JMU gets full-funding for 1988-90

By Alessandra Griffiths

JMU got just what it asked for in its 1988-90 budget.

The Virginia General Assembly last week approved $92 million to fund all of JMU's academic programs and operations for the next two years.

"JMU has always done well but this was our banner year," said Linwood Rose, vice president for administration and finance. "I'm happy because every amendment we proposed was approved. This rarely happens."

Included in the funding is money to construct two new buildings and renovate others. JMU also will receive about 50 new faculty positions and 60 new staff positions.

The funding was part of a higher education bill the General Assembly approved in Richmond last week.

Faculty members will receive pay raises averaging 8.5 percent. Staff members, such as secretaries, will receive pay raises averaging 2.5 percent.

JMU now ranks fourth in the state in faculty salary increases. The College of William and Mary, Virginia Commonwealth and Christopher Newport College are the top three.

"JMU has a tremendous amount of credibility with the General Assembly," Rose said. "They know that if they spend a dollar here, they will get a dollar's worth."

Several Virginia schools were successful in getting more money, but the budget was "really good for us," Rose said.

Governor Gerald Baliles' office presents its education budget to the General Assembly for consideration and modifications. Virginia schools then submit their amendments to the legislature and the General Assembly presents its final budget for a two-year period.

JMU requested money from seven of the 30 possible categories, Rose said. "We only asked for things we really need, and we don't waste the money," he said.

JMU President Ronald Carrier's leadership was key in the success of the budget proposal, Rose added.

"Dr. Carrier's relationship over the years with members of the General Assembly can't be bought... he has a great rapport with them," Rose said.

The legislature approved four capital outlay amendments and three operating amendments for JMU projects.

The capital outlay amendments include $8.7 million for the construction of a new College of Business building, $3.6 million for renovations and additions to Gibbons Hall, $2.9 million for renovations to Burruss Hall, $3.6 million for renovations and additions to Gibbons Hall, $8.7 million for new College of Business building, $2.9 million for renovations to Burruss Hall, $3.6 million for renovations and additions to Gibbons Hall.

Some Key Budget Items
1. $111,000 more for the construction of Sonner Hall
2. $205,000 for library funding
3. $334,000 for a new administrative computer system
4. $750,000 for additions and renovations to Anthony-Seeger Hall
5. $2.9 million more for renovations to Burruss Hall
6. $3.6 million more for renovations and additions to Gibbons Hall
7. $8.7 million for new College of Business building

By Dale Harter

A JMU football player, who was working as a bouncer, was stabbed Thursday night near Players Bar on Main Street in Harrisonburg.

William Gregory Colvin, a junior and JMU defensive lineman, was stabbed at about 11:20 p.m. just below the rib cage by an unidentified male. He was taken to Rockingham Memorial Hospital, where he underwent surgery on his lacerated liver and large intestine.

Colvin was listed in stable condition Sunday afternoon.

Colvin said the stabbing occurred shortly after he and Neal Wilkinson, another bouncer, asked two men to leave the bar. One of the men had refused to show proper identification and pay the cover charge.

"The guy's friend started mouthing off and tried to fight us, so Neal and I took them outside," Colvin said.

The two unidentified men began fighting with other people outside the bar, Colvin said. He and Wilkinson went back into the bar to tell Dave Morani, Players' owner, to call the police.

Colvin went outside so that he could identify the two men when the police arrived, he said.

"One guy just walked up, hit me and ran," Colvin said. "I ran to grab him because I wanted to press assault charges. I grabbed him and he just came around and stabbed me in the stomach.

"It felt like he punched me, but I looked down and there was blood coming out," he said.

Wilkinson and a policeman ran after the suspect but were unable to catch him.

A spokesman for the Harrisonburg police department said Friday afternoon they are investigating the case and charges will be filed.

Dr. Gregory Montgomery, Colvin's physician, said Colvin will require more surgery later this week and that he will miss spring practice.
Budget

Business building. Construction is expected to be complete by 1991.

The university had requested $3.6 million for the building, Rose said. The General Assembly's allocation includes only the construction costs of the building. The administration had requested funds for equipment in its original proposal.

