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Catchin' some flakes

Wednesday morning, freshmen Phil Kassar, Scott Flathers, Mark Nixon, Joel Banyas and Mike Hawk don beachwear and hit the hill outside White Hall. Two snowstorms dropped about five inches of snow on the Harrisonburg area this week.

Education

State report calls for teacher training changes

By Kyra Scarton
editor

"The rumors of my death are greatly exaggerated," Mark Twain once said about himself.

Despite some comments about its future, one of JMU's five colleges is fighting a similar rumor.

"The rumors of its death are greatly exaggerated," said Dr. Julius Roberson, dean of the College of Education and Human Services. "It's premature to say that the College of Education is dead."

If some recommendations presented in the Governor's Commission on Excellence in Education proposal are adopted, some changes might be in order at education schools across the state. And the report doesn't come without question.

The report's most drastic proposal for the colleges would

place an 18-hour cap on teacher training courses. The plan marks a shift to liberal arts undergraduate degree, supplemented with some teacher training.

"Teacher education must undergo a fundamental change, and the requirements for graduation and certification made more rigorous and substantive, yet more interesting," according to a draft of the report.

How the JMU program would be affected depends on if student teaching credits are to be included in the 18-hour cap, Roberson said. The university will meet the requirements if student teaching is not included.

The university's teaching program is accredited by the National Council of Accreditation for Teacher Education. The university now requires eight weeks of student teaching for eight credits under state requirements. Under the NCATE

Virginia plans to supplement federal loans

By Alix Dapolito
staff writer

The Virginia General Assembly passed a bill Monday that will allow the state to supplement federal student loans, which were cut sharply in October.

Proposed by Del. Paul Cline, a professor of political science and law here, the bill unanimously passed both the House of Delegates and the Senate. The bill, originally requested by Gov. Gerald Baliles, now will go to him for approval.

"The governor chose Dr. Cline as patron of the bill because he is a college professor, which is rare in the assembly, and also because he has James Madison and Bridgewater colleges in his district," said Muriel Murray, executive director of the State Education Assistance Authority.

Virginia was one of the first states to create a state agency for loans, she said.

The assistance authority is the state agency that administers grants and loans to Virginia college students. The agency strongly endorsed the bill.

It was created in 1960 to guarantee loans made to Virginia college students by Virginia banks. When the federal government started its Guaranteed Student Loan program in 1965, the agency became affiliated with the government.

"When we began to work with the government, we gained some benefits. But some of our original authority eroded," Murray said.

"This new amendment, in essence, adds back that authority."

Virginia now ranks about fifth in the nation in state aid to college students, Murray said.

In October, a re-authorization of the Federal Education Act required a new test which made it more difficult to become eligible for student loans across the nation.

"The problem was that by October, most students who needed aid had

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Director Mike Doyle unveils this sexual lampoon by Caryl Churchill tonight in the Experimental Theatre.

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The JMU men's basketball team dropped a 94-92 decision to Richmond in three overtimes.

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already applied," Murray said. Many of those students probably will have some aid taken away to comply with the new standards.

"Therefore, the actual effects of the change are still unknown," she said.

"I have heard . . . that even 40 percent of the dollars now loaned to students will be cut with the new classification," Murray said.

"The effect on students may be even worse than it sounds."

A Pennsylvania study predicted 50 percent of the students now receiving loans will lose loan status, he said.

In October, new federal GSL limits were raised to \$2,625 for freshman and sophomore years, and to \$4,000 for junior and senior years.

Higher limits will help the students who remain eligible, but not those who do not meet the new eligibility

requirements, Murray said.

"The Government Guaranteed Student Loan program was started for the middle-income student. But funds have been cut so much that needy students have been forced to use the program and the middle-income students can't," Murray said.

About 600 JMU students with GSLs will find themselves ineligible or with a reduced loan next year, said John Sellers, director of financial aid. About

3,000 students here are in the loan program.

Murray said the proposal will help solve the problem in Virginia, she said.

Since the bill does not specify details of the loan program, the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia has begun a study designed to analyze the state's role in financial aid. The program might be operational by fall.

"The commonwealth is looking at its options," Murray said.

Education

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program, by 1991 new standards would require JMU education majors to complete 10 weeks of student teaching.

The program is divided into four categories: general studies, professional education studies, clinical internships and teaching field content/special area. Because of the structure of the different majors, many of the college's annual 300 graduates would exceed the proposed 18-hour limit.

A student majoring in early childhood education is required now to complete 54 hours which might or might not relate to the general content area, he said. Those in more specialized majors need additional courses to learn about the teaching process and how to deal with its difficulties.

"At this point in time, there are more questions than answers. But I'm an eternal optimist and I'm sure it will work out," Roberson said.

"We're not sure what it's going to do to the efforts of our preparation," he said. "We certainly work to maintain preparing good teachers."

But while the proposal remains in skeletal form, the report states: "Whatever the program, it should emphasize learning to teach by teaching."

Prospective teachers should spend more time in classrooms with schoolchildren under the guidance of university faculty and lead teachers."

"The work we're doing we'll continue to do," Roberson said. "We're teaching young people how to be teachers."

In December, Gov. Gerald Baliles came out with his overall approval of the report. The recommendations were divided into topics the State Board of Education needs to review immediately, new programs that need extended study and proposals that need funding from the Virginia General Assembly.

Education programs continue to be revised and new philosophies adopted.

About 20 years ago, with the advent of Sputnik, the world's first communication satellite, education entered a new cycle. "There was a cry across the land to catch up in math and science," Roberson said.

In the late 1960s and into the 1970s, the country entered a period of student-oriented curriculums, he said. Programs were developed based on student desires as opposed to the needs of society. High schools adopted courses lacking in substance but built with a great deal of flexibility.

Each of the 36 recommendations has been assigned to an educational board committee. "The status is we're moving on them," said Dr. Margaret Roberts, director of community relations for the state board.

The report has received mixed reviews, with many of the state's education schools not having much to say about the liberal arts degree requirement, she said.

"That recommendation, however, is consistent with practically every commission on education report," Roberts said. The same proposal has come out both nationally and regionally.

"We just feel that the academic content should be strong for the teacher," she said.

While most of the recommendations cover curriculum changes, the report makes little reference to improving teacher salaries.

"We must put Virginia in the first rank of states in the quality of education . . . not because of pride, but for the well-being of all Virginians — and yes, because of jobs," Gov. Gerald Baliles is quoted.

The report later states Virginia's teachers need salaries that are competitive with other jobs requiring college degrees.

"Unless, in my view, we significantly improve the salaries and work content, we're going to have a really big shortage of teachers," said Dr. Russell Warren, acting JMU president.

Also, limiting the education core or requiring an additional year to gain an educational degree might not be the best alternative for all students, he said.

"I can't see a prospective student signing up for a five-year program and then going out there and earning \$18,000," Warren said.

"I think we need to make a distinction in all salaries to the best and the not so good," he said. Outside the classroom, teachers have extracurricular assignments as well as the required tasks like monitoring the halls.

For the high school teacher, a liberal arts program in the courses they will teach might be appropriate.

"I think your most prestigious liberal arts college can continue to offer a solid liberal arts program and their graduates will have no problem out in the job market," he said.

While the proposals might increase the number of people who could get teaching jobs, the supply might not be of the highest quality, Warren said. The state might need to re-train those teachers already in the classroom by earlier education standards.

"They taught well and they taught well by what the committee told them to teach," Warren said. "Nowhere in there is there a statistic that our graduates are doing poorly as teachers."

Warren added, "If anyone with a liberal arts degree can simply walk off the street and get a teaching job, it [the recommendation] might not go up."

A liberal arts training gives students a well-rounded base, said senior Mary Donald. The English/French major came here to study learning disabilities. She plans to get a master's degree in education.

"I don't think that teaching was designed to make you sacrifice what you can get at the undergraduate level just to get a teaching degree," she said.

The liberal arts base allows people to have options beyond education, said Donald, who took no more than 18 hours in education courses here.

"As I leave now, I feel I made the right choice," she said. "I feel I'll be the better teacher because I did what I wanted."

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SGA proposal calls inn 'unprofessional'

By Martin Romjue
SGA reporter

The SGA tabled a bill of opinion condemning Holiday Inn of Harrisonburg for unprofessional business practices in handling the Shorts Hall semi-formal last week.

Introduced by Shorts senator Michael Kinsley, the bill states that the Holiday Inn was "very unprofessional in its business practices, ethics and disrespectful to the students of Shorts Hall" during the February 13 event.

The Holiday Inn general manager said Wednesday evening that his staff did not act unprofessionally during the semi-formal.

The bill asks that "the SGA encourage students not to conduct business" with the hotel.

"Basically, they treated us like dirt," Kinsley said.

Shorts Hall president John Finnerty said the hotel charged the hall a 16 percent gratuity fee for inadequate services. He claimed the fee was too high for having only one employee serve beverages at the dance.

He also said the hotel caused misunderstanding and inconveniences regarding enforcement of the drinking age at the dance. Finnerty said his social organizer was told that guests under 21 would not receive a stamp to drink legally, but would be admitted to the dance.

"Five minutes before the first bus with guests arrived, they told us only people 21 or older could come in," Finnerty said. "I had to sweet-talk the manager to even have the semi-formal

and not cancel it," he said.

"I feel that this business tried to take advantage of students."

The manager refused to lower the gratuity fee in accordance to the services provided, Finnerty said. The hotel also did not provide a contract when the \$200 deposit was made in advance, and didn't offer one until the evening of the semi-formal, he said.

Holiday Inn general manager Dennis Edwards said over the telephone that he could not respond to specific charges, but that to his knowledge there was "no unprofessional way in which the semi-formal was handled."

"We have handled many functions like this in the past and have had no problems, and we don't expect problems in the future," Edwards said.

Spotswood senator Steve Gough made the motion to table the SGA bill in order to investigate the matter further before the SGA votes.

Commuter senator Les Quezaire suggested the bill's proponents gather more details, and ask a representative of the hotel to come and speak at an SGA meeting.

"I suggest you get a more detailed study on what happened," Quezaire told Finnerty.

Edwards said Holiday Inn would be willing to send a representative to an SGA meeting to answer questions.

In other business, the senate passed a bill allocating \$2,544.51 to the Madison Marketing Association to host an on-campus career symposium here April 1.

The allocation covers \$1,440 for speaker expenses, \$350 for a Breeze

advertisement, \$500 to publish an information book and about \$255 for printing expenses.

In his weekly report, SGA Treasurer Greg Usiskin said attendance is still lacking at finance committee meetings. He urged senators to come to the meetings they signed up to attend.

"I just hope this isn't a foreshadowing of what's to come when front-end budgeting gets here," Usiskin said. "Because if it is, it's going to be a bunch of uninformed sermons and a three-ring circus in general."

Internal affairs committee chairman John Martin asked individual committees for current attendance reports. Committee member and Gifford senator Eric Snow said seven or eight notices have been sent out to senators who have missed two or more SGA meetings.

Notices also have been sent to one senator and five students-at-large who have missed committee meetings.

Snow said the SGA might start "asking for resignations or impeachments" if members do not comply with attendance policies.

Usiskin said a special advisory committee in charge of allocating funds from the SGA reserve account approved \$2,160.48 this week for outstanding SGA debts and \$222.64 for the honor council. The outstanding debts had not been paid by previous executive officers in the two organizations.

In other business, the senate passed a bill allocating \$675 to the International Relations Club to attend a national academic competition. The money will cover delegation fees and some of the

transportation costs.

The SGA also passed a bill establishing a fund for Pamela Gladwell, a student whose family is facing high medical costs due to serious injuries Gladwell received in a campus auto accident.

The following bills were proposed and referred to the finance committee:

●Converse senator Nanci Campbell proposed allocating \$1,244 to the Catholic Campus Ministry to cover costs for C.A.R.S., a service that provides rides for students.

●Commuter senator Karen Iezzi proposed allocating \$440 to the JMU Geographical Society so the group can attend an annual convention.

●Iezzi also proposed allocating \$1,260 to Alpha Epsilon Rho, JMU's broadcasting fraternity, to attend a convention and sponsor a speaker at a spring banquet.

●Greek senator Bob Houston proposed allocating \$800 to the Panhellenic Council so the organization can attend the North-East Panhellenic Conference.

●Chandler senator James Coleman proposed allocating \$755 to Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority for the group's awareness week March 16-21.

