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BY MARY CZARSTY
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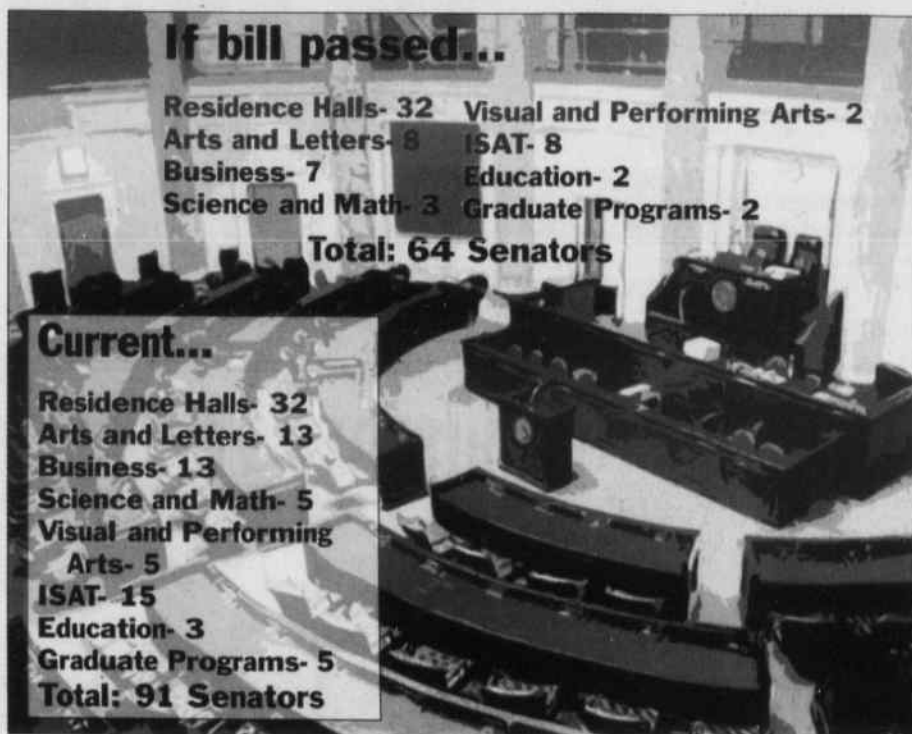
Tuesday night, SGA senators voted to veto a bill that would limit the numbers of seats available for next year's senate, effectively eliminating competition for today's election.

"When you have a body up for elections, they aren't going to pass anything that is going to hinder them and make for a more competitive race," said senator Lucy Hutchinson (Sr.).

According to Ricardo Pineres, former chairman of the Elections Commission, senators representing academic colleges used to be elected in the fall at the same time as residence hall and new freshman executive council senators. Earlier this semester, the SGA's election policy was amended so that college senators would be elected in the spring. However, the SGA did not write full rules for the upcoming spring elections.

Last week, Hutchinson introduced a bill to govern the currently unregulated senatorial race. It was passed by a large majority of the senate, and continued to the Executive Council, where it was vetoed. President Wesli Spencer (Sr.) advocated the veto to the Senate.

"By not supporting this



bill, we have no rules governing our body. Anyone can be a senator," Hutchinson said.

There are no written rules as to how many senators each academic college can receive, or even how many senators can be elected during the election of residence hall senators in the fall.

"This bill will mean our elec-

tions are more competitive and make less seats available next year," said senator Geary Cox (Jr.). "Would I like to veto this bill and coast into my seat for next year? Yes. But it's not about what's best for us, it should be about what's best for the SGA and for JMU."

Formerly, senators were divided as on-campus and off-campus rep-

resentatives. The senate was made up of 30 percent on-campus and 70 percent off-campus senators. Now that changes have been made to the Election Policy, that distinction no longer exists, but there are no clear rules as to how many senators can be elected.

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Professor appointed to council

BY RACHANA DIXIT
NEWS EDITOR

Lennis Echterling, director of the Counseling Psychology program for the department of graduate psychology, has been appointed to the Terrorism and Disaster Behavioral Health Advisory Council for the Commonwealth of Virginia.

TADBHAC, consisting of 15 members, was formed by the Office of the Governor in 2004 and is meant to provide guidance on Virginia's key disaster response entities, covering natural disasters as well as terrorist attacks.

"For twenty years I've been doing disaster mental health work here in Virginia," said Echterling, who has been a full-time faculty member at JMU since 1990 and has directed Counseling Psychology since 1994.

When floods ravaged the state in 1985, Echterling helped organize an outreach response to offer supportive counseling of victims of the flood. Here he began working with the state, which was funding the counseling services.

"As counselors, we're helping people to use their strengths and resources to survive," Echterling said.

In addition, he has worked as a volunteer at the Pentagon after Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"Mainly what we're doing is emphasizing the psychological aspect of [natural disasters]," he said. "You have to cognitively come up with a plan of action and behaviorally take it out."

Echterling

The main question that needs to be asked, he said, was how to treat people after a natural disaster, since people often do not know how to deal with the stress that is accompanied with the tragedy.

But Echterling's disaster work is not only limited to this state. In 1974, when he was studying for his graduate degree and working at a crisis center at Purdue University, massive tornadoes swept through the state, giving Echterling and others incentive to do community crisis work.

"When this tornado hit and killed eight people in a nearby community," Echterling said, "We decided there's a crisis at a community level."

He added, "It was the first organized mental response to a natural disaster."

However, TADBHAC largely deals with the terrorism issue of crisis intervention along with that of natural disasters. Echterling said more components must be addressed when helping victims of these kinds of attacks.

"With terrorism, the other added component is that it's caused by another human being," he said. "You've got that component of anger."

In Virginia especially, many areas could be at higher risk for a terrorist attack, or its indirect effects, due to the close proximity of Washington, D.C.

"We may not be directly hit at all," Echterling said, "But we could be dealing with the consequences of that."

Currently, Echterling's work with TADBHAC consists of putting together an emergency preparedness and response booklet for health care providers and the general public, including immediate information on different types of chemical exposures, anthrax and smallpox.

He hopes his work with the committee will greatly address the psychological strife of disaster victims and help people rely on one another to find the strength to heal.

"On July 4 we celebrate Independence Day," Echterling said, "But I truly believe that all the other days are ones where we can celebrate our interdependence, where we can rely on one another."

Senator Allen to speak at commencement

BY KELLY CONNIFF
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

At this year's spring graduation, Virginia's Senator George Allen will deliver the commencement address.

"He's a good friend of the university, which makes him a natural choice," said JMU spokesman Andy Perrine.

In the past, JMU has welcomed speakers such as John Snow, the current Secretary of the Treasury, and former Virginia governor Mark Warner.

Senator Allen has represented Virginia in a variety of government roles. He has served as one of Virginia's senators since 2001. He also served as the state's 67th governor from 1994-'98. Allen was a U.S. Representative from 1991-'93 and served in the Virginia House of Delegates from 1983-'91.

In order to select a commencement speaker, a committee consisting of a broad range of students, faculty and

administrators.

"They choose a speaker, and if they are available and affordable, we engage them," Perrine said.

Although students recognize the prestige and importance of Allen coming to JMU, some feel as if they did not have enough choice in the selection process.

"JMU should be honored to have such a prestigious speaker at graduation," said senior Rachel Heiser. "However, I feel like the senior class should have more say, especially because I feel like not a lot of people know who he is."

Despite the trepidation of some students, Allen's support and speech does not go unnoticed.

"We always like to have elected officials speak at commencement," Perrine said. "He's always been a supporter of JMU, dating back to his term as governor," Perrine said.



AARON STEWART/staff photographer

JMU freshman Karl Harris signed a plea bargain that suspends a civil rights violation for 18 months after writing racist remarks on a Virginia Tech student's dry-erase board.

