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Students protest in D.C.

JMU takes 35-plus to anti-war demonstration

BY SARAH SULLIVAN
staff writer

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A sea of colorful signs with loud messages filled the National Mall and the streets of Washington, D.C., on Saturday to protest the War in Iraq and President Bush's proposed troop surge. Protest organizers United For Peace and Justice estimated 500,000 took part in the demonstration. Among those were a number of JMU students.

"I was blown away by how many people from JMU came," sophomore Marley Green said. "I know of at least 35-plus people who went, and everyone I met had a great time. There could always be more, though."

Said sophomore Nick Milas: "These events are what make history. Nothing feels greater than to be with a shockingly large group of people just to show 'Premier' Bush where we stand."

Other JMU student protesters shared the same sentiments.

"I went to the anti-war march because I feel strongly that our involvement in the Iraqi war is wrong," freshman Meredith Burns said. "Marching on the Capitol shows that the American people are against the war and that the government should be listening to us instead of ignoring us."

The crowd in Washington consisted of people from across the country.

"There were radicals and moderates and everything in between, masked people who don't believe in revealing their identity to corporate media and grandparents from Ohio," Green said, "but everybody was smiling at each other, glad to be there in the midst of so many kind-hearted people."

Many gathered printed signs reading, among others, "Out of Iraq," "No Iraq Escalation" and "War is Not the Answer." Others brought signs with more expressive sentiments. "Impeach Cheney, Then Bush," "Women Say Pull Out," "Bring My Husband Home" and "I Ain't Gonna Study War No More" read others.

A number of JMU students rode vans organized by JMU professor Jack Gentile.

"I've always found that the JMU students are very socially concerned, and if given the chance, most will jump at the opportunity to get involved," Gentile said.

Nineteen students rode the vans to Washington.

"It is very important for the young people to see that they can make a difference in this country," Gentile said. "Many of them feel as though this thing that is happening is too big for them to get involved in... and the Bush administration feeds on that perception. I just tried to help my students see that they can do something, and that the effort is worth it. That's what makes America America."

Another JMU student viewed his participation as more of a necessity.

"I don't know if I was proud to be there," Green said. "If the war stopped, then I would be proud, but right now it's a piece of the struggle, part of the long haul, a big piece, a learning experience, a great time, but this war is still going on, people are still dying, the president is still lying."



EVAN DYSON/photo editor

A man was found outside Kyger Funeral Home with a gunshot wound Monday afternoon at approximately 1 p.m.

Man shot at Kyger

Police leaning toward suicide as probable cause of death

HARRISONBURG — The Harrisonburg Police Department has not yet released the name or age of the male victim who died Monday afternoon after sus-

taining self-inflicted gunshot wounds to the head.

Police discovered the man behind Kyger Funeral Home on South Main Street after responding to a call at approximately 1 p.m.

Lt. Kurt Boshart of the HPD said the investigation was "leaning toward suicide" as the cause of death.

"There was what appears to be one self-inflicted gunshot wound to the

head," Boshart said.

According to local authorities, the victim was airlifted at approximately 2 p.m. to the University of Virginia Medical Center and died shortly after his arrival.

Boshart said JMU Police is collaborating with local authorities in the investigation since the university acquired the South Main Street property last year.

— from staff reports

Caesar's to reopen today

Restaurant returns after brief closing

BY RACHANA DIXIT
news editor

HARRISONBURG — Caesar's Restaurant has undergone an unexpected makeover.

In the past several weeks, the Neff Avenue establishment went from receiving regular business to shutting down in mid-January. However, a reopening is planned for today.

"We wanted to get it reopened as soon as we could," said Caesar's office manager Roy Heinlen.

Original Caesar's owner Wayne Fralin, a retired physician who opened the restaurant May 1 of last year, said he sold the restaurant to David Robinson last June. Robinson, who previously managed the Papa John's on East Market Street, was a general manager at the time. Fralin reacquired the restaurant last month.

"[Heinlen] defaulted on his agreement," Fralin said. "None of us really understand what happened."

Heinlen said he discovered the restaurant had been shut down after he called the main phone number and found it was disconnected. He added that all other phone numbers were non-functional, as well.

Fralin said he knew the restaurant was experiencing finan-



SUSAN SOMMERFELDT/contributing photographer

Caesar's opened last May and has since had two different owners.

cial trouble, but didn't think it was anything to be concerned about. He added that there was a possibility that Robinson was not making certain payments on time — which exactly were not specified.

"We don't know why it wasn't doing well," Fralin said. "I didn't have any clue."

Caesar's staff members echoed similar feelings. Senior Philip Worosz, who has worked at Caesar's as

a server and bartender since its opening, said he knew the restaurant was closing, but did not receive any in-depth information on the matter.

"We were kept in the dark," he said.

Before its closing, Caesar's appeared to have alcohol licensing issues as well. Virginia Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control Public Relations Specialist Kristy Smith said Robinson's name was not on the restaurant's al-

cohol license while he was the owner, making it illegal for the restaurant to distribute alcoholic beverages.

Smith said ABC special agent Daniel Blye discovered the problem and was working with Robinson to get his name on the license. But, Robinson agreed to surrender the license Jan. 11. The restaurant closed shortly after, but Smith said this

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EVAN DYSON/photo editor

Authorities searched the landfill for the body of a newborn until late Thursday.

Authorities call off baby search

BY MARY FRANCES CZARSTY
assistant news editor

HARRISONBURG — Officials at the Rockingham County Sheriff's Office have called off the search for the body of an infant said to have been left in a dumpster late Thursday night.

"It got to the point where we had to realize the near-impossible probability of finding evidence that a coroner could evaluate," said Felicia Glick, spokesperson for the sheriff's office.

The search for the body began early Monday morning at the Rockingham County Landfill, police said, after an unidentified 19-year-old woman told police she delivered the baby in a college dormitory bathroom and proceeded to place the infant in a dumpster.

Glick refused to say which college.

...we had to realize the near impossible probability of finding evidence that a coroner could evaluate.

— FELICIA GLICK
sheriff's office spokesperson

According to police, acquaintances of the mother went to Rockingham Memorial Hospital Sunday to assist the mother, but were unable to locate her. With their assistance, the mother was identified and agreed to cooperate with the investigation.

The woman told police the baby was wrapped in a bookstore bag before placing it in the dumpster. Glick refused to comment as to whether or not the bag was from a college bookstore.

Glick said investigators realized after 21 hours of searching 30 square yards of trash compacted 8-feet deep by a piece of equipment weighing 18 tons that their search was "pretty limited." Due to the biohazard risk, cadaver-detecting dogs could not be used in the search.

Although the body was not recovered, police said investigators would continue to obtain information by conducting interviews and subpoenaing medical records.

Police said that as of now, it has not been established that a violent crime was committed. No charges have been filed against the mother at this time.

Glick said more information would be released as the investigation continues.

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POLICE LOG

BY ALICIA STETZER/senior writer

Drunk in public, underage possession of alcohol

A JMU student was charged with drunk in public and underage possession of alcohol at P-Lot Jan. 28 at 2:39 a.m.

Drunkennes

A JMU student was charged with drunkennes at the Godwin Hall bus stop Jan. 28 at 2:48 a.m.

Larceny

A JMU student reported the theft and illegal use of a JAC Card found in the Festival Center area Jan. 23 at an unknown time.

A JMU student reported the theft of a Sanyo cell phone, valued at \$220, left unattended on a table at P.C. Dukes Jan. 24 between 6:30 and 6:45 p.m.

Drunk in public, non-compliance with an official request, responsibility for guests

A JMU student and a non-student were charged with drunk in public, non-compliance with an official request and a responsibility for guests violation at the Godwin Hall bus stop Jan. 28 at 2:13 a.m.

Property damage

A JMU student reported \$150 worth of damage to glass in the bottom portion of a door in the basement laundry room of Wampler Hall Jan. 27 at an unknown time.