●Coleman also proposed allocating \$700 to the JMU Young Democrats to cover registration fees at an upcoming convention in Williamsburg.

●Garber senator Scott Schuyler proposed allocating \$1,708.50 to the JMU Ski Racing Club to cover entry fees at collegiate meets and to silkscreen team uniforms.

Visiting scholar stresses significance of German art



Staff photo by LYNN EISINGER
Visiting scholar Dr. Donald Kuspit

By Scott Denoon
staff writer

German art is the most significant art that has been produced in the last decade, a visiting scholar said Tuesday night in Miller Hall.

"We have to find a distinction between art of communication and art of spirituality, and German art addresses these issues most successfully," said Dr. Donald Kuspit in his lecture, "The German Ideology in Eighties Art."

"The paradox of the German art is that it is directly ideological, directly personal, and completely conceptual. Yet it uses extremely and completely provisional methods of art making," he said. "There's no other art around today that does this."

Kuspit said he thinks a key element present in German art is the theme of the tragic. "German artists want to bring the tragic back and who but the Germans, from a historical basis, are more entitled to talk about the tragic . . . The tragic in this age of neo-optimism is a no-no," he added.

Personal and political themes also are dominant in German art, he said. "The most significant content

that one can possibly address is the content which directly mixes the political and personal.

"The Germans are ready to synthesize models of complicated articulation in the name of making a political point."

German art also possesses a certain amount of fantasy and myth, Kuspit said. "An art of direct fantasy, a primary process art, is very special to the Germans. It is an effort to articulate primitive forces within the self."

In addition, he believes the new German artists are trying to re-evaluate traditional German myths that have been subdued for historical reasons.

Kuspit feels that contrary to popular belief, it is possible to paint in a traditional manner. "There is no priority of style today, just as there is no priority of place between high art and low art."

He also said he believes that in modern art, "The pragmatics now count more than the semantics and the syntactics of art," he stated. "German art raised very seriously the question of the pragmatics of art."

Kuspit is a professor of art at the State University of New York at Stony Brook. He is the editor of Art Criticism magazine, and serves as a contributing editor of Art in America.

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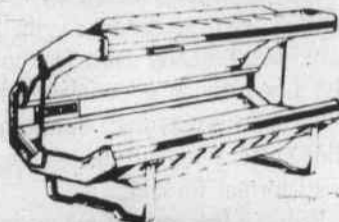


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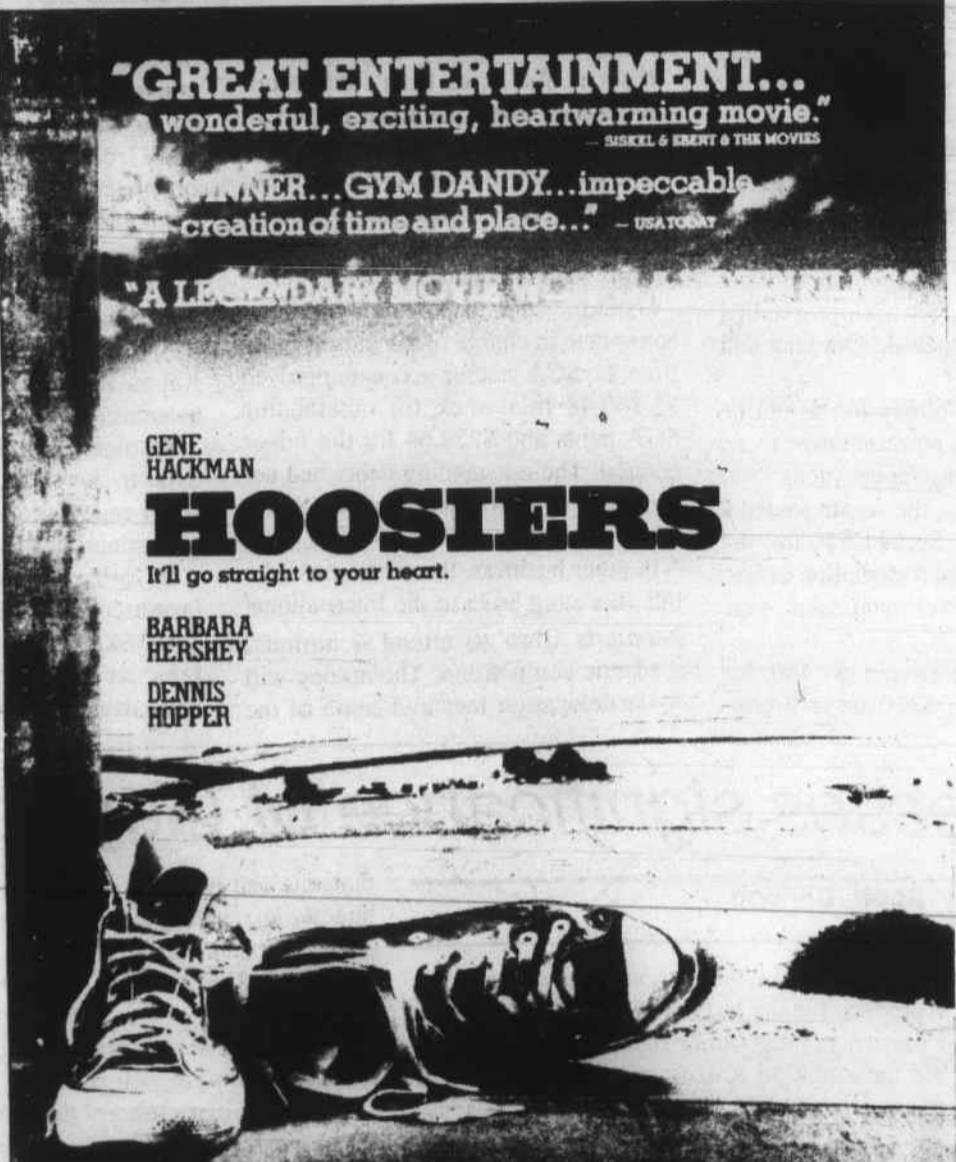
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Woman's club growing

By Sarah Michel
staff writer

One JMU organization is becoming more involved in campus activities, but it is not open to students.

The JMU Woman's Club, which started as a sewing club years ago, is made up of female faculty and staff members and wives of faculty and staff members.

Currently, the club is divided into 12 interest groups and has over 200 members.

Diane Holmes, this year's club president, said, "From its early roots, it [the club] has become a large and diverse club." Holmes said the purpose of the club is "to foster goodwill for the JMU community."

The club was created in order to get the local community involved with activities taking place on campus. "I think we help people of diverse backgrounds come together," Holmes said.

Recently, the club sponsored a spring fashion show. Holly Ford, chairwoman

of the newcomers group, a club interest group which sponsored the show, said the event was "an overwhelming success."

Held at Spotswood Country Club, the show was attended by 140 guests. "The show was so successful that people had to be turned away," said Ford.

Many club events, like the fashion show, are planned so area newcomers can meet women who have lived here longer.

The woman's club has held several other events this year. Included were a fall brunch and a Christmas gala, which was held in the Phillips Center.

Last fall, club members participated in the JMU Homecoming ceremonies. Disappointed that Ms. Madison was not given anything permanent to remember the occasion by, the club gave the winning contestant a pewter cup with her name and the date engraved on it.

The club also has helped out with the freshman convocation and graduation ceremonies. Holmes said, "Hosting is in line with our purpose. It lends itself to being cordial and hospitable."

JMU history professor dies at 49

Dr. Carlton Smith, 49, a JMU history professor, died Saturday at Rockingham Memorial Hospital, where he had been a patient since Nov. 20.

Smith had been named a Madison Scholar and was to have given his lecture in March. An authority on the period of James Madison, he was instrumental in securing a Virginia Federation for the Humanities and Public Policy grant for a series of slide shows to be shown at JMU.

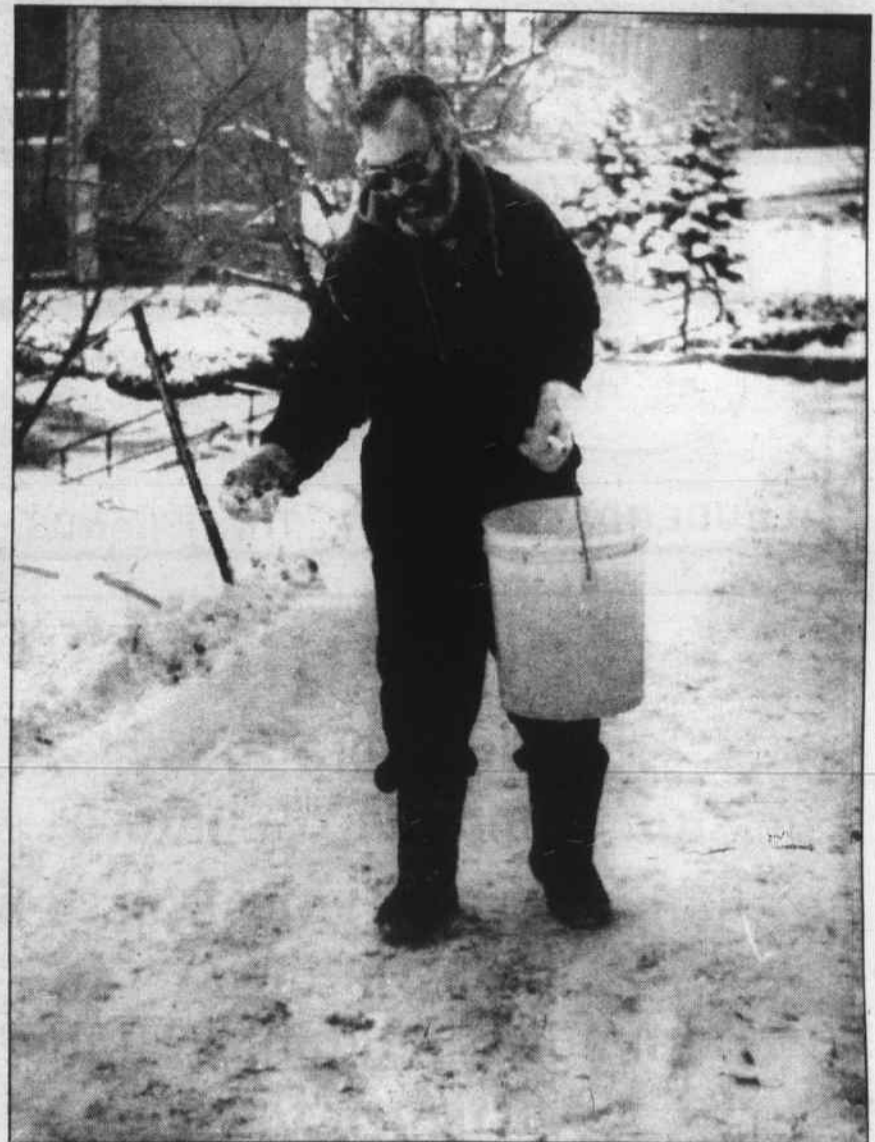
He taught classes in American military history, the Civil War and the colonial period. An essay he published about Madison was on JMU's freshman reading list.

Smith received his bachelor's degree

from Susquehanna University, a master's from Kent State and a doctorate from the University of Virginia. He taught at York College and Fairmont State College before coming to JMU in 1970. In 1979, he was named a full professor here.

A funeral service was held Tuesday at Muhlenberg Lutheran Church, with a graveside service Wednesday morning in the Glen Rock Lutheran Church Cemetery in Pennsylvania.

Survivors include his wife, Jacqueline Emma Smith of Harrisonburg; a son, Andrew Smith of Fort Lewis, Wash.; and a daughter, Suzanne Smith, who lives at home.



Staff photo by CATHY UDELL

Salt shaker

JMU worker William Gill spreads rock salt, hoping to melt snow off a sidewalk behind the Warren Campus Center.

Soviets to speak in panel discussion

Four representatives from the Soviet embassy will participate in a panel discussion with four JMU faculty members Friday in Grafton-Stovall Theatre.

The discussion, scheduled to begin at 4 p.m., will be moderated by Dr. Elizabeth Neatrou, a professor of Russian and French here. Panel members will share their views on "The

Soviet Union Today."

The program is sponsored by the Russian Studies Club and the Student Government Association.

Karen Laslie, vice president of the Russian Studies Club, said hosting the Soviet representatives is "a rare opportunity. It's not very often that Soviet people come to campus."

