard breaststroke for the Dukes.

JMU (4-4) next swims at Virginia Tech Saturday.

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## Tourney victory highlights break

Despite losing their last two games, the Christmas break was a productive one for the JMU men's basketball team. The Dukes won six straight games over the holiday, including the Richmond Times-Dispatch Invitational Tournament.

JMU opened the stretch with a 64-63 win over North Carolina-Ashville. Kennard Winchester led the way with 19 points and John Newman added 12 points and seven rebounds.

The Dukes second victory came on the road at Radford. Eric "Boo Boo" Brent broke out of a two-game scoring slump to lead JMU with 19 points. With the effort, Brent went over the 1,000-point scoring mark for his career. The Dukes trailed by five late in the game, but came back to win 78-74.

In the opening round of the Times-Dispatch Invitational, JMU defeated Virginia Commonwealth University 90-74. The Dukes led by 15 early in the first half, but the Rams closed within four at the break. JMU dominated the second half and went on to an easy victory.

Brent scored a career-high 31 points, Benny Gordon added 15 points and 11 assists, and Kennard Winchester had 13 points and nine rebounds.

In the championship game, the Dukes trailed 40-38 at half, but came back for a 84-70 victory. The key proved to be JMU's running game, which negated the Hokies size advantage.

Winchester scored 20 of his game-high 22 points in the second half and Brent added 21 to earn spots on the all-tournament team. Gordon dished out 10 more assists to break the tournament record of 20, and earned most valuable player honors.

JMU picked up its first conference win of the season over George Mason to start off the new year. The Dukes once again came from behind to capture an 80-77 victory. Brent paced JMU with 19 points and Newman picked up eight rebounds.

The Dukes picked up their final win of the holiday with a 110-95 decision over Coastal Carolina. The 205 points that the teams combined to score set a JMU record. Gordon paced the Dukes with 22 points and 10 rebounds.



JMU players celebrate their championship of the Richmond Times-Dispatch Invitational Dec. 30 at the Richmond Coliseum. Staff photo by MING LEONG

## Men

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Without the fire, JMU lacked the thing that got them off to such an impressive start — a fast-paced, running offense.

The Dukes running game was slowed by American's zone defense and soft full-court pressure. After averaging nearly 80 points a contest in its first 11 outings, JMU was held to its second-lowest total of the season against the Eagles.

"At five-on-five, we just could not run with James Madison, so we needed to control the tempo and try and slow their attack a little," American coach Ed Tapscott said. "I think that was the key in keeping the score where it was."

It was the second straight game the Dukes have seen a lot of zone defense and Thurston said the Dukes are going to have to adjust.

"Once the word gets out on you,

that's what happens," Thurston said. "Teams are finding out they can't play man-to-man and have to go zone. We had gone through a long streak of seeing no zones ... and we're going to have to adjust."

Despite what Thurston called, "JMU's worst performance of the season", the Dukes were in the game throughout. Freshman forward Claude Ferdinand scored seven of JMU's first nine points and the shooting of senior guard Eric "Boo Boo" Brent allowed the Dukes to open up a six-point lead midway through the first half. But American came back behind the outside shooting of guards Frank Ross and Pat Witting to take a 35-33 lead into halftime.

The Dukes were hot after the break, scoring 11 unanswered points to take their biggest lead of the game. However, the Eagles responded with 11 straight points of their own to regain a 46-44 lead with 12:03 to play.

American opened up its biggest lead of the game when Mike Sumner's driving layup gave the Eagles a 64-57 advantage with 4:08 to play. But JMU was able to run off five straight points, capped by a Kennard Winchester alley-oop dunk, to close the lead to 64-62 with 2:21 left.

Brent's three-pointer moved JMU within one with 32 seconds remaining, and when American's Mike Sumner missed the front end of a one-and-one, the Dukes had the ball with 18 seconds left.

