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Bill would probe area for natural gas, oil off coast

BY MEGHAN PATRICK
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The United States' first step in moving away from its dependency on foreign gas and oil may occur close to home for many JMU students from the Tidewater region of Virginia.

Virginia Beach Senator Frank W. Wagner (R) is one of the chief sponsors of a bill to explore the natural gas in the waters off of the beach's 35-mile coast. The search could result in the detection of oil deposits, which if drilled, could move the nation closer to self-sufficiency.

This past winter, the federal government gave Virginia lawmakers the opportunity to lift the 25-year-old moratorium prohibiting drilling on the Eastern Seaboard for natural gas.

"There is so much potential for good things to come out of exploring off the coast," said Wagner in an interview with *The Washington Post*. "It would spur economic development, create jobs and possibly help reduce our dependence on foreign oil."

There has been much debate over the exploration project, which is proposed to occur between 2007 and 2011.

"Before any meaningful discussion of offshore drilling, there must be some sense of the potential size of the natural gas reserve," Virginia Gov. Tim Kaine said in a statement to the Associated Press Friday.

"Absent that information, it is impossible to fairly weigh the benefits of offshore energy against the numerous concerns expressed by the public." This amendment supports the federal plan to determine how much natural gas exists 50 or more miles off the Atlantic Coast.

Opponents to the bill feel it is dangerous to risk the chance of long-term harm to the environment that oil drilling and a possible oil spill would bring.

"Lifting the moratorium is not going to solve our energy problems, and it might lead to other coast problems," said executive director of Virginia's Sierra Club Michael Town to *The Washington Post*. Town, along with other local and national opponents, feel energy conservation and efficiency is the best short-term solution to the energy needs of the country.

Many residents of the Tidewater region are also concerned about the effect exploration and possible drilling will have on tourism. In addition to the apprehension of long-term environmental damage, many fear what the accumulation of oils rigs to the nearby shore would do to the scenery, on and offshore.

"I don't want to walk on the beach and see an oil rig sticking out of the ocean," said senior Brooks Royster, whose family has owned a summer home in Northern Virginia Beach for the past six years.

The bill said the rigs used for drilling gas would be at least 30 miles offshore, about "twice as far as a person could see from the coast," according to *The Washington Post*. There have been no statements about where the rigs would be placed in the future if oil were to be drilled.

Sophomore Adam Cross of Portsmouth has spent almost every summer weekend over the past several years body-boarding off of the coast. "I am kind of in between on how I feel about this," Cross said. "It would be good to help the economy and create jobs, but if there is a risk in hurting the environment, it's not worth it all."



5 Largest Oil Fields in U.S.
1. Arabian Sea, Alaska
2. Gulf of Mexico, Texas
3. East Texas, Texas
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Allen courts square



Virginia Sen. George Allen visited Court Square as part of his re-election tour.

Allen a self-described 'common-sense Jeffersonian Republican'

BY DOMINIC DESMOND
NEWS EDITOR

The Rockingham County Courthouse's bell rang at 11 a.m. on Wednesday as usual. What was unusual was the presence of Virginia Sen. George Allen, who officially declared his candidacy for re-election for this year's senatorial race.

"The bell tolls for our urgency," Allen said as the clock rung throughout downtown Harrisonburg.

He called himself a "common-sense Jeffersonian Republican."

To illustrate this, the senator is on a statewide tour, pushing a series of platform points that he calls "missions." One point he stressed was the importance of an effective immigration policy.

"A border does not just secure our freedom," he said. "It secures our destiny."

Allen continued by saying the United States is a nation of immigrants, but is also a nation of laws.

"We should not encourage illegal actions with amnesty."

Allen also said restoring values comes from reforming the judicial branch. He said he supported a federal marriage amendment to the Constitution that would define marriage as between men and women.

In addition, he warned courts that have amended the Bill of Rights by judicial decree.

"Courts must apply the law, not invent the law," Allen said. "They must not legislate."

Energy dependence was another talking point of the senator. He urged Virginia to pursue clean coal and nuclear power options instead of increase reliance on foreign fuel.

"We need more energy for America," Allen said. "That doesn't come from a mullah."

The senator also focused on education reform. He has supported legislation to provide more tuition assistance for men and women in the armed services. Allen encouraged more young people to become more interested in science and engineering.

But, some members of the JMU College Republicans don't necessarily believe that Allen and former Democratic Governor Mark Warner will dominate the 2008 presidential campaign. Sophomore political science major Jarrett Ray thinks it would be good for young political science majors though.

"We'd all be fat and happy with jobs," he said. Ray does think Allen will run in the primaries.

Ray even said Allen is stepping away from President Bush's trail. Ray said Bush exemplifies neo-Reaganite big government, while Allen stands for small government.

"He's almost libertarian in that instance."

Fellow group members Ashley Bertoni and Maria Fort think Allen's re-election campaign in Virginia won't be without its challenges, but they say Allen is popular nonetheless.

U.S. Congressman Bob Goodlatte (R), representing Virginia's 6th district, said the Republican's ability to hold Washington rests on the party's accomplishments. "We want to tell people our story," he said.

"We are only limited by our imaginations and our hard work," Allen said in closing. "Keep smiling, we're going to stand strong for freedom."

Alleged gang rape investigated

An investigation is underway to identify four male suspects who allegedly abducted and sexually assaulted a female JMU student early Sunday morning.

According to the Timely Notification Bulletin issued by JMU Police on April 10, the incident occurred on the 1300 block of a Devon Lane apartment complex. At approximately 1 a.m., an 18-year-old female was walking in the area when a four-door, older-model sedan pulled up along side of

her. There were four males in the car.

The victim claims she heard one of the occupants ask her for a "light." She was unclear as to what she was asked, so she walked closer to the vehicle. One of the occupants got out of the car and pushed her into the rear seat, where the two males there allegedly proceeded to sexually assault her.

The driver of the vehicle proceeded to University Boulevard near the Convo-

cation Center. The girl was then pushed out of the car and the vehicle drove away. The young woman returned to campus to report the crime to a residence hall staff member.

Of the suspects, three were Caucasian and one was possibly Hispanic. Police say if arrested, the suspects will face charges of abduction and sexual assault.

— from staff reports

Kaine signs college campus safety law

Bill attempts to strengthen campus law enforcement

BY JACKIE COLE
STAFF WRITER

A new campus safety law passed last week in Virginia by Gov. Timothy M. Kaine will focus on creating a centralized college law enforcement office.

The Daily News-Record reported the College Law Enforcement Center will "set standards for campus police departments." The bill, also aims at strengthening campus police, increasing accountability and empowering college communities. The campus safety law will be effective this summer and the office will have until July 2007 to set standards.

Confident in safety practices of JMU, some officials believe that bill will act as reinforcement of an already efficient campus safety system. As reported in *The Daily News-Record*, JMU spokesperson Andy Perrine said, "A lot of the work has already been done, but we're always looking to get better."

JMU Chief of Police Lee Shifflett agrees.

"I believe that this new legislation re-enforces what we have been doing for years and that is providing a professional law enforcement service that truly understands what 'serve and protect' means and also nuances associated with a campus community."

On campus, the police are optimistic about the future of the bill. Shifflett welcomes the new legislation.

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PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY JUAN BIALET/staff photographer

Kaine's college campus safety law will take effect this summer.

SGA passes two bills, a program

Quorum not made to eliminate chief of staff

BY RACHANA DIXIT
NEWS EDITOR

The Student Senate had its last meeting of the currently elected senators and Executive Council Tuesday, beginning discussion on a constitutional amendment regarding the chief of staff position, passing one contingency bill and donating two program grants to organizations.

Senator Geary Cox (Sr.) proposed a constitutional amendment that would eliminate the SGA's Chief of Staff position and instead transfer that position's duties to the vice president of administrative affairs. Currently, the Chief of Staff serves as a liaison between SGA's executive staff and executive council.

"This is a redundancy we are trying to eliminate," Cox said. "This cuts out the middle man, an egregious disconnect between the executive council and executive staff."

Senator Robert Burden (So.) agreed with Cox.

"I see the chief of staff as an unnecessary liaison between officers and staff," he said.

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POLICE LOG

BY JENESSA KILDALL/SENIOR WRITER

Property damage

A JMU student reported \$200 worth of damage to a windshield of a vehicle parked in P-Lot April 7 at 7:30 p.m.