POLICEFILE

Four charged for underaged possession

By Amy Porter
police reporter

Four students were charged judicially for underaged possession of alcohol over the weekend, police said.

An 18-year-old and two 19-year-olds were arrested Friday about 9:30 p.m. in P-lot, police said. They had 17 beer cans in their possession.

One student, 19, was charged

judicially Saturday about 12:30 a.m. on South Main Street on the south side of Wampler Experimental Theatre, police said.

A judicial charge is made when university policy is violated. It is reviewed by university officials. Police do not release the names of the students charged judicially.

Campus police also reported the following incidents:

Throwing a missile into an occupied dwelling

●A fire extinguisher was thrown into a suite window of B-section in Frederikson Hall about 11:30 p.m.

Munday, police said.

Grand larceny

●Two Chinese gongs were reported stolen between Feb. 6 and Feb. 10 from the JMU Experimental Theatre in the Wampler Building, police said. The musical instruments were valued at a total of more than \$200.

Vandalism

●A beer bottle was thrown between 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Monday through the window of a jeep parked in X-lot, police said. Nothing was reported stolen from inside the jeep.

●A vending machine in Hoffman Hall was reported broken into between

midnight and 2 a.m. Sunday, police said. Damages and value of goods stolen were unavailable.

●Items were torn from a bulletin board on the sixth floor of Eagle Hall sometime Friday, police said. Profanity also was written on the board.

Petty larceny

●Two textbooks were reported stolen from a bookbag left in the Shorts Hall lobby between Feb. 12 and Feb. 13, police said. Total value of the books was about \$45.

●About \$7 cash from a wallet was reported stolen from a room in Weaver Hall between 1:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Saturday, police said.

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Major airlines seek price hike

United Airlines and TWA are attempting to raise discount fares and cancellation penalties in an effort to boost sagging profits.

But analysts predict that the plan will not work if Texas Air Corporation, the nation's largest carrier, does not match the increases. Texas Air said it has no plans to modify its current fare schedule until after May 20, when it plans to evaluate its current bargain MaxSaver fares.

Ford profits exceed GM for first time since 1920s

Ford Motor Co., the nation's second largest auto manufacturer, reported pre-tax earnings of \$5.07 billion for 1986.

Ford's net income was more than three times that of much larger General Motors corporation, marking the first time Ford has beaten GM in the earnings category since the 1920s.

Total worldwide vehicle sales reached 1,489,108 for the year, a 3.2 percent increase from 1985.

Wall Street

Dow inches to another high

The Dow Jones Average closed today at 2237.63, up only 0.14 after a heavy day of trading. Volume on the Big Board was 218.2 million.

Trading was spurred by a strong foreign demand to get in on yesterday's bull market.

The market continued Tuesday's strong advance during the first half hour Wednesday, but profit taking eroded the advance by midday.

Among the worst hit Wednesday were the makers of condoms. Carter-Wallace Corp. plunged 18 1/4 points.

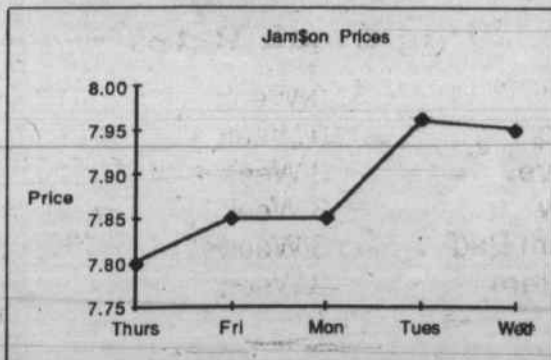
Gainers outnumbered losers by 799 to 785 by close. The market closed flat despite heavy trading.

Many computer manufacturers, including IBM, eased slightly.

Wednesday was the second straight day of record closes and a continuation of the high trading volume that has developed since the start of the year.

Jam\$on report

(JMU investment club)



— from staff and wire reports

Wall Street ticker unveiled

College of Business receives \$2,500 Teletrade board



Staff photo by KEVIN ROPP

Wes Graves

By Brian Carter
business editor

The JMU College of Business is one of 10 schools in the Southeast to receive a teletrade board from Wheat First Securities.

The board began operating officially after the unveiling ceremony on Tuesday, although it has been running since November. The ceremony was held in Harrison Hall lobby.

Wes Graves, senior vice president of Wheat First Securities, said his company decided to donate the board to generate student interest in the securities market.

"We feel that today's students are the business leaders of the future, and it is important that they gain access to the exchange as soon as possible," he said.

The 12 1-2 foot board will add a new aspect to business education at JMU.

The teletrade board is located in the lobby of Harrison Hall. It has a digital style display tied directly into the New York Stock Exchange. The readout of stock trades and prices is identical to the one that appears on the fifth floor of the NYSE and occurs simultaneously.

An instruction board is located under the teletrade board for those who need help deciphering the stock codes that appear, run across the board, and disappear in less than three seconds.

Wheat First paid for the board in its entirety, a cost

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Investor offers market guide

By Michael Scoffone
staff writer

When *The Breeze* asked this finance major to write a story on the workings of Wall Street, I could not help but to remember a story Roy Ross, a veteran Wall Street investor and my grandfather, told me when I was little.

There was an Oriental gentleman who had seen his friends making lots of money in the stock market, and he wanted to make lots of money in the stock market too.

The stockbroker explained that making money in the market is not a sure thing. The broker told his new client that stocks go up and down, sometimes in

are a claim on the corporation's earnings and assets. These shares of stock are owned by shareholders. As investors buy the stock of a company, they become part owner of that company.

The two most popular types of stock offered by publicly held corporations are common and preferred. Of the two, common stock is most widely offered. The owners of common stock are entitled to vote on the selection of the company's board of directors and other important matters, and receive dividends on their holdings.

Dividends are the portion of the firm's after-tax earnings, or profits, that the board of directors pays to the shareholders of the company. The amount of dividend paid varies depending on the profitability of the company. If the board of directors feels the firm did not make enough profit, a dividend will not be paid. It can be resumed anytime at the board's discretion.

Preferred stock differs from common stock since it pays dividends at a specified rate regardless of the company's profit. Preferred stock, as the name implies, has preference over common stock in the payment of dividends and the liquidity of assets. Preferred stock does not ordinarily carry voting rights. Because of the lesser risk associated with preferred stock, its price fluctuates less than common shares.

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Commentary

big swings. In a word, stocks fluctuate.

This future investor didn't care, he just wanted to make money. He invested his money in several stocks, and they all fell. The Oriental man began to get the idea of how the stock market worked. When the broker called his client to explain what was happening with the stock market, the new investor simply said, "I know, I know, flucked again."

What is stock and who is affected by its fluctuations? Stock, in investment terms, is ownership of a corporation represented by shares that

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Investor

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When the stock market is mentioned, most people are referring to the New York Stock Exchange. The NYSE, also called the Big Board, accounts for about 80 percent of all stock transactions. However, of the more than 15,000 publicly traded stocks, only about 10 percent trade on the Big Board. The rest trade on the 10 other exchanges in the United States or in the over-the-counter market.

Trades made on one of the organized exchanges such as the NYSE, American Stock Exchange, Philadelphia Stock Exchange, or Pacific Stock Exchange

are conducted through face-to-face negotiations between brokers. Buyers and sellers of stocks traded on the OTC are matched by brokers through an extensive telecommunications network.

Stocks trading on the NYSE, started in 1792 and the nation's oldest exchange, are generally the largest and more established firms. Stocks on the American Stock Exchange, or Amex, and the other nine regional exchanges, are smaller with fewer shares outstanding. The newest and smallest companies are generally traded over-the-counter.

When placing a buy or sell order, only the broker needs to worry about

which exchange the stock is traded on. However, to follow the performance of a particular company's stock in the newspaper, it is important to know which exchange the stock is listed on because newspapers list the stock tables by exchange.

As the investor in Ross' story learned, stocks fluctuate. But what causes this fluctuation? The stock market is moved primarily by emotion. The power of psychology on the movement of the market is real.

The stock market usually anticipates the movement of the economy by about six to nine months. While the nation could be experiencing a strong

economy, the "mood" of the stock market could be negative in anticipation of higher inflation, unemployment or some other event that could cause a weak economy.

As has been evident over the past few years, a strong market will usually precede a cut in the discount rate by the Federal Reserve. Those not familiar with Wall Street usually will get "burned" by thinking it is a good time to buy stocks when the discount rate has been lowered. In fact, the market has probably already discounted that news.

The price of a stock will increase on the expectation of increased earnings or fall on the expectation of lower profits. If the actual earnings per share of a company don't meet these expectations, the stock price will increase or decrease even further, depending on whether the earnings were higher or lower than expected.

Investing in the stock market can be a profitable experience. The most important point to remember when making an investment is that you will not always experience an immediate return. Stocks fluctuate, but in the long run, your chances of making a profit are good.

Teletrade

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of roughly \$2,500. It also will cover the monthly telephone fees of \$200 to \$300. The NYSE does not charge a fee for the information.

Originally, Wheat First planned to tie the board to the exchange via satellite dish. But the dish, which would have been on the roof of Harrison, was deemed inappropriate for the aesthetics of the Bluestone.

Of the 10 schools selected by Wheat First to receive teletron boards, seven are in Virginia and three in North Carolina. The schools were chosen for their academic achievements in the business field, according to Wheat First. JMU was chosen because "it is one of the finest business schools in the Southeast region," Graves said.

Dr. Robert Holmes, dean of the College of Business, said he sees the new board as a hands-on tool for students. "Of course, we are very appreciative to Wheat First for giving us this educational tool," he said.

Few business schools have access to a teletrade board. Prominent schools such as Stanford and Harvard do not have one. That JMU has such a tool is a unique educational opportunity, Holmes said.

Wheat First is located in Richmond and has 54 branch offices reaching from Myrtle Beach to New York. It recruits at JMU because of its reputation for academic excellence, Graves said.

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PERSONALS

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CP&P Workshops - Resume Writing, Feb. 26 from 3:30-4:40 pm in WCC, Rm. B. Interview Preparation, Feb. 10 from 2-3 pm & Feb. 25 from 10-11 am in WCC, Rm. B. Marketing Yourself to an Employer, Feb. 19 from 3:30-4:30 pm in WCC, Rm. B.

Come Party With Kiss-N-Tell Friday at the Den.

Jam\$on Investment Club will meet tonight at 7 at The Breeze, which is in the basement of Anthony-Seeger Hall.

Get Your Group Together & support the women's basketball team. Sat., Feb. 21, 7:30 pm. Prizes for 3 campus groups showing the most spirit. Sponsored by SGA & JMU Bookstore.

World Karate Champion Steve "Nasty" Anderson from San Diego, California will open the newly founded JMU Martial Arts Club at WCC Ballroom 2nd floor, Mondays & Wednesdays, 7-9 pm. More info. call 434-8824. Come by for a free week of lessons.

Cloud 9 - A sexual lampoon! JMU Experimental Theater. Thurs., Feb. 19-Sun., Feb. 22, 8 pm.

Monthly Maid Service is included in your rent at Hunters Ridge. Call 434-5150!

Women's Basketball

Sat., Feb. 21, 7:30 pm

Spirit Competition

\$100 First Prize

\$75 Second - \$50 Third

Don't Be Confused - Come see Kiss-N-Tell at the Den. (John Miller's not.) Fri., Feb. 20.

Kimmie - Happy birthday (Feb. 21) to the best roomie in the whole world! Party this weekend! Love, Your Sissy.

ATA Pledges - Jane, Christine, Michelle, Kris, Cheryl, Clara, Annette - Get psyched for an awesome pledge period.

AXΩ - Good luck on the national exam! Love, Beta Pledges.

Kiss-N-Tell - Fri., Feb. 20, Mystic Den, All confused Third Wave fans are invited!

Who is Michael Mulvaney & why is he singin' the blues? Find out Sat., Feb. 21 at the Pub for only 2 smackers.

Women's Basketball

Sat., Feb. 21, 7:30 pm

Prizes for the Three

Most Spirited Groups

Happy Birthday Terri "Boogie-Woman" - Love, Nick & the A-Wingers.

Plan Now! We'd like to see you at the post-spring break party. Help us celebrate James Madison's birthday as well as the end of spring break. March 16th, Godwin.

