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BY JENESSA KILDALL  
SENIOR WRITER

Three JMU faculty members are currently in China to speak with universities concerning student and faculty exchanges as well as other possible partnerships.

"It is feasible that there might be Chinese students here at JMU sometime next year," said Jerry Benson, dean of the College of Integrated Science and Technology.

"We could be involved with either hosting faculty or doing some type of faculty exchange or visitation within the next year."

Benson, along with Robert Reid, dean of the College of Business, and Ping Wang, associate professor of computer information systems, are currently on a 10-day trip to visit six Chinese universities and speak to administrations about the

possibility of future partnerships.

The schools they will be visiting "match up quite well with JMU in terms of mission, focus and student profiles," Reid said.

The JMU representatives will be looking at student and faculty exchanges, potential dual-degree programs, expanding study abroad programs, and joint curriculum development.

A 1+2+1 program is an option JMU can pursue. This would involve a student attending their home university in China for their first year, attending JMU for two years, and finishing their final year in China. The student would then receive degrees from both universities, Wang said.

Wang has taken groups of JMU students to China for the last two summers as part of the Office of International

Programs' summer in China program and will take another group this summer.

The groups researched universities that could be partners with JMU. They visited some of these schools to "test the water and see the facilities," Wang said.

There also is a summer Chinese business-minor program.

"From a business school perspective, it makes sense to take beginning partnerships with universities and expand them," Reid said.

Benson said this might include "a faculty member from a sister Chinese institution coming here for a semester to be an active part of an academic department and learn new teaching methods, the newest lab methodology and equipment, and get update on their content area."

He added that JMU fac-

ulty may go to China to lecture in a specific area of expertise and participate in research opportunities.

Professor Han Jianxin, director of European and American programs at Shandong University, a school the representatives will visit, already is spending spring semester in Harrisonburg. On Feb. 17, other faculty members from Shandong visited JMU as well.

Reid said, "My primary goal is to determine which of the schools represent the best partner institutions and which offer the most potential for mutual benefit."

Benson, Reid and Wang will bring general memorandums to the Chinese universities as the first step in creating formal linkages.

Upon their return March 8, they will present recommendations on how JMU should proceed with the partnerships.

photo illustration by LAUREN PACK/art director

## Survey says AP scores are poor predictor of reality

*Tests do not align with grades earned in class*

BY MEGHAN PATRICK  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Advanced Placement science exam scores are not good predictors of success in college science courses, according to a recent survey.

The released results indicate that the program, which is administered by the College Board, is not as successful as it claims. The courses are supposed to prepare high school students with information equivalent to introductory college science classes. Many colleges let students place out of these classes due to high scores on the AP exam.

According to the College Board Web site, an exam score of 5 is equivalent to the top A-level work in the corresponding college course.

This, however, is not the case, according to Philip M. Sadler and Robert H. Tai, respectively scholars at Harvard University and the University of Virginia who surveyed 18,000 college students about their science education.

Of those students who took the AP exam, received high scores and decided to take the introductory class, "about half of them earned an A in the college course, even after more exposure to the material," Sadler said. "If the AP score was really equivalent to a college grade, then they should have been able to do well in the college course's exam without even taking

the course."

"Colleges should really assess what they're giving credit for," said Tai, in an interview with *The Chronicle of Higher Education*.

JMU is among the colleges that do not let its science majors with high AP scores place out of the introductory level classes.

"We recommend our entire core for our biology majors. We still give credit for AP scores of a four or five, but it is elective credit," said Louise Temple, head of the JMU biology department. "The AP Biology program is very specialized — it is usually one semester and only covers the hot topics. About 75 percent of biology is left out."

Temple continued, "I'm not fundamentally opposed to AP courses, but they should not be taken as a replacement for courses that should be taken in high school."

"[The department does not] want our students to jump over having a well-developed core. Taking extensive introductory classes gives depth to what is to be learned later," Temple said.

Some students agree with the recommended core curriculum.

"I actually did use my AP scores to receive credit for the general chemistry classes and started out in organic chemistry, a sophomore-level class, during my freshman year," Amanda Anderson, a 2005 JMU graduate with degrees in chemistry and biology, said. "In retrospect, I think it would have been more beneficial for me to take the introductory chemistry courses here at JMU because the chemistry major builds on the general chemistry class and we did not cover some of the topics that professors here do."

## Act grants access to records

BY RACHIANA DIXIT  
NEWS EDITOR

Renewal of certain Patriot Act provisions has set off a heated debate in the U.S. Senate, creating a political rift over the controversial antiterrorism legislation.

On Feb. 16, the Senate overcame an endeavor to block a Republican deal that would add more civil-liberties protections to the act, and voted to decide on the compromise at a later date. The compromise was suggested by senators Larry Craig (R-Idaho), Chuck Hagel (R-Neb.), Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska), and John Sununu (R-N.H.).

However, some Senate Democrats disagreed with the compromise between the Bush administration and Republicans, saying the deal may not protect people's privacy and civil liberties. According to a Feb. 17 article from *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, Russell Feingold (D-Wis.) said, "A few insignificant, face-saving changes just don't cut it."

If passed, the controversial antiterrorism bill would extend many provisions, including Section 215, or the "library provision," for four years. This particular section allows federal officials to have access to people's library records with secret subpoenas granted under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, much to the chagrin of libraries around the country.

In a press release, American Library Association president Michael Gorman

said, "We're glad to see that there is still a four-year sunset provision for Section 215, which will allow oversight again in four years, but disappointed that the negotiators just did not go far enough."

In addition, another revision of the act would allow subpoena recipients to challenge them, but they would have to wait one year to do so.

"It hardly seems constitutional that ... a recipient of a subpoena must wait a full year to challenge a gag order," Gorman said.

Gerald Gill, head of reference and government documents for Carrier Library, said, "Libraries are very concerned with keeping the privacy of people who use them." Gill added that shortly after Sept. 11, when the Patriot Act was passed, JMU Libraries decided to not keep circulation records. JMU Libraries has specific software, called Deep Freeze, which reboots computers after about 30 minutes of inactivity, deleting all records and cookies kept on the computer.

"[The FBI] might be able to see what books were checked out, but not a history," Gill said.

However, Gill said he would be very wary of privacy issues with the renewal of the Patriot Act. He also said, especially with research at the collegiate level, what appears on a computer screen may not be indicative of a terrorist threat.

"It seriously impedes a free society. This is a slippery slope in terms of how far to go," Gill said.

## Hellfish Bonanza



AMY PATERSON/photo editor

Sophomore Andrew Sigal moves around a defender from Ohio University. JMU's ultimate Frisbee teams hosted The Hellfish Bonanza this weekend with over 25 teams competing.

## Author recounts history of worldwide Muslim interaction

BY MARY CZARSTY  
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The Nelson Institute for International and Public Affairs presented a religion presentation in its recent Guardian Lecture series Wednesday night.

Andrew Bostom was invited to discuss Islamic jihad and its implications for the modern world, with a special focus on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Bostom, author of *The Legacy of Jihad: Islamic Holy War and the Fate of Non-Muslims*, explored the thesis jihad is built into the Islamic religion and said, "Jihad is an institution intrinsic to Islam, and it is put into effect through the sharia [Islamic law]."

He gave a detailed history of Muslim conflict, starting with early conquests at the time of the prophet Muhammad. Bostom placed much emphasis on those who did not wish to convert to Islam during expansions of the Islamic empire and the restrictions and conditions they were forced to endure.

Typically, Islam is known for allowing people of other faiths to continue their worship, so long as they pay a tax called a jizya.

However, Bostom highlighted the system of "demitude" as the major tool used for the subjugation of non-Muslim people. He said this included the view that they should be viewed as half citizens, and this encour-

aged "the humor and abasement of non-Muslim peoples."

Bostom argued that the tax levied on non-Muslims, mainly Christians and Jews, was only one of many restrictions placed on their everyday lives.