Harris avoids civil rights prosecution

Student let off after incident at Virginia Tech

BY VICTORIA SHELOR
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

JMU freshman Karl Alexander Harris signed a plea bargain March 27 admitting that he wrote racist messages on the door of a Virginia Tech student during a visit to the school in November.

Harris, from Dumfries, wrote the message on a dry-erase board attached to the door of a female Virginia Tech student whose parents are from Bangladesh and whose name has not been released.

The written message included, among other racial epithets, "I hate you because you are stupid" and "You deserved to be lynched."

Sunday, Harris said, "I regret the situation ... I had been drinking with friends prior to the event. This does not reflect who I truly am and what I truly believe."

Harris did not know the victim prior to the night of the incident, according to freshman David Perczewski, a friend of Harris's.

"It's something he is not proud of at all," Perczewski said. "He's seriously one of the most outgoing kids I know [and] has never had problems with anyone. There are plenty of kids that could stand for the same thing about his character."

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PHOTO COURTESY OF SENATOR ALLEN'S WEB SITE

Virginia senator and former governor George Allen will be the Spring Commencement speaker this year.

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POLICE

BY JENESSA KILDALL/SENIOR WRITER

Larceny

A JMU employee reported the theft of a JMU logo wind screen valued at \$400 from the Hillside tennis courts March 27 at an unknown time.

A JMU student reported the theft of a locked mountain bike valued at \$500 from Chappellear Hall March 29 at 11:45 p.m.

A JMU student reported the theft of a mountain bike valued at \$70 from C4-Lot March 21 at 5 p.m.

A non-student reported the theft of two credit cards from an unsecured wallet at the Village courtyard volleyball court March 30 at 10 p.m.

A JMU employee reported the theft of a Duke Dog logo wind screen valued at \$200 from tennis courts near the Convocation Center April 1 at 7:30 p.m.

Property damage

A JMU employee reported property damage to ceiling panel tiles and suspended ceiling rails in Wilson Hall March 29 at 5 p.m.

Drunk in public, underage possession

A JMU student was charged with drunk in public and underage possession at Godwin Hall April 1 at 12:36 a.m.

Drunk in public

A JMU student was charged with drunk in public at D-Lot April 4 at 1:42 a.m.

Driving while intoxicated, alcohol violation

JMU students were charged with driving while intoxicated and an alcohol violation at Bluestone and Champions drives April 2 at 12:11 a.m.

Number of drunk in public since Aug. 29: 72

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DUKE DAYS Events

Landmine documentary and speaker

"DISARM," a documentary about landmines, will be screened on Monday, April 10, at 4 p.m., in Grafton-Stovall Theatre. Ken Rutherford, landmine survivor and co-founder of Landmine Survivor's Network, is speaking Thursday, April 13 at 7 p.m. in Health and Human Services Building, room 1302. Both events are free and open to the public.

Life after JMU program

Members of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity have teamed up with On-Campus Interviewing's Trey Lewis to help students narrow their focus for life after JMU in a program that consists of interviewing tips, résumé-building skills and other things that will aid any student who is looking to enter the employee pool in the future. The event takes place tonight in Taylor 311 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Hunger Banquet 2006

Student volunteers are needed from 5:30 to 10 p.m. on April 26 for Hunger Banquet 2006. To sign up, e-mail Chelsea Skotchdopole at skotchc4 with your name, e-mail and availability on or before April 10. The event will be held April 26 in the Highlands room of the Festival Center. For more information, visit jmu.edu/csi/hunger.

Poetry reading

Professor Mervyn Morris, poet and scholar of Caribbean poetry, will give a poetry reading on April 11 at 4:30 p.m., in Taylor 405. Morris has written several books of poetry, including the acclaimed "On Holy Week." The program is sponsored by Dr. Michelle Smith-Bermis of the English department and the Furious Flower Poetry Center.

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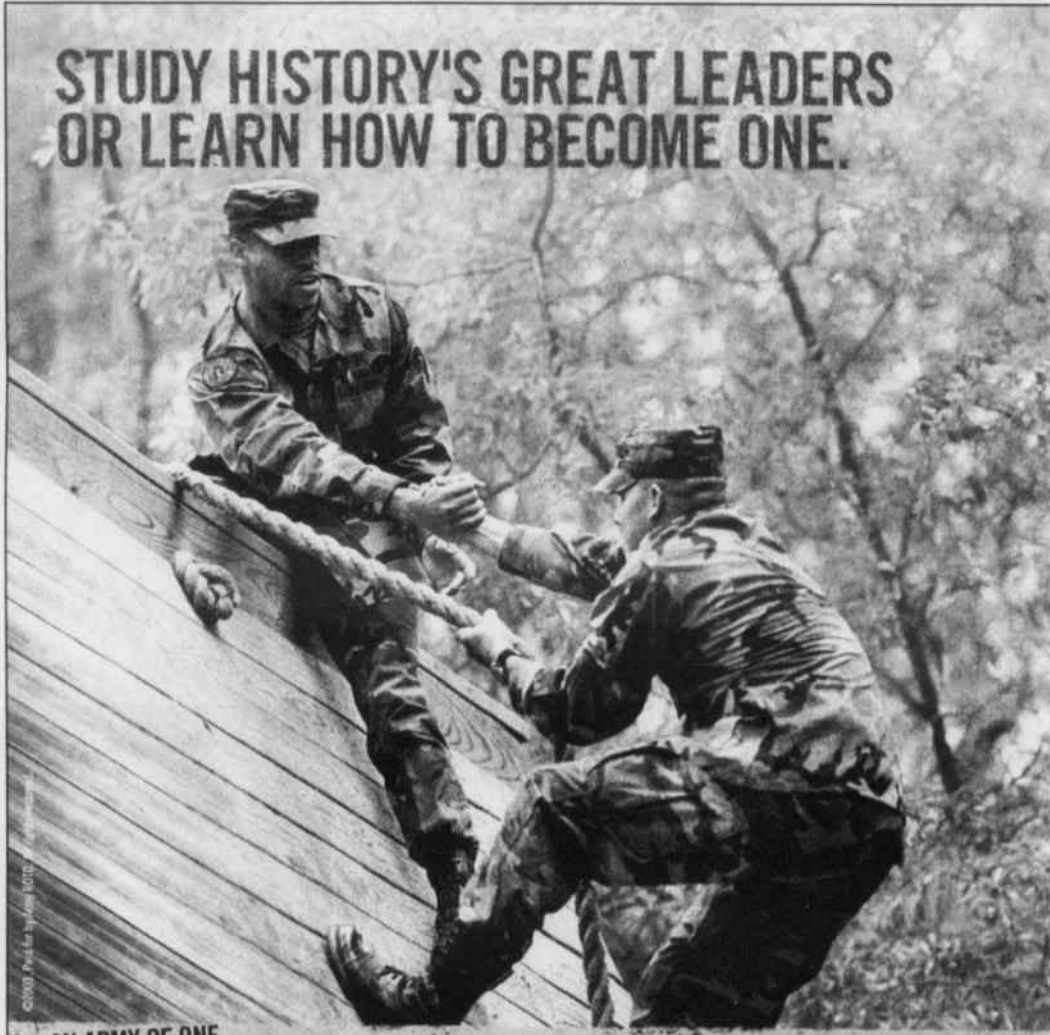
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A total of about \$183,000 was raised at last year's Relay For Life. JMU was named as the university that raised the most money per capita out of all Relay events taking place nationwide.

Participants gear up for 6th annual Relay

BY MEGHAN PATRICK
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Under the fluorescent lights of Bridgeforth Stadium, participants in JMU's sixth annual Relay For Life will be walking to fund cancer research on Saturday beginning at 7 p.m.

Last year, the university received the distinction of raising the most money per capita out of all the relays that took place across the country.