Wine, Women & Song - Come join the party Friday night with Kiss-N-Tell at the Den.

Come Support Women's Basketball - "On their way to the CAA." Last home games, Sat., 21st & Mon., 23rd. 7:30 p.m.

Dave - Thank you for the most wonderful Valentine's Day ever & for showing me what true love really is. I'm looking forward to "our" future together. I love you! Sara

Wendy - Whirlpool your head & take 2 aspirin. Diamond Expert

Happy Birthday Anne B.I Your Suitemates.

Otto Mann & The Turks - Classic rock. Thurs., Feb. 19 at the Mystic Den. Only \$2.

Kiss-N-Tell Friday night at the Mystic Den.

Like Concerts? Apply now for UPB's Concert Committee. Applications are in UPB office & are due Thurs., Feb. 26.

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Gina Anderson & Tracey King - Thanks for being 2 wonderful roommates & for putting up with my uniqueness. Let's go to Spanky's soon - my treat! Tumbleweed

Alpha Gamma Delta is ready to party hard with the Theta Chi men from UVA tonight! Get off!

Sex! Cloud 9. JMU Experimental Theater. Thurs., Feb. 19-Sun., Feb. 22, 8 pm.

Sara - "Can we all join in?" Thanks for everything! Laura

Happy Birthday to the February ΣIT's! Love, The Little Sisters.

Kiss-N-Tell is back, come see them Friday night at the Den.

Congratulations On ΦM's New Exec - Let's have a great year!

Skip Castro Band

Sun., Feb. 22

At The Gandy Dancer

ATA congratulates & welcomes awesome new pledges Cheryl, Annette, Chris, Jane, Chris, Michelle & Claire.

Women's Basketball

Sat., Feb. 21, 7:30 pm

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IABC Meeting - Thurs., Feb. 19, Anthony-Seeger Hall, Rm. 12, 6 pm. Speaker's topic - Women in P.R.

Train With The Best! World Karate Champion Steve "Nasty" Anderson from San Diego, California. JMU Martial Arts Club, 434-8824.

Leigh - Thanks for being an awesome friend! ILY Buddy! Amy

Hunter's Ridge - The ultimate place to live!

Cloud 9 - Tonight thru Sunday! JMU Experimental Theater, 8 pm. Be there!

Support The Women's Basketball Team - Sat., Feb. 21, 7:30 pm. Spirit competition. Sponsored by SGA & JMU Bookstore. Cash prizes, \$100-\$75-\$50.

Sigma Nu Pledges - Jay, Rich, Jim, Todd, James, John, Kevin, Russ, Steve, Jon, Tom, Mike, John, Mick, Jim, Wes, Bryce, Brian, Brendan, Todd, Chris. Welcome aboard, Dave Taylor.

Players

This Week We Bring You

Friday Night - Come down & party with Delta Gam. End the week with your friends at The American Pub.

Saturday Means everybody has a good time. Eagle Hall sponsors a night of fun for all ages, including a cash dance contest. Don't miss it.

Join Your Friends This Weekend

At Players & American Pub & Deli

Crystal Keys - Alpha Chi is lucky to have you & so am I! Love, YBS Charlotte.

Karen - Thanks for the trip to Orkney! Ah, the memories. When are we going to smoke that Ork award? Get well and please keep your spirits up. Your friend, Kristin

Remember When Music Was Good? So do we. Otto Mann & The Turks. Classic rock at the Mystic Den Thursday.

Ladies - Get buck at Rugby sponsor night at JM's, Thursday.

A Free Introductory Scuba Lesson - March 5, 7:15. Call Kathy's Scuba for more details. 433-3337.

Nightmare On Elm St. - Part I at 7, Part II at 9:30. Friday & Saturday, G/S.

Joseph M - Save Friday afternoon for me, Amstel's calling! & smile for me. ILY! Suz

Career Opportunities - Office of Career Planning & Placement Staff members will be available by appointment to discuss choosing a major & other career related questions.

Spring Break Daytona "Last Chance" - 7 nights oceanfront hotel, transportation & fun in the sun, only \$199. Call Steve, 433-8553.

ΣN Brothers, Little Sisters, Pledges - Get psyched for Founders Weekend!

P.T. - Thanks for the most awesome Valentine's Day! Love, DB.

Todd Branch & Jim Reilly - Welcome to ΣN! Dave

Charlotte - You're the greatest Big Sis. Thanx for everything. Crystal.

Offer Your Suggestions for our programs. Now's your chance! In a residence hall near you. March 3, 5-9 pm.

Marc Hinson - You're being scoped in a big way. Interested?

Beth Gamba - "A given argument is proved invalid if a refuting analogy for it can be found, but 'thinking up' such refuting analogies may not always be easy." Miss me?

Kappa Mu Mu - We're back, and we're mooing for vengeance! We challenge anyone with a tough hide to come to our "Bull" party at the University Farm this Friday night at 10 p.m. Come receive the bulls and drink the bull from the trough!! Best bull-cow couple gets a free cow-chipwich!!

Come & Join over 400 of your college friends that will be living at Hunters Ridge next year!

Pre-Party Party

Friday, 7-10

ΦM House

Jay D - To my favorite ΣN Pledge, congratulations. Thanks for making this weekend so special. A fine example of good planning. I love you. A Ferocious Rabbit

FBI Special Agent Seminar - Feb. 24 from 1-2:30 pm in WCC, Rm. A. Discusses qualifications & opportunities for prospective applicants. Sign up at CP&P is required.

Ride Needed for 2 to Rhode Island for spring break (even a few hours away would be fine). x5743.

Jay Balding, Todd Branch, Tom Hoffman & Mike Irwin - Congratulations on receiving your Sigma Nu bids. You guys are awesome! Good luck with pledging. Your Big Brother, John.

Club & Pub - Interested in helping plan events for Campus Pub or Club Thursday programs? Stop by the UPB office.

Learn To Scuba Dive! Next class starts March 17. Call Kathy's Scuba for details, 433-3337.

Camp Day At JMU - From 9 am - 2 pm in the PC Ballroom. Discusses employment opportunities as staff member of various summer camps.

Ria, Marshall, Jane, Charles, Steph, Grover, Wendy, Lance, Lynda, Lawrence, Reggie - London's fabulous except I miss you! Love, Jaci.

Free Movie

"Hoosiers"

Sunday at 2 in G/S

To whoever took the jeans jacket and winter ski jacket from 448 W. Bruce St. to stay warm last Saturday, call Brian at 433-1513 and he'll come get them. He's cold too.

Need Snorkeling Gear For Spring Break? Buy or rent at Kathy's Scuba, Hwy. 11 N., across from Coachman Inn. 433-3337.

IABC Meeting - Thurs., Feb. 19, Anthony-Seeger Hall, Rm. 12, 6 pm. Speakers topic - Women in P.R.

The BBBB - A post-spring break party will be held on March 16th in Godwin. Locals Only, food & fun!

ΦM - Valentine's cocktail party was a blast! Formal awaits us!

Dude! No one studies on Friday night. Come to the Den & party with Kiss-N-Tell.

"12" Beers - Budweiser \$5.19; Busch/Natural \$3.99; Molson \$6.19; Milwaukee's Best \$2.99; Lite \$5.19. "6" Beers - Michelob \$2.99; Molson Beer \$2.88; Amstel \$3.69; Mickey's \$1.99. Others - Coke (2l) \$1.29; Dew 6 pk \$2.19; Diet Pepsi (cans) \$1.59. Midway Market - 'Till midnight.

AC in AΣT - Thanks for a great time Friday night! BL

Anne Futch - Congratulations on a great rush! Love, Alpha Gam.

Bud's Birthday Bash! Fri., Feb. 20 at the Den! Bring your jack!

Gandy Dancer Presents

Skip Castro Band

Sun., Feb. 22

Attention Commuter Students - During the week of Feb. 23rd, the University Program Board will be sending a Programming Interest Survey to commuter students through campus mail. Now's your time to give suggestions & assist UPB in planning programs that you want!

Resume/Cover Letter Review - Every Thursday from 9-11:30 am at CP&P. Please have resumes in typed format prior to critique.

Michelle - Keep smiling sweetie! Love ya! Crystal

Devon Drennan - Awesome job on rush. Congratulations on being voted Sigma Nu Brother of the Month.

Hard Rock Band seeks lead vocalist. Call Bill, x5964 or Jerry 433-1735.

Women's Basketball

Sat., Feb. 21, 7:30 pm

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Sam Barnes - We enjoyed the full moon on I-81 Sunday afternoon. It takes talent to drive under a full moon.

ATΔ - Get psyched for Friday night. Late Valentine's Day Social!

Tip A Few - Come to Phi Mu! Friday, 7-10.

Watch JMU Today Monday & Thursday, 6 pm in the Union.

Attention Students!!

Application deadline has been extended

The Breeze is seeking ambitious, qualified students to sell ads for next year's issues. We are also accepting applications for the positions of assistant business manager, ads design manager, and driver. All of these are paid positions! The deadline for applications has been extended to Friday, Feb. 20, at 5 p.m. Send cover letter and resume to Diane Benevides, business manager, c/o

The Breeze.

ARTS & PEOPLE

'Cloud 9'

Director says play's theme is 'You gotta be who you gotta be'

By Angela Warden
staff writer

What happens when you take a sexually frustrated, neurotic mother, a 9-year-old boy who loves dolls, and a baby who is a doll, circa 1880, age them 25 years and transplant them in 1980?

You get "Cloud 9," a sexual lampoon by Caryl Churchill, which opens in the JMU Experimental Theatre tonight.

"It's a parody on sex, values and role gender," says director Mike Doyle, a senior.

The first act is set in a British colony in Africa in 1880. Clive, a domineering father, is struggling to keep control of his colony against the growing threat of a native uprising while also trying to stop a sexual war raging on the homefront.

The governess admits her lust for Betty, the mother. Betty, Clive's wife, reveals her love for his explorer brother, Harry. Uncle Harry, it is later discovered, is a homosexual who has had affairs with both the servant Joshua and Clive's son, Edward.

Everyone in this act is trying to find his or her ideal sexual partner, Doyle says. Betty is not satisfied with Clive, so she seeks the company of Uncle Harry, who she thinks is more exciting and dangerous. Clive, also looking for a little more excitement in his sex life, pursues Mrs. Saunders, a woman who has been living on her own for some time in the colony.

The second act opens a hundred years later in England, but the characters have aged only 25 years. "In this act the struggle becomes one for identity, not only sexual, but also role identity in a world of changing values and systems," Doyle says.

Edward, the 9-year-old boy, is now a 34-year-old homosexual, who enjoys being the "wife" in a homosexual relationship with a man named Gerry. Edward is played in this act by junior Chris Ockler, and Gerry is played by Michael McCauley, a senior.

Betty, the mother, played by freshman Patrick Dooley in act two, has divorced her husband and is now learning to deal with her new-found sense of sexual freedom.

The baby, Victoria, played by junior Renee Haynes, has been humanized and is a 26-year-old woman trapped in an unhappy marriage and experimenting with a lesbian relationship.

"The characters are people turned inside out so we can see who they really are," Doyle says. "We are trying to show what is real is on the inside, not on the surface."

Instead of being prim and proper, as we are led to believe Victorian people were, these characters "are actually quite bawdy," Doyle says.

The main thrust of the play, he says, is "you gotta be who you gotta be. The only way to find your own happiness, your 'Cloud 9' is to be yourself."

The emphasis on people is reflected in the simple set and lighting. The set, four rectangular platforms and a cinderblock stair unit, is minimal because "I want to show the audience the play is about people



In "Cloud 9," Betty, played by Michael McCauley (right), shows a fascination for Harry, an explorer played by Ron Copeland.

Staff photo by JIM ENGBERT

everywhere," and the where is not important, Doyle says.

There are two aspects that make this play unique. The first is the unusual time change.

Sophomore Kathleen Hannon, who plays Betty's mother, Maude, in the first act says this is to emphasize how little people's views on sex and sex roles have changed in spite of the way society has moved forward technologically.

Another unique aspect is that the actors switch roles in from Act I to Act II. This shows "how all roles and values of society are always being questioned," Doyle says.

Doyle says getting the humor, as well as the seriousness of the play's theme, across was difficult. To combat this problem, he had the cast members explore their own views of the rules placed on them by society and homosexuality through a series of

improvisational activities, such as having the two Betty characters talk to each other about their lives in the different eras.