The area of modern-day Israel was especially harsh, where non-Muslims were forced to wear clothing and place signs on their houses that distinguished them as Christians or Jews. They were not allowed to build temples or churches as they wished.



Bostom

Bostom also cited the extraordinarily violent nature of the Muslim conquests, stating, "Muslim conquerors essentially sacked every town, village, and city they came across." In a court of law, the testimony of a Muslim was seen as more worthy than any number of Jews' and Christians' testimony. Bostom argued that the dramatic anti-Semitism continued throughout the Ottoman Empire and into the present day.

WWI and WWII only helped fuel this sentiment, and all of this has paved the way for excessive violence by jihadist groups

today. He showed clips from the Hamas Web site and others, that as recently as a few days ago were calling for death to the Jewish population.

One explicit clip stated, "There is no blood better than that of the Jews...It was Jews who provoked Nazism and brought war upon the world." Bostom quoted extensively from Islamic texts to support his idea that jihad is maintained by the Quran and hadith, the two most important texts for Muslims.

The controversial lecture lead many to ask questions. Junior Samier Mansur, president of the Muslim Student Association, said it is important to preface the account that was told with

the fact that Islam is a peaceful religion, and those today who choose to support such radical ideology are a minority.

He said, "I am a Muslim and I do not know anyone who taps into that." Despite many students' attempts to reiterate this same point, Bostom stood firm. He said it was unfortunate, but it is time for people recognize that radicals are pulling their ideology from primary Islamic sources.

J. Peter Pham, head of the Nelson Institute, said the purpose of the Guardian Lecture series is to get people talking and to challenge people's knowledge. He invites anyone to do the same and bring lecturers to James Madison to present a different view.

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## POLICE LOG

BY KELLY FISHER/SENIOR WRITER

### Vandalism

A JMU employee reported holes in a wall of a recreation room in Ashby Hall that occurred between Feb. 17 at 3 p.m. and Feb. 21 at 10:58 a.m.

### Possession of marijuana

A JMU student was charged with possession of marijuana at Weaver Hall Feb. 21 at 10:28 p.m.

### Property damage, alcohol violation

Five JMU students were charged with property damage and an alcohol violation at the Festival Center Feb. 18 at 2:58 a.m.

### Property damage

A JMU student reported the destruction of a study desk in a study room at Chapple Hall between Feb. 21 at 10:30 p.m. and Feb. 22 at 4:10 p.m.

Number of drunk in public since Aug. 29: 66

## DUKE DAYS Events Calendar

### School of the Americas

A screening of a short documentary uncovering the truth behind the School of Americas, a U.S. military base in Georgia that trains Latin American soldiers, will be shown tonight at 7 p.m. in Transitions in Warren Hall. The film will be followed by a talk and discussion led by Dr. Laura Lewis of the anthropology department. This event is sponsored by JMU Amnesty International and the Progressive Coalition.

### Correction:

In the Feb. 23 issue of *The Breeze*, there were errors in the article about the new associate dean, Herb Amato. First, Violet Allain is not the former dean of GenEd. She is an associate dean. Also, Dean Halpern is not retiring, as the photo caption stated.

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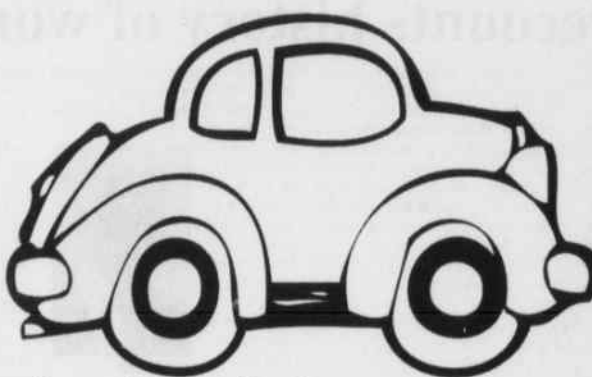
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## Book Buddy project to reach out to students

BY LAUREN SEARSON  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Friday morning, more than 50 Harrisonburg High School students visited JMU as a kickoff to the semester-long Book Buddy Project.

The project, which is in its fourth year, is sponsored by the College of Education and Community Service-Learning Center, involves about 25 JMU education major student-volunteers, who each team up with one or two high school students to read and discuss a particular book throughout the semester.

The students were paired with one another based on the books they had chosen from a particular list. As they read each day, high school students make a post on the discussion board online and the JMU students check the posts and provoke discussions through the board or emails.

Senior Elizabeth Schultz, who coordinated the volunteers and organized Friday's events, said the goal of hosting the students was to motivate them for the project, and introduce the high school students to their JMU volunteers so they feel more comfortable. "Being in discussion with the college students and seeing that the books are interesting gives these high school students the power for understanding and achievement," Schultz said.

ISAT professor Cindy Klevickis said, "Many of the of the volunteers are freshmen

and sophomores so it is a wonderful opportunity for them to volunteer right away and get involved with high school students."

Friday's activities included a tour of ISAT, in which Klevickis made ice cream out of liquid nitrogen and ISAT professor Chris Bachmann gave the students a tour of the alternative fuels vehicle lab. They also conducted an Oobleck experiment and learned how to post discussions with their volunteers.

According to Klevickis, the science activities were meant to give the students a sense of what college science courses are like.

One of the main goals of the Book Buddy Project is to encourage students to reach for college attainment.

The Harrisonburg High School students are involved in the Book Buddy Project through Cathryn Soenksen's English class. HHS freshman Jessica Knight said, "I had a good time. We made gak and ice cream and got our books. This experience [so far] has been very helpful."

Klevickis said, "The high school students were very enthusiastic. It meant a lot to them that JMU students cared enough to do this."

As Friday's activities were a way of beginning the project, Schultz said there have been discussions about bringing the students back at the end of the semester to meet with their partners one last time. However, no plans have been finalized.



AMY PATERSON/photo editor

Professor Cindy Klevickis makes ice cream with liquid nitrogen during the kickoff of the Book Buddy Project.

## States' rights go center stage at Supreme Court

BY DAVID SAVAGE  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

The Supreme Court will take up states' rights — of both the blue- and red-state variety — in a pair of election-law cases to be heard this week that could have major effects on the future of American politics.

Tiny Vermont, a true blue state, hopes to restore small-town democracy by greatly limiting the role of money in politics. If its new spending caps win before the high court, they could change how campaigns are conducted across the nation.

Meanwhile, Texas, the biggest of the red states, is defending its right to redraw its electoral districts to give its GOP majority more seats in Congress. If its extraordinary mid-decade shift wins in the high court, other states have signaled they will do the same.

The pair of cases will also give strong clues about the court's newest members, Chief Justice John G. Roberts and Justice Samuel A. Alito.

In the Vermont case, Republicans say the free-speech principle in the First Amendment is fundamental to American politics, and that any government-enforced limit on campaign spending is unconstitutional.

Three years ago, the Supreme Court narrowly upheld the McCain-Feingold Act, which barred big contributions to political parties. Justice Sandra Day O'Connor cast a deciding fifth vote to reject the legal challenge led by Republican Sen. Mitch McConnell of Kentucky.

Justices Antonin Scalia, Clarence Thomas and Anthony M. Kennedy voted to strike down these contribution limits on First Amendment grounds. If Roberts and Alito agree with them, the court could rule that contribution limits, as well as spending limits, are unconstitutional.

But the Vermont case is driven by liberal reformers who hope the Supreme Court will reconsider its 30-year old ruling in *Buckley v. Valeo*. Then, the justices set a confusing, two-part rule that has been the law ever since.

Vermonters said they wanted to turn back the clock to a time when candidates had to listen first to voters, not just to campaign contributors. Their "faith in the integrity of government [had been] profoundly shaken by the effects of large contributions and unfettered campaign spending," said state Attorney General William Sorrell, who will defend the law in the Supreme Court.

The new law said candidates for the state senate could spend only \$4,000 to run for office. Running statewide, candidates for governor would be limited to \$300,000. And incumbents could spend only 90 percent as much as challengers.