A JMU student reported a fire extinguisher was discharged in a lobby area and outside on the sidewalk and bushes. An exit sign over a door was also removed at Chesapeake Hall April 9 at 12 a.m.

Drunk in public

A non-student was charged with drunk in public in the Godwin Hall area April 8 at 8:09 p.m.

Number of drunk in public since Aug. 29: **72**

Number of parking tickets since Aug. 29: **21,720**

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Educators voice concern over rising debt and teaching profession

BY LAUREN SEARSON
STAFF WRITER

A new report released by the U.S. Public Interest Research Group says that 30 percent of public and 50 percent of private college graduates with student loans will face unmanageable debt starting off as teachers or social workers in Virginia.

According to a press release, the U.S. PIRG compared student debt of recent graduates with the starting salaries of teachers and social workers in the state. With this information, they determined the percentages of people in these careers that would not be able to pay back student loans.

Rose Garr, of the U.S. PIRG's mid-Atlantic field office, said in the press release, "Public servants like teachers and social workers are vital to the success of our communities. Unfortunately, high student loan debt can prevent many students from embarking on these critical yet low-paying careers."

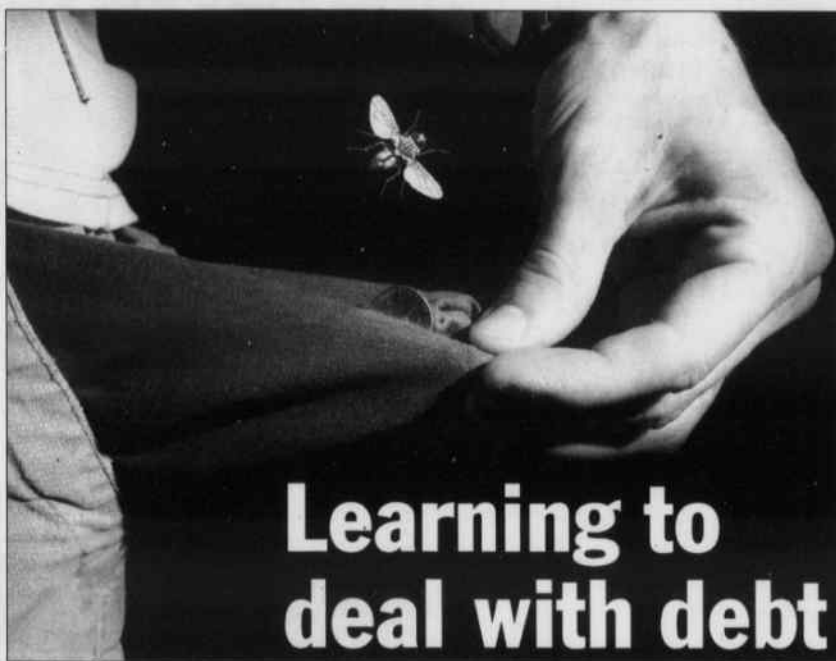
JMU College of Education Dean Phillip Wishon said these statistics show the extent to which society seems to value particular lines of work more so than others.

"We should all feel grateful that most individuals who heed the call of such professions as teaching, social work and nursing, do so for much more substantially important and rewarding reasons than salary."

As an IDLS and early childhood education major from Woodbridge, junior Samantha Albright said teaching in Virginia is a major concern because she will most likely have to take on a second job in order to pay off her loans.

"I really do think it will sway people away [from the major] because the stress of trying to get financially stable after college is too much for some people to handle," she said.

The U.S. PIRG issued the report to draw attention to the problem of undergraduate student loan debt. The release of this informa-



Learning to deal with debt

PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY EVAN DYSON/photo editor

Escalating debt, due to rising tuition costs at public and private universities, are making it increasingly difficult for new teachers in Virginia to make ends meet with their salaries.

tion follows the \$12 billion cut to the student loan programs Congress passed in February. According to the press release, this cut came mostly at the expense of students and parents.

Garr said, "Making students increasingly reliant on larger and larger student loans to pay for college stops some students from pursuing their dreams." With a strengthened investment from states and the federal government through increases in grant aid and more affordable loans, she said, college costs will be less of an issue for students and parents.

Wishon agreed and said the state of Virginia should do more to help local school divisions forgive up to 100 percent of a student's college loan in exchange for agreeing to teach for a specified period of time, a program that is already in effect in some parts of the state.

"The least local communities and the state can do is help ensure that these professionals are able to earn a livable wage, repay college loans and invest a bit in their own families' futures."

According to Associate Dean of Education Steven Fairchild, many students expressed concern about earning potential as a teacher, especially after hearing difficulties their friends have faced.

"To make ends meet, some students continue to live at home and teach while others choose to share living arrangements and expenses with other new teachers," he said.

Albright is one such student who, despite her concern, still wants to become a teacher and work with children. She said, "I know that a lot of us are fortunate that we can move back in with our families and save up to become financially stable."

The many woes of high gas prices



EVAN DYSON/photo editor

Gas prices in Harrisonburg have risen this week to \$2.69 per gallon. This follows the nationwide trend of rising prices, which are expected to increase more during the summer.

Increasing costs adversely affecting commuters, pizza delivery personnel

BY DOMINIC DESMOND
NEWS EDITOR

The national average price for unleaded gasoline has jumped about 33 cents since last month to about \$2.69 per gallon, according to the American Automobile Association.

AAA expects prices to increase 10 to 20 cents between now and Memorial Day if the price of crude oil rises above \$70 per barrel.

Regardless of the price of gas now or down the road, people have to drive, and in some cases, have to deliver pizza.

Rich McDonough of Keezletown says he drives anywhere from 30 to 60 miles during his 10-hour shifts on weekend nights for Dave's Taverna Express. McDonough is not paid per mile and must front the cost of gas himself. He said the gas prices are getting bad.

"Some customers seem to be tipping with that in mind," he said. "But when you get stiffed, it's pretty bad."

JMU students and Harrisonburg residents shouldn't be so concerned that they'll have to pay extra for a slice of pizza, though.

Tom Davis, manager of Dave's Express, said the rising gas prices would

not necessarily affect pizza by the slice directly. Davis said transportation companies already tally gas into the overall cost when shipping foodstuffs.

Martha Mitchell, manager of public affairs for AAA mid-Atlantic division, believes these current gas prices can affect everything.

"Ingredients do have to get to the pizza store," she said.

Some area residents are also feeling their wallets wear thin.

"It's draining the pocket," said Blue Ridge Community College freshman Seth Hendrick. "It's affecting the economic system for me right now — you always see that kind of spike about this time."

Hendrick said when he drives about 71 miles a day going from school to work, he has to fill up twice a week. "I've got no money for cigarettes, man."

Currently, Virginia has the seventh-lowest average price for unleaded gasoline and is also toward the lower end in terms of a state gas tax, resting at 17.5 cents. Hawaii holds the highest fuel prices, resting at about \$2.97 per gallon.

According to AAA, gas prices will continue to climb in the long term, but drivers can increase fuel economy by slowing down and by removing ski racks tops of cars to reduce drag.

But when McDonough's car is filled with pizza from 10 different orders, he still has to drive. He doesn't mind it, though. His music keeps him company.

"I get to get out of the restaurant," he said. "I get to see what's going on around downtown."

SGA: Quorum was not met during meeting

SGA, from front

However, the current chief of staff, junior Betsy Anderson, said the duties might be too much for one person to handle.

"It's going to overload them too much," Anderson said. She also added, "There could be a conflict of interest."

The bill was not further debated due to the senate not meeting quorum. At yesterday's meeting, 45 senators were present. The body needs 49 senators present in order to debate and decide whether an amendment should be passed. This is the fourth time this year that the senate has been unable to meet quorum.

In other affairs, Senator Cory Winter (Sr.) reported that last week, the finance committee voted whether to recommend an Interservice contingency bill to the senate.

With two in favor, one against and two abstaining from voting, a majority of voting members was not achieved.

However, during Tuesday's meeting, IV members Tim Drummond and Laura Boyer, both juniors, implored the senate to pass the bill, which would cover a registration fee for a two-week trip to the Dominican Republic. The bill was IV's second request to the SGA this year.

The trip, Drummond said, is through the nonprofit organization Students International and the registration fee would cover one person out of the 32-person group.