Switching roles has presented challenges to both directing and acting abilities.

Ockler, who plays a servant in the first act and Edward in the second, says it was difficult to separate the two characters and show them as two different human beings. It was hard to "make Edward who I wanted him to be," while at the same time trying to get the servant's character to "be who I wanted him to be."

Some of the actors play characters of the opposite sex. Dooley, who plays Edward in the first act and Betty in the second, says it was hard to play a woman, and he had to "practice walking all the time."

"Cloud 9," written for mature audiences, will run tonight through Sunday at 8 p.m. Admission is \$2.50.

MOVIE REVIEW

'Platoon' finishes what 'Deer Hunter' started

By Mark Longenbach
staff writer

I first viewed this film with a group of friends. We left the theater, and, for the first time, no one spoke.

No one even asked if everyone liked the film. It was a given.

There should be no reason for anyone to leave the theater unhappy with this film.

The last film that left me feeling this empty was "The Deer Hunter."

I felt then that I was seeing the most realistic depiction of the Vietnam War possible. I didn't think there would ever be a need for another Vietnam film.

Obviously, the major film companies felt this way too.

"Platoon" director Oliver Stone was turned down by practically every major film company in Hollywood. Finally, his film was accepted by a small company called Hemdale Films, and "Platoon" has gone on to be the best Vietnam film in the history of cinema.

"Platoon" has already garnered eight Academy Award nominations, including best picture, and it has more than a good chance to win in each category.

This is the most realistic depiction of the Vietnam War ever conceived by a filmmaker.

The audience follows a young soldier named Chris Taylor, played by Charlie Sheen, on his way to combat in Vietnam.

We don't see him go through boot camp with sergeants yelling obscenities at him. We see him getting off the plane and going into the jungle.



Like Taylor, we are thrust into the war, unprepared for what is going to happen. We must sit back and wait for the next surprise attack.

Taylor is a rich kid that decided to leave college and enlist in the infantry. His comrades are hard, desolate men who have nothing waiting for them when they get back.

He is befriended by a group in his platoon known

as the "heads" and is introduced to the world of drugs and how to deal with Vietnam.

Most of the people who aren't "heads" are killers who love being in the war.

One of these men is Barnes, a sergeant who runs the platoon even though he is not the highest-ranking officer. Played by Tom Berenger, Barnes is a hardened killer, destined to fight the war for eternity.

To Barnes, the war is with everyone, high military officials, the Vietnamese and his fellow man. He has been fighting for years, shot seven times and is still kicking. The men feel he wasn't meant to die.

His counterpart is Sgt. Elias, played by Willem Dafoe. Like Barnes, he is a tough man and an excellent fighter — only he fights by the rules.

Elias knows the jungle, he knows the Vietnamese and he knows the war. He also knows right from wrong, which leads to a clash with Barnes.

What makes this film so great? Everything.

Based on his own experiences in Vietnam, Stone's film is brutally realistic.

The chilling soundtrack and the awe-inspiring cinematography are enough to leave you speechless. The editing and acting are brilliant, and the screenplay is one of the finest.

If you are hoping to see a non-violent, semi-realistic film with a happy ending, don't go. It's that simple.

"Platoon" is a disturbing film that makes all others seem mild.

Stone deserves every bit of praise he has received, as does everyone involved in making this film.

There will never have to be another Vietnam film.

AFTER HOURS

THURSDAY

MUSIC

Energizer Rock 'n' Roll Challenge — Club Thursday, Phillips Center Ballroom, 9 p.m. to midnight, \$2 cover charge.

Birchbark Canoes — Calhoun's, cover charge not available.

Landslide — Gandy Dancer, free.

Otto Mann and the Turks — Mystic Den, cover charge not available.

Disc Jockey — Belle Meade, Ladies' Night, \$1 cover charge for ladies, \$2 for men.

DJ — Campus Pub, free.

DJ — JM's Pub & Deli, \$1 cover charge.

DJ — Players, Ladies' Night, no cover charge for ladies, \$1 for men.

MOVIES

The Wiz (G) — Grafton-Stovall Theatre, 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Crimes of the Heart (PG-13) — Valley Mall Roth Theatres, 3:30 p.m. and 7:20 p.m.

Little Shop of Horrors (PG-13) — Valley Mall Roth Theatres, 1:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m. and 9:15 p.m.

Outrageous Fortune (R) — Valley Mall Roth Theatres, 1:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m. and 9:25 p.m.

Over the Top (PG) — Valley Mall Roth Theatres, 1:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m. and 9:20 p.m.

Platoon (R) — Valley Mall Roth Theatres, 1:30 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 9:45 p.m.

Critical Condition (R) — Roth Theatres, 7:15 p.m. and 9:15 p.m.

Light of Day (PG-13) — Roth Theatres, 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

The Mission (PG) — Roth Theatres, 7 p.m. and 9:20 p.m.

COMEDY

Comedy Zone — Scruples, Sheraton Inn, \$4 cover charge.

FRIDAY

MUSIC

Contraband — Belle Meade, \$3 cover charge.

Animal Logic — Calhoun's, \$3 cover charge.

Whiskey Creek — Gandy Dancer, \$4 cover charge.

Joyce Breeden (acoustic) — Little Grill, \$1 cover charge.

Kiss 'n' Tell — Mystic Den, cover charge not available.

Shy — Scruples, Sheraton Inn, \$4 cover charge.

DJ — Campus Pub, free.

DJ — JM's, \$1 cover charge.

DJ — Players, sponsor night, \$1 cover charge.

MOVIES

A Nightmare on Elm Street Part I (R) — Grafton-Stovall Theatre, 7 p.m.

A Nightmare on Elm Street Part II (R) — Grafton-Stovall Theatre, 9:30 p.m.

Little Shop of Horrors (PG-13) — Valley Mall Roth Theatres, 1:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

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Over the Top (PG) — Valley Mall Roth Theatres, 1:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m. and 9:20 p.m.

Platoon (R) — Valley Mall Roth Theatres, 1:30 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 9:45 p.m.

Light of Day (PG-13) — Roth Theatres, 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

Meatballs 3 (R) — Roth Theatres, 7:15 p.m. and 9:10 p.m.

The Mission (PG) — Roth Theatres, 7 p.m. and 9:20 p.m.

SATURDAY

MUSIC

Michael Mulvaney — Campus Pub, \$2 cover charge.

Contraband — Belle Meade, \$3 cover charge.

Billy Brockman and Terry Allard — Calhoun's, \$2 cover charge.

Spectrum — Gandy Dancer, \$4 cover charge.

Code 11 — Mystic Den, cover charge not available.

Wrath Child — Scotland Yard, cover charge not available.

Shy — Scruples, Sheraton Inn, \$4 cover charge.

DJ and Dance Contest — JM's, \$1 cover charge.

DJ — Players, Eagle Hall sponsor night, all ages admitted, cover charge not available.

MOVIES

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Platoon (R) — Valley Mall Roth Theatres, 1:30 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 9:45 p.m.

Some Kind of Wonderful (PG-13) — sneak preview, Valley Mall Roth Theatres, 7:30 p.m.

Light of Day (PG-13) — Roth Theatres, 2 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

Meatballs 3 (R) — Roth Theatres, 2 p.m., 7:15 p.m. and 9:10 p.m.

The Mission (PG) — Roth Theatres, 2 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9:20 p.m.

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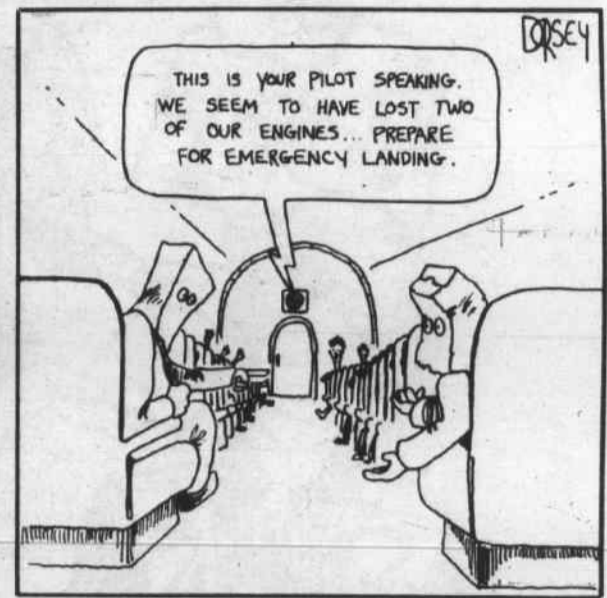
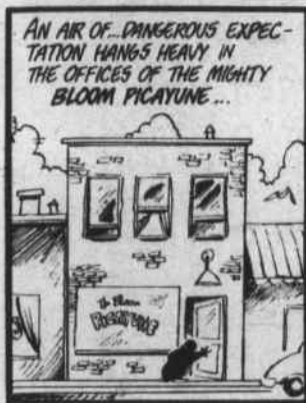
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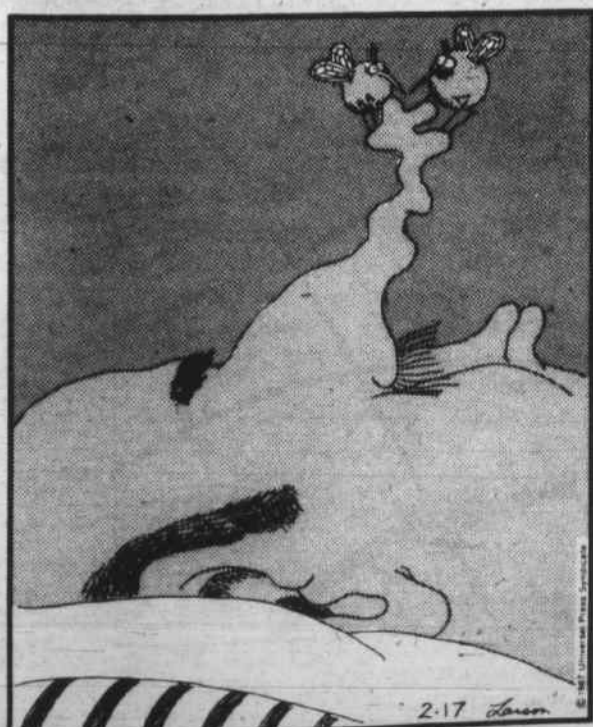
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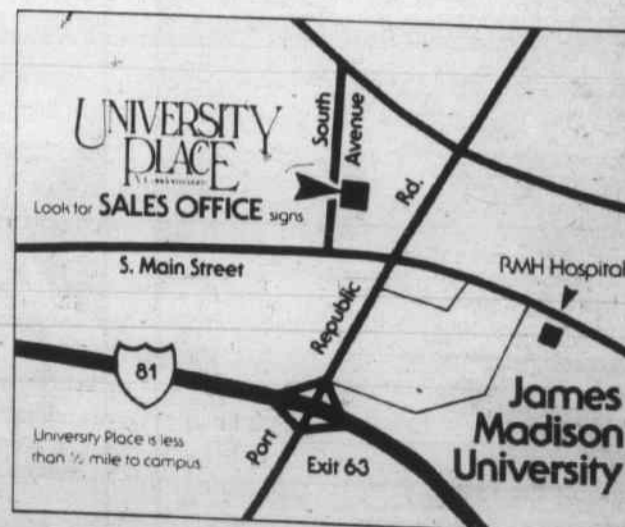
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SPORTS

Resurgent Dukes edge VCU

By Greg McCormick
staff writer

With less than a minute to go in JMU's game against Virginia Commonwealth, forward John Newman stepped to the free throw line with another chance to do what he hadn't done Monday night against Richmond: win the game at the free throw line.

The result was different this time as the team captain sank both ends of the one and one to give the Dukes the lead for good in a 60-57 non-conference win over the Rams at the Richmond Coliseum.

"I definitely had [Richmond] on my mind," Newman said. "I disappointed the team and I wanted to redeem myself."

The victory ups JMU's overall record to 18-7. VCU falls to 17-12.

For JMU head coach John Thurston, success on the free throw line was a pleasant relief compared to some other contests.

"We've lost four games directly attributable to free throw shooting," he said. "We shot free throws well [tonight]."

Overall, the Dukes made 16-of-21 attempts for a 76.1 percent average. That's in contrast to their season average of 63 percent.

The Rams tied the score with 3:49 remaining in the contest on an inside move by Alvin Robinson. The tie was indicative of the way the second half, and the game, went.