A JMU student reported \$200 worth of damage to a front fender and molding of a vehicle in R1-Lot between Jan. 23 and Jan. 25 at an unknown time.

Number of drunk in publics since Aug. 28: **55**
 Number of parking tickets since Aug. 28: **12,622**

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DUKE DAYS Events Calendar

CSL Service Fair

Community Service-Learning is holding its annual service fair Feb. 5 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Transitions in Warren Hall. Participating organizations include the Peace Corps, Teach For America, Habitat for Humanity, Heifer International and more that are searching for students to fill local part-time and full-time post-graduate positions. For more information, visit the CSL office in Wilson Hall, room 204, or call 568-6366.

Alpha Phi Sorority's APhiASCO

Alpha Phi sorority's annual philanthropy APhiASCO begins Feb. 10 with the "Move Your Phi't" 5k walk in partnership with Rockingham Memorial Hospital. Registration is \$10 in advance and \$12 the day of the event. Proceeds will go to RMH's Women's Health Focus. The walk begins at 11 a.m. at the Festival Center. Contact whitesj@jmu.edu for more information. The "King of Hearts" male auction will

be held Feb. 12 at 7 p.m. in Memorial Hall. Admission is \$2. Dave's Downtown Taverna is sponsoring a proceeds night Feb. 13, and Alpha Phi members will hold "Jail and Bail" day on the commons, where they will accept donations to "get out of jail" on Feb. 14. The Pub will donate proceeds from its Feb. 15 karaoke night to the cause. Admission is \$5 for those under 21, and \$3 for 21 and up. *GoneGreek.com* will be selling Greek apparel in Transitions Feb. 16 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. "JMU is For Lovers" T-shirts will be sold on campus all week. All proceeds from the week will go to the Red Dress Campaign and the Alpha Phi Foundation, both of which aid in the fight against women's heart disease. Contact vaughntr@jmu.edu with any questions.

Note-oriety's Valentine's Day Concert

The female a cappella group Note-oriety will hold a free Valentine's Day concert Feb. 10 at 5:30 p.m. in Taylor Down Under, with special guests Naturally Sharp, Virginia Tech's all-male a cappella group. For more information, contact Lauren Starck at starckln@jmu.edu.

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Around Campus

New institute to hold first event today

The Institute for Visual Studies is hosting its opening events today from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Roop Hall, room 208. An exhibition in Nexus, the IVS gallery space, will showcase innovative work by students and faculty in data visualization and the arts. IVS is a center for scholarly, scientific and creative inquiry into the nature and workings of images.

N.Y.-based musical group to perform at festival

The New Millennium Ensemble, a New York-based musical group that has premiered more than 50 new works, will perform and teach during JMU's 27th-annual Contemporary Music Festival from Feb. 8 to 11.

The members of New Millennium will present contemporary works at Barnes & Noble at Harrisonburg Crossing Feb. 9 and at a campus concert Feb. 10.

In the Valley

Extracurricular activities bill passes in Va. House

HARRISONBURG — A bill requiring parental permission before students can participate in high school or middle-school extracurricular activities passed in the House of Delegates, according to the *Daily-News Record*.

The proposed legislation, introduced by Del. Matt Lohr, R-Broadway, is headed for the Senate, where a similar piece of legislation he introduced last year died in committee.

World & Nation

White House to turn over classified documents

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The *Washington Post* reported that Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales and other officials said they will turn over classified documents about the government's domestic spying program to the congressional judiciary and intelligence committees.

The agreement follows Gonzales' announcement two weeks ago that the Bush administration was abandoning a controversial program that allowed the National Security Agency to spy on Americans without warrants because it now has approval for the monitoring from a secret intelligence court.

Sen. Biden declares presidential bid

With a jab at the Iraq policy of New York Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, the *Washington Post* reported Delaware Sen. Joseph R. Biden Jr. joined the race for the Democratic presidential nomination yesterday, saying he has more experience than any of his prospective rivals to help extricate the United States from Iraq without leaving the Middle East even more destabilized.

Biden, on ABC's "Good Morning America," joked that he is now "the 800th candidate" to announce his intentions to seek the presidency.

German court searches for kidnapping suspects

FRANKFURT, GERMANY — The *New York Times* reported the most serious legal challenge yet to the Central Intelligence Agency's secret transfers of terrorism suspects: a German court has issued an arrest warrant for 13 people in connection with the mistaken kidnapping and jailing of a German citizen of Lebanese descent.

Prosecutors in Munich said the suspects, whom they did not name, were part of a CIA "abduction team" that seized the man, Khaled el-Masri, in Macedonia in late 2003 and flew him to Afghanistan.

Nuclear Reaction

BY LAUREN SEARSON
staff writer

HARRISONBURG — Every year, approximately 20 million transports move radioactive material, and some of it could be passing through JMU's campus via Interstate 81 en route to a New Mexico dump site.

But nothing is definite. Bob Spieldenner, public relations director of the Virginia Department of Emergency Management, said: "The transporting dates are still up in the air since there is still discussion about the facility in New Mexico receiving the materials."

VDEM recently received a \$100,000 training grant from the Southern States Energy Board to train personnel involved in I-81 transportations of nuclear waste. According to the VDEM Web site, the department, as part of its training grant, will have training locations for two types of classes, one for emergency responders and one for medical staff.

JMU geology and environmental science professor Michael Harris said the possible wastes include low, medium and high levels.

Low levels of transuranic waste — waste derived from radioactive elements with atomic numbers higher than 92 — are found in hospital or research lab clothes. Medium levels are found in contaminated protective clothing and equipment, while the highest level includes cold war weapons and spent nuclear fuel from power plants.

Spieldenner said despite people's concern about the words "nuclear waste," the reality is in the case of an accident, people won't see a large cloud of radioactive materials.

"[The transported materials] are not going to be as dramatic as chemicals that are continually transported throughout the country," he said.

For example, Spieldenner cited chlorine as a dangerous transported chemical



MINDI WESTHOFF/senior photographer

Although no concrete plans have been made, radioactive material could be transported on I-81 through JMU's campus sometime in the future.

because it produces gases, which can be carried from an accident scene to surrounding homes and facilities. Approximately two years ago, residents of Graniteville, S.C., were evacuated due to a chlorine spill from a freight train.

"I think that even considering transporting nuclear waste through campus and Harrisonburg is ridiculous," senior Mackenzie Lundeen said.

"Especially through a college campus where there is a larger concentration of people in one place."

She added that the possibility of contaminating the air, water and soil is high.

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Coal vs. Wind



AARON SOBEL/
staff photographer

Sophomores Marley Green and Nicholas Melas battled in a mock struggle between coal and wind on the commons Monday afternoon. The event was part of JMU's Clean Energy Coalition kick-off week, created to promote the use of alternative energy sources on the university's campus.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

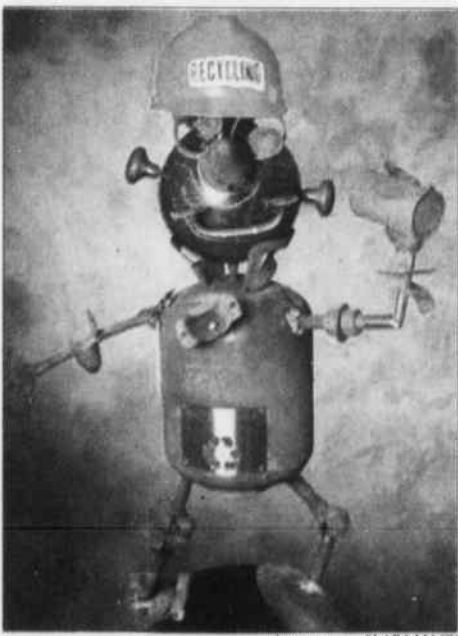


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The winner of the national Recyclemania competition will take home this trophy.

BY VICTORIA SHELOR
staff writer

Recycle one ton of last semester's class notes, and you could be saving JMU around \$65, while the cost of dumping sets the university back about \$52.