Drummond also pointed out that investing JMU students in a different culture could be very beneficial to

the university community.

"It's really giving a great view of a different culture," Drummond said.

Winter agreed, adding that this trip may help spread JMU's name, and therefore increase JMU's international student numbers.

"We don't have very many international students," Winter said. "[The trip] is just one way to meet helpful, great JMU students."

With 48 senators voting in favor and one abstaining, the contingency bill was passed.

The Latino Student Alliance requested a \$10,000 program grant to fund a speaker as part of Hispanic Heritage Month, which begins Sept. 15.

The speaker, Rigoberta Menchu of Guatemala, won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1992 for campaigning for human rights, especially for those of indigenous people.

Members of LSA highlighted the importance of having Menchu at JMU, due to the large amount of Hispanics in the Harrisonburg community.

The senate had unanimous consent in donating LSA the requested funding.

The second organization to ask for a grant was the American Choral Director's Association, requesting \$5,000 for their annual Choral Festival. The Choral Festival, said treasurer Kathryn Neff (Jr.), is an opportunity to bring high school students from the area to perform with JMU students. This year, she added, students from Maryland high schools may join the festival.

With unanimous consent, the grant was given to the ACDA as well.

SAFETY: Bill includes funds for campus law center

SAFETY, from front

"I believe in the new legislation. It will provide campus law enforcement officers training specific to our environment."

Shifflett said campus police officers have to be trained in every way a municipal officer is. Many of JMU's officers worked in municipal police departments or sheriffs departments prior to working at JMU.

It takes about 12 to 18 months on the job training to become an effective campus officer, even with five to 10 years experience in a municipal setting.

Kaine's bill includes funding for the creation of the Campus Law Enforcement Center in the Department of Criminal Justice Services.

As indicated by the nonprofit organization, Virginia21, goals of the Center include: setting principles for hiring staff, training and certification standards for campus police and security departments, generating policy and procedure

New Web site offers monetary incentive to job seeker

Rewards can vary between \$50 and \$200 per referral

BY JAMES IRWIN
SENIOR WRITER

A recent entrepreneurial endeavor involving a JMU graduate could prove fruitful for future online job seekers.

JMU alumnus Anthony Venafro ('04) is a sales representative and recent co-founder of WorkGiant.com, an interactive Web site geared toward connecting employers and employees to fill job openings. WorkGiant operates on performance based recruiting, where clients only pay the network upon making a hire off the site — unlike Monster and Career Builder, both of which charge flat fees for employers to post job openings.

The idea, Venafro said, is to expose the hidden job market.

"It's one of our big selling points," Venafro said. "Companies can't afford to post all of their jobs, so they only post the essentials. They'll see this as an opportunity to post more openings."

The beauty, Venafro said, lies in WorkGiant's flexible policy. Employers have no barrier to entry. They can post and search databases for free until the position has been filled. As for job seekers, WorkGiant also involves a rewards system, benefiting both the company and the individual.

"It's mainly an incentive to the job seeker," Venafro said. "You recommend the site to a friend and if they land a job through WorkGiant, you get a bonus."

The cash incentives range from \$50 to \$200 per referral. Like employers, job seekers also join the Web site for free and maintain their referrals for life.

"This combines the best attributes of all job searches," Venafro said. "Monster gives you the exposure but at a price. Craig's List is free but doesn't give you the exposure. This site will eventually give you both."

In a top-heavy industry dominated by Monster and Career Builder, WorkGiant is attempting to gain a foothold by offering unlimited access, something co-founders Dave Medinis and Kevin Romney made a priority when they pitched the network's theme three months ago. Thus far, the technique has been slow to catch on, but career development personnel say the logic is sound.

To succeed, WorkGiant will have to thrive off its ability to network with the newest wave of college graduates, and that's where Venafro and other sales reps come into play. His sister Angela, a senior hospitality and tourism management major, and his fiancée Elizabeth Salamone, a senior business marketing major, jumped on-board early.

"By inviting other people to join the site, WorkGiant benefits the job seeker," Salamone said. "I'm going to invite all my friends and they'll do the same with their friends. Everyone is going to want a piece of the pie."

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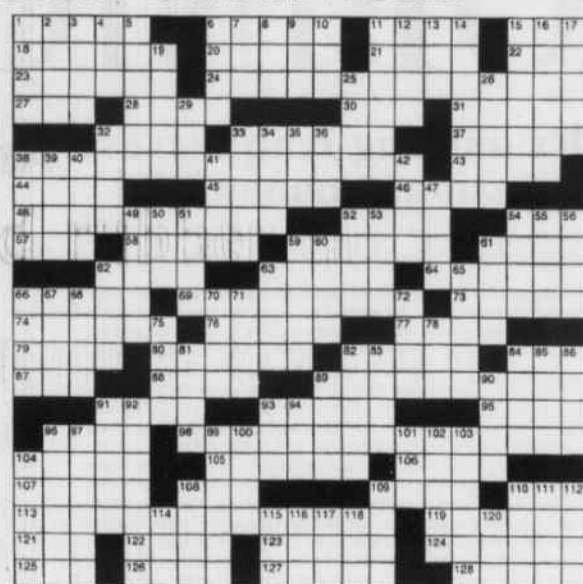


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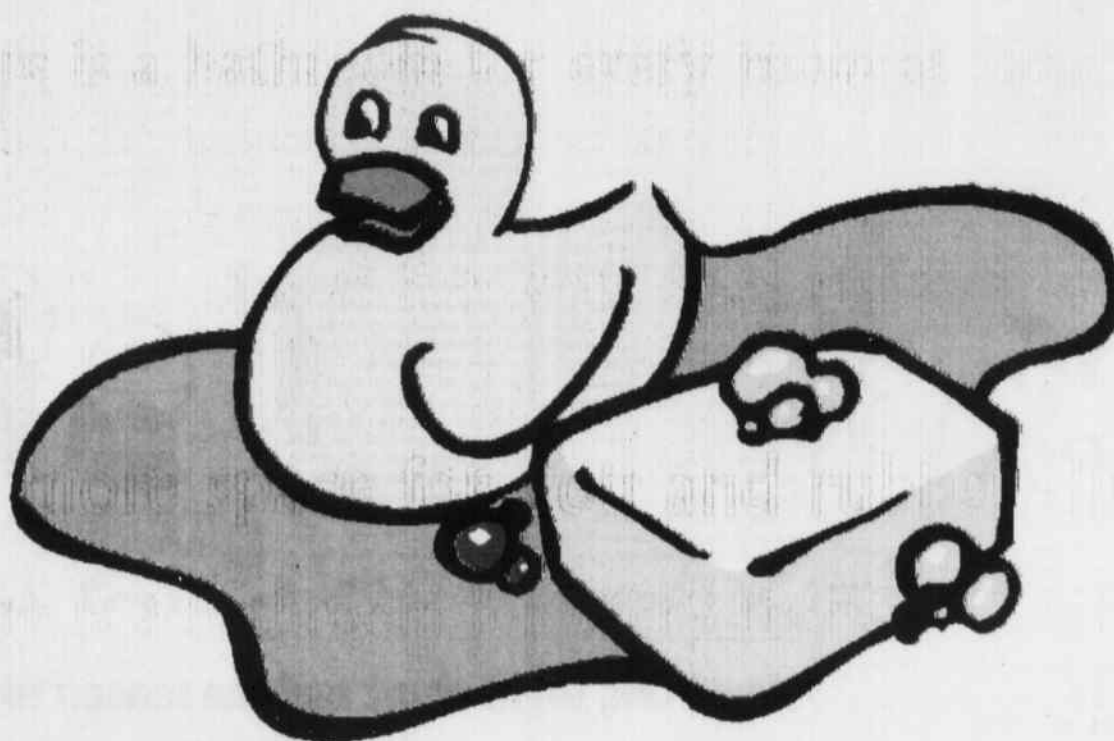
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Examining Iraq leaves questions unanswered

BY ANTHONY RIEDEL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

We are now three years into Operation Iraqi Freedom. The consensus is Saddam Hussein did not possess weapons of mass destruction and had nothing to do with the attacks on Sept. 11, 2001; thus making President George W. Bush a liar. We all know that U.S., British, French, Italian, German, Egyptian, Jordanian and Russian intelligence agencies thought Hussein possessed WMDs. We also know that the mainstream media has proven Hussein's WMD program as a myth.