JMU set up a play for center Thom Brand, but when things broke down, point guard Benny Gordon drove down the left side and put up a running one-hand jumper. The shot went off the rim and the Dukes were forced to foul the Eagles' Tom Scherer.

Scherer also missed the front end of his one-and-one, but the rebound went out-of-bounds off the hands of Brand

and gave American another chance to ice the game.

With five seconds left, Ross hit one of his two free throws to put American up by two, and Gordon's 35-footer at the buzzer went off the rim to give the Eagles the win.

"We had all the opportunities to win the game," Thurston said. "When you don't have the opportunities, you get a little annoyed, but we had the opportunities to win right down to the end."

Against Navy, JMU was able to take a 39-38 lead into halftime, but All-American center David Robinson took over in the second half. The 7-foot-1 senior scored a Convocation Center record 45 points and grabbed 21 rebounds to pace the Middies.

JMU concludes its four-game homestand tonight against Central Connecticut State before traveling to William and Mary on Saturday.



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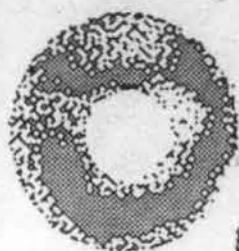
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JMU center Alisa Harris (right) struggles with an East Tennessee State player during the Dukes' 97-58 win Jan. 6.

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## Women

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with the Dukes pulling out an 80-73 win.

"I thought we played much better," Moorman said. "Perhaps it was the best game we've played all year."

The game also marked an outstanding performance by streak-shooting guard Missy Dudley. The sophomore burned the nets with a career-high 20 points.

"It was by far the best game of her career," Moorman said.

Though JMU led most of the contest, it struggled to put the Friars away because senior point guard and floor leader Flo Jackson fouled out.

"Quality-wise, they're [Providence] about the same as last year, but they're a different team because they had some seniors [last year]," Moorman said.

Having clawed their way into the finals, the Dukes prepared to face LaSalle, an NCAA tournament qualifier last season.

"Our bracket was a lot more difficult than theirs," Moorman said.

The Explorers started a tall front line, including 6-foot-7 Linda French. However, the Dukes assumed command in the first half, taking a 37-26 lead

into the intermission. JMU remained in front throughout the second half, eventually winning 62-52.

"Although we controlled the game, we could never break away," Moorman said.

Center Sydney Beasley, JMU's leading scorer at 15.7 points per game, was voted the tournament's Most Valuable Player, and Jackson also was selected to the all-tournament team.

Generally, Moorman was pleased at her team's three-day effort.

"All the eight teams that were in it were good," she said. "There were no top 10-type teams there, but all were just in the edge of the top 20."

"Every game was closely contested... very hard, well-played basketball games."

In its most recent outing, JMU won a key CAA matchup Monday night at American University, 71-61.

"At this point in the season, we were happy to get out of there with a road win in the conference," Moorman said. Most preseason polls picked the Dukes first and the Eagles second in the conference.

Excellent second-half rebounding sparked the Dukes, who led American 31-28 at halftime. JMU outrebounded

American 46-31 for the game, including the 25-10 bulge in the second half.

"We were excited that we outboarded them, especially in the second half," Moorman said.

The Dukes led by 10 in the first half, but the Eagles sliced the margin to three after Jackson got in foul trouble.

"It's just her experience," Moorman said. "Our team feels more comfortable [with Jackson in the game]."

The Dukes also had to contend with tiny Cassell Center, which gave American a homecourt advantage.

"It's close quarters, barely enough room for the folding chairs [for coaches and players]," Moorman said.

JMU's other wins during the streak came against Howard (80-66), East Tennessee State (97-58) and Radford (83-36).

Overall, Moorman said, JMU is progressing nicely at the season's midpoint.

"I think we're playing with better intensity and we have a little more aggressive style than last year," she said.

The Dukes next play at the Convocation Center Saturday when they entertain CAA foe William and Mary at 3 p.m.