When the building is completed, some departments in the College of Letters and Sciences will move into Harrison Hall, Rose said.

Renovations in Gibbons Dining Hall will cost $3.6 million in revenue bonds, he said. New electrical systems, an air conditioning system and a new heating system will be constructed. The serving lines will be changed and a new 250-seat dining area also will be added.

All dining areas will be carpeted and a drop ceiling will be installed to improve acoustics, he said. Renovations will begin in the summer of 1989 and will probably take two summers to complete.

"There is a need for a more efficient and pleasant environment [in the dining hall]," Rose said.

Burruss Hall renovations are scheduled to be completed in two years and will add 20,000 square feet to the building. The legislature has given JMU $2.9 million for this project.

It is unusual for the General Assembly to fund major renovations for a building and construction for a new building in the same budget, Rose said. The new Sonner Hall, to be built near Newman Lake, will house the Career Planning and Placement Office and the University Advancement Office. The legislature added $111,000 to the $1.5 million budget it gave for the project during its last session.

Anthony-Seeger Hall will receive $750,000 for renovations and additions, Rose said. Both outside courtyards will be filled and incorporated into the building for other facilities. The construction will add 9,000 square feet to the building.

When the renovations are finished, the public radio station WMRA and the student-run WJMR will operate from Anthony-Seeger, he said. And the television production center will be moved from Harrison Hall into the new addition.

The goal of these additions is to move all programs in the communication department into Anthony-Seeger, Rose said.

The three operating amendments include funds for five new faculty positions, an interdisciplinary freshman seminar course and a new administrative computer system.

 Carrier Library will receive funds for the purchase of books and periodicals. Some of the money allocated to the library will be used to transfer the information remaining on the card catalog system to the Leonardo computer system, Rose said.

When planning the education budget, the General Assembly compares the university's needs to those of similar institutions across the country, he said.

Some universities and colleges received large sums of money because they needed improvements to meet the standards of other institutions, Rose said.

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Candidates for SGA urged to keep it clean

By Meghan Johnson
SGA reporter

The campus elections committee wants to promote fair campaigning in this year’s SGA elections, said chairwoman Courtney Sullivan.

"If you’re going to campaign dirty, then we’re going to take you out of the running," she told the candidates at a meeting Friday. "Mudslinging should not be a part of any campaign."

Potential candidates officially declared their intention to run for office during the meeting. They also were required to sign a statement saying they have read the election rules and agree to abide by them.

The committee is composed of the members of Mortar Board, a senior honor society, and four members of the SGA senate chosen by the outgoing SGA legislative vice president. The committee will be monitoring the campaigns strictly.

"The main thing we want to change this year is that candidates are elected on their own merits and not because they were cutting down their opponents," Sullivan said.

Specifically, candidates are not allowed to mention their opponents or refer to them in their speeches or in their posters and other campaigning materials. Also, candidates cannot endorse other candidates.

"We don’t want people running on a slate," Sullivan said. "We want all the races to remain separate."

The election will be held Tuesday, March 29, in Grafton-Stovall Theatre from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. JMU students with a valid ID can vote.

AbsenTe ballots are available in the SGA office in the Warren Campus Center until March 28 and must be sent to the Campus Elections Committee by 7 p.m. Tuesday.

A run-off election will be held April 5 if a tie occurs.

Candidates for president are senior Dietrich Nelson, chairman of the University Program Board’s cultural awareness committee, and junior SGA senator Kathy Walsh. Walsh is chairman of the SGA buildings and grounds committee.

Sophomore senator Kim Hessler is running unopposed for administrative vice president. Hessler is chairwoman of the SGA student services committee.

Freshman senator Alex Gordon and sophomore senator Tracy Humphrey are running for legislative vice president. Gordon is currently SGA senate parliamentarian. Humphrey is chairwoman of the SGA legislative action committee.

Junior senator Robin Rison is running unopposed for treasurer. Rison serves as chairwoman of the SGA finance committee.