"In theory, every one of the 16,000 students here raised \$11 [in 2005]," said this year's Relay For Life co-chair, senior Zach Mercurio. A total of \$183,000 was raised at last year's event.

JMU is already making ground to pass last year's money mark with 172 teams — 30 more than last year — with eight to 15 people signed

up per team. Each team was responsible for collecting its own money, pledging that at least one member of the group will be on the track at all times throughout the 12-hour event.

The night will be a mix of work and play with the slogan "Riding the Wave to a Cure," said Mercurio, who chose a beach theme with his co-chair senior Steve Greco and their 15-person planning committee.

"There will be lots going on," Mercurio said, including a cappella group performances, seven bands and UREC classes, including a 4 a.m. aerobics class.

"Buffalo Wild Wings will be sponsoring a wing-eating contest, and it will be taking orders and delivering food to the field where the team tents are going to be set up," Mercurio said.

"There will also be a Miss Relay Competition where guys dress up as girls and try to win the title."

According to the American Cancer Foundation's Web Site, "real stars of the event, the cancer survivors," will be honored in three ceremonies.

The first will be a survivor's lap, which will take place at the opening of the event. All of the cancer survivors in attendance walk a lap around the track so they can be honored and cheered for.

"It's awesome," Mercurio said, "because everyone is lined up clapping for them and shouting words of encouragement."

The Luminaria ceremony will follow the lap, which will take place at 9 p.m. A few survivors will speak to the crowd about their experiences with cancer.

Following the sharing, all of the lights in the

stadium are turned off, so everyone's attention can be drawn to paper bags lit up with candles, honoring peoples' loved ones who have fought the disease.

"Each year the bags are arranged in a surprise message, like 'JMU Cares' or 'Hope Heals,'" said Mercurio, who himself will not know what this year's message will be until Saturday.

Mercurio said he thinks the best part of the night is not to mourn, but instead to celebrate life.

Participating in Relay For Life is the best thing that I've done in college," he said. "It's allowed me and so many other JMU students to think beyond their own campus. It says a lot about the [JMU] body that thousands of students willingly give up having their own fun Saturday nights to serve a cause like this."

Hollywood Hunks



MINDI WESTHOFF/staff photographer

Freshman Josh Goodman of Chesapeake Hall was deemed Mr. Freshman 2006 on Tuesday.

Blind date to break records

JMU teaming up with Johns Hopkins University to make 'Guinness Book of World Records'

BY CARLY LEDUC
STAFF WRITER

On Saturday, April 22, OrangeBand and JMU are joining Johns Hopkins University, Vision XChange and College Alliance to break the world record for the largest blind date ever.

Currently, Nanyang University in Singapore currently holds the record with 268. The event was held last year in July. OrangeBand and John Hopkins hope to break this record with by adding over 800 more participants. All those participating will become world record holders.

"Johns Hopkins University students have a reputation for being very indoors and quiet, always either studying or minding their own business," said Vision XChange leader Peter Chou.

"The Blind Date event is a huge, creative idea designed to spark school spirit and to bring out the fun in students. The event gives all Hopkins' students an opportunity to interact and share their interests and beliefs with other students on campus, a watershed in dispelling the image that Hopkins' students don't know how to have fun."

To break the record, the organizations need at least 800 people participating for two hours in

a single event. OrangeBand will facilitate discussions during the event. Throughout the day, there will also be fun activities and shows performed by various organizations at Johns Hopkins.

Students at JMU found out about the idea and wanted to get in on the action. OrangeBand students met the organizers for the event at the COOL Idealist National Conference in Nashville the first weekend of March. These students include junior Tyler Burton, JMU OrangeBand president and freshman Becca Ledebuhr.

When classes resumed after Spring Break, freshmen Caitlin Belcher and Dan Moore joined the project team. Then, the four JMU students jumped in to advertise and plan logistics. This involved talking to organizations, advertising on table tents and Facebook, redesigning the OrangeBand Web site and multiple conference calls with Hopkins' organizers. According to the OrangeBand Web site, more than 500 students from JMU will attend with 200 from JMU joining them, and hundreds more from the community will participate.

The event costs \$10 to attend and OrangeBand will run buses to the event. All proceeds will go to community nonprofits that work directly with AIDS issues in Baltimore and the Shenandoah Valley.

"An estimated \$10,000 will be raised between both campuses, not counting donations from outside sponsors and community members," Chou said.

Belcher said, "Our main goal is more about AIDS awareness than to raise a specific monetary sum."

Researchers stumped by recent fish kills

BY HAILEY ADKISSON
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Dozens of fish were found dead in the South Fork of the Shenandoah River throughout last March, and the problem has left researchers stumped.

Steve Reeser of the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries said this is not the first time fish kills have occurred in the area.

Since 2004, kills have occurred every spring around this time. Reeser described some of the dead fish as having small lesions on their bodies. Both Reeser and JMU chemistry professor Daniel Downey also said the fish that surfaced were all adults.

Lesions were not the only things noticeably wrong with these fish. Some have been classified as intersex. An intersex fish, Reeser said, is a male fish that has immature eggs.

Reeser said stress is the culprit — while fish are stressed, they cannot fight off diseases. He compared this to human beings becoming sick.

"If a human being does not get enough rest, they become run down and more susceptible to the common cold," Reeser said.

To scientists pondering this recent fish kills, these deaths are not merely due to a fish with a runny nose.

"The fish kills are frustrating because it's not easy to solve how they are dying," Reeser said. "There is no pipe leaking pollutants into a stream that we can point a finger at and fix. There is no smoking gun."

Downey did, however, say Harrisonburg residents and JMU students should not be concerned about the water as of now. Downey said there is no indication the water is the cause for the fish kills or whether it would affect people.

"While I wouldn't make sushi out of them, any bacteria that was in a fish would be killed by proper cooking," Downey said.

Downey said many people draw their livings from the river. "Any threat to the fishing industry would be incredibly harmful to the economy of many people."

Still, researchers are exhausting every effort to solve the problem.



EVAN DYSON/photo editor

Since 2004, numerous dead fish have been found every spring in the Shenandoah River.

HARRIS: Freshman barred from Tech campus, outcome of situation sends strong message

HARRIS, from front

The message was written at around 3:30 a.m., after Harris, three other young men and the victim all rode the elevator to the 12th floor of Slusher Tower at Tech, where the victim lived. The four men were visiting a friend who also lived on that floor.

During the elevator ride, the four men began ringing the emergency bell in the elevator, according to the deposition.

At around 3 a.m. the victim went to the bathroom, where Harris and the three other men blocked the door to prevent her from entering. After asking them to move, the victim pushed her way through. When the victim was back in her room, the men knocked on her door and she asked them to leave her alone.

After Harris wrote the message on her door, the victim immediately called the police.

Harris told the Virginia Tech Police officer who detained him that he wrote the message because he was angry at the way the victim had spoke to him.

By signing the plea bargain, a pre-trial diversion agreement was reached

and Harris now avoids being prosecuted by the state on the civil rights violation against the Tech student.

I apologize to the girl, the students at Virginia Tech and all the students at JMU...

— Karl Harris
freshman

The agreement defers his deposition for 18 months during which he will abide by certain regulations stipulated by the U.S. Attorney, John L. Brownlee and probation officer, William Sydnor Jr.

Harris must go through an alcohol treatment program and anger management program, a diversity training program and conduct 300 hours of community service during the 18-month period, after which the charges will be dropped from his record.

Harris is also prohibited from setting foot on the Virginia Tech campus and hav-

ing any contact with the victim.

JMU's disciplinary action toward Harris has not been disclosed under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), which is a federal law that keeps disciplinary records confidential without the student's permission.

"JMU will not stand for this kind of behavior and language," said Michael Way, Director of Judicial Affairs. "JMU has never had another civil rights incident like Harris's, and I've been doing this for a long time. I think they have done just about everything they should do as far as punishment."