## REC REPORT

### ACTIVITIES-

**BASKETBALL-** The signup deadline for men's and women's intramural team competition is 5:30 p.m. today in Godwin 344.

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# VIEWPOINT

## The new year

Happy New Year everybody. Here are a few things we foresee happening in 1987:

- Despite being the only school recognized as such on the national level, JMU will be engaged in fierce competition with the University of Virginia for official recognition as the state university of the 1987 U.S. Constitutional bicentennial celebration. UVA it seems has a leading constitutional law professor on its faculty as well as custody of James Madison's papers to support its claim to the title. But JMU is named for the man who wrote the document. JMU certainly deserves recognition as much as UVA; it goes without saying that we hope it gets it.

- Dr. Ronald Carrier will return in April from his one-year leave of absence serving as head of the Center for Innovative Technology. Despite speculation, some of it right here in this space, that he might use the post as a stepping stone for bigger and better things like an election bid for governor or U.S. senator, there are no solid indications that Carrier is being considered by any political party as the leading candidate for any such office. Carrier has made it a point to say he is interested in a state office if he is asked to run, but no one has asked yet. At age 55, he hasn't much time left to make another career switch before retirement. Don't be surprised if the experience of working in the big megalopolis of Northern Virginia convinced Carrier to remain as JMU's president.

- JMU will not become the best undergraduate institution in the country in this or any other year. We hate to be cynical about it, but deciding which undergraduate institution is the best is a subjective judgment. Carrier's often-stated goal is good for morale and acting President Russell Warren's five-year plan for academic excellence promises to make tremendous improvements in JMU's academic standards but in the words of one of columnists, let's get real. Being "the best" is an order too tall for even Carrier and Warren to fill.

- Enrollment will increase again this fall as JMU graduates towards its stated enrollment limit of 10,000 students by 1990. That's 10,000 by 1990. We hope the admissions office remembers this limit.

The above editorial is the opinion of The Breeze editorial board.

## Predictions '87: Controversy and scandal

As JMU enters 1987, it can expect another dynamic year with a lot of new headlines filling *The Breeze* week after week. Here are a few we can expect to see:

- In 1987, something controversial might happen.

- To help celebrate Dr. Carrier's April Fool's Day return, outstanding students from the art department will be hired to paint portraits of JMU's absentee president that will be painted on the rimless backboards on the basketball court adjacent to the police station. This will enable passing cars to view to president from whichever direction they're traveling.

- The JMU Convocation Center will suffer structural damage from overuse.

- The Dukettes will perform on "Solid Gold."

- The new sidewalks in the village will be torn up and replaced in an effort to spend money.

- WJMR will hit the airwaves and as a cruel joke will play three hours of Kenny Rogers, Air Supply, WHAM! and other Harrisonburg standards to rock-starved students.

- It will rain inside the PC Dukes ballroom.

- In an effort to gain warmth from an unusually cruel winter, many homeless people will live in front of the PC Dukes vent.

- An additional 1,000 students will move off campus for the fall semester. JMU will respond by adding six new parking spots to the depths of Z-lot.

- To avoid controversy, the Duke Dog will win Ms. Madison and get front-page *Breeze* coverage at the same time.

- In an effort to raise cash, the administration will sponsor a lottery to be won by the student who



### GETTING REAL

Carl Johnson

receives JMU's 1,000,000th parking ticket.

- A distraught student will stab his roommate in Gibbons Dining Hall. Luckily, he'll use a dining hall knife and no one will get hurt.

- The drop/add period will be reduced and JMU will be admitted to the Ivy League.

- In another move to improve JMU's image, the

five-year plan will be reduced to four years.

- Salads Plus will be open during special hours for students suffering from claustrophobia.

- A blackballed fraternity pledge will dam Newman Lake.

- The 9:15 a.m. Howard Johnson's bus will nearly overturn when it slides on some ice turning into JMU. Only the quick reflexes of the driver will save the 250 passengers.