Freshman senator Stephan Fogleman and sophomore Crystal Whittaker are competing for the office of secretary. Fogleman is an SGA legislative action committee member, Whittaker serves as secretary of the Women of Color organization.

Junior J. R. McCabe is running unopposed for Honor Council president.

Junior Beth Brubaker is running unopposed for Honor Council vice president.

Assessment tests help JMU grade programs

By Lora Ruddock
staff writer

More than 2,000 JMU students took a three-hour test Wednesday to help JMU grade its academic program.

Most of the students who took assessment test were sophomores who had earned between 43 and 64 credit hours, said Dr. Dary Erwin, director of student assessment. About 500 seniors also were required to take a test.

All sophomores took one of three different tests, which measured growth in general education, cognitive development, or computing skills. Students' scores won't affect their grades.

Seniors majoring in economics, biology, physics, history, or physical education were tested on skills learned in those fields.

The Office of Assessment will use test results to help different academic departments identify strengths and weaknesses in their curriculum. Students also can choose to see their results.

Two tests in general education were given. One exam measured students' knowledge of the sciences, the humanities, reading, writing, critical thinking, and the use of mathematical data, Erwin said.

Another test measured students' ability to use knowledge of the arts, science and technology. Students were questioned on communication and problem-solving skills.

JMU faculty members designed computer skills tests applicable in six disciplines, Erwin said. Students majoring in business, mathematics, pre-engineering, computer science, or physics majors took the computer skills test.

The cognitive development tests will be used to help determine students' senses of self-identity, educational purpose and intellectual development, Erwin said.

"We had a lot of students come out and the students took it very seriously," Erwin said. "We appreciated the students' cooperation."

Some students disagree with Erwin's evaluation of student attitude toward the testing.

"Actually, I thought it was a waste of time. . . . I think a number of people didn't take it seriously," said sophomore Kevin Schultz.

One student sitting near Schultz listened to a portable radio while he took the test, and another ordered a pizza, he said.

Steve Cornell thought the tests were "stupid" because they cut into students' study time. "I can see the need for it, but the administration is worried more about the future of the school than they are about the problems we have today," he said.

Sophomore Andria DiDinanno said, "It was a good idea but nobody really wanted to do it. I don't think the results are going to be as good as they could have been."

Sophomore Cathy O'Brien said of the tests, "While they're useful to the university, I could have used those three hours for studying."

Any sophomore who did not take the test Wednesday should attend the make-up session at 9 a.m. on March 26, Erwin said.
NEWSFILE

Faculty, students invited to discuss concerns at forum

The Student Government Association will be holding a Faculty/Student Forum to generate ideas and express concerns of both faculty and students. Possible topics to be discussed include: a plus-minus grading system, Honor Code violations, a university standard grading scale, proposed university expansion and growth and departmental examination.

This forum will afford each faculty member and student an opportunity to share concerns. The forum will be held on March 24, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Multicultural club to host African professor tonight

Dr. David Owusu-Ansah, a JMU professor originally from Ghana, will be speaking on African militarism and politics at 7:30 p.m. in room D of the Warren Campus Center tonight.

The lecture is part of the Multicultural Club’s Universal Awareness Series.

Before teaching at JMU two years ago, he spent one year as a research fellow at Hebrew University in Beersheva, Israel, and taught at Carlton College in Minnesota.

Fall schedule of classes to be distributed soon

The Fall 1988 Schedule of Classes will be distributed to all students — including commuters — on Friday, March 25, Monday, March 28, and Tuesday, March 29 betw een 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. in the lobbies of Anthony-Seeger, Harrison and Alumnae Halls. The booklets also will be given out in the first floor lobby of the Education Building.

Special Students may obtain Class Schedules from the Office of Continuing Education in Keller Hall. The booklets will be mailed to graduate students.

Schedules will be available at the main desk of Warren Campus Center after 5 p.m. this Friday.

They will not be given out in dorms or in the Commuter Student Lounge.

JMU employees open bid on surplus auction items

The JMU Auction will be held Thursday, March 31 at 9 a.m. in the Convocation Center. JMU employees can bid up to $500, including tax, on any item.