With the kickoff of Recyclemania last Sunday, the EARTH Club and the JMU Recycling Program are asking the community to recycle used beverage containers, paper and cardboard. The nationwide competition will compare figures week-to-week from now until April 7 to assess how much the school actually recycles compared to other colleges and universities. Students can keep track of how the student body is doing by checking the Web site at recyclemaniacs.org.

"The competition was founded in 2001, but this is the first year JMU is participating," said junior Lara Mack, an Earth Club member.

JMU is participating in the Per Capita Classic competition, with the objective to collect the most recyclables per capita.

"The most important goal

for us is not to win this competition — although it would certainly be great if we did — but rather to increase awareness about recycling," Mack said.

The EARTH Club promotes recycling education with literature, as well as doing recycling cleanup at local sites.

"We give away recycling stickers to get the word out," Green said. "We also work closely with Anthony Mancuso to figure out ways to spread the word and make recycling more effective."

Mancuso, the operations manager of the Recycling Program, meets with the EARTH Club to inform it about the recycling program and to discuss ways to help out. He created a *MySpace.com* page for JMU recycling to educate the campus.

The Recycling Program started in 1996 as a result of an EARTH Club initiative, beginning with a staff of only two — a recycling coordinator and one student — along with several volunteers from the club. The program has since grown to a staff of more than 15 people.

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Energy group presents bill

SGA hears presentation by CEC

BY ALEX HILTON
contributing writer

SGA heard a variety of bills concerning several groups on campus at its meeting Tuesday night.

The Clean Energy Bill of Opinion, which was proposed to have JMU students encourage faculty, administration and the Board of Visitors to commit to the school's electricity being 100-percent clean and from renewable energy resources in an effort to reduce global warming.

"The Clean Energy Coalition is made up of a number of clubs on campus: the EARTH Club, Progress, Geography Club, WXJM, Anthropology Club, Environmental Business Club and many others," Sen. Julianne Maguire (Sr.) said.

The Clean Energy Coalition has received 2,000 signatures in two weeks to support the bill.

"They have been working like crazy to get these signatures," Maguire said.

"They showed Al Gore's 'I Am Inconvenient Truth' and the room was packed; it is not often that documentaries will get students to fill up a room."

During a recent conference in Virginia, the CEC represented JMU with 22 students — the most from any other college.

"This will put JMU on the map for clean energy at the university level," Maguire said. "Passing this bill will show the administration that the student body is concerned with protecting the earth."

Said Sen. David Allen (Sr.): "It is amazing there is a group at JMU supporting this; they are so focused."

The bill passed unanimously.

The Intellectual Diversity Bill was also brought up for debate. The bill was proposed to ensure that there is no restriction on the free exchange of ideas in JMU's classrooms.

"This is to reaffirm the First Amendment right to free speech," Sen. James Reddish (Jr.) said. "It is to remind professors to take responsibility of the college classroom seriously and not pulp to dictate sermons, but to debate both sides of the story without an agenda."

Reddish said a main problem is that professors have created a hostile environment in the classroom, in select incidences.

"There are a lot of students who would feel intimidated by a professor who is telling them they're wrong," Reddish said. "Although I know of no problems at JMU with this, reaffirming the First Amendment is never a bad thing."

The senate passed Reddish's bill.

SGA covered new business and passed bills that will move to contingency.

The Breakdance Club, Psychology Peer Advising and Amnesty International all asked for financial support.

The Breakdance Club asked for \$2,000 to support Circles, the largest hip-hop event on the East Coast, and last year's largest Hurricane Katrina fund-raiser at the university. The money would go toward judges, an emcee, DJs and rental of Godwin Hall's Sinclair Gymnasium.

Psychology Peer Advising requested money for fund raising and office supplies, while Amnesty International asked for financial support to bring speaker Diana Wiwa to JMU. Wiwa is an environmentalist from Nigeria.

The three bills were all moved to finance and scheduled for a later meeting.



WASTE: VDEM readies for possible nuclear materials transport

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"All the progress made in this area to keep pollution down for the interest of the general public, such as the current non-profit groups all over Virginia, would be set back," Lundeen said.

According to Harris, the worst-case scenario for the transported wastes is the severe radiation exposure to anyone close to the accident.

"This would have to include complete uncovering of the transported material, under an explosive situation," he said.

More probable situations, Harris said, would require local evacuations likely of no more than a mile until the exposed material could disperse and local teams could arrive.

Spieldenner said the VDEM hires contractor crews to clean up accident scenes and that trained personnel make sure it is safe for them to enter the scene. For example, if there is a leak, those on the scene need to know how to keep liquids from spreading and how to help the transporters and other affected drivers.

Confirming reviewed information, Harris said, "All of the transporting casks/containers have been tested for failure due to compression, piercing, fire and re-usage."

The waste-producing companies contract with shipping companies that have the proper containers to handle the materials.

Shipping companies specially train those transporting the waste and inform the VDEM of their routes. In the case of an accident, the VDEM is able to track down the shipment and determine the type of waste and how to handle it.

CAESAR'S: New license for new owners

CAESAR'S, from front

was not because the ABC shut it down.

Though the licensing issue implies a violation of the ABC code, no charges have been filed. Smith added that she did not rule out the possibility of charges being filed in the future.

An ABC license has been reinstated under the former names, making it legal for Caesar's to distribute alcohol when it reopens today. Though the restaurant will still have certain food and drink specials, bar manager Chad Moore said it may not have the same discounts as they did in the past.

"We were just giving [alcohol] away," he said. "It was too much."

Kitchen manager Jesse Oram said that the menu also has undergone several changes, adding more "bar food," steak and chicken entrees, and burgers. Oram said some of the less-popular Italian dishes have been removed as well, because the restaurant does not want to be labeled as only having Italian food.

"When you call yourself an Italian restaurant, you're locked into that," he said.

Robinson could not be reached for comment by the time of publication.

RECYCLE: Group approaches Aramark about changing methods

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"There was a brief time when the program got started that the recycling staff couldn't keep up with the amount coming in," said Jason Rexrode, operations supervisor of the program. Rexrode has worked with the program since 1998 and seen the number of staff and volunteers increase, but said he would like to see even more of an effort from students.

"It's hard to get students to pay attention to it. I guess it's a lot to ask," Rexrode said.

He said many people falsely think Styrofoam — like the red Coca-Cola cups used in dining halls — is recyclable. In a large dumpster at the recycling center on South Main Street, the recycling staff and other volunteers weed out the Styrofoam cups and milk cartons from the bins and move them to the trash.

"The contamination is something students could work on," Rexrode said. "It slows things down when things are in the wrong bins."

The Recycling Program tried to approach Aramark, the university's dining company, several times about changing the use of Styrofoam cups, but the company hasn't budged.

"Re-using is just as important as recycling," Green said. "We have a really great recycling program funded by the school that should be utilized more."

The Recycling Program's staff separates everything JMU discards to its proper place — trash to the landfill and incinerator and recyclables to reproducers. The material is gathered and organized at the recycling center and then shipped to a processing plant. "Volunteers" from the county jail sort material into different grades of recy-

clable material to be sent to the plant.

"There are seven grades of UBC, but we only do ones and twos," Rexrode said. Each UBC is marked with a number one through seven.

Old corrugated containers save JMU \$70 for every ton recycled. According to the program's Web site, JMU recycled 59,435 pounds of loose cardboard. This translates to 510 trees, 210,000 gallons of water, 123,000-kilowatt hours of energy and 90 cubic yards of landfill space saved.

Keeping resources out of the waste stream saves energy and natural resources by decreasing the demand on resources and lessening pollution, thus protecting the environment.

"We would like to eventually start composting in the future," Rexrode said. "Keeping food waste out of the trash would create nice mulch."

It's Bloody Fun!



Dawn Cercone, a junior, makes her first blood donation Monday morning. The blood drive was sponsored by the Catholic Campus Ministry. EVAN DYSON/ photo editor

Don't dither in front of the bins.

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Need a Valentine?