For example, two weeks ago *The New York Times* printed a story saying how Saddam had fooled everyone about possessing WMDs. According to *The New York Times*, Hussein informed his top generals three months before the start of the occupation that he did not have WMDs. *The New York Times* offers this as proof that there were no WMDs. Last week, MSNBC started a story: "In the period before the Iraq war, the CIA and the Bush administration erroneously believed that Saddam Hussein was hiding major programs for weapons of mass destruction." MSNBC introduced an Iraqi diplomat, Naji Sabri, who was close to Hussein. Sabri informed French intelligence and the CIA before the war that Hussein did not possess WMDs. While comparing U.S. intelligence to Sabri's statements, MSNBC usually comes to the conclusion that the United States was wrong and "Sabri was right" and "Sabri was more accurate." Was he?

In an interview with Larry Elder, General Georges Sada, the "number two" ranking officer with the Iraqi Air Force, is quoted saying Hussein had "... weapons of mass destruction and then he was with very evil intentions towards all the West, especially America." Sada continued, "Iraq possessed WMD and they were there, and they were chemical and biological, and nuclear weapons." Sada then described in detail how Hussein managed to cover it up.

According to Sada, Hussein struck a deal with the Chinese to build him nuclear weapons, giving a whole new meaning to "Made in China." As part of the deal, China was going to harbor the weapons for Hussein. Sada stated that the biological and chemical weapons did exist and were shipped to Syria "when a dam was collapsed and many villages were flooded." Under the cover of a humanitarian effort, Hussein had his entire chemical and biological arsenal shipped to Damascus in 56 flights. A truck convoy helped move the remaining chemical and biological weapons related material into Syria. Sada noted that Hussein's plan was not foolproof because Saddam thought he was going to maintain his power (as in 1991) and then proceed to complete his quest for WMDs.

Then ABC News reported on tape recordings of an Iraqi cabinet meeting held in the mid-1990s. These tapes were recorded right after U.N. inspectors uncovered evidence of Iraq's illegal biological weapons program. At one point, Hussein Kamel, Hussein's son-in-law, assured Hussein: "We did not reveal all that we have. Not the type of weapons, not the volume of the

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materials we imported, not the volume of the production ... none of this was correct." Also on the tapes, Hussein declared "terrorism is coming" to the United States and Great Britain. Hussein was even recorded discussing using proxies like al-Qaeda to commit attacks on Americans with WMDs.

Finally, documents were released last week confirming that Osama bin Laden and al-Qaeda were in contact with the Iraq government concerning sanctuary and terrorist training. According to Human Events, some members of Congress are demanding President Bush release even more documents on the lead up to Operation Iraqi Freedom that could change the minds of the American public. Unfortunately, these documents are classified because of national security.

So after three years, we are still asking the same questions: as for the answers, I am not sure what to believe. On one hand, it is hard to believe in WMDs that are not there. On the other hand, just because WMDs are not there now, does not mean that there were not there before. Nor does it eliminate the possibility that Hussein was planning secretly with other countries to produce them. On the bright side, we removed and captured the "Butcher of Baghdad," a true terrorist who killed his own citizens and probably had the intentions of killing Americans. Who could forget the images of American soldiers rolling into Baghdad and helping hundreds of cheering Iraqis tear down the large statue of Hussein? At that moment on April 9, 2003, Hussein's terrorist regime was over. Any chance of him completing any WMD program was eliminated. Good thing we have a president who follows through when fighting terrorism.

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As victims continue to die, Sept. 11 still won't



It was only a paltry little sidebar story, but the signs are troubling: the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11 are still killing people.

HOUSE EDITORIAL

The autopsy results for 34-year-old James Zadroga, who passed away in January, were released by his family and union Tuesday, who assert that the police detective is the first casualty attributed to debris exposure after the terrorist attack. "It is felt with a reasonable degree of medical certainty," according to the report by the Ocean County, N.J., medical examiner's office, "that the cause of death in this case is related to the 9/11 incident."

This report comes amid a firestorm class action lawsuit resulting from more than two dozen deaths which families and their attorneys claim are related to the exposure to the dust released by the building collapse, which has been estimated to contain more than one million tons of powdered debris. But Zadroga's death is the first officially attributed to the rescue effort. After spending 470 hours working sifting through Ground Zero with a paper mask as his only respiratory protection, he began suffering a chronic cough, shortness of breath and acid reflux, quickly followed by nightmares and headaches. His condition deteriorated rapidly from there, soon requiring regular use of oxygen tanks, antibiotics and steroid injections, and prompting his early disability retirement in November 2004. He was found dead by his father on his bedroom floor three months ago, with material "consistent with dust" in his lungs and damage to his liver, heart and spleen, according to the coroner. He is survived by his parents, wife and 4-year-old daughter.

His family has judiciously declined to participate in the class-action lawsuit, choosing instead to proactively use his passing to advocate further health screening programs for emergency workers and survivors of the attack. "They all knew it was detrimental to their health," his father said, "yet they stayed there."

Terrifyingly, this may only be the tip of a very tragic iceberg. Like most disasters, both man-made and natural, much of the damage is slow in coming. As the lawsuit claims, it may only be a matter of time before respiratory disease, cancer and the like further thin out the survivors the terrorists were unable to get to themselves.

The family's temperate response is a wonderful testament to Zadroga; resisting the temptation to sue their way through their grief sets them a class above, and is much more of an honor to his memory. It can only be hoped that, as more and more cases like Zadroga's surface, his family's model will be followed. The less money, resources and time spent fighting over the dead is more spent on protecting the living from a similar fate.

Dear future wife: We have some business to go over

BY BOBBY McMAHON
SENIOR WRITER

Dear future wife,
Hello, my darling. You don't know it yet, but you and I are going to be married someday.

LOVER OF WOMEN, CONQUEROR OF NATIONS

Married, as in 'til death do us part. That's a mighty long time. I bet you're enjoying all the riches of your youth, living it up in college (or high school) and learning much about the ways of the world. You're probably a woman of style and grace, of understanding and compassion, and I look forward to the day when we share our nuptials, consummate our marriage and then head to the reception.

Before we do any of that, however, there are some things you should know about our life together, namely that by exchanging vows with me you are agreeing to serve your life for the Boston Red Sox. For our marriage to be successful, I ask for your patience through the realities of Red Sox fandom, which include mood swings, obscenity-laden outbursts and the occasional broken glass that was thrown because Lenny DiNardo doesn't want to throw strikes today. Moreover, I ask for your understanding when I refuse to change my underwear during the playoffs, and I ask you not to hit me when I inadvertently yell out Carlton Fisk's name in the height of passion.

Speaking of copulation, you

should know that I feel called as a Red Sox fan to name one or more of our children after the past and present greats of the Red Sox Universe. Depending upon the number of children you bear, you should consider placing these names at the top of your list: Curt Schilling McMahon, Carl Yastrzemski McMahon, Theodore "Ted" Williams McMahon, David Ortiz McMahon and Tim Lincecum McMahon. Under no circumstances will we name our children Bucky, Mookie or Aaron, as the mere mention of those names will send me spiraling into a tornado of anger that you and the children shouldn't have to suffer through. I would like to start building our family as soon as possible, as in a rather shortsighted move, I have promised my left testicle to the baseball gods in exchange for a Red Sox World Series Championship. Since they have held up their end of the bargain, I can't help but think that my more potent days may be over.

Our home must provide a safe and stable environment to raise Red Sox fans, and thus we must give our children the best of everything we have, namely satellite TV. I will not let Little Carl and Curt grow up watching baseball on Fox, their young minds poisoned by the likes of Tim Lincecum and Joe Buck, whose collective knowledge of baseball equals that of a sleuth of pandas. DirecTV has some excellent packages that will provide NESN (New England Sports Network — you should already know this) at very reasonable prices, allowing our children to watch most Red Sox games

and providing the 24-hour insightful analysis that they deserve.

Wife, I will love you with all my heart, all my soul, and with every ounce of my being, but if you ever show yourself to be a jinx, hex or other malicious metaphysical malady toward the Red Sox, I will not allow you to watch games with me, ever. In fact, until you have been exorcized of your hex-spewing demons (there may be some minor burning involved), you shan't be allowed to enter the living room during a game, come with me to the park or wear any Red Sox clothing that will send your jinx onto a Red Sox player (hexes on Roger Clemens, however, are encouraged).