In addition, contribution limits were set very low. For example, donors to statewide candidates, like the governor, could give no more than \$400 to a candidate.

Seventeen other states have joined Vermont in arguing for states' rights. Included are "blue states" such as California, New York, Connecticut, Illinois, Maryland and Minnesota. They say voters and lawmakers should have the freedom to set campaign limits and to protect "the integrity of the democratic process."

On Wednesday, the court will hear the Texas case — a challenge to the controversial redistricting that was engineered by former House Majority Leader Tom DeLay after Republicans won control of the state legislature in 2003.

Electoral district boundaries are traditionally redrawn after the national census is conducted every 10 years. The idea is to make sure that population shifts are reflected in state legislatures as well as Congress. But, Texas Republicans took action mid-decade.

"This case is fundamentally about democracy," said R. Ted Cruz, the Texas solicitor general, defending the move as a matter of fairness.

Democrats had controlled the state for decades, he said, and drew district lines that allowed Democrats to hold a majority of its seats in Congress, even as most of the state's voters cast ballots for Republicans. After Republicans took solid control of both houses of the state legislature in 2003, DeLay spurred lawmakers to redraw the congressional districts again so as to knock off six Democratic members of the House.

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Juniors Monique Hall and Meagan Lyles and freshmen Chiquita King and Anasa King play Black History Jeopardy Thursday night, sponsored by the Black Student Alliance.

## Preliminary results find ricin in Texas dorm room

BY SYLVIA MORENO  
THE WASHINGTON POST

The FBI sent a team of experts on weapons of mass destruction Saturday to collect samples of a powder found in a University of Texas student dormitory that were preliminarily identified as the deadly poison ricin.

A student discovered the powder Thursday afternoon in a roll of quarters she was using to operate washing machines in Moore-Hill Hall. She notified dormitory officials, who brought in university police and local health authorities.

Preliminary tests conducted by the Austin-Travis County Health and Human Services Department showed by Friday night that the powder was ricin, prompting the involvement of the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force. The dormitory was temporarily closed for decontamination, and the 400 students living in Moore-Hill Hall were notified of the results at a late-night briefing at a nearby dorm. Other than the laundry room and a portion of the second floor, Moore-Hill was reopened to students at 12:30 a.m. Saturday.

Special Agent Rene Salinas of the FBI's San Antonio office said the agency believed the incident "is not terrorist connected." But he said a team of WMD experts from FBI headquarters in Quantico, Va., had flown to Austin to collect samples of the powder for further testing. Other federal agents "are trying to determine the exact origin of this material," Salinas said, noting that additional testing would be completed over the weekend.

The student who found the powder had not exhibited any symptoms of exposure to the toxin but was notified of the test results and asked to seek medical attention as a precaution. Her roommate was alerted also.

Ricin does not occur naturally but is made from castor bean processing waste, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Web site. It can be manufactured as a powder, a mist or a pellet, or it can be dissolved in water or weak acid. Ricin has some limited medical uses, but as little as 500 micrograms — about the size of the head of a pin — can kill an adult if inhaled or injected. A larger amount would likely be needed to be lethal if ingested. The deadly poison, which kills human cells by preventing them from producing needed proteins, might have been used in the Iran-Iraq war during the 1980s, according to the CDC. Some quantities of ricin were found in al-Qaida caves in Afghanistan.

Salinas said the student was given the roll of quarters by a parent and "may have had the quarters for at least two weeks" in her dorm room. Theresa Spalding, of University Health Services, said the student, whose parents live in Houston, opened the roll Thursday and used some of the coins to wash clothes. She returned to her dorm room to get more coins and tore open the rest of the roll. A white powder came out, along with the rest of the quarters.

"I don't think it was a lot [of powder], but it was enough to get over her computer table," Spalding said.

The student's call to authorities prompted a "white powder alert," for which procedures have been outlined at the university since the 2001 anthrax scares in Washington and New York, Spalding said. The student's room was sealed off and the area around the laundry room machine she was using was decontaminated. When the preliminary test showed a positive ricin result, the laundry room was sealed off and the entire dorm was decontaminated.

University spokeswoman Rhonda Weldon said the school had had several "white powder calls" since 2001, but that such alarms had decreased substantially in recent years. This is the first time an alert had resulted in a positive identification of a toxin. "But let me be clear that at this point, we have no students exhibiting symptoms, including those who reported this," she said.

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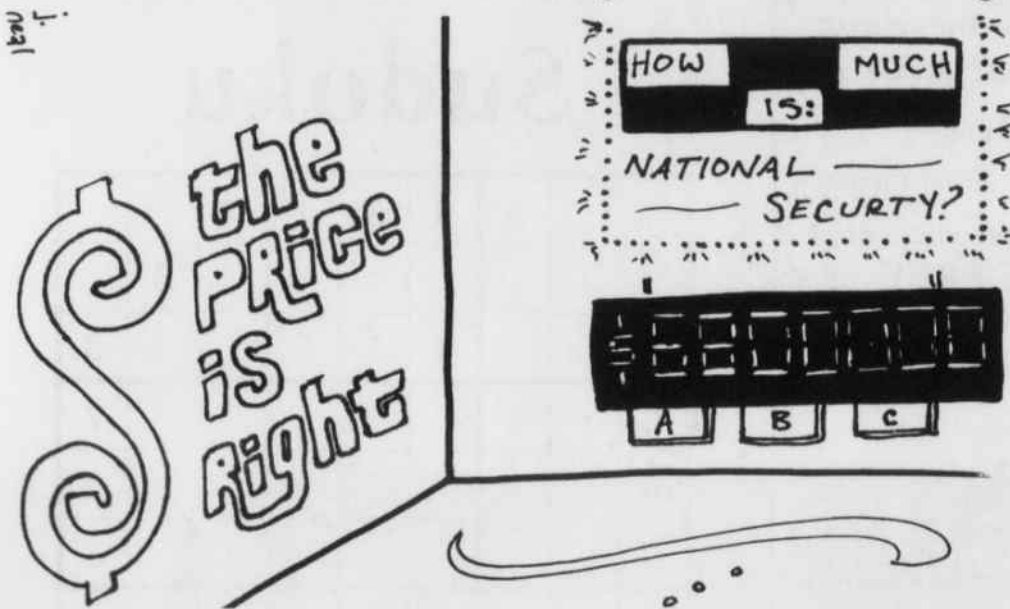
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## HOUSE EDITORIAL

### Threat to national security warrants delay



In case you were wondering — or it comes up on “The Price Is Right” — the price of our national security is \$6.8 billion. That is how much Dubai Ports World, a United Arab Emirates-based corporation is paying to take over British-owned Peninsular & Oriental Steam Navigation Company, which has leases on six major (and no less than 15 additional) U.S. ports. With our ports being one of the few entry points into the country, this deal has raised numerous security questions around Washington. Everyone from ranking Senate Democrat Charles Schumer to Bill Frist have discussed proposing legislation that would delay or deter approval of the sale. The Department of Homeland Security is expressing concerns over the deal, and the press has had a field day. The only one in Washington steadfastly behind the sale is President Bush, who has gone so far as to threaten a veto if any such bill is passed.

Apparently, the war in Iraq has taught the president nothing, for he has demonstrated his willingness to launch a preemptive unilateral war against Congress over the issue. President Bush has not made a frequent habit of using the veto stamp; it has not been employed in over five years. The fact that he has brandished his legislative “nuclear option” this early in the game indicates that turning American ports over to Middle Eastern control is something the president is willing to go to the mat for. If this Washingtonian war of words is not bad enough, President Bush is conducting it for a country whose record on security has been questionable. Pakistan used Dubai ports to smuggle the nuclear technology that helped them get the bomb; the U.A.E. was one of three nations in the world to recognize the Taliban-controlled government before we rolled through Afghanistan. And

if that’s not enough, terrorist organizations have used the Emirates’ extensive banking network to funnel millions of dollars around, some of which has been definitively linked to 9/11. Al-Qaeda also has developed a habit of recruiting and transporting numerous operatives from and through the country. Citing these and other concerns, more level-headed members of Congress have pushed to implement a 45-day holding period on the deal, which would enable security analysts to more extensively weight the risks of the sale. This compromise is a speedbump rather than a brick wall, one which Dubai Ports World has already declared as acceptable. President Bush would be wise to step off the rhetoric, put the safety on his blazing pistols, and agree to the further investigation. Prudence dictates that 45 days could be a literal lifesaver, and it is a disgrace that the man who declared a “war on terror” has not recognized as much.