A VCU bucket by Alvin Hicks with 3:09 to go gave the Rams a 56-54 advantage, but Kennard Winchester's 15-foot jumper from the left side fourteen seconds later

tied the score again. That's where it remained until Newman's free throws iced the game. Hicks' free throw with :05 left accounted for the final outcome.

Through the first half, the game was mostly a seesaw battle with several ties, and the biggest margin by any team was VCU's 33-29 halftime lead.

"We've had a couple of emotionally draining games," JMU head coach John Thurston said. "I don't think we played great [tonight], but we found a way to win."

Leading the way for the Dukes was Newman with 13 points, including a 5-for-5 performance at the line. VCU was led by Phil Stinnie with 11 points.

"I think 18 wins puts us in pretty good position [for post-season play]," Thurston said. "We won't have double-digit losses."

Thriller

JMU loses three-overtime heartbreaker to Spiders

By Rob Washburn
sports editor

For the JMU men's basketball team, Monday night's triple-overtime loss to the University of Richmond was one of missed opportunities.

For the 5,106 fans who rocked the Convocation Center in the Dukes' final home appearance, it was a game not soon to be forgotten.

In the second-longest game in JMU history, both teams saw numerous chances for victory slip away before the Spiders finally were able to hold on for a 94-92 win.

"When you play three overtimes, it's a fan's game," JMU head coach John Thurston said. "A lot of big plays were made and a lot of big shots were made by both teams. Sooner or later, when the clock runs out, one team is going to have more points. We just closed out our home season with a great college basketball game."

The fact JMU was able to send the game into overtime was surprising.

The Dukes shot 35.5 percent from the floor in the first half, including 1-for-10 from three-point range, and trailed 32-27 at the break. JMU's top four scorers, Eric Brent, Kennard Winchester, John Newman and Ben Gordon, were a combined 3-for-17 from the floor, and it didn't seem things could get much worse.

But things did.

Richmond ran off the first 11 points of the half and moved out to a 46-29 lead with 15:53 to play. During the stretch, JMU hit just one of its first five shots and turned the ball over three times.

Changes in the game plan obviously

were needed, and the Dukes made them offensively and defensively. On offense, JMU switched to the wheel offense that worked so well against Navy, putting four men around the perimeter of the zone. The result was some open outside shots, with which the Dukes finally were able to connect.

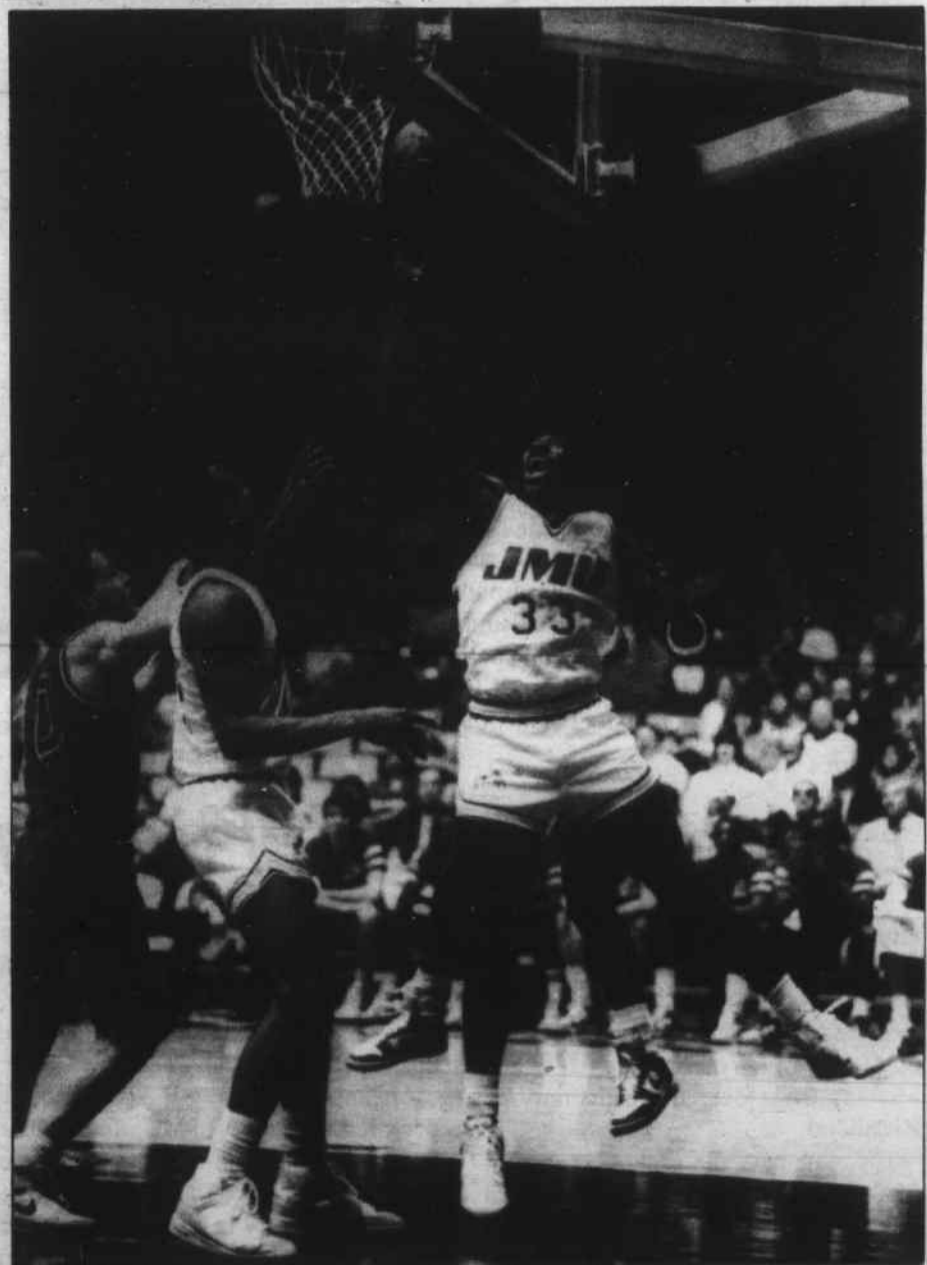
"[The wheel offense] really got us some open shots," Thurston said. "Brent and Newman hit two three-pointers and that really gave us some life. When we hit the open shots, it seemed to pick up our defense."

Defensively, JMU scrapped the triangle-and-two, which was effective in beating the Spiders earlier this season, and went to man-to-man. With the encouragement of the JMU student section, the Dukes forced Richmond into taking bad shots and committing turnovers.

"[The triangle-and-two] was making us soft," Thurston said. "We weren't playing hard enough, so we had to get our intensity up and go back to straight man-to-man."

Changes in place, JMU went on a 17-2 run over the next five minutes to close to 48-46 with 10:32 to play. From that point, neither team would lead by more than five.

The Dukes had a number of chances to put the game away in regulation. With the game tied at 61, Gordon drove for a layup and was fouled, setting up a possible three-point play with :58 remaining. But his free throw and a follow-up attempt by Winchester were both off the mark, giving the Spiders the ball. Richmond's Rodney Rice was off on his game-tying attempt, but the



Staff photo by KEVIN ROPP

JMU's John Newman (33) goes up for two of his 17 points during the Dukes' 94-92 triple overtime loss to Richmond.

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Glenn enjoys role as quiet contributor

By Greg McCormick
staff writer

Few would argue with JMU head coach John Thurston's final assessment of the Dukes' marathon overtime loss Monday night to the University of Richmond.

"There were so many heroes, so many heroes," Thurston said, "on both teams."

Indeed, there were several contributors that bordered on the heroic.

● Richmond guard Ken Atkinson — The first year guard hit several key jumpers late in the contest to keep the Spiders within striking distance, including a coast-to-coast layup with two seconds in the first overtime to erase a JMU lead. He added a 15-footer to knot the score with :05 to go in the second and a 14-footer that put Richmond up 93-92 with :12 left in the final overtime.

● JMU guard Eric "Boo Boo" Brent — After being held scoreless through the first 20 minutes, Brent scored 12 points after the break. His biggest scores included a three-pointer with :23 remaining in the first overtime to erase a 72-69 Richmond lead, and a layup off of a steal that put the Dukes up 74-72.

● Richmond forward Peter Woolfolk — The senior big man scored 18 points and was a force inside to keep the Spiders in contention to the end. He also collected nine rebounds.

While those and others were putting on a show for the 5,106 in attendance, another was quietly putting together his best overall game in a JMU uniform. At the same time going unnoticed suits him just fine.

"I'm not really seeking publicity, I like to just get the job done and go home," said Ralph Glenn. "If I get the publicity it's great."

Before he went home Monday night, Glenn had scored 14 points, eight in the final overtime, and collected five rebounds. Both marks eclipsed his per-game averages of 3.6 points and three rebounds.

His performance was a timely one, as the game with the Spiders dragged into its third extra period. JMU leading scorers Brent and Kennard Winchester had both been tagged with five personal fouls, and watched from the bench.

"Ralph, he took it upon himself, you know," said Thurston. "Kennard was out of the game, Boo Boo's out of the game, Claude [Ferdinand] was just exhausted. He took it upon himself to take the ball to the basket, [and] kept us alive in that period."

"John fouled out, Boo fouled out, I figured I could come out in the spot and get the job done," said Glenn.

The junior college transfer from Trinidad State has only recently broken into the starting lineup, with Monday's game being the third consecutive time Glenn was on the court for the opening tip-off.

"Coach Thurston wanted to bring me along gradually, that's why I didn't start in the beginning of the season," Glenn said. "Each game I got a little bit more [playing time]."

In the past, Glenn's forte has not been the shooting aspect of the game, but controlling the ball after it comes down. While at Trinidad State, he averaged 10 points a game, but was heavily counted on as a rebounder, averaging 8.7 boards per contest. However, his penchant for the dirty work goes much further

back, to his days at South High School in Ohio.

"I was a rebounder in high school, I played center," Glenn explained. "Everytime another player gets the ball, I always fly to the ball, to the boards. It's just second nature."

As the season winds down and the possibility of post-season play looms in the future, Glenn's habits will be heavily relied on if the Dukes should once again need some support.

"We've always had a lot of confidence in Ralph," Thurston said.

And, if no one notices his efforts, except of course, the right people, that's fine with him. He'd rather just go home.



File photo
JMU forward Ralph Glenn is known as a player who does the "dirty work" for his team. He contributed 14 points and five rebounds against Richmond Monday.

Dukes romp at Richmond, face ODU tonight

By Mark Charnock
managing editor

The JMU women's basketball team continued its dominance over conference opponents with a convincing 62-37 win Monday night over the University of Richmond.

The win puts the Dukes' record at 21-3, with a 10-0 record in the Colonial Athletic Association. Richmond drops to 11-14, and 5-6 in conference play.

For the Dukes, the game served as a tuneup for tonight's matchup against traditionally tough Old Dominion in Norfolk.

"It's a team and a program that has a tremendous tradition," JMU head coach Shelia Moorman said of the Monarchs. "If we're going to establish a tradition, this game is very important."

An important game is just what the doctored ordered for JMU, a team that has been rolling through its conference schedule with ease. The Dukes' average margin of victory is just over 26 points against CAA competition, and the win against the Spiders was fairly typical of JMU's performance all season.

The Dukes got the early lead and continued with their pressure defense to

pull away. JMU was led by center Sydney Beasley once again. The junior had a game-high 20 points.

Laurie Governor led the Spiders with 14 points, but her teammates connected on just nine of their 39 shots, contributing to Richmond's dismal 28 percent shooting from the field.

"Richmond did a fine job of controlling the tempo," Moorman said. "They just did not shoot the ball well."

Against Old Dominion, though, the Dukes can't expect the same shooting performance that Richmond gave them. Moorman calls the game "a tossup."

"They're a team that's hot right now," she said. "They've won seven of their last nine."

"I'm just looking for it to be a great basketball game.... I just hope both teams play to their best."

After the Norfolk trip, JMU returns home to face UNC-Wilmington and East Carolina before hosting the CAA tournament Feb. 27. Monday night's game against ECU also is Senior Night to honor seniors Erin Mahony, Julie Franken, Flo Jackson and Betsy Witman.

Thriller

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Spiders' Scott Stapleton tipped the ball in with nine seconds remaining to send the game into overtime.