- In a letter to the editor, a certain *Breeze* columnist will once again be called "stupid and ignorant" by someone he used to tutor.

- JMU will once again give a freshman assessment test and this time someone will show up.

- A scandal will rock JMU when \$3 million in bookstore profits are discovered to have been diverted to Nicaraguan rebels in Honduras.

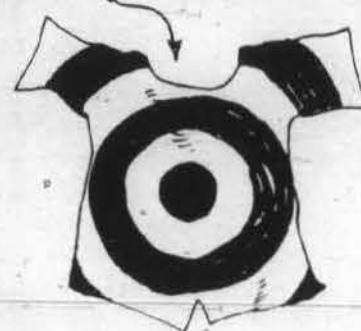
- And finally, a prediction that will not come true. JMU will run a bus or van to and from the Convocation Center parking lot. This would make use of the biggest parking lot JMU owns but, let's get real, it would spare us the aesthetic beauty of a multi-story parking garage.

Carl Johnson is a junior majoring in accounting

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# READERS' FORUM

## 'Lazy' students ruin purpose of CARS

To the editor:

JMU students are being typical Americans by taking things for granted and abusing privileges. CARS is not a free taxi service, but a deterrent to drunken driving. I think students fail to see the problems by calling CARS sober.

Here's how CARS works. First of all, CARS should be called CAR, because there's only one car in use the entire night. Three people work CARS. The dispatcher receives the calls, takes down the information needed and relays it to the pick up car.

The driver drives the people to their destination. And the partner writes down the passenger's information and communicates with the dispatcher. This one car has to take care of all Harrisonburg and some nights when there are many calls it can take 30-45 minutes to get some callers if not longer.

When I worked CARS, many of the callers were sober students that were too lazy to either walk and many people were in clear walking distance to their houses, or to call a friend for a ride. STOP BEING SO SELF-CONCERNED! If we have to pick up many sober people a drunk person after waiting say

30-45 minutes might decide to try and drive home. It defeats the cause! If that person is in an accident or gets arrested for DUI, it is indirectly your fault. CARS is such a great idea that it is a shame to see some people ruin it with their inconsideration. The slogan is "Too Drunk To Drive" call CARS, not "I Need A Ride" call CARS.

Dave Calvelli  
sophomore  
history/social science

## Hating sin, not sinners, is key to Christianity

To the editor:

I am responding to Valarie Jackson's column "Intolerance and Hate Contradict Christianity" in the Breeze's Dec. 11, 1986 issue. Miss Jackson said that Christians should simply be loving and not get on people's cases about their beliefs and values.

Do you think that there's no such word as "hate" in the Bible's vocabulary? Well, if you do, you've probably only given a cursory examination. Notice

that God always says in the Bible that he hates sin, not sinners. God the Father hated Jesus more than anyone else in the universe for a period of eternity because, for us, he became sin, not because he became a sinner (Romans 5: 12-21). Moreover, hating sin is a very loving thing to do.

Would I love my neighbor if I let him hop into a car thinking that his brakes were working when in fact I knew that they weren't? This person may not believe what I have to say, but I'd try to point out the

malfunction. I hope I'm not being manipulating. What I'm trying to do is be loving.

Shouldn't the things that rob us the life that we could have be pointed out? Shouldn't the rudiments of all misery and suffering be identified? Shouldn't it be known that Jesus is the clue to it all?