RECYCLED PERCUSSION

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House Editorial

Saying goodbye to Barbaro

But don't forget he's a horse, of course

We at *The Breeze* would gather with much of America to remember this week's biggest news story: the passing of Kentucky Derby winner Barbaro. We would join hands with the media and the masses in devoting countless hours, hands clasped in mourning over the loss.

We would, but Barbaro is a horse.

In what should have been a bigger issue than the euthanizing of an animal, the U.S. Census Bureau reports that 46.6 million (15.9 percent) Americans are without health care, as are 8.3 million (11.2 percent) children. In one of the wealthiest countries in the world, large proportions of the population could not afford the medical care and attention that was lavished on Barbaro the horse.

But you will not see headlines about the outrage of the American people over the plight of their country's poorest citizens; rather, you will see "Barbaro's life and death full of lessons," as *The Arizona Republic* trumpeted Monday. The story was filled with emotional statements from Arizona residents whose hearts Barbaro touched.

"This is an animal that most of us have never met, were never in proximity to, and yet he moved so many people," said Kris Haley of the Arizona Humane Society in a tear-filled interview. "Barbaro was one of those masterful teachers who can teach us how to care."

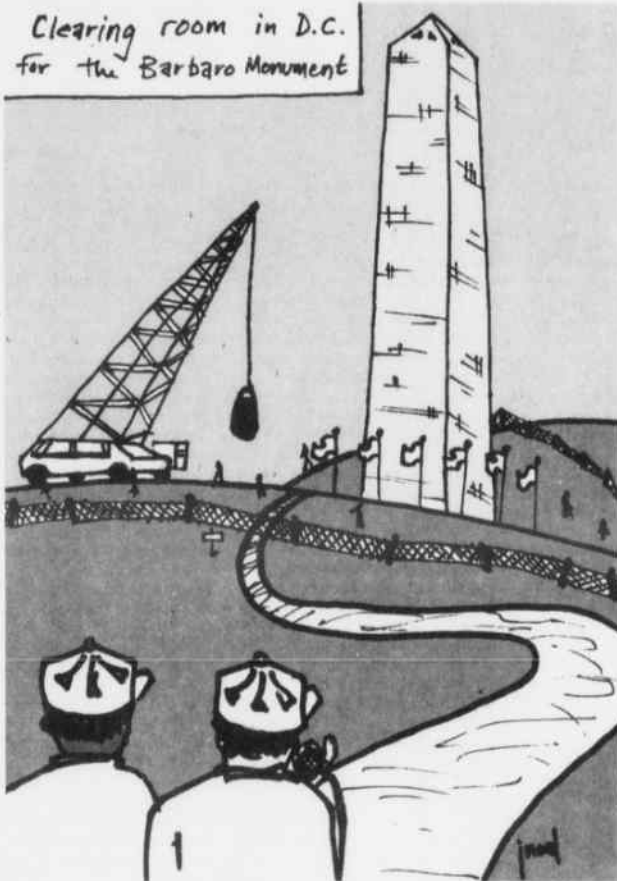
Co-owner Gretchen Jackson agreed: "America is really looking for a hero," she said.

We would be inclined to agree, but Barbaro is a horse.

To make matters ironically worse, the owners were not paying doctors tens of thousands of dollars because they wanted their beloved animal to retire, hitting up early-bird specials and writing that novel that was kicking around in his head since before he won at Churchill Downs — they wanted him to be comfortable enough to breed. A proven winner of good stock, Barbaro would have been worth as much in the sack as he was on the track. For this "hero," this "teacher," the contents of his loins far exceeded the content of his character in value.

Such a utilitarian reduction would be enough to bring us to tears. It would, but after all, Barbaro is a horse.

Clearing room in D.C.
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Through Murky Waters

SGA gives mandate for clean energy

The greening of JMU, part three

BY ALEX SIRNEY
senior writer

The temperature dipped below 20, and the irony wasn't lost on Ryan Powanda.

"It's kind of funny to me, to have a Climate Action Week [with the temperature so low]," he said after the SGA meeting Tuesday. The SGA had just passed a bill of opinion committing the student body to seeing JMU go to clean energy and, by extension, work to curtail global warming.

This bill comes as a capstone to the Clean Energy Coalition's Climate Action Week, which started Monday and of which Powanda is an organizer. The bill, while not proposing any specific policy, sends the message that JMU is concerned about its environmental impact. The SGA aligned itself with this cause, and in so doing, has reasserted itself on campus.

The bill of opinion shows the SGA committing to an important cause, its rubber-stamp reputation notwithstanding, and to SGA president Brandon Eickel, it represents a "breakaway from the internal" that has seemed to be the group's focus for the last few months.

This breakaway from the internal is exactly what the SGA has needed, and its continued work with the coalition is exactly what the campus needs. With the SGA's backing, the message the coalition will take to the administration will be much stronger.

David Allen, a senator who has worked as a liaison between the SGA and the coalition, said that taking the ideas of the group and turning them into action is the next step. This is something he said he and Eickel think the SGA can help with.

"We can get grunt work done with numbers and capable members," Allen said. Eickel echoed this, saying the SGA can send out its members to provide

help as the coalition needs it.

Allen's work with the group has been much appreciated, and represents the kind of involvement the SGA can have with student groups. Allen has attended many of the events the coalition has put on, and has high hopes for the group.

"We can be a sleepy campus, but once in a while these issues can really stir us," he said, citing the ECP debate in 2003, which resulted in JMU being recognized by *Time* magazine as an activist campus, and the Save Our Sports movement last semester. This could "absolutely" be an issue like that, he said, and expressed hopes that the student body will get behind clean energy.

The SGA, as the student body's representative, has certainly set the proper tone. The bill passed without debate 63-0 after gathering the 2,000 student signatures necessary to be considered. The signatures were gathered in the last two weeks, an impressive feat and one which Allen says usually takes months.

That feat, along with the mandate of the unanimous vote, will give the coalition support and legitimacy when its representatives meet with President Rose on Feb. 8. The coalition hopes to present the case for clean energy at JMU, and this showing of student support should go a long way in proving JMU is a place where clean energy is not only morally necessary but popularly demanded.

"Schools in Virginia have been notorious for not addressing environmental issues," Powanda said. "JMU has a chance to be at the forefront."

The university must seize this chance and, backed now by the coalition, the SGA and the student body, it is well-positioned to do just that.

Alex Sirney is a senior anthropology/SMAD major.



A "so-human-kindness-isn't-dead-after-all" pat to the Harrisonburg police officer who excused himself as he ran in front of me, just before tackling a runaway drunk on Saturday night.

From an amused sophomore who is pleased to know that there are polite people in the world, even while on the job.

A "there-are-eyes-everywhere" dart to the Parking Services employees who broke a windshield wiper while ticketing a car, threw it in the woods and quickly walked away.

From a disgusted group of seniors who think you have earned and deserve your most revered status on this campus.

A "you-can-electric-slide-into-my-world-anytime" pat to the A/V guy who blasted music for us to dance to onstage at Grafton-Stovall Theatre.

From an avid dancer who appreciated your surprise gesture even though you were trying to close down for the night.

A "you-are-not-workout-Barbie" dart to all of the girls who walk around the frigid campus in spandex and a long T-shirt, thinking it constitutes a normal outfit.

From a disgusted sophomore girl who is more than willing to buy you that pair of jeans you so desperately need.

A "never-before-have-I-so-appreciated-someone-trying-to-pick-me-up" pat to the girl who offered me a ride from Target on a cold, cold night.

From an almost-frozen freshman girl who was stubborn enough to stand outside waiting for a bus that would never come.

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A "reading-is-not-optional-in-the-real-world" dart to all those who continually walk through the door at Zane Showker Hall clearly marked "DO NOT USE."