"Unfortunately, we had to come from 17-0 down with 10 minutes to go to start the game," Thurston said. "From that point on, it was pretty exciting. For the last 10 minutes, for us to come back, we played a great game. A much lesser team would have gotten blown out.

In the first overtime, Richmond ran off the first five points and kept the lead until a Brent three-pointer tied the game at 72 with :22 left. The Spiders had planned to hold the ball for a final shot, but Brent stole a Ken Atkinson pass with nine seconds remaining and layed it in to put JMU ahead. But Atkinson made amends for his errant pass by driving the length of the court and drilling a jumper to force another extra period.

In the second overtime, JMU held an 83-81 lead with :28 remaining but Atkinson struck again. The Spiders' freshman point guard hit a 15-footer to tie the game with six seconds left on the clock. Gordon tried a three-pointer to win it at the buzzer, but the ball rimmed out and sent the game into a third overtime.

After playing 50 minutes, fouls were becoming a factor. Brent and

Winchester already had fouled out for the Dukes, and by midway through the third overtime, Richmond's Steve Kratzer, Peter Woolfolk and Scott Stapleton were gone.

With its top two scorers gone, JMU got some much-needed offensive production from Ralph Glenn. The junior forward scored eight of his career-high 14 points in the third overtime and put the Dukes up 92-91 with 1:00 to play.

But Atkinson burned the Dukes again, this time with a 14-foot jumper to put his team ahead 93-92 with :48 left. Richmond coach Dick Tarrant said Atkinson has been hitting clutch shots all year long for the Spiders.

"Ken Atkinson, for a freshman, is making some big, big shots for us," Tarrant said. "He has to be the best rookie we've had for a long time. He has the green light all the time."

The Dukes had two chances to win the game in the last seven seconds. Newman was unable to hit the front end of his one-and-one with seven seconds left, but he quickly fouled Richmond's Eric English with six seconds.

English hit just one of his free throws, but Gordon's 23-footer at the buzzer went in-and-out to give Richmond the win.

The loss drops JMU to 17-7 overall and into a third-place tie with the Spiders at 7-5 in the conference.

Purzycki says signees are possibly best ever

The JMU football team announced the signing of 15 players to scholarships last Wednesday, including a pair of highly-touted junior college performers who should provide immediate help.

"I think this is the most celebrated and sought-after class we've had in my three years here," JMU head coach Joe Purzycki said. "They've got more honors than any crowd we've ever recruited . . . and they had more legitimate scholarship offers, a large number being from a level above us."

Perhaps the prize recruit of the class is split end Kelvin Dale. The 6-foot, 185-pound junior college All-American caught 40 passes last season for Montgomery (Md.) College and has 4.4 speed in the 40-yard dash.

"Obviously he's not a possession receiver, but we think he's a big-play receiver who can get the ball upfield," Purzycki said. "In our offense, with Eric Green as the quarterback, that's a must. He'll get the opportunity to come in and line up and play. I think everybody else is going to have to beat out Kelvin Dale."

The other junior college player Purzycki signed is 5-foot-11, 175-pound Lester Hardley. The

defensive back from Nassau (N.J.) Community College will be expected to fill one of the three spots in the secondary left open by graduation.

"When you lose three defensive backs who are seniors . . . we felt we needed somebody with a little bit of experience," Purzycki said.

Along the line, Purzycki was very happy with the players the Dukes were able to recruit.

"To play I-AA football and be able to dominate people, you've got to have good recruiting years in big men," Purzycki said. "This is what we're most pleased with."

One of the people Purzycki feels will have an immediate impact is D.R. Carlson. The 6-foot-4, 245-pound defensive lineman is transferring from the Naval Academy Prep School and should see playing time right away.

One person who won't see the field right away, but should be a quality player in the future is Scott Tucker. The 6-foot-6, 260-pounder is a transfer from the University of Alabama, but will have to sit out one season.

"We don't get people like Scott Tucker on the front end," Purzycki said. "The guy is a legitimate big-timer who was disenchanted at a I-A school. He could be a great one."

We Be VB overcomes Anonymous for intramural title

By Sonny Dearth
assistant sports editor

For the players in Monday night's women's intramural basketball tournament championship game, the triple-overtime JMU-Richmond men's game was a tough act to follow.

Nevertheless, the standard of play was high as "We Be VB" defeated "Anonymous" 58-44 at the Convocation Center to take the title.

Rosemary McHugh led the winners, primarily composed of JMU volleyball players, with 17 points.

"How can we top a triple-overtime game?" McHugh said. "We had the most important fans here."

After the Dukes' 94-92 loss to Richmond, about 20 fans stayed to see a 32-minute game filled with laughter and excitement.

Guard Suzanne Lamphier, who led Anonymous with 12 points, hit a jumper 18 seconds for the game's first score.

As the Anonymous fans in the front row cheered, they threw empty toilet paper rolls on the sideline of the court.

Instead of giving a technical foul, however, the officials laughed along with the players at the "Electric Zoo" takeoff.

But as far as the lead was concerned, Anonymous would never be known

again.

With the game tied 4-4, We Be VB went on a 14-1 run to take an 18-5 lead with 9:27 left in the first half.

Following an Anonymous timeout, We Be VB expanded its lead to 34-13 with 4:30 remaining. The balanced attack of McHugh, Julie Kessler, Dina Thomas and Pat Murphy spearheaded that surge.

McHugh scored eight points in the first half, while Kessler, Thomas and Murphy added six each.

Anonymous, however, fought back on the outside shooting of Lamphier and Tina Smith. Scoring 12 unanswered points, Anonymous sliced its halftime deficit to 34-25.

After the five-minute intermission, the streaks continued to alternate.

We Be VB scored the first four points of the half, but Anonymous came back with seven straight points to pull within 38-32.

Smith's rebound basket cut We Be VB's lead to 40-35 with 11:19 to play, but We Be VB responded to the challenge.

McHugh scored five of her team's next 13 points as the volleyball squad moved to a 53-39 advantage with 4:30 left.

Robin Hallman's two free throws helped cut the lead to 54-44 with 2:41 to go, but Anonymous didn't score

again.

Thomas reached double figures (11 points) on a layup at the buzzer from Kessler, who totaled 10 for the evening.

Smith scored 10 points to join Lamphier in double figures for

Anonymous.

We Be VB "coach" Erika Johnson said, "We're such competitive people, we need to do some recreational activities or we lose our edge." Johnson also plays volleyball for the Dukes.

REC REPORT

ACTIVITIES-

BASKETBALL- The deadline for co-rec two-on-two play is 12 p.m. today in Godwin 213.

SKATING- A free skating night will be held 7:30-10 p.m. tonight at Skatetown USA.

ANNOUNCEMENTS-

AEROBICS- Applications for instructors are available in Godwin 213. The deadline is Mar. 2.

BASKETBALL- The men's intramural championship game will be held immediately following the JMU-East Carolina women's game Feb. 23 at the Convocation Center.

Co-recreational two-on-two play starts at 3:30 p.m. Monday in Gym side A.

JOBS-

MAY/SUMMER SESSIONS- You must be enrolled in the session

in order to work during it. Apply in Godwin 213 by April 13 for the following positions:

LIFEGUARD- Requirements are advanced lifesaving and CPR.

ISSUE ROOM- Attendants are responsible for issuing towels and equipment.

WEIGHT ROOM- Attendants supervise the weight room during general recreation hours.

1987-88 SCHOOL YEAR- Apply by Mar. 16 in Godwin 213 for the following positions. Financial aid is also due Mar. 16.

INTRAMURAL SUPERVISOR- Work in the Recreational Activities Intramural Program.

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VIEWPOINT

Living standards

Since William Bolding became its director last year, the Office of Residence Life has taken the following steps towards enhancing JMU's residence life policies:

- Gifford and Wayland halls became JMU's first dorms to be coed by suite. This move made a new lifestyle option available to JMU's on-campus residents, one that a lot of students said they preferred in a survey taken last year.
- Three-day visitation was dropped in response to fewer freshmen requests for it. Dorms now have either four or seven-day visitation; the change makes it simpler to remember which dorm has what restriction.
- Although Virginia authorities wanted to ban them altogether at the end of 1985, residence life persuaded the state to permit free-standing lofts (i.e., platform beds). This probably is the best compromise that could have been arranged.
- Banning full lofts and forbidding removal of furniture from rooms made Bluestone rooms less accommodating for three people. Addressing student complaints earlier this year about cramped living conditions, residence life disclosed last week that 120 triple rooms will be eliminated next year.

These accomplishments prove that residence life is responsive to the needs and desires of students living in university housing. A Student Government Association proposal calling for introduction of 24-hour visitation will further test that commitment. But for now, we commend Bolding, his residence life staff and the university administration for a job well done.

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

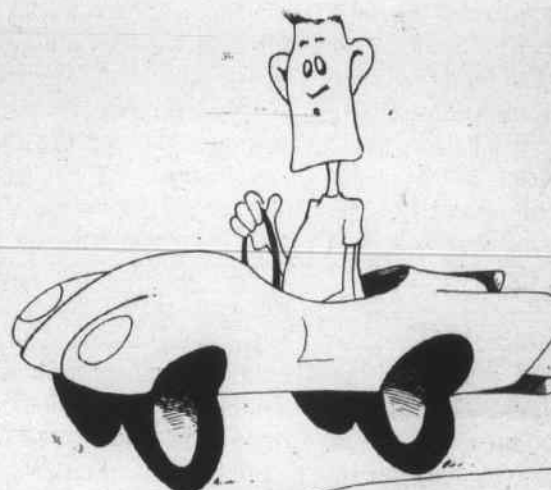
The board consists of editor Kyra Scarton, managing editor Mark Charnock, editorial editor Charles Lundy and assistant editorial editor Harry Atwood.

Scott Miller

THE TWO PRESSING QUESTIONS OF AUTOMOBILE OPERATION

A. SHALL I ENGAGE
MY SEATBELT?

B. SHALL I HAVE MY
HEAD EXAMINED IF
I DON'T?



ANSWER YES TO ONE OR THE OTHER. *Cart*

The homeless: Abused, ignored and dying

The New York City cops call them "skels." They cluster around heating vents in Penn Station in winter. Some panhandle in stinking rags around Macy's concrete perimeter, collecting pennies and dimes for food from shocked middle class buyers. Some sit in darkened corners, rocking back and forth, smelling of urine. Their bloated legs display running sores between torn patches in their pants.

They are the homeless. They exist in sickening numbers in every major American city. Some estimates say they number in the millions.

According to The Washington Post, 79 congressmen recently opposed a bill that would provide \$50 million in emergency aid to the homeless. Then, Senate leaders attached an unrelated provision to the bill opposing a federal pay raise which increases congressional salaries by \$12,100. One member of the House of Representatives described the plan this way: "Democratic leaders had structured the procedure so lawmakers could be recorded as opposing the pay raise in their vote to aid the homeless."

Congress "overwhelmingly" passed the bill in an unrecorded voice vote on Feb. 4. But the vote should have been unanimous.

In order to look good by voting against a pay raise, those congressmen initially opposed to it had to go along with the homeless bill. (It's expected they'll get the raise anyway because the rider was attached after expiration of the legal deadline for blocking it.) So congress gets the raise without directly asking for it

and helps the homeless too.

But there is something pathetic about congressmen strong-armed into voting aid to people. \$50 million is pocket change for a congress that recently gave \$8.4 billion to improve the nation's sewers.

One Republican leader who didn't want to vote for the \$50 million aid grumped about a "final indignity." That's disturbing, if only because it shows where his priorities lie.

GUEST COLUMNIST

Morgan Ashton

On a recent Sunday news show, columnist Robert Novak ventured the opinion that the Democrats had too much "compassion."

Novak continued: "Everybody talks about the homeless in Washington. I live in Washington. I've never seen them."

Jan Fox, deputy director of the Federal Homeless Task Force, places the number of homeless people in Washington, D.C. at 4,500 to 6,500 and adds, "Homeless people often don't want to be found." That adds to the difficulty of counting them.

Novak's Washington, like the Washington of about six dozen congressmen, is incredibly confined. Yet

their view reflects a common one.

The homeless issue lacks explosive power. It has no voter kick to it. Some scoff at the million-plus level estimates of the homeless population. If they aren't in the neighborhood, they don't exist.