Remember, honey-pumpkin, I loved the Red Sox long before I loved you (do the words "wake me up before you go-go" mean

Remember, honey-pumpkin, I loved the Red Sox long before I loved you.

anything to you?), and it would behoove you to keep this in mind. I look forward to the day when we will be together, and as long as you follow these guidelines, our marriage will be filled with love and joy. Unless, of course, you curse the team, David Ortiz's shoulder explodes and the Red Sox move to Brooklyn, and then our marriage will be filled with gloom, bitterness and soul-consuming desperation. Let us hope for the former.

Your Devoted Husband — shoot, game's back on, bye!

Bobby McMahon is a senior political science major, and has worn the same Red Sox hat since junior high.



New York, night court and the reason for the season

BY BRIAN GOODMAN
OPINION EDITOR

Legend has it that, in the winter of 1935, New York City mayor Fiorello LaGuardia wandered into night court and gave the judge the evening off. Mayor LaGuardia was known to occasionally relieve magistrates, as an old city ordinance allowed at the time, and arbitrate from the bench. Such unusual behavior was characteristic of "The Little Flower," who has gone down in the annals of history as one of the city's greatest mayors for carrying the Big Apple through the Great Depression and the start of the Second World War.

On this particular night, a bedraggled old woman was brought before him, accused by a local shopkeeper of stealing a loaf of bread. She explained in her own defense that she was the caretaker of her sick adult daughter and her two grandchildren, all of whom were starving. But the shopkeeper refused to drop the charges against the struggling matriarch; crime in the area was bad, he reasoned, and she needed to

be made an example of to deter future theft.

Sighing, LaGuardia turned to the woman. "I've got to punish you," he said, "the law makes no exceptions — \$10 or 10 days in jail," though the woman, if she was reduced to stealing a loaf of bread, would have no means to pay the fine.

As the story goes, LaGuardia was then seen reaching into his pocket, producing a bill, and

throwing it down, declaring, "here is the \$10 fine which I now remit; and furthermore I am going to fine everyone in this courtroom fifty cents for living in a town where a person has to steal bread so that her grandchildren can eat. Mr. Bailiff, collect the fines and give them to the defendant." And a grand total of \$47.50 was handed to the liberated but bewildered grandmother as spectators, reporters, officers and the other accused on the docket paid their 50 cents and gave Mayor LaGuardia one of the rare

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standing ovations a courtroom has ever seen.

This shocking display of grace embodies the true, foundational meaning of Easter: the judge paying the penalty for the crimes we've committed, setting us free in a seamless fusion of mercy and justice. Yet as we increasingly subdue the celebration of Easter, we miss the point entirely. If interested at all, many of us find ourselves yearning for the Cadbury eggs and flowers we will find on Sunday morning. We have replaced an empty tomb with candy-filled pastel baskets, which is tantamount to turning down filet mignon for Spam. Not to badmouth candy, but it is no good when the traditions used to celebrate a holiday replace the holiday itself. If the spectators in LaGuardia's courtroom had celebrated his actions like we celebrate Easter, they would have revelled in the applause instead of through the applause. We have gotten to the point that we can no longer see the forest through the trees or the cake through the icing. We can no longer see the grace through the jelly beans.

This Sunday, do not be willing to settle for canned ham. Spring for the steak — after all, Somebody else paid for it.

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Darts & Pats are submitted anonymously and printed on a space-available basis. Submissions are based upon one person's opinion of a given situation, person or event and do not necessarily reflect the truth.

DARTS & PATS

A "thanks-for-turning-our-campus-into-an-elementary-school" dart to UPB for scribbling on every concrete surface with chalk.
From a senior who feels that his hop-scotch days are long gone, and doesn't want to remember them.

A "way-to-crimp-my-ride" dart to the Godwin parking lot pothole that wrecked my bicycle.
From a disgruntled junior whose real wheel is no longer round, and thinks the campus should be more road-bike friendly.

A "do-your-part-to-reduce-our-dependence-on-foreign-oil" dart to the residents of Rockingham Hall who drive their cars from the back of the building to the bus stop.
From a fellow D-Section Rockinghamer who will testify that the two-minute walk is not all that bad.

A "there-are-better-ways-to-fertilize-the-grass" dart to the two girls who decided to relieve themselves on the Quad Saturday night.
From an innocent bystander who was totally grossed out by your lack of bladder control and respect for our university.

A "get-your-facts-straight" dart to Monday's dart about how George Allen has "held the office since before we were born."
From a senior whose shoe size is bigger than the number of years Sen. Allen has been a senator.

A "you-rock-the-Quad" pat to the Ashby Hall computer dude who came out and taught my friend a few pointers about how to throw a Frisbee correctly.
From a sophomore who wished she were playing with you instead of her friend.

Backwoods characterization of Harrisonburg erroneous, unfair

While Monday's House Editorial made a good point regarding the lack of racial diversity at JMU, I must take issue with some of the characterizations of Harrisonburg.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The 'Burg may have a chicken-processing plant, but it hardly typifies the town. There are some thriving local businesses that apparently are under the author's radar. To name just two: Fairfield Language Technologies, ranked as the world's leading language software company, headquartered in the 'Burg; the Green Valley Bookfair, a top destination for thousands of booklovers. Many of them, surprisingly, are from our very own area, which brings up the author's comment about local education.

I am not sure what "the educational divide" is to which the editorial refers. Both the city and county schools turn out more than a few graduates who go on to colleges and universities even more select than JMU! Other graduates choose to enter the trades, for which I am grateful. When I have an electrical problem at home, I am glad there is someone other than a physics professor to call.

The editorial's tone judges local people by Northern Virginia standards. It is not unlike the old argument made pre-civil rights era, when some whites made themselves the standard by which other races were judged (and found wanting). That "gown" attitude comes across as mighty superior. I think some of the "farmers and mountain people," might take offense as they mosey on over to Super Wal-Mart for their overalls and viddies (thanks, JMU students, for making that superduper Wal-Mart a reality).

The author had good intent, but the editorial instead served to reveal his/her own prejudice regarding the local population.

Barbara Bowman
Broadway

The grinch that stole Easter — from public colleges

BY SARAH DELIA
STAFF WRITER

Creating the illusion of Santa Claus was tough enough on my parents, what with the whole concept of a morbidly obese man sucking in his gut to kamikaze himself down the chimney to eat cookies — furthering his tubbiness — place presents under a dead tree, and then stuff an enlarged sock which dangled dangerously over our fiery mantel. But Easter, well Easter was always a joyous, unquestioned occasion that I looked forward to. It was a day full of eating justified chocolate, parading around in Easter clothes, and of course the infamous Delia Family Easter egg hunt which took place every year in our living room. It was survival of the fittest amongst the Delia children as my brother and I scrambled to get all the eggs in our baskets — and when he turned his head, you better believe I was grabbing those eggs from his basket and placing them in mine. Don't judge, karma has caught up to me, as my once tiny younger brother, whom I used to make cry on the day of our Lord's Resurrection, has now surpassed me in over eight inches in height and over a hundred pounds in weight. Just imagine that Easter basket.

THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS

Those somewhat trivial aspects of Easter, however, are what keeps me going: I need my blood sugar to be abnormally high for one day. I like biting the heads off of sugary Peeps reminding myself each year that "Oh yeah, I don't like the taste of Peeps," and I love watching the Disney Channel Easter-movie marathons of such classics as "The Easter Bunny is Coming to Town" — pure genius.

However, as I started getting geared up for Easter this year, JMU decided to put an ultimate halt to my Easter pregameing — the university has cracked my unboiled, not-yet-dyed egg, so to speak. That's right, my fellow Easter-lovin' bunnies, in case you haven't heard, we have no three-day weekend to pause and reflect on Easter. From a Catholic's perspective, Good Friday (a day where we abstain from eating meat) has just gotten a little worse. Remember those people that are paying for your tuition, stocking your refrigerator, and possibly getting hospital bills for various reasons — your family? Who has time to go home and see them in two days, especially if you live out of state?

Along with not being able to spend time with family, there are even more obvious reasons why we should have at least three days to celebrate the gloriousness that is the Easter holiday. Chocolate — unless you're allergic to milk or have never been dumped by someone — is your friend and greatest companion in time of

need. Everyone knows that on Easter, calories do not exist; this rule also carries over to Monday as our stomachs will more than likely be bloated. Monday is the day of rest, so our bodies can come down from the sugar high — plus dark chocolate is good for your heart.