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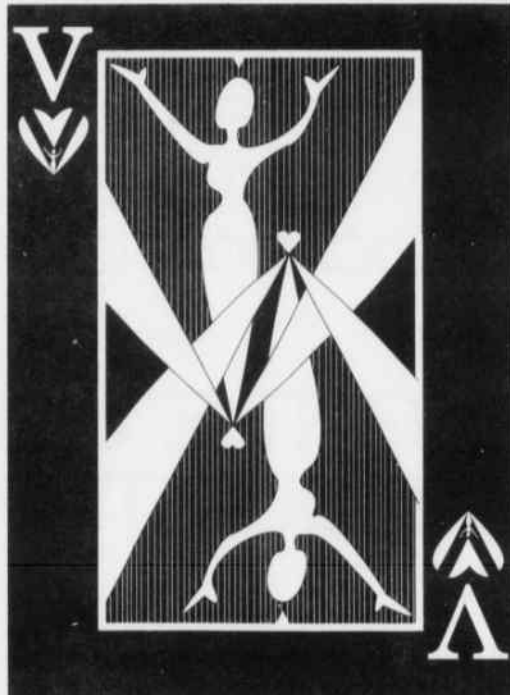
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Letters to the Editor

In defense of professors and a 'liberal' education

While reading Craig Finkelstein's editorial, "We don't need no indoctrination" from the Jan. 29 issue, I couldn't determine if he intended to review a book or reveal a problem. Finkelstein mentions David Horowitz's book, "The Professors," in which Horowitz "details the danger of the classroom when professors are allowed too much free reign [sic] in what they teach" by describing the apparent abuses by "101 professors at well-respected universities." However, Finkelstein does not mention the book again, so he must not intend a review, yet when I look for support for his claims of "professorial abuse" at JMU, I find none.

For example, I'd worry if JMU professors were using their classrooms to push "any sort of agenda [they] may possess," yet none of the professors Horowitz discusses work here, and Finkelstein does not provide even anonymous examples of JMU professors acting similarly. I'd worry if professors were "alienating students, promoting an unwelcoming intellectual environment, and losing credibility," but, again, Finkelstein provides no support. Nor does he provide the least bit of support for his six additional claims that JMU professors are acting inappropriately.

Could it be that Finkelstein unintentionally reveals a more serious problem with college education: that far too many students see their educations as the equivalent of swiping their JAC Cards through a card reader, as Finkelstein shows by saying that students pay for "the service of learning." Students pay for the privilege of access to teaching, but they are responsible for learning and for doing the hard work of thinking.

The all-too-American desire to be a lazy thinker and to be spoon-fed data are what underlie Finkelstein's remix of Horowitz's ideas, for life is easier when one isn't challenged to think, seldom has one's sensibilities offended, and never experiences embarrassment at one's own ignorance. However, this lazy-thinking path leads to a life of priggish disregard for people who just might know a thing or two more than one does, and then to the desire to shut them up.

Kenneth R. Wright
writing and rhetoric associate professor

Craig Finkelstein's Jan. 29 opinion piece is an example of nothing more than fact-free right-wing innuendo. In making the charge that JMU professors engage in "professorial abuse" by

attempting to "indoctrinate" students to their particular political beliefs in the classroom, Finkelstein cites no examples and gives no statistics about any complaints. His only reference is to the book, "The Professors: The 101 Most Dangerous Academics in America," by David Horowitz, which says nothing about anyone at JMU and has been discredited by several reputable critics.

According to Media Matters for America, an organization that has thoroughly examined his book, Horowitz cites in-class speech exclusively in only six of the 100 (not 101) profiles of "dangerous" professors in his book, and in a majority of cases (52), he cites only speech that occurred outside the classroom in declaring these professors "dangerous." Even the classroom "behavior" Horowitz cites is suspect: from unverifiable student reports on *RateMyProfessor.com* to merely the title of a course or book assigned for class reading, the evidence is hardly convincing.

The "pushing" of any political viewpoint in class is inappropriate and irresponsible for any professor, and I know of no colleagues of mine at JMU who engage in this. What a professor says outside of the classroom is of course a different matter — and noting both Horowitz and Finkelstein for their misleading, baseless claims and slanders by implication is certainly well within my rights as a professor and as a citizen.

Jason Haney
music associate professor

It seems that in his most recent editorial, Craig Finkelstein entirely misses the point of education. He works from premises asserted in David Horowitz's 2006 book entitled "The Professors." Horowitz is a former radical Marxist who realigned himself with conservatism after the Vietnam conflict.

Finkelstein's first premise, it seems, is that students should feel comfortable and welcome in their educational environment. This premise runs directly contrary to one of the implicit goals of education — to bring students out of their respective "boxes" and to expose them to new ideas. In a welcoming environment in which views are dogmatically re-affirmed, there is no room to grow intellectually as a student or as a person. One's views must be challenged, not only for the intrinsic good of broadening one's perspectives, but also so as to strengthen the supportive arguments concerning already held beliefs. One cannot strongly support their beliefs unless said beliefs are called into question.

Finkelstein also argues that stu-

dents may not be informed enough to identify "indoctrinating" pedagogies. This premise certainly does not ascribe any kind of accountability to students (accountability which Finkelstein says that students possess and that such things as the honor code call into question). I think that it is exactly this lack of accountability that is a problem with education. It is the duty of the student to be as informed as possible. Learning does not have to cease upon exiting the classroom. The television and radio provide myriad news sources. Additionally, the library is a readily accessible source of information. Perhaps instead of calling professors into question, students should question themselves.

Peter Weems
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Anti-war protestor or Castro supporter?

I am writing in response to the anti-war protest pictures on the front page of *The Breeze* earlier this week. I am not writing to debate the war in Iraq or the "surge," but I would like to express my disbelief that JMU students would denigrate themselves by attending a radical left-wing protest organized by the extremist group, United for Peace and Justice. Leslie Cagan recently founded UPJ as a coalition of more than 1,400 smaller anti-war themed groups. Cagan is a known supporter of the despotic, murderous regime of Fidel Castro in Cuba. Cagan and the precursor group to the UPJ have also protested the unquestionably just invasion of Afghanistan to topple the horrible Taliban regime. In 2004 UPJ joined up with the A.N.S.W.E.R. Coalition to protest the Iraq War in Washington, D.C.; A.N.S.W.E.R. is best known for its support of North Korea, Cuba, and Hezbollah.

UPJ is a collection of radical socialists, communists and other ideological vagabonds. This radical organization is not looking out for the national interest, nor do they share any traditional American values. Some may pity the naiveté of anti-war students who attended the rally. They were probably not communists bent on supporting Cuba; however, this is whom they associated with and gave credence to. I believe this sort of irresponsible behavior on behalf of immature JMU students is to be constantly railed against. I hope *The Breeze* will stop giving front-page coverage to extremists and begin to write exposés about how foolish the protest movement has become.

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Time to un-pump the diesel myth

In response to Brian Armstrong's recent letter calling for students to rage against diesel, it is depressing to see such an "enlightened" member of JMU express such an ethnocentric opinion. In the United States, diesels have a reputation for being heavier, noisier, sootier and smellier than equivalent gasoline vehicles. In other, presumably less "enlightened" parts of the world, however, diesels are not perceived the same way. In Europe, 50 percent of new cars sold are powered by diesel engines. A little education might be a little useful for explanation.

A quick search on *Wikipedia.org* reveals enough information on diesel fuel and engines to become an "enlightened citizen." The entries on diesel fuel and engines reveal that an efficient turbo diesel engine generates 40 percent more miles per gallon than a gasoline equivalent, although this can vary. In addition, they produce only 69 percent of the greenhouse gasses released by gasoline engines, especially with proper exhaust filtration that also virtually eliminates soot emissions.

Finally, a careful look at energy policies currently being proposed reveals College Republican member Laura Pruner also meant bio-diesel methods are being explored. Bio-diesel, for the unenlightened, is diesel fuel made from plants. It is cleaner and more efficient than regular diesel and many diesel vehicles can be retrofitted to burn bio-diesel.

A better piece of advice for JMU students is to rage less and rationalize more about issues that deserve careful, thoughtful analysis instead of flailing outbursts of emotion.