Virginia Tech Police Chief Debra Duncan said, "The outcome of this situation sends a strong message that any kind of harassment will not be tolerated."

The deposition also says that the victim fears for her life to leave her dormitory, has missed academic classes immediately following the incident and has considered leaving Tech permanently.

"I am very sorry for what happened that night and I apologize to the girl, the students at Virginia Tech and all the students at JMU for my actions," Harris said.

SGA: No veto, no accurate representation in senate

SGA, from front

Hutchinson's bill would make the number of residence hall senators equal to the number of academic college senators. This worried many senators since it appeared to drastically reduce the senate's size.

"If we don't veto this bill, it

...What people aren't grasping is the Senate can still be the same size as it is now...

— Lucy Hutchinson
SGA Senator

will not accurately represent the campus," senator Betsy Anderson (Jr.) said.

"I think it is disproportionate because we're going to have the same amount of residence

senators as college senators, and more students live off campus," senator Kathleen McKay (Sr.) said.

However, Hutchinson argued, the Speaker of the Senate has an unlimited amount of at-large appointments at his discretion.

"What people aren't grasping is that the Senate can still be the same size as it is now, because the Speaker can allow for as many appointments as he would like," she said.

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No 'safe rides' home

by Brian Goodman
STAFF WRITER

The approximate amount of money that the student organization SafeRides has raised since its founding: \$13,000.

The number of "safe rides" given by the organization during that time: 0.

You read that correctly: \$13,000 and zero rides home. While stating a goal to provide, according to executive director John Robinson, "safe, non-judgmental rides to our fellow students who are rendered incapable of safe transportation to their home," SafeRides has failed to deliver on this promise, despite three years of work, a membership of 120 students, and the overwhelming and unflinching support of the community at large. In doing so, SafeRides has effectively perpetrated a fraud against the JMU population, and it is time for us to hold SafeRides accountable.

In the interest of fairness, representatives from SafeRides do claim to have reasons behind their inactivity. According to Robinson, the group's main barrier to startup involves finding insurance to cover its plan to rent automobiles and drive intoxicated students home. To counter this obstacle, Robinson said, "We have recently started the process of becoming a federal non-profit organization," which will "... give us a legal identity that will make it easier for insurance companies to deal with us."

Never has the task of driving a car sounded so exceedingly complex and legalistic, yet this is the central tenet of SafeRides' designated driver program. With no discernable progress toward their ultimate goal, however, this plan shows little chance of either present or future success. Yet, while other student organizations would have changed direction and sought innovative solutions when faced with such overwhelming obstacles, SafeRides has emphatically stayed the course, demonstrating an almost fanatically single-minded, Schlieffen-esque devotion to this ill-fated plan.

The most perplexing aspect of the SafeRides organization is why it would continue building upon the failures of an ineffective plan when viable alternatives exist.

SafeRides has emphatically stayed the course, demonstrating an almost fanatically single-minded, Schlieffen-esque devotion to this ill-fated plan.

or work with cab companies to subsidize the fares of intoxicated students, all of which would accomplish their goal of providing students with a safe alternative to driving while intoxicated. For all intents and purposes, these avenues have largely been ignored.

Knowing these facts, we must ask the question: "Where did our money go?" According to Robinson, our money "... has been used to help generate more money through fund-raisers and also to help train our members and create a community within our membership." While greater fund raising and training are acceptable (if not relatively suspect) uses of donations, money used to "create a community" while the organization fails to deliver on its founding promise amounts to a dereliction of responsibility and outright dishonesty by SafeRides. As someone who has donated his hard-earned money to this organization, I feel absolutely betrayed knowing that my contribution went toward making the group's 120 members better buddies rather than helping the student population, and after three years and \$13,000 in fund raising, one has to wonder if the members of SafeRides truly care about fulfilling their mission at all.

The truth is that the members of SafeRides could not care less about you and your chances of getting home on any particular weekend. If they cared, their members would have gotten behind the wheel of their own cars and made an effort to help students while they were working out logistics, with or without insurance protection. If they cared, they would have scrapped this overly bureaucratic and unnecessarily convoluted plan of rented cars and nonprofit status for a plan that can, in reality, work. If they cared, they would be upfront and honest to all students about how donations intended for the designated driver program are actually spent on club social activities.

The only thing they care about is creating the illusion of civic engagement and community involvement, for both themselves and their future employers, without ever having to lift a finger or make a sacrifice.

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Raise your hand if you want to be a senator

Up to this point, as today's run-off election reaffirms, the SGA has kept mercilessly close to their apparent election philosophy: If at first you don't succeed, try, try again.

But beyond the current take-two Executive Council election, the SGA has, by executive caveat, instead turned proportioned senate seats into appointed seats, according to former Election Commission member Ricardo Piferas. If at first you don't succeed, you now veto the damn bill and let the Elections Commission appoint however many people they want.

Sometimes the SGA misses the bill. In this case, they are missing a pretty significant bill — one that keeps senate seats proportionate to each other and ensures an equal amount of representation from JMU colleges and residence halls. Because of this, the Elections Commission is now allowed to choose its own distribution of seats and has created what is, in effect, pure chaos.

Earlier this semester, the SGA altered its Elections Policy so that senators would be elected in the spring as opposed to fall, before the upcoming academic year. While writing the change to the policy, the SGA failed to write full rules for the election, effectively

crippling the competition and making way for a stampede of prospective senators.

Last week, Senator Lucy Hutchinson (Sr.) proposed a bill to the senate that would fix the whole bloody mess. But, guess what? It didn't pass through Executive Council.

In order for an election to work, students need to be provided with clear guidelines so they may make an educated decision. At this point, anyone with a pulse — although, that stipulation is unclear as well — could run for senator, as long as they are able to raise their right hand.

Before the unfortunate mistake was made, college seats were determined by a very specific formula. Now, however, the formula has been reduced to mere fibers of what was once at least organized chaos.

The general election debacle that is only being resolved now demonstrates that the SGA as a whole struggles with the concept of "election." But just because they cannot get elections to work does not mean we should be forced to abandon them. In this apparent feud between the SGA and elections, it is not the latter that needs to be curtailed.

OK, SGA. Call this election to order.

In Colbert we trust

by Sarah Delia
STAFF WRITER

He runs around his own stage, lights flashing his name in every direction, clasping his hands together while receiving pretentious applause when a guest comes on his show. He claims that bears are "god-less killing machines," that sleep is "un-American" because by logic, you should be using that time to eat (the true American way) and has now stepped

THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS

out of long-time friend Jon Stewart's shadow. He has arrived and his name is Stephen Colbert. A few months ago you may have recognized his name as the guy that once reported for "The Daily Show" and now comes on after Stewart, but by now, unless you're living under a rock or have a healthy sleeping schedule — which I don't — you have learned to love, live and learn from "The Colbert Report," correctly pronounced "The Col-bear Ra-poot."

A mockingly sweet breath of fresh satirical air, Colbert is an escape from the violence, sexual harassment cases and political hatred, which circulates in current media. Flip on the scare tactic conservative news station FOX News and prepare for your heart rate to rise from a code yellow to purple within a matter of seconds, Sean Hannity to explain why you're un-American, and an increase in jumpiness as you're door bell rings — no it's not Bill O'Reilly reenacting McCarthyism, coming to send you to the land of the unpatriotic, it's just the mail man, but by now you're so on edge — it doesn't really matter.

Sarcastically paralleled to O'Reilly's "The O'Reilly Factor," Colbert features a segment called "The Word," the equivalent to entering the ironically titled "No-Spin Zone" on O'Reilly's show. "The Word" pokes fun at current events, senators, congressmen

... You're not the elites, you're not the country club crowd. I know for a fact that my country club would never let you in.