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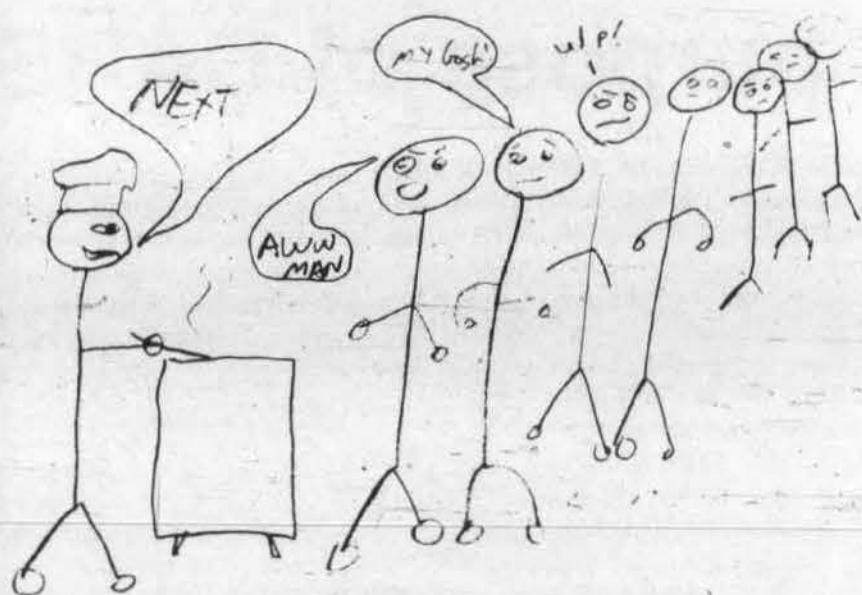
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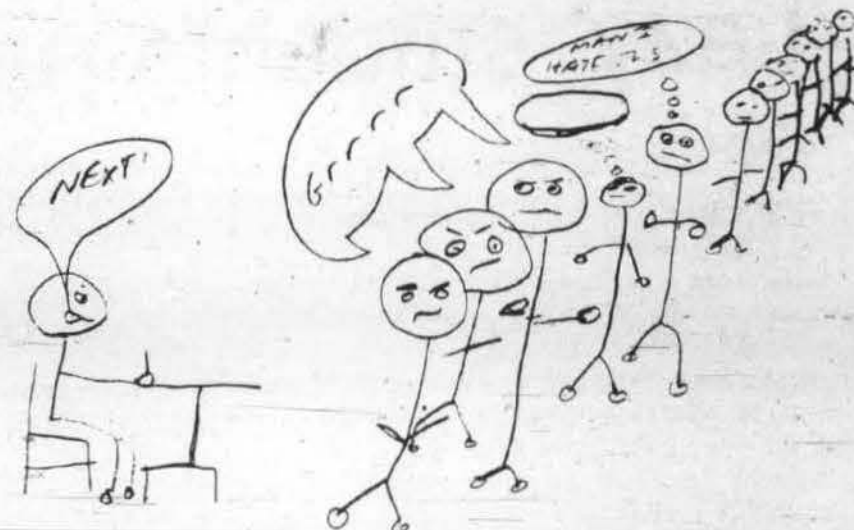


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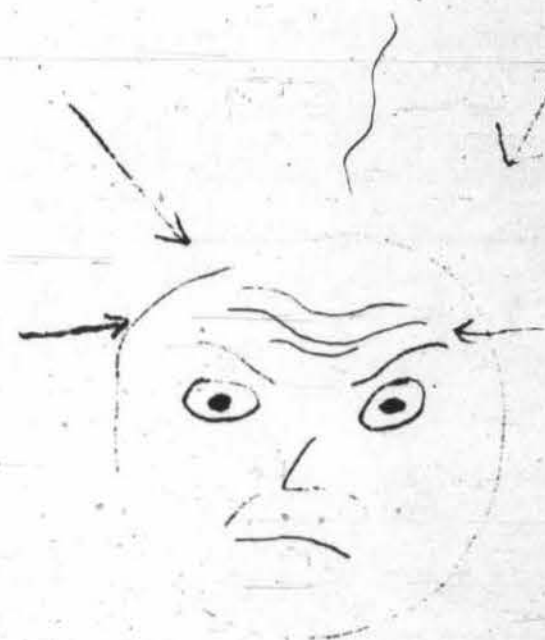
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## WIRE

# Busboy charged in hotel fire

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — A bar busboy was arraigned Wednesday on a federal charge of conspiring with a maintenance man in the New Year's Eve arson fire at the Dupont Plaza Hotel that killed 96 people.