## BREEZE PERSPECTIVES

### Time with Peace Corps can make proactive difference

BY SARA WOODARD  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

I decided to join the Peace Corps while I was a freshman at JMU. I was studying foreign languages and living in Ashby Hall. With the inspiration of the endless supply of poetry readings and away messages that university life has to offer, I decided to “be the change I wanted to see in the world,” to “make a difference,” and to “live it up.” Right now I live in a tiny one-room apartment on the third floor of a communist-style cement building, in the center of a tiny mountain town called Kriva Palanka. I am a Peace Corps volunteer in the former Yugoslav country of Macedonia. I’ve been living here at my site for two months now. Before that, I lived in a different town for three months with a host family, and learned to speak Macedonian. Now, I am living here in Kriva Palanka, 17 kilometers away from the Bulgarian border, but seemingly decades away from the world of prosperity that the European Union appears to offer. I am trying to come to peace with the fact that I can’t change the world, but rather I can make a difference, one person at a time. I can teach someone how to turn on a computer or how to say, “My name is Igor.” I can bring hope to a people who have desperately fallen upon hard times. My life is exciting and oddly romantic. Every day, I wake up and take a rickety old van — left over from the fruitful times of Tito — to work. I work in three different schools where English is taught in three tiny villages. But sometimes we spend half

the class trying to get the fire going in the old dilapidated wood stove, so that at least the kids in the front row can defrost their freezing hands in order write down how to conjugate the verb “to be” in the present tense. Being a volunteer in Peace Corps Macedonia has been fascinating so far. I have tasted hundreds of interesting foods that I had never even imagined before. My Macedonian friends have done the same (i.e. peanut butter, oatmeal cookies, marshmallows...). I have hiked to the tops of mountains and stood looking over at territory that has belonged to almost every great empire of the world while standing on crumbling forts built by the Romans over two thousand years ago. I have listened to Turbo-folk music, danced the Oro, drunken homemade wine and brandy, and rented movies the day after they opened in theaters in the United States, for only a dollar. I decided to become a Peace Corps volunteer because I was in love with the idea of living in another country, using my hard-earned skills to help other people, while at the same time, learning and growing an enormous amount myself. I love meeting new people, speaking another language and the challenge of living alone in a completely new society. And now, here I am, changing the world one light bulb at a time. Let the games begin. Sara Rich Woodward is a 2004 graduate of JMU. She is now serving as a Peace Corps Volunteer in the role of English Resource teacher in Macedonia, where she will live and work for two years. Woodward can be reached at XTKarpas@yahoo.com.

## BREEZE PERSPECTIVES

### Stuffed students can help to take a bite out of world hunger

BY MIKE LEON  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Hunger. To most of us here at JMU, all that means is the queasy unpleasant growling of the stomach we experience while waiting to get out of a class or, in the most extreme cases, forgoing lunch to do homework. However, that same word holds a much greater meaning for people around the world. To them, hunger isn’t just an annoyance; it is a defining aspect of their state of being. Of all the people of the globe, one-third are starving. I don’t mean to preach or try to put people in the United States on a guilt trip for eating well, but this problem needs solving. Before discussing solutions, it is important to determine exactly what is meant by the word “hunger.” When discussing what we call world hunger and its consequences, we are specifically talking about a condition in which the kind and quantity of food consumed by a person do not provide the energy necessary to function on a biological function. Basically, if your diet doesn’t let you do anything other than breathe and beat your heart, you would be classified as chronically hungry. As a direct result of the resultant malnutrition and hunger, 15 million children die every year worldwide. The number of people who live with hunger worldwide is estimated to be somewhere around 850 million. The cause of this isn’t even that there isn’t enough food to go around — overall production of food around the world is up from what it was 30 years ago. The problem is chiefly monetary; most people simply don’t have the funds to buy the amount of food that they need or enough land to grow

it. Living life on less than \$1 a day doesn’t give you many options. If the problem is that the people who need food can’t afford it, then the solution would appear to be rather simple. If everyone were to give a small donation of say, \$5, to a charitable organization that concerns itself with the distribution of food around the world, the problem could be relieved significantly. For instance, the cost of all the world’s sanitation and hunger requirements is equal to the amount people in America and Europe spend on perfume in a given year. For the price of one missile, a school full of hungry children could eat lunch for one year. If the people of the United States and their government made a commitment to assuaging this problem, it could easily be accomplished. Also, the positive effects this would have on the image of America throughout the world would enhance the already obvious benefits of addressing this issue. My purpose in writing this article is simple: world hunger is a huge problem and we, as people living in the most prosperous nation in the history of mankind, have a moral obligation to at least try and help. I’m not saying that you should go on hunger strikes and give up the weekly feasts on grilled cheese Thursdays at D-hall. Just take some time and try to help remedy this situation. Whether that means donating money or writing a letter to your senator asking the government to give more makes no difference. If everyone does something, perhaps we won’t have to turn on the nightly news and see malnourished children and hear about the millions who die from lack of sustenance every year. Our humanity demands it. Mike Leon is a freshman English major.



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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## If not Olympics, what is a 'sport'?

The Winter Olympics — are they really that boring? The answer lies in this next question: Do you think the Super Bowl is a big deal?

If you said yes, then ask yourself this: Is it really the game that you are excited about? Or the commercials? Or pregame? That's what I thought; it's an annual excuse to drink beer.

When the Olympics roll around every four years it is all about the games. You can argue that the "sports" aren't sports at all. The excitement isn't there, the Olympics are only hype and no action. But charging down a sheet of ice at speeds topping around 80 miles and hour, falling from extreme heights onto hard surfaces and barreling down the side of a mountain is as much of a rush as one of Michael Jordan's famous tongue-hanging-out slam dunks.

On the topic of interesting sports, of course curling isn't action-packed, but then tune into the short track races or, the newest event, snowboard cross. The crashes are amazing. The balls on these athletes are more than any baseball player will ever have. The level of intensity is more than that of your average game making the Olympic schedule chock-full of sports; in the purest sense of the word.

The "blah" factor, well, that is just what I would say to people who disregard the Olympics as just another collection of Americans in funny outfits.

Jennifer Everdale  
freshman HTM major

## Politicians give Va. homosexuals the shaft

Virginia is notorious for harboring snake oil salesmen like Pat Robertson, Jerry Falwell and their clique of superstitious, bigoted fanatics; people who go to see "Deliverance" over and over again (for some reason) but boycott "Brokeback Mountain."

Virginia made the news again when Gov. Kaine, who opposes basic rights like same-sex marriage, etc., decided to cover his backside with an easy gesture towards the lesbians and gays who helped elect him. He's forbidding bigots from discriminating in hiring for state jobs — though, like most Democrats, Kaine will require a spinal transplant before hazarding any further.

Not exactly Red Revolution, but State Attorney General Bob McDonnell says it's "unconstitutional." (Is he referring to the Confederate constitution — he can't mean the U.S. Constitution?) McDonnell is acting on behalf of Del. Marshall, R-Prince William, who claims that gays and lesbians aren't discriminated against. That's news to everyone else, with the exception of the aforementioned religious fanatics, men like Jack Knapp of the Virginia Assembly of Independent Baptists, who opposes ending discrimination against gays and lesbians.