— Stephen Colbert

And he's right — people of today are feeling more stressed and defensive as our lives are defined by codes of color. We, as college students and members of the next generations, look to our choices of role models: Corporate America, plagued by scary-looking old men that claim to be the common man as they drive to work in their not-so-environmentally conscious Hummers, or, easygoing, approachable people like Colbert who reassures us that "your voice will be heard — in the form of my voice."

I like my news the way I like my cream cheese on a bagel — light, fluffy and used in moderation. Screaming at the cream cheese does not make it anymore tasty, whiter or whatever you would expect of cream cheese — the only thing you'll get in return is a blank apathetic stare. The difference of yelling at a viewer is that while a talk show host can yell at you through the TV screen, unlike cream cheese, you have the power to turn off the show, bash your radio as Rush Limbaugh begins his daily preach, and turn on something that is a pause in a media crazed world — "The Colbert Report."

Don't worry about me, America; although I rely on the likes of the talk show "The Colbert Report," I'm still an informed intellectual. I know there's a war going on, people are constantly angry about it, and that Democrats and Republicans are still not getting along — I know all that and much more with about being yelled at and belittled by angry men on the other side of my television. But most importantly, I've learned from Colbert that "just because something's not true ... doesn't mean I can't say it," a concept I'm sure all extremists would agree with.

Sarah Delia is a freshman English and art history major who also believes that "all God's creatures have a soul ... except bears."

A "time-to-re-evaluate-your-GenEds-again" dart to JMU for never teaching students how to cross a street.
From an aggravated driver who's beginning to look forward to the day she gets to hit her first pedestrian.

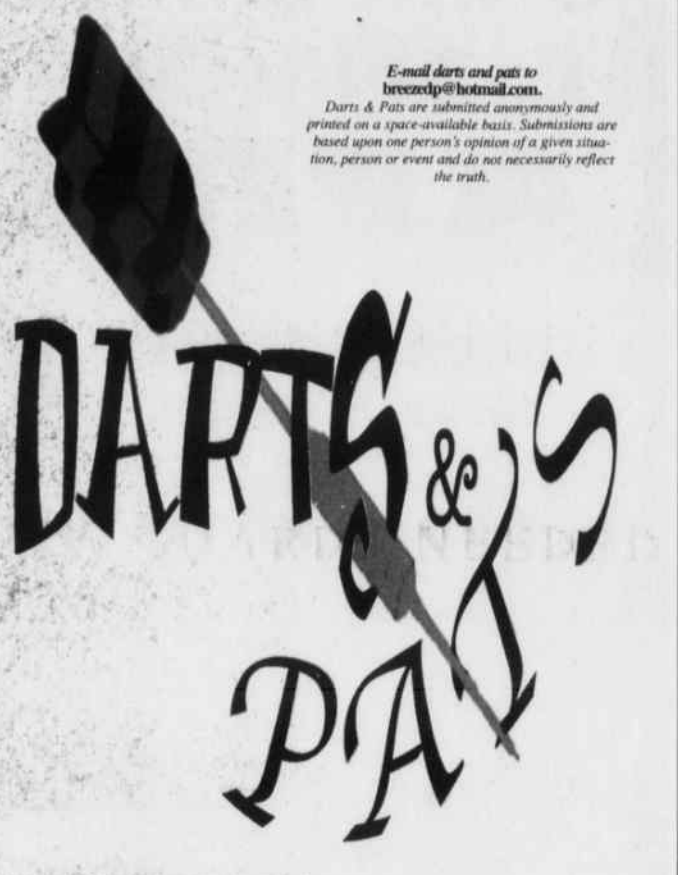
A "take-your-war-zone-somewhere-else" dart to the selfishly oblivious guys who insist upon throwing footballs and Frisbees over the concrete circle on the Quad.
From a simmering senior that would like to travel over this main thoroughway in one piece and won't hesitate to slap a lawsuit on someone's butt for getting beamed in the head.

A "remove-head-from-sphincter-then-drive" dart to the person driving the wrong way down S. Main St. into oncoming traffic.
From a terrified senior who thinks that the insane driving depicted in movies belongs in movies, and not on Route 11.

A "you-finally-realized-there's-a-difference" pat to JMU Dining Services for finally offering packets of plain ranch dressing at Dukes.
From a grateful senior who hates buttermilk ranch and can now graduate in peace.

A "why-don't-you-just-get-there-on-time?" dart to the junior who doesn't respect that postal employees have lives, too.
From a senior whose mail-carrier father gets to work by 5 a.m. just so you can have your mail by lunchtime.

A "way-to-copy-from-the-queers" dart to the JMU Republicans who are attempting a weak play on the "Gay? Fine by me!" campaign.
From a liberal gay sophomore who expected no lack of creativity and open, active thought from on-campus Conservatives.



SAFERIDES: Slow in coming

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According to the SafeRides Web site, the organization proudly boasts 19 leadership positions, including a "director of membership," an "internal director," and my favorite, a "director of national sponsor relations." The sheer presence of this many leadership positions without any discernable byproduct is proof positive that the members of SafeRides are not the least bit concerned with, as they boast on their web site, "providing a designated-driver program for the JMU community."

In some ways, though, SafeRides is ahead of the curve: many in

our society believe both that their status and self-worth are defined by their title and that someone's résumé is more important than their character, and SafeRides is simply conforming to this notion. Thus, they have created an organization that emphasizes T-shirts and majestic, résumé-ready titles while downplaying any actual need to serve the community. After \$13,000 and three years of empty promises, incompetence and outright deception, I want my money back.

Bobby McMahon is a senior political science major, and all information in this article can be verified upon request.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Circles review daced around important event

In Monday's issue of *The Breeze*, there was a blurb and photo detailing the events that occurred at the Breakdance Club's seventh annual charity event, Circles, on Saturday, April 1. While the photography was wonderful, there was no in-depth article written either prior to or following the event, and the information included was inaccurate and in some cases, completely incorrect. A reporter for *The*

Breeze arrived at the doors to the event on Saturday, asking for free admission for herself plus three friends to an event publicly known to be benefiting local charities.

It seems odd to me that *The Breeze* always has time to report on things like fashion, but when something comes along that is culturally relevant and benefits the community, it is not seen as a priority. As a student newspaper, this particular aspect of the media is extremely valuable and pertinent in providing information that can

benefit the community. For the last seven years, the proceeds from Circles have benefited local Harrisonburg charities such as the Boys and Girls Club and Mercy House, not to mention the \$4,000 donated to Katrina relief last semester.

The Breakdance Club is not the only organization on campus that helps the community, and it is certainly no more important than any other group, but it strikes me as irresponsible media when an opportunity to further a valuable and established cause is overlooked and underestimated. When students work hard to make a difference and do something worthwhile, a little recognition goes a long way.

Phillip Yudson
senior kinesiology major

far beyond those initially proposed, and, most recently, a surge in Iraqi sectarian violence that looks very much like the foundations of a civil war — not exactly a situation conducive to a people expected to shortly assume political, economic and military control over their country. Whatever future benefits may come from this action on America's part, at present, the facts are what they are. The bad ones far outweigh the good, and I'd say 61 percent to 39 percent is putting it generously.

Brian DuBoff
senior ISAT major

Lack of coverage sold Breakdance Club short

I picked up a copy of Monday's issue of *The Breeze* and was shocked and offended by the lack of story on Circles 7. People complain at JMU about lacking diversity, and being only about partying. This was a chance to prove to JMU that there is something bigger here. Circles is one of the largest hip-hop events on the East Coast, and the fact that it is hosted by the JMU Breakdance Club and takes place on campus is huge. This event brings in people from all over to battle and watch, and deserved more than what it was given.

The Breakdance Club does so much work for charity. Every year we donate what we make from Circles to charities. Last year we donated \$7,000 to local charities and to Katrina relief. We are one of the top donors on campus. We also have been donating to the Boys and Girls Club for several years now. None of the money we make from Circles goes toward us, unlike many other organizations on campus who use money they make to throw parties. The Breakdance Club also helps out so many other organizations on and off campus by performing. So besides the money we make from Circles, we are helping others to raise money for their causes all year round.