And, unlike St. Patrick's Day, Easter involves no alcohol. It's a Mormon's dream of nonalcoholic fun, good food and, well, bunnies. Alcohol is known for slowing down the metabolism, numerous calories, and causing regrettable family scenes at the dinner table. None of this occurs on Easter, a day where chocolate endorphins are released into the blood stream, not liquor.

As a vegetarian, I perhaps have the greatest appreciation for this vegetable-friendly holiday. The Easter Bunny promotes good eyesight by consumption of carrots, unlike Santa Claus, the cookie-eating mascot of obesity. Easter is just looking out for its followers — it just wants what's best for us — sugar indulgence, a brief vacation from alcohol and some good vitamins.

But Easter, a most blessed holiday indeed, can really be broken down into this easy-to-understand concept: Why save a horse and ride a cowboy when you could save a bunny and dye an egg?

Sarah Delia is a freshman English and art history major who will be dyeing Easter eggs in her room this Sunday if anyone wants to join.

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Dukes dominate Rams 7-0

Madison's men's tennis rolls in final home match

BY BRIAN HANSEN
SPORTS EDITOR

The JMU men's tennis team played their last home match of the season Tuesday, defeating the Shepherd College Rams 7-0.

The Dukes, who were coming off a close victory over the Lancers of Longwood 4-3 Sunday, dominated the overmatched Division-II school.

"Competition-wise, we knew they were going to be a level down from what we're used to playing," JMU coach Steve Secord said. "We played pretty well, but this isn't the normal talent we play."

Madison got big 6-0, 6-0 victories from both junior Brian Clay

and sophomore Carlin Campbell to help dominate the match. Clay played in the second position and defeated Shepherd No. 2 David Seifarth while Campbell played No. 4 to beat Eric Stevenson.

Clay also teamed up with senior John Sneed to win their doubles match 8-3 over Seifarth and Casey Moser.

"I was pretty consistent today," Clay said. "I hit the ball well and tried to keep him moving."

Sneed played No. 1 for the Dukes. He frustrated Shepherd No. 1 Casey Moser all day and beat him 6-1, 6-0.

"I kept the ball in play and made the extra shot," Sneed said. "He'd hit a good shot and I'd run it down and that seemed to frustrate him, and he started making some unforced errors. It made him play more than he's used to."

Other results for the Dukes were No. 3 senior Bob Allen-

sworth beat Arthur Ebeling 6-1, 6-2. Freshman No. 5 Brian Rubenstein beat Andy Bosco 6-3, 6-0 and junior Don Davidson beat Scott Hasenei 6-1, 6-0 to take all six singles points.

"At this point of the year, it's the end of the season and guys know what they have to do to get the job done," Secord said. "They're playing pretty well and we're just trying to finish strong."

Clay said, "It's nice. It's always nice to have some momentum going into the conference tournament on a roll."

The Dukes also took the doubles point by sweeping all three matches. Along with Clay and Sneed's win, freshmen Rubenstein and Allensworth beat Ebeling and Stevenson 8-1 while Campbell and senior Michael McGettigan beat Bosco and Hasenei 8-2.

"It's nice to win your last home match," Sneed said. "It's

always good to be rolling heading into conference championships."

The Dukes have a road match against Division-III Washington & Lee next Tuesday before the Colonial Athletic Association Championships next weekend in Newport News.

The Dukes will run into some tough competition at the CAA championships with three teams ranked nationally. Virginia Commonwealth is ranked ninth in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's latest poll. Also ranked in that poll is Old Dominion at No. 49 and William & Mary at No. 70.

JMU will likely receive the sixth seed in the tournament and go onto face the third-seeded Tribe.

"[William & Mary is] pretty tough," Secord said. "What we've tried to do is play tough opponents, to get us ready and hopefully, we'll go out and give it our best shot."



AARON STEWART/senior photographer

The Dukes served up a victory in their final home match.

Locked on target

Gellenthien ranked among world's best collegiate archers

BY MEAGAN MIHALKO
SENIOR WRITER

You won't find one of JMU's most decorated athletes in the weight room or on the track. You won't find him in the pool or on any courts. The one place you may find him is on the Hillside field shooting at targets.

His name is Braden Gellenthien, and he is the sophomore captain of the JMU men's archery team. Despite his young age, Gellenthien has been on top of the archery world for quite some time and has flown under the radar at JMU, quietly accomplishing some unique feats.

As a freshman, Gellenthien was a member of the JMU men's compound team that won gold at the U.S. Intercollegiate National Championships as well as the mixed team that took silver. He was also a member of the gold-medal Team USA and was the top American finisher, placing 13th at the World Target Championships in Madrid.

Before coming to JMU from Hudson, Mass., Gellenthien got into archery when he was 9-years-old at Cub Scout Camp.

"I tried it for the weekend and asked my parents for a bow," Gellenthien said. "Luckily they allowed me to get one and I've just gone from there."

Gellenthien started shooting locally and was consistently finishing in the top three spots, so he decided to look at national scores.

"That's when I realized that I wasn't that great," Gellenthien said.

Gellenthien hooked up with personal coach Terry Wunderle when he was 15-years-old in Massachusetts and has stuck with him ever since. Despite being at JMU, Gellenthien has a unique relationship with his coach. Instead of Wunderle being at JMU,



KELLIE NOWLIN/file photo

Sophomore compound shooter Braden Gellenthien lines up a shot during practice at Hillside field.

Gellenthien films himself and his form and sends videotapes to Wunderle to critique, and then they spend time on the phone discussing what needs to be worked on.

"I train with the team and talk a lot on the phone [with Terry]," Gellenthien said. "When I came on to the team, I didn't know what to expect."

However, after just a year at JMU, Gellenthien seems to be meeting any expectations that anyone has set. He competes in the men's compound, which utilizes a bow that is more high-tech than the recurve and is used more for hunting.

Despite all of JMU's archery pro-

grams accomplishments, none of the archers are on scholarship. Many simply came to the school based off the program and the school.

"I decided when I was between seventeen and eighteen that I was either going to go to JMU or Texas A&M," Gellenthien said. "I looked at the logistics of going to Texas and I thought that the business school was more appealing here."

And while Gellenthien has accomplished a lot while here, one of his most important feats happened prior to coming to JMU. In 2004, Gellenthien headed to Great Britain for the Junior World Championships. In his last tour-

namment as a junior, he took the world championship title.

"It was great because my experience was there and I had been shooting well up until then," Gellenthien said. "It was fitting for my career for everything to work out."

As for the future of his archery career, Gellenthien has already been named to the U.S. Archery Team and plans on continuing to compete in the World Championships. The championships are held on odd years, and with anyone's best bet, it wouldn't be a stretch to say that JMU's own Gellenthien will be looking to secure another top finish in the upcoming year.

Greshock gets gold

Sophomore wins two tie-breakers for Ariz. top prize

PHOENIX — JMU sophomore archer Jedd Greshock won the gold in the men's compound at this weekend's Arizona Cup.

The Arizona Cup is a major archery tournament where archers can earn points towards qualifying for the United States Archery Team. Professional and amateur archers from the United States and some international archers competed in the event.

Greshock qualified for the elimination round as a 16 seed, making for an impressive run to the championship.

In the first round, Greshock faced professional archer and No. 1-seed Tim Gillingham, whom he defeated by one point, 113-112.

After a five-point victory in the quarterfinals, Greshock ran into teammate Braden Gellenthien in the semifinals. After regulation the two were tied at 115, but in the tie-breaker Greshock shot a 10-point bull's-eye, while Gellenthien shot a nine.

In the finals, Greshock faced Australian Clint Freeman. For the second-straight match, Greshock had to go into a tiebreaker after the shooter tied at 113. Greshock once again shot a bull's-eye, while Freeman could only manage to shoot a nine.

Other Dukes in the tournament was Jacob Wukie, who lost in the men's recurve round of 32 to former Olympian Ed Eliason, 111-110.

Sophomore Jessica Fasula lost in the round of 16, 110-109 in the women's compound to the eventual silver medalist Becky Pearson.

— from staff reports



EVIN SHOAP/file photo

Michael Cowgill went 4 for 5 for the Diamond Dukes against the Flames Tuesday. Cowgill had two home runs to go with two doubles and six RBIs in the loss.