Marshall also said "Second, I see it as a way to give legal status to sodomy and other practices homosexuals engage in." Is he aware that the U.S. Supreme Court tossed all anti-gay "sodomy" laws into the garbage, where they belong? Does the poor man realize that his state-

ments brand him not only a bigot but a practitioner of the Nazi big lie technique? Does he understand that men like Benedict Arnold, Jeff Davis, Joseph McCarthy and Richard Nixon are detested and that sooner or later people shrink back from the stench of fascism? Obviously not yet, but he will.

Bill Perdue  
Roseville

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## PREVIEW

### Court Square Theater to host diverse events throughout March

#### Movies, music to grace Theater stage

BY HALI CHET  
SENIOR WRITER

JMU professors, folk music and Muslim comedy will be presented at Court Square Theater in downtown Harrisonburg throughout the month of March.

The first event for the month is a folk music concert. In conjunction with WMRA 90.7 FM, Court Square Theater will present John McCutcheon, a highly respected folk singer, on Sunday, March

5. Throughout his career thus far, this popular artist has received five Grammy nominations for his original music. McCutcheon will take the stage at 7:30 p.m., and tickets can be purchased for \$18 in advance — \$16 for students and seniors — or at the door for \$20.

Show your support for some of JMU's very own faculty and watch the Montpelier Quintet perform on Monday, March 6. This in-residence woodwind quintet from the school of music is made up of faculty members Beth Chandler (flute), Michele Kirkdorffer (oboe), Janice Minor (clarinet), Susan Barber (bassoon) and Abigail Pack (horn). They will be playing a reper-

toire of 20th-century pieces by composers György Ligeti, Lalo Schiffrin, Carl Nielsen and Malcolm Arnold.

The Montpelier Quintet, which has been together for five years, is looking forward to their performance.

"We're particularly excited to be performing at Court Square Theater because it's a great opportunity to reach out to the community beyond JMU," said Beth Chandler, assistant professor of flute. "We play frequently on campus, but it will be nice to play elsewhere in our area, especially in the heart of downtown Harrisonburg." Tickets for the show, which begins at 7:30 p.m., are \$5 at the door. "We hope

to have a good turnout here at home in preparation for our upcoming concert at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., on Wednesday, March 15," Chandler said. For those who are interested in attending the Kennedy Center performance, contact Donna Wampler in the school of music at x86863.

In preparation for St. Patrick's Day, Court Square Theater will be holding an evening of traditional Irish music and dance on Friday, March 10 at 8 p.m. Tickets purchased in advance will be \$12 for adults and \$10 for students and seniors. Tickets purchased at the door

see THEATER, page 9

## PREVIEW

### Poetry great to speak in Wilson tonight

Performance will be a first-time recitation

BY ZACH BEARD  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Some say Nikki Giovanni is the godmother of hip-hop. But in the 1970s, Giovanni wasn't trying to get the crowd crunked — she was trying to get the world to listen.

An uncompromising social commentator and equal-rights advocate, Giovanni recorded her album *Truth Is On Its Way* in 1971 to critical acclaim. The avant-garde recording combined traditional gospel spirituals with Giovanni's proactive social views bound together by poetry and a powerful voice.

To commemorate the 35th anniversary of the groundbreaking recording, Giovanni is recreating *Truth* with a combined 125-voice gospel choir in concert at Wilson Hall on Monday at 7 p.m. This is the first time Giovanni has ever performed the album in concert.

Giovanni originally recorded the album when there was no real concept of adapting the spoken word to gospel music. Now the poet has a generation familiar with hip-hop, and the local help of five Virginia colleges.

The concert features student choirs from JMU, Eastern Mennonite University, Mary Baldwin College, Virginia State University and Washington & Lee University. Being the only traditional black college of the five, half of the choir and the full-sized band on stage with Giovanni are from Virginia State University.

"She's one of the major poets of her generation," said Jean Cash, professor of English at JMU. "One of her strengths is her ability to move and change with the times."

Joanne Gabbin, professor of English and executive director of the Furious Flower Poetry Center at JMU, said in a recent article in the *Daily News-Record* that Giovanni has gone from militant to mellow as her works have matured.

The Furious Flower Poetry Center, founded in 1999, provides research and publication opportunities for advancement of African-American poetry.

In addition to the Poetry Center, the event is sponsored by the Center for Multi-Cultural Services, the University Program Board and Washington & Lee University.

Giovanni, 62, is a native of Knoxville, Tenn., and a University Distinguished Professor of English at Virginia Tech. She is a poet, social commentator and educator, who, during the 1970s, gained attention nationally through her poetry readings. A prolific writer, she has published more than 20 books, and received more than 20 honorary degrees, her most recent being an honorary doctorate of Human Letters from West Virginia University in 2003.

The concert Monday night is going to be recorded and produced as a new live version of *Truth Is On Its Way*.

Giovanni will sign books and CDs before the concert. Doors open at 6 p.m.

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## I'm addicted to...

Sometimes quirky routines become more than just a bad habit

BY RACHEL BISHOP  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Can't quit sucking your thumb? Many of us have addictions that we can't break, or simply silly routines for good luck. There are also many more serious addictive behaviors that cause harm in a person's life however. So what kinds of addictions do JMU students have? Do any of us still sleep with a teddy bear, spend hours online or brush our hair 100 times before going to bed? And what about the more serious problems like drinking, smoking, eating or even shopping?

Well, some JMU students have test rituals such as wearing lucky underwear, bringing five pencils, or eating a certain food right before test time. Freshman Kirsten Lee, for example, has to chew gum whenever she takes a test.

"It's weird," she says. "I think it helps with anxiety and it helps me focus." Her favorite test-taking brand? Orbit.

Freshman Martha Teu also chews on something during a test: tea tree oil toothpicks. She bought

them from a health store to help her quit smoking, and "now I always like to have one when I'm taking a test," she says.

Others of us are addicted to having our possessions a certain way. Our shoes are organized by color, our jewelry is spread out for easy viewing, our CDs are arranged by artist.

Sophomore Meagan Travers always has her textbooks in alphabetical order on their shelf. "[My roommate] stays away from them," she says, "because they're all chemistry books."

Likewise, freshman Shaina Affatato won't make her bed in the morning. But she does make it right before she goes to sleep. She doesn't feel like it in the morning, she says, but she "hate[s]" when the sheets are messed up and the pillows are really flat, so she makes it before she lies down.

Freshman Jessica Chambers also admits to having little addictions. She wears two bracelets every day and always puts her left bracelet on before her right one.

"But that might be because it's harder to put the left one on," she jokes. She also checks her Web-

mail and Facebook every morning, as soon as she wakes up, and eats at the same place every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Similarly, Travers always puts her right contact in before her left one, and drinks coffee every morning.

These behaviors are silly and light, but many people have more serious problems with addictive behaviors. They often put the activity or object above all else in their lives, which can cause mental and physical harm. Examples include physical addiction to substances like alcohol or marijuana and psychological addictions like gambling, sex, shopping or eating disorders. Research shows that these activities often produce beta-endorphins in the brain, which cause the person to feel a kind of high. They then get addicted to that feeling, and continue their activity to achieve it.

According to the research of Dr. Ruth Engs, a health science professor at Indiana University, there are 10 common characteristics of people with addictions. A person becomes obsessed with the behav-

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### Reggae band takes inspiration from classics

iRon Lion performs at Dave's Taverna during weekend

BY ERIN SANDERS  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The young reggae vocalist iRon Lion offered a mix of old reggae favorites like Bob and Ziggy Marley infused with R&B sounds from groups like the Fugees at Dave's Downtown Taverna on Saturday night. Ronnie Brandon, the vocalist and keyboardist of iRon Lion, got his start at an early age singing in his local church. Since then, he has grown to covering anything from college parties to opening for larger reggae performances, like The Razor Posse, The Wailers Band and Stable Roots. The name of his Reggae band was an inspiration taken from a Bob Marley song, "Iron Lion, Zion."

Throughout his set, iRon Lion mixed his tracks with simple ditties like "feel the

vibrations, drink drinks at the bar, enjoy yourself and fasten your seat belts as we take you on a ride," to keep the audience interested.