Michael Yarborough
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Opponents show more support for Dukes than JMU administration

When doubts arose about the intentions of the Sept. 29 sports cuts, the JMU administration repeatedly expressed its deepest regret and sorrow to the athletes, reassuring them that their welfare is at the heart of every decision made. The JMU men's swim team recently had its last home meet in what is arguably the most successful athletic program in JMU history. Only one JMU administrator was present at the meet, and that person couldn't even manage to be present for the entire meet. Even the ODU Monarchs, JMU's opponent that meet, showed more support by

making signs for the meet: "LEG-ENDS LIVE FOREVER" and "9X CAA CHAMPS."

The following weekend, men's wrestling competed at home. Not one JMU administrator was present. The same weekend, JMU swimming and diving teams visited William & Mary, their CAA rivals. Their pool seats, at best, 50 spectators. With four teams (two men's, two women's), parents and officials on one of the smallest pool decks in the CAA, one might think it would be too crowded for administrators to show. Wrong. William & Mary's athletic director and president of the university were present for the whole meet, a novel concept.

After the meet, W&M coaches paid tribute to the victorious male Dukes. As a speech detailing the stats of the team's program history was read (and was quite impressive), tears filled the eyes of the men. The last paragraph started: "As a measuring stick against which we could improve ourselves, they have been invaluable to this school and this team."

Perhaps the JMU administration could use W&M as a measuring stick to improve its ethics. The administration should be ashamed of the way the Title IX decision has been handled, as it is an embarrassment to JMU. It reveals a tremendous lack of character in the university's administration.

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sophomore accounting major

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BY PATRICK CALLAHAN
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While eating lunch at my local Cracker Barrel over break, I found myself in the unavoidable situation in which most customers find themselves when they choose to visit a Cracker Barrel just after church time on a Sunday — I was forced into browsing through the trinket end of the “country store” while waiting on the next extended family group of church-goers to be seated. It was during this wait that I picked up some sort of odd-looking glass pig for the purposes of discovering just what, exactly, it was. As I turned the thing over in my hands, I discovered a big, fat “Made in China” sticker. My curiosity begged me to examine other random items whose purposes were likely just as difficult to determine, and what my search quickly led to was the assumption that nearly three quarters of the items in the store were made in East-Asian countries, with a majority being made in China. This country-style restaurant — with its assortment of early 20th-century farming equipment and household artifacts hanging from the ceiling — was having most of the items it sold in its “country store” produced in other countries.

This realization, among others, prompted me to pick up a book by North Dakota Sen. Byron Dorgan called “Take This Job and Ship It: How Corporate Greed and Brain-dead Politics are Selling Out America.” In the opening pages of the book, Dorgan makes the following remark: “We American consumers watch our Japanese television set, wearing our Chinese T-shirts, Taiwanese trousers, Mexican shorts and Italian shoes. We drive a Korean car to the store to pick up our Mexican vegetables,



Australian beef and a six-pack of Heineken. And then we wonder what happened to all of the good jobs here at home.”

Dorgan has served six terms in the House of Representatives and is serving his third term as a senator. His book has received praise from the likes of Sen. Lindsey Graham, Tom Daschle and Lou Dobbs. Dorgan has worked for years to advance the interests of the American worker and taxpayer, and he has combated corporate outsourcing and tax evasion attempts time and time again. Insight and leadership such as his are in short supply for our economy and our government in the crucial years ahead.

In his book, Dorgan confronts the growing problem of America’s declining number of manufacturing jobs and increasing trade deficit. Despite the unique consumer economy created in America, Dorgan points out that the wealth of any

economy is based more on production than consumption. In an era when private corporations — loyal only to their shareholders and the bottom line — often dominate the global economy and serve as the largest contributors to local and national politicians, the interests of the middle or lower-class worker are often swept aside.

In all fairness, there are many small businesses, and even some large U.S. corporations, that are proud to be American companies and treat their American employees accordingly. But a large number of multinational corporations that are chartered in the United States have increasingly resorted to the outsourcing of jobs to countries with little or no labor law enforcement and an abundance of hungry workers.

Dorgan points out in his book that Huff, the company making bikes since we were kids, recently replaced 1,800 workers

with Chinese workers pulling 12-hour days at 33 cents an hour. To make matters worse, Huff has since filed for bankruptcy and refuses to pay out its pension plans, a burden the U.S. taxpayer will now have to shoulder.

Senator Dorgan also points out that General Motors, while interrupting every football game this fall with commercials about how their trucks are supposed to be our new American flag, has cut almost 30,000 American jobs between 2000 and 2005, and has plans to cut another 25 percent of the remaining workforce by 2008. And we’re supposed to say with them, “this is our country?”

The main point Dorgan makes is that regardless of what economic factors our nation is facing, we should have to face them together. Working Americans shouldn’t have to compete for jobs with citizens of poor countries that in the absence of any verifiable labor laws allow themselves to be exploited in order to survive. We pay into this system. Our parents and grandparents before us have worked, suffered and struggled to make this nation what it is today while insuring that we can have the same labor protections they worked so hard to gain. Middle-class consumers are the backbone of our economy, and with a savings rate below zero today, it’s about time U.S. corporations realize that if average Americans don’t have money to spend, the wealthiest Americans, spending enough money to keep our economy afloat, is easier said than done.

Dorgan provides a poignant symbol of the path down which our economy is heading. The last job those 1,800 Huff workers were tasked with — replacing the American flag on each bike with a globe emblem.

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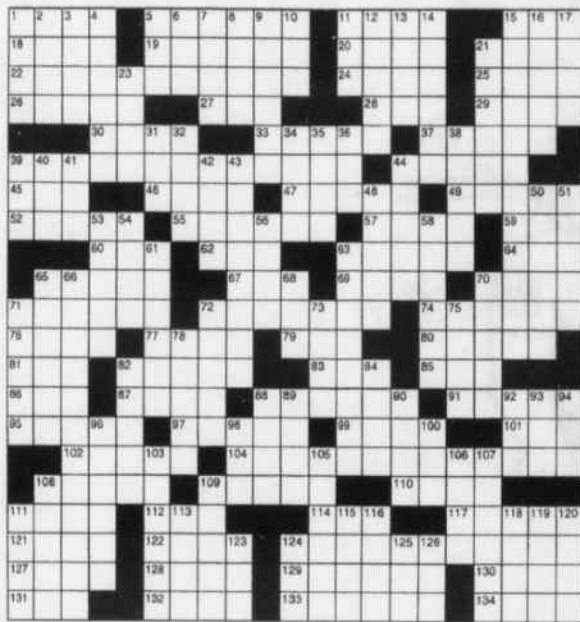
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21. California	16-5
22. Nebraska	17-4
23. Rutgers	12-6
24. Wis.- Green Bay	17-3
25. James Madison	17-2

Monarchs visit Convo in battle of the unbeatens

BY BRIAN HANSEN
sports editor

The JMU women's basketball team has won nine consecutive games on its way to tying for the best 19-game start in the program's 87-year history, and the Associated Press has taken notice.

This week, coach Kenny Brooks and his Dukes have cracked the Associated Press Top 25 poll for the first time since the 1987-88 season.

"Obviously we were very excited to be ranked in the Top 25,"

the fifth-year coach said. "It's been a goal of ours all along. To get this recognition is well-deserving of how hard the players have been working."

In the 1988 season, the Dukes appeared in the final poll of the season at No. 14 and haven't been ranked since. That time frame includes two teams, which went on to play in the NCAA tournament.

Last week, JMU beat Delaware and Hofstra, raising its overall record to 17-2 and 9-0 in the Colonial Athletic Association. The Dukes now sit atop the conference, leading Old Dominion by half a game.

"There is a lot of excitement going around campus right now, especially with us making the Top

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Junior forward Tamera Young and the Dukes take on rival Old Dominion tonight in the Convocation Center.

25 yesterday," JMU senior guard Lesley Dickinson, who is averaging over 11 points per game, said.

The Dukes are also the first CAA team to be voted into the AP poll since the Monarchs finished at 15 in the final poll of the 2001-02 season.