That's an opinion reminiscent of French aristocrats who blithely continued to flaunt their wealth and ignore the plight of the peasants up to the very steps of the guillotine.

In Manhattan, the homeless are routinely ignored, abused or mugged. If most are not mentally ill when they hit the street, the change is not long in coming. Local government budgets are stretched to provide shelter since the federal government reduced its aid.

Some complain about welfare handouts. Homeless shelters and welfare hotels are supposed to be wasteful expenditures of good taxpayers' money.

Such places are not comfortable. The welfare hotels in New York became "crack" houses years before the media popularized the drug. Walls are chipped and graffiti-ridden, children blank-faced, adults despairing and angry. Jobs remain scarce. People with shelter are comparatively lucky.

People in the streets are dying.

It's a shame that some people can't understand the importance of another's life over their own comfort. It's worse when they should be representing some of those people for whom \$12,100 would be a new life.

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READERS' FORUM

Cartoon crushed 'optimism'

To the editor:

Thank you, Andrew Wyatt. Thank you for, as always, being pessimistic over something you have only surface knowledge about. Thank you for criticizing the university's one big shot at improvement before anything even begins.

Monday's "Where's the Beef?" editorial cartoon exemplified a dichotomy in your thinking. In the words of Yolanda King, you also tell JMU students to "get up off your apathy." Why is it, then, that the moment the students, the SGA, or the administration do something constructive, you're the first to offer

your criticism? Why do you take pleasure in predicting failure?

I've been the student member on the Liberal Studies Committee since I was a freshman, and I have been bowled over by the total commitment of the university, Dr. Russel Warren, Dr. Robert Shapiro and the members of the committee. They've been totally unselfish and unwavering in their sense of responsibility toward making us critical thinkers and true lovers of learning. They've done it solely for the students with no personal gains involved, making me regard our professors and administrators in a different

light. They really do care.

I would have agreed with a cartoon that illustrated the current general studies program, as that is where the problem lies. Your cartoon served only to crush out the optimism needed to make this five-year plan work.

Thanks for your "support", guys. I'm sure we can do it without you.

Danielle McWilliams
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Awareness, not racism, a problem at JMU

To the editor:

In the past month racial tension has been brought once again to public concern. The episodes in Forsyth County, Georgia and the advent of Black History Month have spawned a revival of human rights activist media coverage which may have led to certain letters published recently in *The Breeze*. Addressing these letters, one of which discussed "racial inequality at JMU" and the other which disdains use of the word "nigger," I would like to clarify more important aspects of these issues.

It is my hope that the writer who commented on the use of "nigger" was not only addressing this word but all those that are found in the realm of bigotry. Among these words "chink," "spic," "honky,"

"pollock" and others is almost never found the word "redneck," which is as offensive as any other and used in a loose-tongued, degrading manner. I believe those who conspire to attack racism should first consider being proponents of racial awareness, which is a many-sided coin not reflecting defensive or offensive stances from any race.

The other letter, whose title states that racial inequality exists at JMU, is very wrong in that respect. What exists here is a racial imbalance, not racial inequality. Virginia has been given the responsibility of correcting this through use of a quota. I do not know of any instances of a person being denied entrance to any facility, club, team, bus or party because of his or her race, color or creed. A

minority may have the self-instilled feeling of inequality due to their size in comparative population, but lack of size does not mean that inequality exists. Once again, the problem is not racism but a lack of social awareness at JMU.

I believe February, whose historic focus has been determined to celebrate the black race, should include more emphasis on social-racial awareness of all of God's children. It may yet be possible to shed light on this very darkened concept of inter-racial brotherhood.

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Tough seat belt laws don't always save lives

The Virginia General Assembly Monday passed a bill that, if signed by the governor, will make wearing seat belts mandatory on the state's highways. As with many other states that have debated this issue, the central conflict is usually whether the number of lives saved from a seat belt law is enough to justify the government regulating the front seat of your car.

This might seem a weak argument being that the federal government is already trying to regulate people's urine but nonetheless, some people will fight for every right they have left. And it's tough to fight this law because it has good intentions: the government is trying to save your life.

If you recall, the government tried to save your life last year by raising the drinking age to 21. It seems a little silly that a person can buy a beer when they are 21 and enter a bar when they are 18 but the law did have good intentions. Look what it has accomplished: Harrisonburg police arrested a record number of drunken drivers last year and campus DUI arrests went up 51 percent. Sure, a lot of these arrests can be attributed to the dedicated work of our campus finest, but let's get real. It appears that the drinking age and university policies have driven a lot of people to drink. For one reason or another, this law isn't working.

But what does this have to do with a mandatory seat belt law? We all know that seat belts save lives.

We've been told that throughout grade school and college. Anyone who has ever watched late-night local television knows through repeated public service commercials that your chance of surviving a serious accident while wearing a seat belt is, well, I forget how many times greater but we know it's a lot.

So it only makes sense that we institute a mandatory seat belt law to protect us from the increased number of drunken drivers, right?



GETTING REAL

Carl Johnson

My home state of New Jersey thought so. It passed a mandatory seat belt law and six months later the number of serious accidents went up 30 percent. Now you can make another tired "well, that's New Jersey" crack, but New Jersey perpetually had the safest drivers in the country. Or at least until they made it safer by passing a seat belt law. Even the state police commissioner admitted that the sole reason for the increased accidents was the new seat belt law. Yet there is no talk of repealing it and now Virginia is considering adopting the same law.

Apparently what happens is the once safe, risk-adverse driver, buoyed in confidence by public service commercials and "Batman" reruns, runs out to his or her car, pops in some Steppenwolf, gets the motor running, heads out on the highway, goes looking for adventure and gets into an accident. Of course, people aren't that stupid but a lot of people do feel a false sense of security while wearing a seat belt and subconsciously take more risks, drive a little faster or ignore the inconvenience of checking those blind spots.

Some people buckle up only when they plan on driving a little more dangerously. Seat belts don't cause accidents, drivers do. A secure driver doesn't necessarily make a safe driver. This isn't to say that no state mandatory seat belt law has been effective; New York City cops have been forcing prostitutes to buckle up.

Before all you mandatory seat belt law supporters reach for your pens and start ripping off letters to the editor, please stop for a second and ask yourself this question: do you feel safer knowing that the increasing number of drunken drivers are wearing seat belts?

If you do, there might be a government job for you somewhere.

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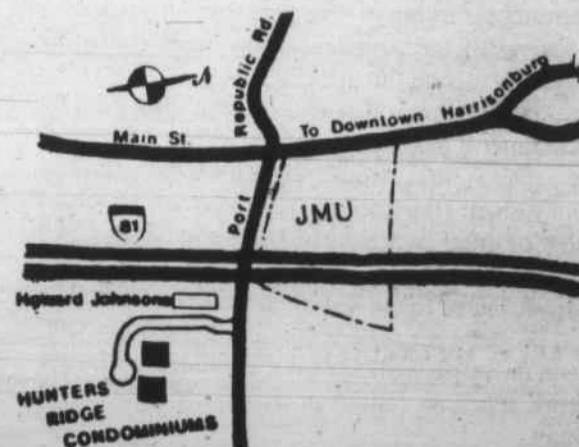
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CIA chief nominee faces Senate panel

WASHINGTON (AP) — A member of the Senate Intelligence Committee Wednesday accused President Reagan's choice to head the CIA of trying to evade responsibility by presenting misleading testimony to the panel from former agency director William Casey.

Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., said Robert Gates directed preparation of a statement from Casey that was "skimpy, scanty, uninformative and really misleading." Casey delivered the statement to the committee while testifying about the Iran-Contra affair Nov. 21.

"You are trying to distance yourself from that testimony," Specter said as Gates underwent a second day of sharp questioning in his confirmation hearings.

He said Gates' explanation of his role as having directed preparation of the Casey testimony but not its details was "a shading that has a shade of

Iran Arms Scandal

dissembling."

Gates defended his action, saying the testimony "was a fair statement of what we knew at the time. We thought it was important to get the facts out."

Gates added that the agency itself was having difficulty at the time gathering the facts about its own involvement. The CIA was compiling information just four days before the diversion of money from the Iran arms sale to Nicaragua's Contra rebels became public.

In response to other questions, Gates attempted to quiet concerns he raised on Tuesday during his first day

of hearings when he said the Iran deal was primarily a diplomatic initiative carried out by the National Security Council.

"The NSC operation clearly was not a diplomatic initiative," he said Wednesday. "It was much broader than that."

He added: "I think a lot of different institutions have learned a lot of lessons out of this entire affair."

Gates said the CIA is pursuing a "fairly extensive internal investigation" into whether the agency violated Congress' ban on military aid to the Nicaraguan rebels.

At the White House meanwhile, presidential spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said Reagan believes Gates "is an outstanding nominee...and we believe the nomination process will show him to be the high quality candidate that we believe he is."

NATION

White House denies 'snub' report

WASHINGTON (AP) — White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater denied Wednesday that first lady Nancy Reagan is snubbing chief of staff Donald Regan.

A story published in Wednesday's editions of The Washington Post also quoted sources as saying the president's wife is seeking Regan's ouster.

"The chief of staff talks almost daily with the first lady," Fitzwater, President Reagan's top spokesman, said when asked about a Washington Post story

saying Reagan has not been speaking to Regan.

In response to reporters' questions at a briefing, Fitzwater said he had discussed the story with Regan, but that they did not get into the speculation about Regan's possible departure.

Although an unnamed spokesman for Regan told the newspaper that the chief of staff spoke "virtually daily" to Nancy Reagan, the Post said two well-informed sources confirmed the rift.

Asked yesterday about the story, Elaine Crispin, Nancy Reagan's spokeswoman, said only that "the first lady will be making no comment."

The newspaper quoted one Republican source close to the administration as saying, "The consensus has formed that Regan's demise is inevitable."

Regan's management of the White House has been criticized by some Republican members of Congress and others since the Iran-Contra scandal began unfolding last November.

Committee votes to stop aid to rebels

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate Foreign Relations Committee voted Wednesday to halt U.S. aid to the anti-Nicaraguan rebels in the first major test of opinion in the 100th Congress toward the Contra guerrillas.

The vote generally went along party lines on the Democratic-controlled panel. If the bill passes both the Senate and Democratic-controlled House, President Reagan is likely to veto it, supporters say.

"We're passing a bill that's going to be vetoed," said Sen. Paul Simon, D-Ill., one of the supporters of the measure.

While cutting off U.S. aid to the Contras, the bill would provide a package of \$300 million worth of new aid to other Central American nations, including Honduras, El Salvador, Guatemala and Costa Rica.

Host objects to use of furs at pageant

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Bob Barker won his fight against furs Tuesday when Miss USA pageant officials agreed to clothe the contestants in fake mink and ermine rather than have their host walk out of the nationally televised finals.

Barker, an animal rights activist, and George Honchar, head of the pageant, announced at a news conference after the dress rehearsal that Barker was staying.

Honchar said the pageant was able to

find furs suitable for on-camera use at an Albuquerque department store.

Honchar said the CBS television audience would be told the furs were fake.

Before the agreement was announced, Barker had complained that pageant officials had "placed me in a position that would be untenable after speaking at various locations around the country telling people not to wear furs."

Reagan supports sub-minimum wage for teens

BAL HARBOUR, Fla. (AP) — The Reagan administration could make a sub-minimum wage for teen-agers a condition of giving support to a proposal to raise the minimum wage, frozen for six years at \$3.35 an hour, Labor Secretary William Brock said Tuesday.

The AFL-CIO executive council, which is meeting at this seaside resort this week, on Tuesday called formally for raising the minimum wage in steps to \$4.61 per hour.

The labor federation also said it wants a mechanism

that automatically will increase the minimum wage annually after it reaches \$4.61.

Brock told reporters the White House has not decided how to address the issue.

The idea of indexing future yearly increases to inflation or overall wage gains in the society, as the 12.8 million-member labor federation is advocating, "will be difficult to sell," Brock said.

He said discussion on increasing the minimum wage at some point will have to look at a "break point at age 21."

Brock says a sub-minimum wage will enable businesses to provide more job opportunities for unskilled young people.

President Reagan tried unsuccessfully in 1981 and 1982 to sell that point to Congress. The administration dropped the proposal when support from business groups such as the Chamber of Commerce dried up.

Many fast-food restaurants which provide tens of thousands of jobs to teen-agers, are finding they have to pay them \$4.50 per hour or more to attract them.

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