Armando Jimenez Rivera, 28, identified by federal officials as an employee of the hotel bar, and Hector Escudero Aponte, a 35-year-old hotel maintenance worker, were arrested Tuesday.

Escudero Aponte was charged Tuesday with arson, destruction of property and 96 counts of murder. Jimenez Rivera was accused of conspiring with him to destroy the hotel by fire.

The federal complaint against Jimenez Rivera said he went to the hotel penthouse to get a can of Sterno-type

fuel and then "stood with others in front of Escudero [Aponte] to block others' view so that Escudero [Aponte] could put the Sterno on a stack of boxed furniture in the south ballroom area."

The complaint did not identify any other suspects. A federal investigator, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said "We're trying to find everyone who was involved. If it was two people we want them both; if it was 10 people we want all 10."

Federal officials have identified Jimenez Rivera and Escudero Aponte as Teamsters members. The union held a meeting in the ballroom a few minutes before the fire broke out.

At the meeting, the union rejected a hotel contract

offer and planned to strike at midnight New Year's Eve.

Union leaders have denied any involvement in the blaze, which raged through the mezzanine-level casino and lobby and sent dense smoke through the next four floors. Guests and staff raced to the roof to await rescue by helicopter or jumped from balconies to escape the heat and smoke. More than 140 people were injured.

Escudero Aponte faces 99 years for each murder charge and 25 years for the remaining counts if convicted. U.S. District Court Judge Justo Arenas said Jimenez Rivera, if convicted, faces a maximum sentence of life in prison.

## NATION

# Reagan keeps distance from scandal

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan is keeping his distance from developments in the Iran-Contra scandal, and his people in the White House are portraying a chief executive who was only casually involved in a controversial decision to send arms to Tehran.

Although fallout from the sale of arms to Iran and diversion of profits to

Nicaraguan Contra rebels dominates the news daily, Reagan has been not said much on the subject for weeks, leaving it mostly to others to deal with what he knew and what he approved.

Spokesman Larry Speakes says Reagan's next news conference will be sometime in February. The last one was Nov. 19.

Reagan has made little effort to clear

up confusion about the contradictory recollections of current and former members of his staff on key questions such as when he first authorized sending arms to Iran.

Instead, the White House seems content to let the story unfold from congressional investigations and eventually from the investigation by

independent counsel Lawrence Walsh and his staff of former prosecutors.

"There is nothing you're going to do that gets this behind you. There is no big-bang solution," said one White House official, speaking privately.

The official said the administration's strategy is to try to get out all the facts and promise to fix whatever was wrong.

## Vance says Iranian deal hurts nation

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Reagan administration's Iranian policy has had an "extremely negative" impact on U.S. standing as a credible world leader, former Secretary of State Cyrus Vance told Congress today.

"The sale of arms to Iran for hostages was naive, wrong and severely damaging to our national interests and

credibility," Vance said as the Senate Foreign Relations Committee opened an examination of administration policies in the Iran-Contra affair.

"To be blunt, this great nation, if it is to remain worthy of global leadership, cannot again manage its foreign relations as an amateur," Vance told the committee.

He said U.S. duplicity in secretly selling arms to a terrorist nation while urging allies not to do the same has created doubts about American credibility that "will linger for at least the remaining years of this administration."

## Educated women likelier to get wed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Going to college no longer dims a woman's chances for marriage and family, and additional schooling is likely to increase her marriage prospects, a new study says.

Census Bureau researcher Jeanne Moorman reported Tuesday that the "negative association" between marriage and education seems to be diminishing, and in coming years "more highly educated women will be more likely to

marry."

In terms of combining marriage with educations and careers, women are learning to behave more like men, no longer having to choose among those options, Moorman said.

"There is no reason to expect that women can't do both, just as men have always done," she said.