I don't know if it has been recognized how important and unique this is, but the lack of coverage let me down, and let the Breakdance Club down.

Lindsay Jaworski
junior graphic design major

Negative Iraq news reports negative events

Monday's opinion article by Anthony Reidel is yet another example of the continued mischaracterization of the Iraq War. The focus of Mr. Reidel's piece was to honor Paul Ray Smith, a heroic soldier who gave his life for his men and his country. I join Mr. Reidel in praising this man, and all those like him who serve our country, and I, too, believe that our soldiers don't receive enough praise for their service. But Mr. Reidel's use of this example to assert that the media coverage of this conflict is inappropriately biased toward negative events, instead of positives such as this one, is dismissive and unrealistic. By his numbers, 61 percent of national news coverage of the war is "focused on negative topics." I'll assume this to mean that the remaining 39 percent is focused on positive topics. Based upon the reality of our nation's actions in Iraq, this distribution sounds about right. The fact is the results of this war, to date, have been more negative than positive. Despite whatever gains we've made in terms of limited freedoms for the Iraqi people, and a supposed (and often-stated) increase in our national security, the war has caused the deaths of more than 2,300 American soldiers and unknown thousands of Iraqis, along with incredibly high financial expenditures

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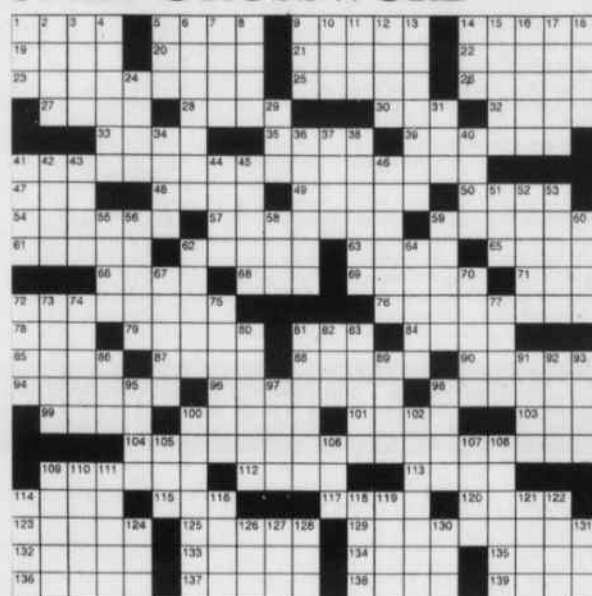
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DVD offers a look into the behind-the-scenes creation of 'The Chronicles of Narnia'

BY LISA RONEY
STAFF WRITER

"The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe" two-disc collector's edition may cost \$10 more than the single-disc version, but fans of both the movie and the books will find out that extra money is well spent.

The first disc features the actual film and also includes four-and-a-half minutes of bloopers and mess-ups on the bloopers reel. Two full-length commentaries are included, one featuring director Andrew Adamson and the film's four young actors, the other features the film's production team.



★★★★

MOVIE:
The Chronicles of Narnia

DIRECTOR:
Andrew Adamson

RELEASED:
April 4, 2005

Discover Narnia Fun Facts" allows the audience to watch the film with random blurbs about the novel's author, C.S. Lewis, and the land he created. The boxes of trivia take up a large portion of the screen, but the creators made sure that the boxes don't block characters, a fluke that many other DVDs with this feature overlook.

The second disc has two worlds to choose from: "Creating Narnia" and "Creatures, Lands and Legends." The latter showcases timelines, events, places and people of the world of Narnia, and really has nothing to do with the movie itself. This could be interesting for people who want to learn more about Narnia but don't want to read the seven books in the series.

"Creating Narnia" contains all the juicy behind-the-scenes stuff that fans will be itching to see. "Chronicles of a Director" spends 39 minutes looking at Adamson's first stab at a live action film (his previous credits include both "Shrek" films).

"The Children's Magical Journey" is probably the most entertaining feature. There are twenty-six minutes spent interviewing the four leads and showcasing video clips of them on and off the set.

"Evolution of an Epic" breaks the movie down into four sub-categories. "From One Man's Mind" is a brief four-minute biography on C.S. Lewis. "Cinematic Story Tellers" takes 55 minutes to explore the departments that truly make a film all it can be (production and set design, makeup, costume, photography, etc.).

"Creating Creatures" uses 53 minutes to dissect each CGI-character and the process of bringing them to life.

"Anatomy of a Scene: The Melting River" is probably the most interesting of the set. It takes 11 minutes to show the grueling process of creating one of the film's most suspenseful and important scenes.

The film itself is a beautiful masterpiece that fans of the books will enjoy. Its adaptation, unlike many movies based on books that have been recently released, is so close to the original story. This is a movie that many who have no interest in films like "Harry Potter" and "The Lord of the Rings" might enjoy, because of its almost biblical take on the battle of good versus evil. Narnia is a world that any one can get lost in and it is one not to miss.

Technology transformation

With a world filled with cell phones, iPods and IMs, technology has changed the way students live

BY LAURA BECKER
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Walking into a room before class, the sound of text message alerts seem to have become more familiar than the usual chattering among students. E-mail has become the most convenient way to send mail and online chatting and text messaging are slowly replacing telephone calls. A student walking alone around campus is most likely jamming to an MP3 player or gabbing on a cell phone, and it is not rare to find groups of people where everyone is fiddling with their cell phones instead of talking to each other.

While all of this new technology is fun and convenient, it seems that the common practice of instant messaging and text messaging is having a negative effect on oral communication. Take, for instance, the Facebook group, "Roommates Who Talk To Each Other Online While Sitting In the Same Room (JMU Chapter)." While this is a humorous concept, many people would admit they are guilty of chatting online with people that are only 10 feet away. In a world where easy-access technology is a part of every day life, it is no wonder that students fall prey to communicating via the keypad. The pros and cons almost equal each other out. While talking is the traditional form of communication and leaves less room for misinterpretation, text messaging and chatting online are oftentimes more convenient.

Senior Joseph Coote, a study abroad student from Australia, was shocked by JMU's technology trends.

"When I first got here, I was surprised at how much people used [technology], and I was a bit overwhelmed," Coote said. "Everyone on campus seems to have an iPod or a flip phone. In Australia, iPods are becoming popular, but most people still use a CD player. It made me want the same stuff, but it's too expensive, so I try to avoid it."

It could be argued that MP3 players are more convenient due to their size and the fact that they have a greater storage capacity, which allows for diversity in music. iPods can even hold text and movie files, depending on its amount of gigabytes. Although new and exciting, technology comes with a hefty price tag. Because of old habit, some JMU students use CD players to listen to music when walking around campus.

"iPods are a couple hundred dollars, and I don't think they're worth it, personally,"

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TECH TRENDS



Text Messaging

Becoming more prevalent each year, text messages are a popular form of communication while on the go.

MP3 Players

With their convenient size and storage capacity, MP3 players are an entertainment favorite of students

Instant Messaging

Instant messenger services have become the norm for people to keep in touch with friends.



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A view from Vienna



EVIN SHOAP/senior photographer

Senior Amy Gebhardtbauer views the pages of a book from the 0505 Vienna Studio Show put on by a group of students who traveled this past summer to Vienna, Austria. The show opened Monday night at Gallery Works.

editorobsession

I searched high and low for the perfect rain shoe — boots, clogs, plastic bags. I didn't care. After a three-month long search, I found Sloggers. They're \$14.99 and come in two different colors at Target (I got the red, but there's also navy blue). If you go to sloggers.com, though, there are a bunch of different hues.