Although the music was well-played and well-delivered, the arena to which iRon Lion was playing was not ideal.

While many were appreciative of the live entertainment, reggae in a local tavern and sports bar setting seemingly are not the best fit. But overall, iRon Lion, with his melting pot of young talent, inspiration and experience, keyed in and gave a groovy performance to patrons.



AARON STEWART/staff photographer

Saturday night, iRon Lion played a mix of reggae music at Dave's Downtown Taverna.

### Author has kitchenware rider on insurance policy

Freelancer believes his appliances are out to get him

BY JERRY ZEJIMA  
THE STAMFORD ADVOCATE

As a homeowner who lives in deadly fear that inanimate objects are out to get me, I have come to the frightening conclusion that my house is booby-trapped. I base this belief on the fact that I can't open a door, a drawer or a cabinet without being physically attacked by the contents therein.

I don't know if anyone else has this problem, but I do know that in my house, there is a definite conspiracy against me. The worst offenders are the plastic containers that live in the cabinet above the oven in the kitchen.

Every morning, when I open the cabinet to get a coffee mug, I am pelted by a torrent of Tupperware. There are scores of these insidious bowls and their corresponding tops and they seem to be multiplying at an alarming rate. At least I haven't been hit on the head by any of the dozen or so coffee mugs in there. Maybe tomorrow morning. We have so many containers because my wife says we need them for leftovers. This would be fine if we were feeding, say, China.

Then there is the drawer on the right side of the

main counter. I take my life in my hands every time I open it because it contains lethal implements such as knives, scissors and corkscrews. Invariably, I'll have trouble getting into it because something will become lodged between the drawer and the counter. One day I became so frustrated after several minutes of trying to open the stupid thing that I gave the drawer a big jerk (which pretty much describes me) and was almost hit in the eye by a flying steak knife.

Less dangerous but no less maddening is the cabinet below the counter next to the refrigerator. It houses cereal boxes, pretzel bags, popcorn packs and various other items whose primary purpose in life is not to feed but to annoy me. Every time I open the door to get something, almost everything else cascades out onto the floor. It's enough to drive a man crazy. Or, in my case, crazier.

I won't even mention the refrigerator except to say that if I want something in there, I always have to remove 17 other things to reach it. And most of those things are leftovers in (you guessed it) Tupperware containers.

The freezer is no better, except that if something falls out, it is frozen solid and lands directly on my foot. All of this happens in the kitchen, but the rest of the house is just as aggressive. I recently made the mistake of opening the hall closet to get a coat. As I

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## THEATER: Downtown presents varied genres

*After the indie and foreign film series last month, Court Square Theater offers assorted movies throughout the month of March*

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will be \$15 for adults and \$13 for students and seniors.

If you missed out on the movie "Brokeback Mountain" and would like to see it on the big screen, you are in luck. Court Square Theater will be showing the film at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 12, and 7:30 p.m. on Monday, March 13. Tickets are \$5 at the door. This movie, which tells the story of two young men who meet in the summer of 1963 in Wyoming and create a strong lifelong bond, is up for eight Oscars at this year's 78th Annual Academy Awards.

An original feature film also will be shown during the month at the Theater. "Looking for Comedy in the Muslim World," a part of the Independent and Foreign Film Series, will be shown four days — Thursday, March 23 at 7:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday, March 24 and 25 at 8 p.m.,

and Sunday, March 26 at 2:30 p.m. Written and directed by comedian Albert Brooks, this humorous film tells the story of what happens when the U.S. government sends Brooks to India and Pakistan to find out what makes the more than 300 million Muslims in the area laugh. "The film is a funny and insightful look at some of the issues we are dealing with in a post-9/11 world," Owens said. Tickets will be \$5 at the door.

If you want to bring out your inner child, the production of "Hannah and Gretel" — a twist on the classic tale — will take place on Thursday, March 30 and Friday, March 31 at 7 p.m. The performance is brought to you by JMU's very own Children's Playshop. Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$5. For more information on any of the above events or to purchase tickets in advance, visit [courtsquaretheater.com](http://courtsquaretheater.com) or call the box office at 433-9189.

## ADDICTED: Students confess compulsions

*Student Counseling and Development Center offers help for dangerous habits*

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ior and will continue to do it, even though it causes harm, she said. The person will "do the activity over and over even if he or she does not want to and find it difficult to stop," Eng said. When a person does stop, they go through withdrawal, which can include irritability and depression. The person cannot control their behavior often denies having a problem, hides the behavior from people

around them, and cannot even remember having done it. Depression is very common and the person suffering often has low self-esteem and feels anxious, Eng said.

Most of us have some unique habit or routine we do all the time. We may refuse to leave the room without matching, we may check our friends' away messages every five minutes, we may watch TV more than we talk to our friends, use

Chapstick obsessively or spend hours on Facebook. While "addictions" to coffee, chewing gum or making beds are not nearly as harmful as alcohol, eating and compulsive spending, they all involve a little obsession with controlling the environment. Nearly everyone feels addicted to something, but if you feel like it's gotten out of control, contact the Counseling and Student Development Center or someone you trust.

## KITCHENWARE: Paranoia sets in for author

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was yanking it out (the dumb thing was crammed in with approximately 47 other coats), I knocked over a vase containing dried flowers. It took me half an hour to clean up all the broken glass.

The liquor cabinet is a catch-22, not just because I need a drink after doing battle with knives and pretzels, but because every time I open the door, I have to catch 22 bottles and glasses that come tumbling out. Same goes for tumblers.

Going upstairs is an adventure in itself. When-

ever I try to get a towel or a washcloth out of the linen closet, I initiate an avalanche that buries me up to the knees.

Then there are my drawers. Both kinds. The other day I tried to pull a pair of boxer shorts out of my bureau, which is jammed with about two dozen of them, and a second pair leaped out at me.

Have you ever been hit in the face by flying underwear? I could go on, but you get the idea: My house is booby-trapped. I would have come out of the closet about this sooner, but I didn't feel like cleaning up another broken vase.

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JMU sophomore right-hander Ryan Reid improved to 1-1 Sunday afternoon, going five innings and striking out eight in the Diamond Dukes' win over Fairfield.



## Madison routs Fairfield

*Diamond Dukes sweep three-game series Sunday*

BY MATTHEW STOSS  
SPORTS EDITOR

Most baseball games take nine innings. Sunday afternoon against Fairfield, JMU only needed one.

The Diamond Dukes put up eight runs on seven hits in the bottom of the first inning and sent eight men to the plate before the Stags recorded an out. Madison cruised the rest of the way en route to the three-game series sweep and a 15-4 whipping of Fairfield on a frigid day at Long Field/Mauk Stadium.

"We're not going to hit as poorly as we did against Clemson and George Washington,"

Diamond Dukes' coach Spanky McFarland said. "And, we're probably not going to hit as well as we did against [Fairfield]. It will probably be somewhere in the middle."

JMU outscored Fairfield 47-10 over the weekend, led by Kellen Kulbacki. The Diamond Dukes' sophomore center fielder finished the series 9 of 11 with three home runs and 11 RBIs, including a 3 for 4 performance Sunday where he crushed two homers — one to dead center — and drove in four. The Hershey, Pa., native now owns the team-lead in RBIs (11) and is hitting .478.

"It's weird, because I probably played the worst game of my life Wednesday [against George Washington]," Kulbacki said. "I

went 0 for 4 with four strikeouts. I just had to get that out of my head and put it in the past.

"[Fairfield] was a great series. I felt comfortable and was seeing the ball well."

McFarland believes the showing against Fairfield might turn some heads in the Colonial Athletic Association for the coming week.

"It's odd," the eighth-year coach said. "He hit well against Clemson and the funny thing is, he looked so bad against George Washington, but I think that was a good thing. It was a wake-up call for him. He's got a chance at Player of the Week."