Moorman found that while going to college might delay marriage, it seems likely to improve a woman's prospects for eventually being wed.

In a telephone interview Moorman said higher education is becoming more the norm than the exception for women.

## WORLD

# Pope, Polish leader discuss future of Poland

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope John Paul II pressed Poland's Communist leader Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski in talks on Tuesday to grant a greater voice to ordinary Poles in running their country, a Vatican official reported.

The Polish-born pontiff and Jaruzelski met without aides for 70 minutes in what a Vatican statement called "serious, frank and in-depth" talks.

"The two men probably understand each other better

now," said the Vatican source, who demanded anonymity. But he added, "The differences remain."

The two men spoke in their native Polish without interpreters in talks that could help shape the future of Poland.

They had met twice before, in Poland in 1983, but both stressed the significance of the Vatican audience. The pope called it historic.

The overwhelming majority of Poland's 37 million

people are Roman Catholics, and the Polish church has at times been an outlet of expression for the outlawed independent trade union, Solidarity. An annual pilgrimage to a Roman Catholic monastery in Poland produces a large show of support for Solidarity.

The Polish government has been critical of some pro-Solidarity priests, and banned Solidarity after imposing martial law in 1981.



## STATE

## Baliles unveils tax plan to benefit middle class

RICHMOND (AP) — Gov. Gerald Baliles, opening the 169th session of the General Assembly, called Wednesday for an extensive tax relief program that would primarily benefit middle income Virginia taxpayers.

In his State of the Commonwealth speech, Baliles also said he would sign a lottery referendum bill if the lawmakers want one.

"I have reservations, but whether you oppose or support the lottery, the time has come to end the speculation on whether our citizens want one in Virginia: let's let them vote on it," the governor said.

In a speech that lasted 50 minutes, Baliles called for making 1987 "the year of trade" and called for creating a Virginia International Trade Council. He also said the time has come to build new prison facilities.

Baliles said his income tax relief program will benefit all taxpayers.

"This plan also recognizes that it is Virginia's middle income taxpayers who bear the greatest burden of the costs of government," he said.

About half of the \$145 million of tax relief in the plan's first year would go to people who make between \$20,000 and \$50,000.

People with incomes under \$20,000 would receive 30 percent to 41 percent of the total relief over the next three years. Those with incomes over \$50,000 would get 11 percent to 21 percent relief.

The governor said his plan would offer tax relief, tax simplicity, fairness and fiscal responsibility.

On other matters, Baliles said he would propose legislation to authorize funding of new prisons through the Virginia Public Building Authority. But he said the need for new prison space will not affect the planned closing of the aging State Penitentiary in Richmond.

## Gov. wants budget changes

RICHMOND (AP) — Gov. Gerald Baliles proposed \$194.1 million in budget amendments Wednesday that primarily addressed human resources, prison needs and pay raises for state employees.

"Over a third of this amount is necessary to fund employee pay increases," Baliles said in his State of the Commonwealth address. "Another \$85 million is necessary to address other programs included in the budget in the first year of the biennium, but not funded in the second."

The changes, described by state budget director Paul Timmreck as "lean on issues," reflected a modest increase

in the \$18.8 billion two-year budget passed by the General Assembly in 1986. Only \$24 million was earmarked for new programs.

Human resources would get \$53 million in the budget revisions, with about half of that, \$26.6 million, going to pay higher than expected nursing home and hospital costs for Medicaid patients.

The amendments call for \$20.2 million for prisons and public safety.

For state government workers, pay will increase 5.1 percent, down from last year's 6.5 percent raise. Pay raises for faculty members at state universities would range from 5 to 9 percent.

## Many unaware of Baliles' programs

(AP) — A third of Virginians do not know enough about Gov. Gerald Baliles to judge his job performance and more than half have never heard of his highway improvement program, according to survey results released Tuesday.