Liberty burns Madison

Diamond Dukes collapse in eighth, lose to Flames

LYNCHBURG — A late-inning collapse cost the JMU baseball team a win Tuesday.

The Diamond Dukes gave up six runs in the eighth innings to lose 12-11 to the Flames of Liberty.

JMU jumped out to an 8-3 lead after three innings, as senior second baseman Michael Cowgill led the charge. He hit two home runs in the first three innings to provide the Diamond Dukes with early offense.

On the day, Cowgill went 4 for 5 with two home runs and two doubles. He drove in six runs and scored two. His two home runs gave him 16 on the year, putting him just one behind sophomore center fielder Kellen Kulbacki for the team lead.

Also hitting two home runs for the Diamond Dukes was senior

first baseman Nate Schill, who hit numbers 10 and 11 on the year for him.

The Flames came firing back late in the game by scoring up six runs in the eighth. The inning began with Liberty center fielder P.K. Keller reaching on a wild pitch after swinging at strike three.

Then JMU freshman left-hander Justin Wood began to run into trouble. He loaded the bases with a walk and a single before being relieved by senior right-hander Geoff Degener, who gave up two hits, including an RBI single to left fielder Phillip Laurent. Degener gave up three runs while only retiring one batter.

Schill would eventually relieve Degener to get the Diamond Dukes out of the inning.

Laurent went 5 for 5 with a double for Liberty. He had three RBIs and two runs scored.

Freshman right-hander Kurt Houck got his first career start for the Diamond Dukes, pitching five innings and giving up three earned runs on five hits. He struck out two while only walking one.

Degener took the loss for the Diamond Dukes and left-hander Ryan Page picked up the win for the Flames. Tim Ryan pitched the

ninth to pick up his second save of the year.

It was the ninth-straight win for Liberty, who improved to 26-8 on the season.

The Dukes played yesterday at Maryland and return home to face George Mason in conference play.

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Dane Beakler, Billy Daniels (3), Tyler Light (5), Jason Koziol (8), Ryan Page (8), Tim Ryan (9) and Abe Yeakel; Kurt Houck, Trevor Kaylid (6), Clay McKim (7), Wood (8), Degener (8), Schill (8) and Dan Santobianco.

W — Page, L — Degener, S — Ryan.

2B — (L) Patrick Gaillard, Phillip Laurent, Aaron Grijalva; (JMU) Michael Cowgill 2, Dan Santobianco, Brett Garner, Rob Altieri. 3B — Michael Just. HR — Cowgill 2, Schill 2.

Records: Liberty (26-8), JMU (22-13).

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2006 Hall of Fame announced

Four inducted, ceremony to be held April 20

Four new inductees into the 2006 JMU Athletic Hall of Fame were announced Tuesday that represent three of the more successful sports programs, along with one of the top student-athletes in JMU's history.

The inductees include Dr. Mark Gabriele ('95), Alisa Harris ('88), Mat Holthaus ('95) and Carole Thate ('96).

Gabriele excelled on the JMU swimming and diving teams that won four-straight Colonial Athletic Association championships and three Eastern College Athletic Conference titles. He won eight individual CAA titles, swimming the butterfly and individual medley events, and was also a member of relay teams that won 14 conference crowns.

Harris, a four-year starter and women's basketball star

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'Brokeback' DVD lacks dynamic twists

DVD features take an inside look into the film, but prove humble despite major Hollywood hype

BY LISA RONEY
STAFF WRITER

Seeing as it was one of the most controversial movies of last year, one would assume that the "Brokeback Mountain" DVD would contain in-depth revelations of filming a new twist on a classic forbidden love story.

The minuscule four features that are included, however, mirror the look and feel of the film itself. "On Being a Cowboy" spends a little over five minutes looking at the "cowboy camp" stars, Heath Ledger ("Casanova"), Jake Gyllenhaal ("Jarhead") and Anne Hathaway ("The Princess Diaries"), went through to become genuine horse riders. Professional bull riders and mechanical bulls were used for both Gyllenhaal's and Hathaway's rodeo scenes.

"Directing from the Heart: Ang Lee" spends almost eight minutes discussing the director's ("Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon") emotional involvement with the film. The most important topic discussed is Lee's determination to take the film to a metaphysical level, and to not let it just be a soul-less "gay cowboy movie."

"From Script to Screen" is the duller of the features, taking 11 minutes to talk about the original short story's 1997 publication in *The New Yorker* and the immediate move to turn it into a screenplay. Nothing of any substance is said, only repetitive praises of the fiction.

"Sharing the Story: The Making of Brokeback Mountain" is a documentary special originally made for television, and just stuck on the end of the DVD as a sum-up of the entire movie. The 20-minute documentary summarizes the whole story (so don't watch this if you haven't watched the movie), includes interviews with the cast and crew and is the most colorful, vibrant and humorous of the features, making it feel inferior to an otherwise humble DVD.

The film itself is much better than its bonus features. Everyone on screen gives amazing performances. This is the first movie in a while that actually deserves all the critical praise it has received for being a beautiful, touching tearjerker whose taboo content may repel some and draw in others.

Carrey, Leoni create sparks in new DVD

'Dick and Jane' has few outstanding features, but full of laughter for audience

BY LISA RONEY
STAFF WRITER

Jim Carrey's latest comedic attempt, "Fun With Dick and Jane" is a laugh that may come as a surprise to many. The DVD is in seriously short supply of potentially hysterical features, but what is featured will make viewers crack a smile.

Included in the special features is an amusing three-minute gag reel. Since Carrey ("Bruce Almighty") and co-star Tea Leoni ("Spanglish") both have amazing comedic timing, the gag reel potentially could have been 10 minutes of side-splitting hilarity.

Six deleted scenes are featured. "Spice It Up" — in which Carrey and Leoni fail at an attempt to spice up their dissolving sex life — is one feature worth watching. Another deleted scene, "Toy Store Robbery," is an entertaining five-minute physical fight between Carrey and an elderly security officer that will keep the viewers laughing.

"Press Junket Highlights" is the final feature on the disc.

The two-and-a-half minutes of interviews portray the undeniable chemistry between Carrey and Leoni, making the audience want to see more of the pair's outstanding comedic talent.

The film itself is a smooth blend of physical and verbal comedy. It runs at a brief one hour and 25 minutes, making the special features more intriguing to watch, as the whole disc is the average length of today's feature films. All in all, "Fun with Dick and Jane" is an entertaining and fast farce that will have many laughing out loud.

Coming down with spring fever?

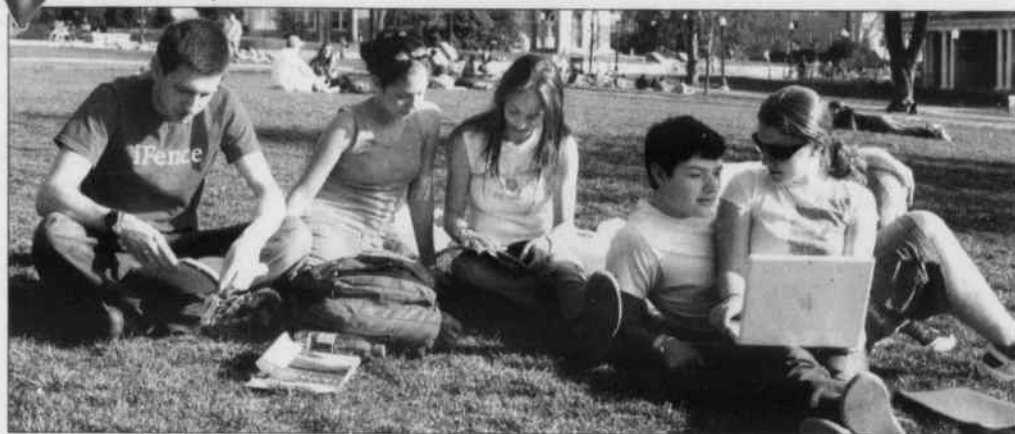


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With the warm weather finally here, spring fever has taken over the campus

BY LAURA BECKER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Along with the warmer weather and daylight-saving time, people everywhere are experiencing the seasonal bug commonly known as spring fever. Symptoms include (but are not limited to) the desire to sleep all day, play or lie in the sun, daydream or even to get it on with that special someone.