JMU also got offense from senior second baseman Michael Cowgill, who finished 2 of 3 with a solo home run and two RBIs. For the series, Cowgill went 6 for 10 with three home runs and

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### Baseball

Sunday

Fairfield	4
JMU	15

## Madison finishes fourth

*Keel wins two freestyle golds, breaks record*

BY JENNIFER CHAPMAN  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Finally, a new name can be added to the individual champions board in the Savage Natatorium in Godwin hall. Junior freestyler Allison Keel earned her spot in JMU history not once, but twice, becoming a conference champion in both the 100 and 200-yard freestyles.

After finishing fourth in the 50-yard freestyle, Keel went into the finals of both the 100 and 200 seeded first and never looked back.

"I was trying to get best times in my events and win at least one. So I did exactly what I wanted to do," Keel said.

Keel's time of 50.84 in the 100 free earned her an NCAA "B" standard qualifier. Her 200 time of 1:51.30, broke her own school record and will leave her name on the JMU record board for all three sprint freestyle events.

The team finished a step up from last year with a fourth place overall. North Carolina-Wilmington took first. Other key contributors for the Dukes were grad student Christine Filak and senior Rebecca Schofield.

Filak had an impressive swim in the 200-yard backstroke where she led for the majority of the race and finished in second place. Her time of 2:04.34 was a career best. Her time of 57.45 in the 100-yard backstroke was good enough for third place. She also placed ninth in the 50-yard freestyle.

"Even though the team is young, it was led by the seniors, those in the water tonight, and those who came to cheer," Smith said. "The team is what it is because of them."

Although senior Rebecca Schofield swam the three longest events, it did not prevent her from posting top times for the Dukes. Her best performance came in her 400-yard IM. After backstroke, Schofield was in fourth but quickly moved up to second during breaststroke. Her time of 4:29.12 was good enough for second. She was third in the 500-yard free with a time of 5:04.71.

The younger swimmers also made strides in the championships in the 100 and 200-yard fly where three freshmen made the finals. In the 200, Jessica Lee finished fifth with a time of 2:07.10, followed by Ashton Goodwillie in seventh, and Page Gray in twelfth. Goodwillie, Lee, and Gray finished 11th, 12th and 13th respectively in the 100-yard fly.

The 200 and 400-yard freestyle relays finished second with the swims of Keel, Filak, freshman Megan Heil, and senior Megan Loucks.

"As a first-year head coach, I can look back on this year and learn," Smith said. "As an alumna of JMU, I have the best interests for the team. This year was a very exciting and thrilling ride that leaves a lot of room for us to grow."

Alli Miller finished ninth in the one-meter dive followed by teammate Nicole Simmons in 13th. Each dropped one spot in the 3-meter dive.

"Every year is another year and we are going to have to put in a lot of work for next year. We are going to have to move forward with our resources, swimmers, and the support we have," Smith said.

## Panthers tamed

CAROLYN WALSER/  
senior photographer

JMU sophomore forward Tamera Young was one of two Dukes to finish with a double-double Sunday against Georgia State. Junior center Meredith Alexis was the other one. Young 19 points and Alexis had a game-high 20.



*Dukes win 21st of year, beat GSU*

BY JAMES IRWIN  
SENIOR WRITER

Two days after clinching its first 20-win season in five years, the JMU women's basketball team notched win No. 21 with an emphatic second-half performance.

Junior center Meredith Alexis and sophomore forward Tamera Young had double-doubles and the Dukes used a 20-1 run in the second half to post a 79-54 win over the Georgia State Panthers Sunday at the Convocation Center.

"We came out in the second half with added intensity," junior shooting guard Andrea Benvenuto said. "We always look to push the ball. Our defense stepped up and we moved better."

The Panthers made life difficult for the 21-5 Dukes in the first half, pestering JMU on defense and hitting enough shots to go into the locker room down 35-24 and still very much in the game. But things unraveled quickly for Georgia State after the intermission.

"We did a poor job making shots," Georgia State coach Lea Henry-Manning said. "We didn't finish our opportunities. They took advantage of our slump and got into transition."

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### Women's Basketball

Sunday

GSU	54
JMU	79

### Women's Swimming

## Opening Day

CAROLYN WALSER/senior photographer  
JMU junior midfielder Kelly Berger runs up field in Madison season-opener vs. Longwood.

## Smyth wins gold, JMU fourth

BY JENNIFER CHAPMAN  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The men's swimming and diving team saw outstanding performances at the Colonial Athletic Association Championship from its three seniors all the way to its freshmen. The team finished fourth with 439 points as North Carolina Wilmington captured the men's title.

"This is huge," first-year coach Chris Feaster said. "We are only graduating about fifteen percent of our points. We had ten freshmen swim this meet, and I think we had about 95 percent lifetime best swims. It was awesome."

The most notable performance came from freshman breaststroker Russell Smyth. Smyth, who didn't begin training until November due to shoulder surgery, was the sole CAA champion for the Dukes. He won the 200-yard breaststroke in a career-best time of 2:02.94 after swimming a personal best in the morning prelims with a 2:05. He also finished third in the 100-yard breast with a 57.19 and fifth in the 200-yard IM.

"I really owe this to all the people that were out there helping me and be-

lieving in me with all my struggles with my shoulders," Smyth said.

In addition to Smyth's performance in the 200-yard breaststroke, sophomore Brian Freitag finished third. Freitag highlighted some of the Dukes' top individual performances. In both the 200-yard and 400-yard individual medleys, Freitag split the fastest breaststroke times to finish in second place in both events.

Junior backstroker Josh Fowler was also a top finisher in three individual events. He took third in the 100-yard back in a time of 50.79 and seventh in the 100 fly in 51.51. However, his most exciting race came from the 200-yard backstroke, which he led for the first 100 yards and finished second just behind Old Dominion standout Patrick Balint.

"I'm pretty satisfied with the way I swam," Fowler said. "I went after that 200 backstroke and I was the underdog. I was beating him at the 100 and just really went after it, so I am definitely happy with my finish."

All three seniors left it in the pool as each closed out their swimming careers with excellent performances. Brad Burton was second in the 100-yard fly with a career-best of 50.71 and fifth in the 200-yard fly with a 1:54.35. RJ Dunn was 11th in the 50-yard free and Evan Carhart 12th in the 200-yard back.

"I am really pumped to be on the team this year and couldn't ask for a better time for my last year here at JMU," Burton said.

The relay teams had equal success as three of the five relays made it to the podium. The 400-yard medley team of Fowler, Smyth, Burton and junior John Chartier finished second. Fowler, Smyth, Burton and Dunn placed third in the 200-yard medley. Dunn, Fowler, freshman Dan Smullen and Chartier also took third in the 200-yard free relay.

Other key finishers for the Dukes were Chartier, seventh in 100 free, junior Mitch Dalton eighth in the 100 breast, Smullen 13th in the 50 free, and Scott Terry 14th in 200 fly. Diver Kyle Knott finished eighth in the 1-meter and ninth in the 3-meter.

"The team did really well, Feaster said. "I thought Russ [Smyth], Fowler, Freitag, Mitch [Dalton], Chartier and Brad [Burton] all really stepped it up for this meet. They all had great swims."

"The team is only going to go forward," Dunn said. "Coach has a great positive attitude, is really well liked and respected. He has high goals of taking the team up and the team shares those goals."

"The program is only going to get better."

## Dukes drop finale

*Swanston leads JMU with 17 points in loss*

FAIRFAX — The JMU men's basketball team dropped its season finale to George Mason Saturday afternoon 95-68 at the Patriot Center.

The Patriots were led by senior guard Lamar Butler, who scored a game-high 27 points, while going 10-15 from the floor and 7 of 9 from beyond the arc.

JMU was led by freshman forward Kyle Swanston, who scored 17 points — one of three Madison freshmen in double digits. Guard Joe Posey tied his career high with 14 points and forward Juwan James added 10.

The Colonial Athletic Association tournament starts Friday and JMU faces Northeastern in the opening round.