The Survey Research Laboratory at Virginia Commonwealth University, in conducting its Commonwealth Poll, randomly called 827 voting-age residents during November and December.

Thirty-two percent of those interviewed said they had no opinion or did not know enough about Baliles' performance after a year in office to rate

him. Of the respondents who were willing to assess his administration, 70 percent said he had done an excellent or good job.

During a special September session, legislators approved Baliles' highway improvement program. The package included a one-half cent increase in the state sales tax, the largest increase in 20 years. Increases in gasoline and vehicle titling taxes also were approved to raise more than \$6 billion for highway improvements over the next 10 years.

VCU's Commonwealth Poll found 47 percent of the public said they had not heard or read about the road program. See page 9 for related story.

## BY THE WAY

## Inmate makes illegal calls; customers enjoy aural sex

RICHMOND (AP) — A state prison inmate whose sweet talk and persuasive pen brought him an estimated \$12,000 from lonely women was sentenced Monday to four years in prison for mail fraud.

Michael "Ebony" Myers, 37, engaged in what a defense lawyer described as "emotional and sexual-pleasing" letters and telephone calls with the women.

His lawyers said he used the money to purchase things to make his incarceration more comfortable. He also used some of the money to help others.

Myers had pleaded guilty to two of the multiple mail fraud counts on which he was indicted.

Myers is serving 21 years at the Powhatan Correctional Center for various criminal offenses in localities throughout Virginia.

T.S. Ellis III, one of his lawyers, said

the women who sent him money were willing participants in the correspondence, publicized through lonely hearts advertisements in a national publication.

"Michael enjoys writing and getting to know people through the mails," said Ellis.

The women would send Myers what Ellis described as "graphic, earthy and unsavory" photographs of themselves engaged in simulated sex over the telephone with Myers.

"The women derived sexual and emotional gratification from the relationships," Ellis said.

Myers never threatened to cut off the relationships with the women if the didn't send him money, Ellis said. An unknown number of women sent Myers money, presumably in appreciation of the relationship they had formed with him.

## Washington, D.C. TV station refuses to run Oral Roberts' money requests

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — A television station's refusal to air evangelist Oral Roberts' recent programs will not deter him from telling viewers he will die if his ministry does not receive \$4.5 million by March, a spokeswoman said Tuesday.

A Washington, D.C. station refused to air Roberts' "Expect a Miracle" programs of Jan. 4 and 11, in which the pleas were made, and stations in Dallas and Oklahoma City are considering similar action, state officials said.

Jan Dargatz, a spokeswoman for Oral Roberts Ministries, said there are no plans to change approaches.

"I don't think Oral Roberts has ever really listened to what his critics say as a guide to changing his message," she said.

Roberts, whose weekly program airs

in more than 200 cities, said on the two broadcasts that God ordered him last March to raise \$8 million for scholarships at Oral Roberts University medical school.

"And he said, 'If you don't do it, I'm going to call you home in one year,'" Roberts said.

The 68-year-old evangelist said \$3.5 million has been raised, but he asked followers to preserve his life by pledging the remaining \$4.5 million before March.

In Washington D.C., WUSA-TV refused to carry the two broadcasts and replaced them with other programming because they were regarded as nothing more than 30 minutes of fund raising, said Sandra Butler, director of broadcast operations.

## Proud

### Carter admires daughter's activism

CLEVELAND (AP) — Former President Jimmy Carter says he admires his daughter Amy for standing up for what she believes is right, even though she has ended up getting arrested in demonstrations.

"Rosalyn and I have never encouraged Amy to face arrest in order to express her views, but we have never condemned her when she did so," Carter said Tuesday after a speech in suburban Highland Heights.

Amy was first arrested in April 1985 while protesting South Africa's racial policies at the apartheid embassy in Washington. She also was arrested at an International Business Machines office in Rhode Island while protesting IBM's business in South Africa.

More recently, the Brown University sophomore was arrested at a Nov. 24 demonstration at the University of Massachusetts.





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