Spring fever is a completely normal response to the season, and recent studies are claiming that the cause of spring fever is human's increased exposure to light. The pineal

gland, located in the center of the brain, produces the hormone melatonin, which in humans controls the desire to sleep. The pineal gland produces less melatonin when exposed to light, causing humans to feel drowsier in the spring. Serotonin, a hormone that affects mood and sleep, often increases in spring, causing a shift in hormonal levels and mood swings.

Spring fever can be remedied by following these steps. If possible, sleep for eight hours at night and avoid taking naps during the day. Start the morning with a glass of orange juice or water instead of an energy drink. When walking around

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EVAN DYSON/photo editor

JMU grad competes on hit Food Network reality show

Nathan Lyons could win a spot on The Food Network

BY REBECCA O'DELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Rachael Ray, with her spunky personality and 30-minute meals, has become a favorite for Food Network lovers. Even Emeril Lagasse has captivated audiences with his "bam!" outbursts. And how can anyone not love Paula Deen and her sweet Southern charm? Could perhaps JMU alumnus Nathan Lyons ('94) have what it takes to be the Next Food Network Star?

Lyons, 35, who holds a degree in Health Science from JMU, is one of eight finalists in New York competing for his own six-part cooking series on the Food Network. The show judges the candidates, who come from various backgrounds and experience, on "skill, personality and overall food philosophy," according to the Food Network's Web site.

Lyons, who credits his grandmother's kitchen in Arlington, Va., as being the place where he first learned to cook, claims that he would make the new best food network star because he is "well-read, good-looking and a great teacher." He is

also prized on his signature recipe for the show, which is Asian-infused pork tenderloin with melted onions and herbed goat cheese.

Lyons, who made his way through college by working at various restaurants from Washington, D.C., to Vail, Colo., received his formal culinary education from the California School of Culinary Arts in Pasadena.

After graduating from JMU, Lyons traveled through Europe for six months, concentrating on regional cuisines and then moved to Los Angeles where he works "closely with the finest local organic farmers to develop unique menus catered to any special dining occasion," according to his Web site, goodtastechef.com.

"The Next Food Network Star" airs Sundays on The Food Network. The season finale will be April 23 at 9 p.m. Also, visit foodnetwork.com to watch cast audition tapes or read "Nathan's Diary," his daily thoughts on his experience thus far on the hit Food Network show.



LAUREN PACK/art director

JMU alumnus Lyons ('94) hopes his signature recipe of Asian-infused pork tenderloin will make him a star.

Research becomes art exhibit

Art history class displays women's art from the Renaissance period

BY ERIN SANDERS
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Students in art history professor Kay Arthur's ARTH 449 class, a course that surveys early women artists throughout the Renaissance period, will assemble a show based on their research throughout the semester. It will be the newest digital exhibit at Grace Street Center, and will focus primarily on historical pieces.

According to Arthur, the students selected a particular woman artist in history and wrote

research papers about the female's impact on the art world. The students then selected one piece of art to present in the exhibit.

Fifth-year senior Erin Nixon has been doing research on Elisabeth Vigée-Lebrun, an 18th century French painter.

According to Nixon, Vigée-Lebrun thrived in portraiture and is famous primarily for her portraits of Marie Antoinette. Her portion of the exhibit will focus on mother/daughter relationships and how a switch in gender roles is displayed in Vigée-Lebrun's art.

In preparation for the exhibit, each class member is writing a research paper on his or her chosen artist. Portions of their papers will accompany each selection in the show next week. The exhibit will be varied since the pieces were chosen based on personal interest and motive, not designated by Arthur. The historical artists chosen to be displayed at the exhibit were pulled from anywhere between the medieval and 19th century, incorporating a vast selection of artwork.

"The whole experience has given the students a wider horizon of women artists in the past," Arthur said. "Planning the show also mimics real life as a museum curator, giving them skills for the future."

The only thread linking the renaissance and modern works is the reflection of the "themes of the class, such as problems surrounding the study of women artists and breaking down the myth that there are no great female artists," Nixon said. Each student has chosen a piece that will exhibit these characteristics, therefore contributing to the personal and unique aspect of the show.

The Women's Art Exhibit opens Monday, April 17 at 7 p.m. at the Grace Street Center.

The Cost of Beauty



AARON STEWART/senior photographer

Juniors Jackson Tompson and Jenna Stevenson perform in "The Waiting Room," which has been playing in The Memorial Hall Auditorium April 11 through tonight at 7 p.m. The JMU Counseling and Student Development Center joined forces with the JMU Health Center and the JMU Women's Resource Center for the production. According to cast member senior Leslie Cassagne, "The performance sends the message to let us all know we possess eternal beauty in a material culture filled with images of perfection."

HALL: Four Dukes head to Hall of Fame to make up class of '06

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for JMU, helped the Dukes to a 104-19 overall record, three CAA titles and three "Sweet 16" appearances in the NCAA tournament. She is one of three Dukes with more than 1,400 points (third all-time) and 600 rebounds (eighth all-time).

Thate was among the nation's top field hockey players during three JMU seasons and led the Dukes to their 1994 NCAA title and to the 1995 CAA crown and NCAA semifinals. She led the nation in scoring from 1993-1995 and holds JMU records for career goals (116), points (268) and

game-winning goals and season marks for goals (40) and points (93).

Holthaus, was a track star and twice selected as JMU's Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year and an academic All-America and was a four-time All-America track performer. After winning the Intercollegiate Association of Amateur Athletes of America championship in college in both the outdoor 1,500 meters (1994) and the indoor 1,000 meters (1995), Holthaus went on to win the U.S. championship in the mile and was a member of several U.S. national teams.

He currently holds the second-best JMU outdoor time in the 800 meters and the top mark in both the 1,000 meters and mile indoors.

— from staff reports

HALL OF FAME CLASS

DR. MARK GABRIELE	'95
ALISSA HARRIS	'88
MAT HOLTHAUS	'95
CAROLE THATE	'96

FEVER: Stay motivated in spring

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weather and nature instead of any stressful issues.

Many JMU students catch spring fever at this point during the semester and have to pay the price.

"I put off all my schoolwork too long and now I can't go outside," junior Alan Sheriff said. "I just deal with it. I played too much earlier, you have to do the work at some point."

Sheriff notes that if students procrastinate continuously, they won't be able to afford to daydream and sleep often.

Another tip to avoid falling behind is to plan schoolwork around the afternoon in order to have some "play" time outside. Skip running the track at UREC and jog the stadium, take a walk in the arboretum, or start up a tennis match or ultimate Frisbee game instead. Read for classes outside in a secluded area that will allow you to enjoy the weather without being distracted. If a nap is unavoidable, take a towel outside and sleep under the sun (with sunscreen on). If the need to get

away takes over, plan a weekend trip to the beach or go camping before school ends.

Many students find they get more tired and lethargic as the temperatures begin to rise, a sure symptom of spring fever.

"I've definitely been affected by spring fever, especially when the weather got warmer," freshman Jesika Hayes said. "I tend to want to sleep a lot or go outside, which distracts me from doing the work I know I have to do. I try to take shorter fifteen to twenty-minute naps, rather than two-hour naps. I think it's important not to shut yourself inside studying all day long when the weather is so beautiful. Take some of your work outside."

Spring fever may be unavoidable, but appreciating the warmer weather and making a point to enjoy it each day will eventually smooth out any leftover winter blues. As it says in the song "Dreamer" by the band Lovin' Spoonful, "It's one of those days for taking a walk outside/ I'm blowing the day to take a walk in the sun."

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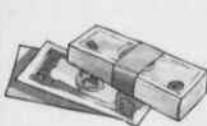
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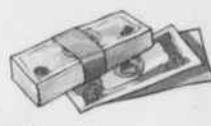
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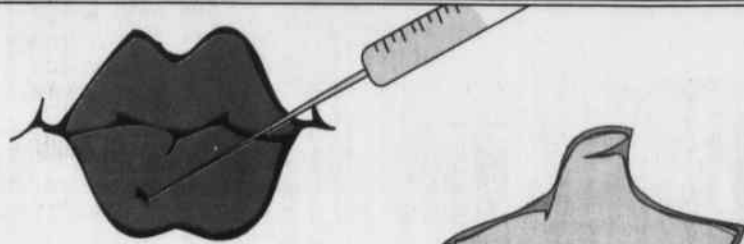
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