"My freshman year, ODU was kind of larger than life," Dickinson said. "Now we've kind of proven that we deserve to be mentioned

alongside of them."

The appearance in the poll adds even more to tonight's game between JMU and ODU, which already had plenty of intensity.

"Last season they took away our chance at a CAA championship,"

JMU senior center Meredith Alexis said. "We took away a perfect CAA record from them, so this is going to be a huge game. The intensity level is going to be so high."

The Dukes will put more on the line than just their No. 25 ranking in the showdown. They come into the game with a 22-game win streak at the Convocation Center, which is the fourth-longest streak in the nation.

ODU, meanwhile, has won 15 straight CAA championships and is no stranger to big games.

"They may not be the team that is capable of going to the

final game of the NCAA tournament, but they're still a very good basketball team that is capable of winning the conference championship and advancing in the NCAA tournament," Brooks said. "Old Dominion is Old Dominion, and until someone knocks them off, they're still the reigning champs."

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Towson forward Tommy Breaux dunks in the second half of Monday's game. Breaux scored four points in helping the Tigers defeat the Dukes 69-60.

Dukes go cold in loss to Tigers

Towson too much to handle as JMU loses

BY TIM CHAPMAN
staff writer

The JMU men's basketball team's shooting woes continued in Monday's loss to Towson, as the Tigers beat the Dukes 69-60 in the Convocation Center.

Losses used to be blamed on the Dukes' defense, as they have

allowed opponents to shoot an average of 41 percent from 3-point range and struggled to match up in the post. However, after finding balance in the last five games in a 2-3 zone, JMU's problem has shifted to the offensive end of the floor.

In Madison's latest three-game skid, it shot just 40.4 percent from the field and 23 percent from beyond the arc.

JMU out-rebounded its opponents by 10, limiting the Tigers to only five second-chance points, only to shoot 5-of-25 from long-range as a team.

"We get a lot of good looks," JMU sophomore guard Kyle Swanson said. "We're just having a hard time having our shots fall."

The Dukes jumped out to an 11-3 lead 5:32 into the game and held the lead for all but 1:35 of the first half. However, with five seconds remaining, Towson junior forward Jonathan Pease hit a 3-pointer to take a 27-26 halftime lead.

"I thought our defense was good enough, [to win]," JMU coach Dean Keener said.

The second year of experience helped Swanson, who was assigned to guard the nation's fifth-leading scorer, Towson senior guard Gary Neal (27.8 ppg). Monday, Neal racked up a game-high 21 points despite Swanson's defensive efforts.

"I thought [Swanson] had the athleticism and length," Keener said. "We wanted to have a body on him at all times."

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Offensive woes continue to plague Madison

BY MATT MCGOVERN
contributing writer

This season's men's basketball team can hang with most Colonial Athletic Association teams defensively. Too bad the offense hasn't.

In Monday night's game against Towson, JMU led 20-11 with just under nine minutes remaining in the first half when Towson senior guard Gary Neal scored nine points in a 16-6 run that put the Tigers ahead 27-26 going into halftime.

JMU made only two field goals over the final 8:51 of the first half, after hitting seven shots in the opening 10 minutes and holding a lead of 14-5 at one point.

"We're getting a lot of good looks, we just have to start making shots," said junior forward Terrance Carter, who scored 19 and grabbed 10 rebounds. "I

think defensively we are where we need to be to win games, but we're just not getting it back on the offensive end."

The Dukes shot 40.4 percent from the field in this game, including 20 percent from 3-point range.

The second half became an uphill battle for JMU, with Towson shooting 57.9 percent from the field in the final period. However, the Dukes did hold Towson to the mid-50s at the three-minute mark of the game, when JMU was forced to start fouling.

"Our offense right now is not real smooth and certainly not efficient enough," JMU coach Dean Keener said. "I think that's the mark of a young team, especially midway through a season."

The Dukes have played 10 conference games in a row dating back to Jan. 3, and has held their opponents to 80 or below in each of these games. However, in most of those games, they have been unable to muster enough points to win.

Madison is ranked ninth in the CAA in scoring offense with 63.2 points per game and are last in the conference in 3-pointers made, averaging just 5.33 per game.

A grueling schedule may account for JMU's offensive struggles in recent games. The Dukes currently are in a stretch where they'll play five games in 11 days, including road dates with Northeastern, William & Mary and Delaware.

"Every team is going through that schedule right now," Keener said at his press conference Monday. "We just need to find a way to battle through it and put a complete game together."

Second-half struggles have especially been a problem for Madison in recent games.

Playing at home against George Mason on Saturday, JMU trailed 25-19 at the outset of the second half, when the visiting Patriots went on a 21-8 run in the period's opening 11:19 en route to a 59-41 victory.

In a game at Northeastern on Wednesday, JMU trailed 35-33 just more than seven minutes into the second half, only to have Northeastern break open a 20-4 run on the way to a 67-51 victory for the Huskies.



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TOP 25: Joining the ranks

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Unlike their previous two games against the Blue Hens and the Pride, the Dukes face a team that is more dangerous offensively, rather than defensively. The Monarchs are second in the conference, behind only JMU, in scoring offense averaging 69.5 points per game.

The Monarchs' leading scorer is guard T.J. Jordan, who is the only player averaging double figures for ODU (15.1), but what makes them so good is the depth of their roster. This season, the Monarchs have

eight players who have appeared in every game, and another three that have appeared in all but one game. Nine of those 11 players are averaging more than 10 minutes per game. ODU's bench has contributed 459 points this season, averaging about 24 points per game, while adding 322 rebounds (17 rpg).

"Their depth is the key thing," Brooks said. "They have a starting five that is as talented as any in the league, but their second five is just as talented as their first five." Last season, the teams split

their regular-season meetings with ODU winning in Norfolk 72-63 and the Dukes winning in Harrisonburg 75-68. In the rubber match, ODU took the CAA championship with a 58-54 win in Fairfax.

"Everyone's gunning for us right now; we have that target on us where everyone wants to beat us," Alexis said. "I really hope we have the type of crowd that showed up last year for the game and that the students come out and support us."

LOSS: 3rd consecutive defeat

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Junior forward Terrence Carter led the Dukes with 19 points and 10 rebounds. Foul trouble kept sophomore forward Juwan James off the floor for much of the night, making it harder for the already undersized tandem to establish any post-presence. James finished with just seven points and two rebounds.

"Sometimes a guy gets a touch

foul or an illegal screen or sometimes [James] is fighting for position real hard," Carter said. "It's just us trying to work."

After the Towson lead went to 14 points in the second half, Carter put in a second-chance lay-up. On the next play, Swanson intercepted a pass and took it in for a one-handed dunk.

However, the momentum was

short-lived. After a defensive strip, three JMU players went after it on the floor, but the ball bounced to Towson, who capitalized with a lay-up and foul, and led by 10 or more until the last minute.

"That's just how the game goes," Swanson said. "They dove on the floor, we dove on the floor, somebody's got to come up with it."

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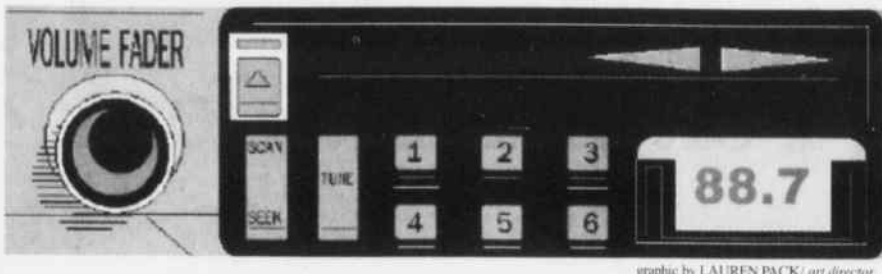
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WXJM's move off campus was slow, but full of success

BY JACOB WILSON
contributing writer

Walk into WXJM's new location and the first thing you'll notice is the entire wall plastered with graffiti. Huge, colorful spray-painted strokes spell out the call letters of JMU's only student-run radio station, 88.7 FM.