Not only do they fit your foot perfectly, but also they're surprisingly impressive at blocking water from invading your foot space. I was a little skeptical, but on the first rainy day of the season, they held right up. And as for the razor-sharp teeth of my new puppy — they have yet to skim the surface of my rubber clogs. They even have a removable insole in case you decide to use them as gardening shoes. I never will, but some people might have a taste for that sort of thing.

My only complaint: Though they're good at keeping out water, little rocks can slip in under the radar. But, if you're wearing socks, you won't notice at all.

Check back next Thursday for my latest obsession in music, plus a download suggestion!



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Coote

Holding in the laughter



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staff photographer

Comedian Adam Mollhagen tries his best to make freshman Ashley Tickle laugh during the comedy show, "Bet We Can Make You Laugh" Monday night at Wilson Hall.

TECH: New technology trends fun, expensive

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freshman Tyler Deputy said. "When I'm walking to class I can only listen to a couple different songs, and most of the CDs I [own] have a couple good songs on them. I carry it in my hand and it's usually not inconvenient, because I carry everything else in my backpack, so my hands are free."

As Coote mentioned, MP3 players are extremely popular on JMU's campus. They can be put to use when walking to class, exercising and driving, and owners have the choice of what they're going to listen to.

Sophomore J.R. Mondell appreciates having the advantages of owning an MP3 player.

"As an avid music fan, I am constantly listening to music, so any chance I have had to take my music with me on the go I have taken," Mondell said. "I have an extensive music collection and now instead of having to search through my CDs or carry a huge case around with me, I can just search for the song, artist or album I'm in the mood for and play it. [Plus], I can run with my MP3 player without worrying about the music skipping."

Technology is ever changing. While text messaging, instant messaging and MP3 players are all the rage right now, it could be only a matter of years before these forms of communication are replaced by new technology.

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Spiders beat Diamond Dukes

JMU drops sixth-straight game on road

RICHMOND — The JMU baseball team (19-11) lost its sixth-consecutive game on the road as they fell 13-10 to the Richmond Spiders (10-16) Tuesday at Pitt Field.

For Richmond, it was their fourth win in five outings.

The Spiders took an early 3-1 lead after two innings of play. The first two of three runs were unearned in the first following an error in left field.

Despite taking a three-run lead with five runs in the fourth inning, JMU junior left-hander Jacob Cook allowed six earned runs. The Spiders took the lead 9-6 and kept it for the remainder of the game.

Down 13-7, JMU made a late comeback attempt in the final two innings, scoring three runs. Senior second baseman Michael Cowgill led the charge, driving in two runs with a two-out double in the eighth.

The Diamond Dukes had 13 hits and four errors on the day, while the Spiders had 14 hits and two errors. JMU

Baseball Tuesday

Richmond 13
JMU 10

was led by junior left fielder Joe Lake as he recorded a career-best three hits, scored two runs and drove in another. Senior first baseman Matt Bristow (2 for 5, two RBIs) and junior right fielder Mitchell Moses (2 for 3, two runs) also contributed.

After having his 24-game hitting streak snapped against Colonial Athletic Association rival Old Dominion Sunday, JMU sophomore center fielder Kellen Kulbacki (0 for 4, one run) was walked twice and had no hits for the second-consecutive game.

JMU was in action yesterday at home against Radford — its only home date in a 12-game stretch. Their next home game will feature a three-game,

weekend series against George Mason beginning next Friday at 3 p.m.

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W — Marshall; L — Cook;
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2B — Cowgill(5); Moses(4); Lake(8);
Bristow 2(8); Zeskind(6); Mahoney(5);
Justice(4); Coogan(4).
HR — Mahoney(2); Wotring(2);
Kenna(2).

Records: JMU (19-11, 9-3 CAA);
Richmond (10-16)

— from staff reports



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JMU sophomore L.C. Baker was one of three Dukes arrested.

Dukes' character concerns

Three starters arrested, given second chance

We live in an era of sports where grades and classes are as likely to be describing the charges filed against athletes as they are to be describing their academics. It's a time where if I named five NBA players, you wouldn't be sure if I was talking about the starting lineup of the pro team in the area or the local police lineup.

Players are getting in legal trouble more and more frequently these days. Just recently, the University of Virginia kicked three potential defensive starters off the team for failing a drug test. This includes linebacker Ahmad Brooks, who just two seasons ago was considered one of the top players in the country.

Virginia Tech quarterback Marcus Vick thought stomping on an opposing players arm was the best way to end his college career in Blacksburg.

Three of JMU's own football players were arrested back in March after getting in a fight with a teammate. Junior linebacker Akeem Jordan, junior offensive

tackle Corey Davis and sophomore wide receiver L.C. Baker (all starters for the Dukes) were charged with assault and battery after getting into a fight with freshman-linebacker Reggie Wesby.

How then does JMU football handle student athletes with off-field issues?

There are the overall athletic department guidelines, which mandate certain punishments such as counseling the first time an athlete fails a drug test. After that, JMU football coach Mickey Matthews has no set punishments.

"You have to look at each situation separately," Matthews said. "I've never come across two scenarios that were exactly alike, so you can't just decide that there is always this punishment for this action."

Matthews said you need to remember these are college students and that mistakes happen.

"Guys know what's fair and they respond to fairness," Matthews said. "Guys are more likely

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Conference Clash

JMU travels to Boston to face Northeastern

BY MATTHEW STOSS
SENIOR WRITER

Someone forgot to tell the Colonial Athletic Association about the Northeastern baseball team. Sure, the league knew it was joining, but three months into the season, the Huskies are sitting in second place after a weekend sweep of 21-9 and perennial base-

ball power North Carolina-Wilmington. So given last week-end's happenings, could it be said that Northeastern is a surprise?

"Absolutely," said JMU coach Spanky McFarland, whose Diamond Dukes open a three-game series with the Huskies Friday in Boston.

Northeastern (7-2 in the Colonial, 12-9 overall) has won eight out of their last 10, including two-consecutive CAA series sweeps over Delaware March 24 to 26 and then Wilmington this past weekend.

"[UNCW] almost could've won," McFarland said. "They didn't get a lot of two-out hits, and a lot of that is being comfortable. It's a long way up there."

The Diamond Dukes (9-3, 20-11), who were on a six-game losing skid before beating Radford yesterday, make their way up there Friday, where third-place JMU will try to rebound from a weekend sweep by No. 16 Old Dominion as ranked by *Baseball America*. The sweep came on the heels of a three-game win streak and before that, a 16-game win streak,

Baseball This Weekend

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Junior shortstop Davis Stoneburner chases down a Radford player during yesterday's game. Freshman left-hander Justin Wood pitched five innings, allowing two earned runs on seven hits. Sophomore center fielder Kellen Kulbacki, senior second baseman Michael Cowgill, junior outfielder Mitchell Moses and freshman catcher Brett Garner all hit home runs. Senior first baseman Nate Schill sent two out of the park. The Dukes won 22-7.

EVIN SHOAP/
senior photo

which at the time was the longest in the nation. After dropping three straight in Norfolk, the Monarchs (12-0, 29-3), who sit in first place in the CAA, now own that distinction having won 18 in a row.

Said McFarland, "I told [the team], 'if before the season, someone told you you'd be 19-10 halfway through the year, would you be up-

set?' And they said, 'we'd be pretty happy.'"

"We had bad spell, but it's not the end of the world. We're a good team, we've just seen some bad luck and we'll be fine, we just ran into some good pitchers."

Madison is going to run into some more this weekend. Northeastern has pitched its way into second place. The

Huskies have the third-lowest ERA in the league at 3.67 behind Virginia Commonwealth (3.23) and ODU (3.16) and are led by sophomore right-hander Kris Dabrowiecki, who is 3-0 in five starts with a 2.04 ERA. Joining him in the rotation are junior right-hander Dave Pellegrine and freshman right-hander

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Anderson: CAA women's track athlete of week



Anderson

JMU distance runner Nelly Anderson has been named the Colonial Athletic Association Women's Track Athlete of the Week.