JMU	29	39	— 68
George Mason	41	54	— 95

JMU — Kyle Swanston 6-15 2-2 17, Juwan James 3-8 4-7 10, Joe Posey 6-12 0-0 14, Lewis Lampley 0-3 0-0 0, Colbey Santos 1-3 0-0 3, David Cooper 2-7 0-0 4, Chris Clarke 1-1 0-1 2, Jomo Belfor 3-5 0-0 7, Gabriel Chami 0-0 0-0 0, Daniel Freeman 3-6 4-6 11, Ray Barbosa 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 25-62 10-16 68. 3-pointers: Swanston 3-8, Posey 2-4, Santos 1-2, Cooper 0-1, Belfor 1-2, Freeman 1-4, Barbosa 0-1.

George Mason — Will Thomas 9-10 3-6 21, Jai Lewis 2-6 6-8 12, Tony Skinn 4-5 0-0 10, Lamar Butler 10-15 0-0 27, Folarin Campbell 3-10 0-0 6, Jordan Carter 1-1 0-1 2, Makan Konate 0-2 0-0 0, Gabe Norwood 2-2 0-1 5, Tim Burns 2-3 0-1 4, Charles Makings 0-0 0-0 0, Chris Fleming 1-2 0-2 2, Sammy Hernandez 3-4 0-0 6. Totals 37-60 9-19 95. 3-pointers: Lewis 2-2, Skinn 2-3, Butler 7-9, Campbell 0-5, Konate 0-1, Norwood 1-1.

Records: JMU (5-22, 2-16 CAA), George Mason (22-6, 15-3 CAA).

### Men's Basketball CAA Standings

	Conf./ Overall
UNC-W	15-3, 22-7
George Mason	15-3, 22-6
Hofstra	14-4, 22-5
Old Dominion	13-5, 21-8
Northeastern	12-6, 17-10
VCU	11-7, 18-9
Towson	8-10, 12-15
Drexel	8-10, 15-15
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Georgia State	3-15, 8-21
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## SWEEP: JMU baseball wins three straight at home

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eight RBIs. Senior catcher Matt Sluder added two RBIs when he went deep in the bottom of the first. Sluder finished 3 for 3 with a pair of singles.

"As a whole, the team came together this weekend," Kulbacki said. "It's great to see everyone hit the ball this well. Even coming off the bench, they were swinging the sticks."

On the mound for the Diamond Dukes (3-4) was sophomore right-hander Ryan Reid. Reid lowered his ERA to 1.80 with a five-inning, eight-strikeout showing Sunday. He held the Stags (0-3) to three hits and walked four while picking

up his first win of the season.

"I felt all right," Reid said. "I had too many walks though. That's something I definitely need to work on and do better, but I'll take the win and the sweep."

"The team was really hitting the ball well and it's good for the pitcher's confidence when he knows the team is going to hit."

JMU is in the midst of a nine-game home stand and are back in action Wednesday, hosting Liberty at 2:30 p.m. They close out their home stand against Wagner and Longwood.

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Doug Ciallella, Dan Gallagher (7) and Tom Arpino and Phillip Espinosa; Ryan Reid, Trevor Kaylid (6), Kurt Houck (7), Justin Wood (8), Geoff Degener (9) and Brett Garner and Dan Santobianco.

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Records: Fairfield (0-3), JMU (3-4).

## WIN: Dukes dispose of Panthers at Convo Sunday afternoon



CAROLYN WALSER/senior photo: Junior guard Lesley Dickinson scored 12 points against the Panthers Sunday afternoon. The Dukes won their 21st game of the season, and are undefeated in the Convo. Madison closes out its season this Thursday when they host ODU.

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From there, the Dukes' size and athleticism took over. The 20-1 stretch was part of a bigger 36-8 run where the Dukes extended their lead from seven to 35. JMU held a 51-36 rebounding edge.

"After halftime we turned things up," JMU coach Kenny Brooks said. "We went to a zone defense that worked well and we got a kick-start offensively."

The kick-start came from junior forward Shirley McCall, who finished with 19 points and nine rebounds. While JMU's offense struggled in the first half, McCall was everywhere, snagging loose-ball rebounds, posting against bigger players and running in transition. At halftime she was the only player for either team in double figures with 10 points.

"She played fantastic," Brooks said. "We're going to need that production from her from here on out."

The Dukes also got another big game from Benvenuto, who passed out a career-high 12 assists. Her four fellow starters all finished in double figures. Alexis had a game-high 20. Young had 19 along with McCall. Junior shooting guard Lesley Dickinson added 12.

"They did a great job knocking down shots," Benvenuto said. "Sharing the ball like that and getting balanced scoring

from everyone is what we want to do."

The win, coupled with Hofstra's loss to Drexel, moved the Dukes into sole possession of second place in the Colonial Athletic Association. With one regular season game remaining, JMU controls its own destiny as far as seeding goes in the conference tournament.

"It's a great feeling," said Alexis, who was honored before the game for scoring her 1,000th career point and breaking the school's rebounding record last week. "The basketball gods were on our side today."

### Women's Basketball CAA Standings

	Conf./Overall
Old Dominion	16-0, 18-7
JMU	13-4, 21-5
Hofstra	12-5, 17-9
Delaware	12-5, 20-8
William & Mary	11-6, 15-11
UNC-W	8-9, 14-12
Drexel	8-9, 13-13
George Mason	7-10, 11-15
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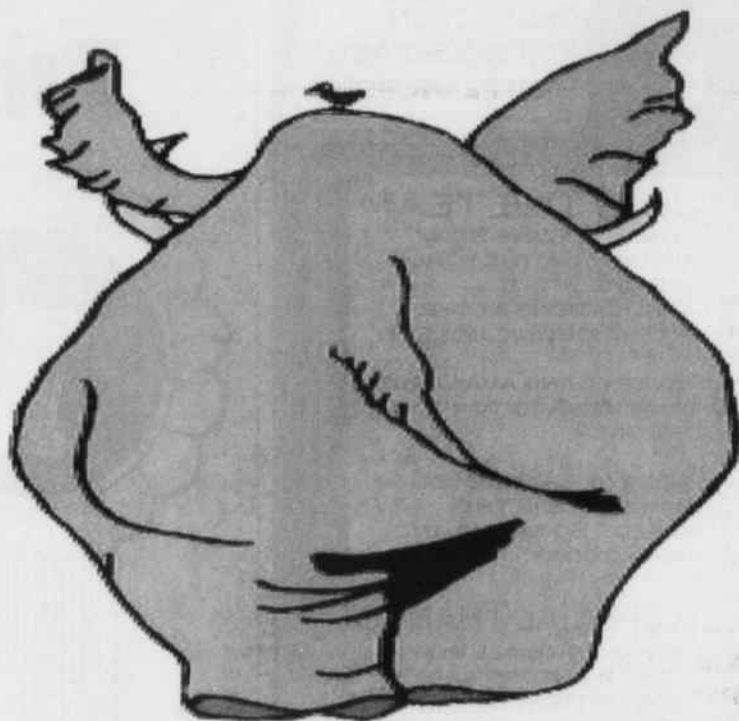
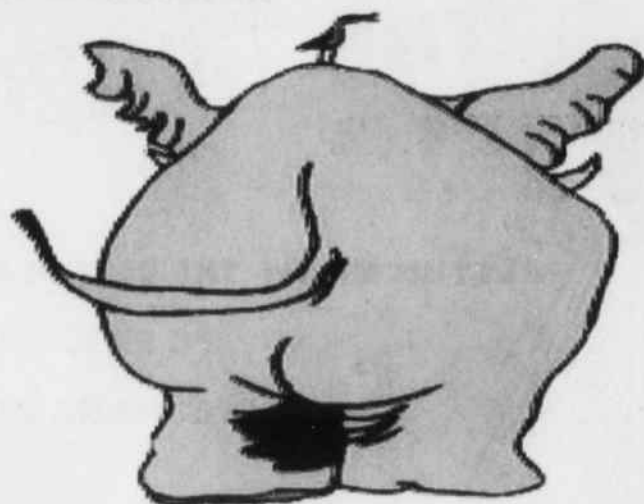
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