But aside from this very visible demonstration of the station's "counter-culture" roots, its new living quarters on the corner of Reservoir Street and Cantrell Avenue, are remarkably plain and clean-cut, lacking even the most obvious of radio station decorations: band posters.

The reason for this conspicuous absence is simple: Band posters covering every inch of available surface creates a fire hazard, and that's a risk the station is not willing to take. WXJM's old location within the hallowed halls of Anthony-Seeger was just that — a fire hazard. Its walls not only served as a home for many band posters, but also for the idle doodles the radio staff cared to draw while at work. Unfortunately, such art is no longer a part of WXJM's image in its new home.

"JMU had planned to raze [Anthony-Seeger] for a performing arts building for the theater and dance department," said WXJM advisor and WMRA general

manager Tom DuVal. "By the time JMU changed that plan, we were already well on the way with the new building project. The WXJM students made an appeal for a space on campus, but JMU was not able to come up with an on-campus option for the station."

Now that the station has a new home, the rules have changed: no more band posters and no more drawing anything on the walls. Aesthetics aside the station has gone through some very significant changes since its move last fall.

"Adapting to our move away from campus has really caused us to pull together, and I think that the station has become a lot more accessible for people," said Becky Martinez, WXJM's programming manager and one of the station's top three executives, known affectionately as "The Big Three." "Our location before was so prime being in Anthony-Seeger Hall. It was a great place to hang out. But once we moved, it was like only the people who really wanted to be there were going to show up because it took so much effort."

Some of that effort was directed at coping with the numerous obstacles that slowed down WXJM's transition. The station had problems with equipment not being set up, trouble with Internet access (which the station needs for its online broadcast), and difficulties with staff trying to get to the station. Worst of all, Burruss Hall, where the WXJM signal originates, wasn't transmitting properly, which delayed the date the station could go on air.

"Some people didn't expect the station to survive the move," Martinez said. "We had a lot of problems last year with the difficulties setting up the station and with morale dropping because of the commute."

Low morale may have been a problem at one point, but currently WXJM is running better than ever, while at the same time making an increased effort to branch out and become more inclusive to

the JMU community. Fighting its traditionally negative reputation as a raw and subversive group, WXJM is now trying to improve ties with the university by organizing events with UPB and interacting more with other organizations. For instance, Cinemuse, the JMU film club, has a radio talk show, and JMU's own 80 One Records has used the station to play

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Review

Mitchell's new CD listens like poetry

Anais Mitchell puts smooth sounds, hidden messages, meanings on album

BY LOLA SIZEMORE
contributing writer

Anais Mitchell's songs from her newest CD, *The Brightness*, sounds as if it belongs as the end-of-the-episode music montage on "Grey's Anatomy." Mitchell takes listeners on an emotional roller coaster with her smooth and expressive sound.

Mitchell, a young singer-songwriter from Vermont, has a new style of folk music that makes movie and TV soundtracks worth a listen. Her sound is unique enough to be different, but sounds familiar enough to be memorable. With a mellow vibe that screams musical therapy, *The Brightness* is innovative and Mitchell has creatively written each song to have a hidden message or meaning.

The 11th track, "Out of Pawn," is a moving tribute about losing someone in Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans. *The Brightness'* eclectic sound is due to the accompanying musicians on many of the tracks, which include instruments like the banjo, cello, organ and even a viola.

Mitchell's style is offbeat, thoughtful and even a little theatrical. Interestingly enough, Mitchell is planning to write a folk-opera based on the myth

of Hades and Eurydice, according to her Web site.

Her voice is better than the advanced karaoke singer, but has a little touch of a Thursday night poetry reading. With some songs, listeners can actually picture a blacked-out stage and a guy playing the bongos in the back. The third track, "Namesake," is like a beautifully written poem that has some faint Dave Matthews influences and could be considered the best track of the entire CD. However, the rest of the CD is more like a love child of Ani DiFranco and Fiona Apple rather than a Dave Matthews' clone.

One huge downside to *The Brightness* is the feeling of a constant stream of day-spa music. A pick-me-up song is much needed to break up the monotony of the mellow tracks.

Mitchell's voice has a particular taste. While it may be amazing to a folk connoisseur, her voice can wear thin and become annoying after a while. On the other hand, those who want something a little different from the mainstream might want to give this CD a chance.

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WXJM: Radio station improves ties with university

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its artists' music and promote their concerts.

"The station's really different from what it used to be," Martinez said. "It used to be people who were very focused on obscure music and now we still support it, but we're interested in getting involved in the university and giving people an opportunity to learn about broadcast radio. It's not an elitist club. It's definitely a student organization that cares a lot about broadcast, communication and grass roots media."

Today if you walk into the station and want to participate, there's no requirement of knowledge. As WXJM's general manager Jess Siemens said during an informational session at JMU's Student Organization Night, "There's no experience necessary. A love for music is the only qualification." JMU sophomore Sarah Delia is a testament to this. Delia has grown through the organization to become a WXJM DJ in the prog genre — or progressive indie music, for those unfamiliar with radio terminology, a category Delia herself fit into before joining the station.

"I really didn't know anything about that kind of music," Delia said. "But I really lose myself in it now. I just pull out a bunch of

CD's and play them; it's so much fun to hear things that no one gets exposed to, and it sucks that they don't."

Delia, however, is only partly right. Some people do get exposed to quality independent music; they're the ones tuning in to 88.7. After all, the station's main purpose, aside from providing JMU students with a hands-on environment in which to learn radio, is to give listeners a taste of bands that don't get any exposure. Just take a look at the first half of the mission statement on WXJM's Web site, wxjmradio.com. It states that the station exists "to support and promote independent, new and under-represented artists in the music industry, providing JMU and the Harrisonburg community with a true music alternative to anything else on the dial."

While WXJM provides Harrisonburg with quality music, it also provides those JMU students involved with a "safe haven," as Delia describes it, in which to grow. One such student is Mark Maskell, JMU senior and RPM — or electronic music — DJ and genre director.

"There's just so much you can get out of it," said Maskell. "I like playing loud music all night long. I like the people. It's just a fun

place to be. It's a happy environment." For someone who spends 30 hours a week working at the all-volunteer radio station, Maskell must be getting something great out of his membership with WXJM. Doubtless, it's thanks to such staff members as Maskell that the station managed to not only survive, but actually get stronger after its move off campus.

"I see some improvements each year, and Becky and the other managers this year are among the strongest the station has had," DuVal said. "That said, the nature of a student-run station is that the improvement process will move forward and slip back over and over. The challenge is to have the forward movements be larger and/or more numerous than the backward ones, and I think that has happened at WXJM fairly consistently."

It can only be hoped that WXJM's improvements will some day include fire-proof band posters plastered across its walls and ceilings. Maybe even a return to staff wall-art. Take a look down the hallway attached to the offices of "The Big Three" and you'll find just a little evidence that such a return isn't impossible: the walls are streaked here and there with the distinct scuff marks that only a Power Rangers Dino Thunder kickball can produce.

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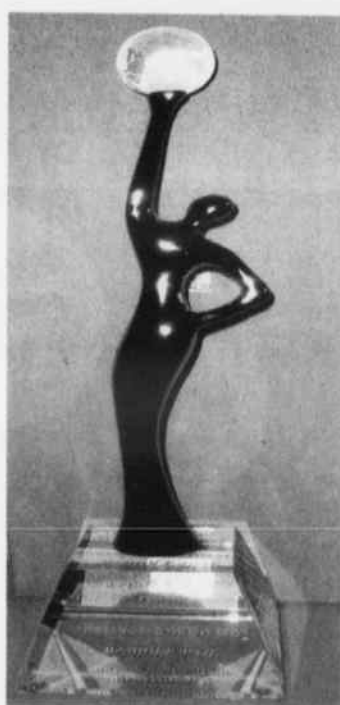
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