Anderson, a senior from Charlotte, N.C., was honored after she won the women's 3,000-meter steeplechase at the

Stanford Track and Field Invitational last Friday night. She turned in a personal-record time of 10 minutes, 18.97 seconds, surpassing her previous best by more than 15 seconds.

Anderson's time is second in school history in the steeplechase to former All-American

Mollie DeFrancesco — who ran it in nine minutes and 56.07 seconds.

Along with the recognition, Anderson also qualified for both the NCAA East Region Championships and the Eastern College Athletic Conference Championships.

The NCAA race will be held from May 26 to 27 at North Carolina-Greensboro, and the Eastern College Athletic Conference Championships are slated for May 12 to 14 at Princeton.

— from staff reports



KELLIE NOWLIN/contributing photographer
JMU freshman Brittany Lorenti won the compound at this weekend's JMU Invitational.

Archery dominates home tourney; Dukes win all four individual titles

Dukes continue stellar season with home sweep

The JMU archery team swept every event in last weekend's Adam Wheatcroft Memorial Tournament. The Dukes took all four individual titles and the three team competitions in events held on Madison's campus.

Sophomore Braden Gellenthien won the men's compound 112-111 over freshman teammate Stephen Schwade. The Dukes won the overall team compound 228-202 over

Penn College.

In the women's compound freshman Brittany Lorenti finished in first with a 108-104 win over sophomore Joann Fleury. The Dukes took that team competition 207-198 over Penn College.

Both Gellenthien and Lorenti continued their stellar season for the Dukes. Each won a title at the U.S. Indoor/East Region Tournament back in early March.

Also winning titles for Madison were sophomore Jacob Wukie, who won the men's recurve and senior Katrina Weiss, who took the women's recurve event.

Wukie beat junior teammate Curt Briscoe in the championship 101-98. Weiss defeat-

ed sophomore Geetha Mathew, another Duke, 88-59.

The Dukes also ended up taking third place in all four competitions with sophomore Jedd Greshock and freshman Jessica Fasula taking third in the men's and women's compound, respectively. In the men's and women's recurve, freshman Nick Kale and sophomore Amy McAleese each finished third.

Other teams that competed in the tournament were Penn College, and Stevens College.

The Dukes are in Phoenix this weekend for the Arizona Cup. They travel to Mays Landing, N.Y., next weekend for the Atlantic Open.

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JMU sophomore Braden Gellenthien won the men's compound at the JMU Invitational.



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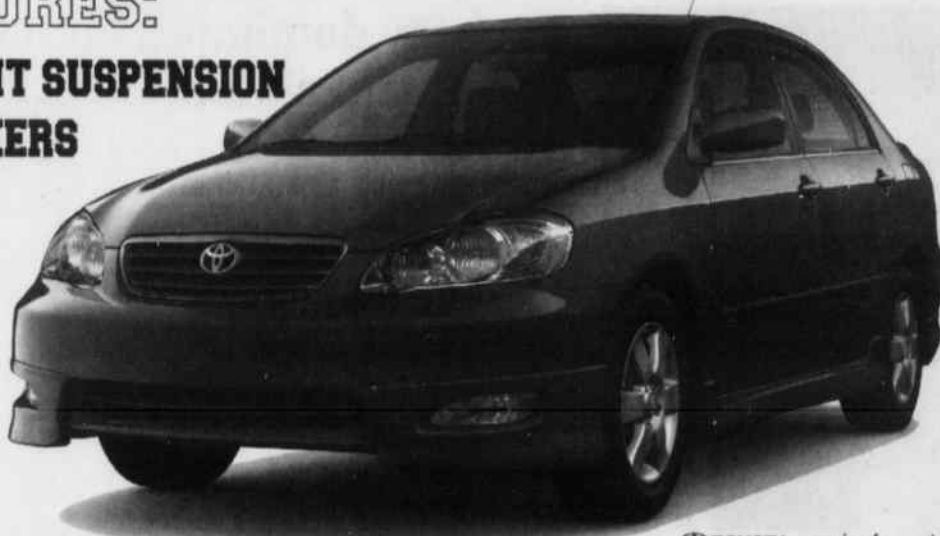
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BASEBALL: Dukes traveling to Boston for conference showdown

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Trevor Smith, Pellegrine is 3-2 with a 2.39 ERA and Smith, the reigning CAA Rookie of the Week after going 1-0 in 10.2 innings pitched with an 0.86 ERA, is 4-1 in nine appearances (three starts) with 1.01 ERA, while striking out 27 in 26.1 innings.

"[We know] absolutely nothing [about

them]," McFarland said. "We're trying to learn more, but apparently, they've got some pretty good pitchers, but that's fine, we've got some good pitchers too."

While the JMU pitching staff is fourth in the league with a 4.11 ERA, it is the Diamond Dukes' offense that carried the team to nine straight conference wins.

They are third in batting average, tops in slugging percentage and home runs, second in runs scored and RBIs and third in total bases. Madison even boasts the league's second-leading hitter in sophomore center fielder Kellen Kulbacki, who was hitting .491 as of Monday and leads the conference in home runs with 15 (one

in front of teammate, senior second baseman Michael Cowgill) and RBIs with 47. As a team, the Diamond Dukes have hit more homers than anyone, blasting 53 for the year thus far.

"We still haven't hit all situations," McFarland said. "We're a fly ball team, a power team and I think that caught up

with us a little bit this weekend [against ODU]. The wind was blowing in, but we're hitting the ball pretty good. We have a lot of seniors who've been lifting weights for four years."

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6:30 pm

Festival Ballroom

Tuesday, April 11:

Greek Letter &

Scholarship Day



Wednesday, April 12:

Commons Day:

10 am - 2 pm

The Commons

JMU Bands Showcase:

8 pm - 10 pm

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Thursday, April 13:

Greek Sing:

Doors open: 5:30 pm

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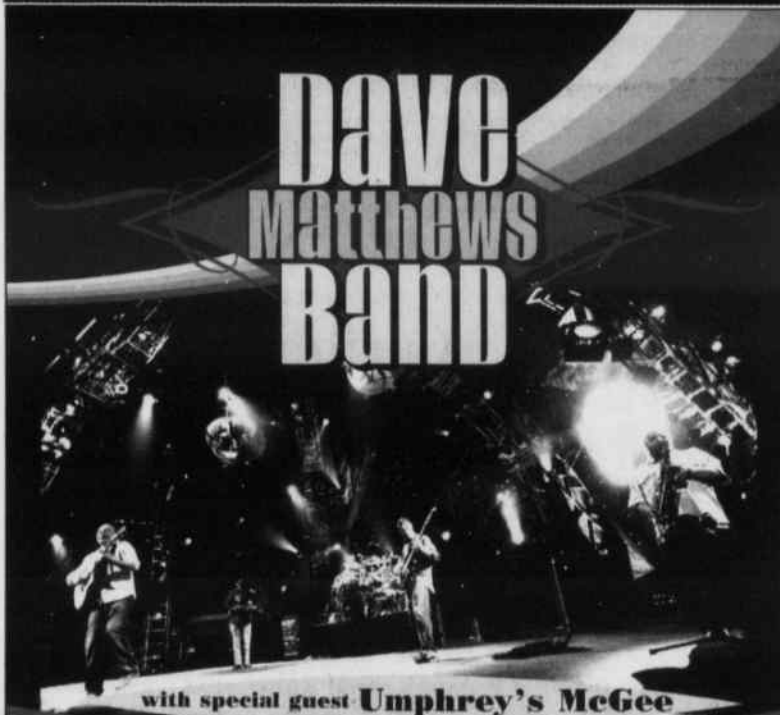
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