Items to be sold include typewriters, calculators, desks, tables, chairs, vehicles, audio-visual equipment, golf bags, bicycles and many other items.

Inspection times will be 2 to 4 p.m. March 30 and 8 to 9 a.m. March 31. All items must be removed by noon April 1.

Biology department holds seminar on marine life

The biology department will present a seminar speaker, Dr. Margaret Palmer who will speak on "Factors Controlling the Dispersal of Marine Meiofauna."

Palmer, who is a member of the department of zoology at the University of Maryland, will speak Wednesday, March 23 in Burruss room 314 at 4:00 p.m.

COURTFILE

Student fined in peace case in local court

By Kurt Larrick

Robert L. Testwuide, III, a senior from Virginia Beach, was fined $150 plus court costs after being found guilty of breach of peace in Rockingham District Court. Of the $150 fine, $125 was suspended.

Testwuide was charged Jan. 26.

In other court cases:

• Bashar Itraish, the owner of JM's Pub and Deli, filed an assault and battery charge Mar. 11 against Todd R. Mikolajczyk. The charge stems from the same incident in the restaurant in which an assault and battery charge was filed by Mikolajczyk against Itraish. The court date is set for April 14.

• Joseph E. Nickens, Jr., 19, of Alexandria, failed to appear in court Feb. 2 on charges of credit card theft and forgery. The court date has been rescheduled for April 14. Failure to appear in court has been added to the charges against Nickens. He was arrested by campus police Nov. 16.

• Non-student Kevin H. Strawderman, 20, of Harrisonburg, was found guilty of DUI, March 10 in Rockingham District Court. He was fined $250 and his license was suspended for six months. He also was found guilty of having insufficient tread on his tires, driving an uninspected vehicle and having an improper inspection. He was fined $80 plus costs for those charges. Strawderman was arrested by campus police Jan. 25 on University Boulevard.

Reflections

Cars parked in X-lot lead a double life from the press box atop the baseball stadium.
Senate votes to report to Board more often

By Heather Dawson
staff writer

The faculty senate would like to present a report at every Board of Visitors meeting.

The senators voted Thursday to request that each meeting's agenda include a presentation by the speaker of the senate.

Members of the University Cabinet had previously discussed the idea of adding a non-voting faculty member to the Board, said Dr. Charles Dubenezic, speaker of the senate.

At the Cabinet meeting on March 14, questions were raised about what the change would accomplish, Dubenezic said. "We're going to go back and look at that issue and give him a response at another date."

The addition to the Board was first proposed to JMU President Ronald Carrier last year, he said. Carrier told the senators then that the Virginia General Assembly must approve changes in the Board.

A non-voting student member was added to the Board only after the state legislature approved it, one senator said. Dubenezic said he was unsure whether Carrier would support the plan. "He wouldn't object if we wanted to pursue it at a state level, but I don't know if he would actively support it or not."

Some senators opposed adding a faculty member to the Board because the change would accomplish few of the senate's goals. The senate's representative to the Board should be knowledgeable about the faculty's concerns, one senator said. Board policy now states that the speaker delivers a report to the Student Life Committee shortly before each board meeting. Dubenezic said. The speaker's comments are added to the committee report when it is delivered to the entire board.

The speaker can request to be allowed to speak to the full board, Dubenezic said.

Senator Beverly Acton suggested that a report from the faculty senate speaker be added to the agenda of each Board meeting. "It could be a customary thing, not just as a result of a request. The reports could be minimal."

In other business, Fred Hilton, director of university relations, spoke to the senators about the revised graduation plans.

University administrators wanted to change the commencement ceremony from a "two-hour event" into a full, weekend of activities, Hilton said.

The commencement ceremony will be held in JMU Stadium at 11 a.m. on May 8.

The weekend includes picnics on May 7 sponsored by each college, Hilton said. There is no charge for faculty members to attend the picnics.

A parent and faculty dance will be held that night, he said. Reservations must be made for this event.

He estimated that the ceremony will last about two hours and include 1,500 graduates.

The alcohol policy during the ceremony has changed, Hilton said. "We're not going to allow them to walk in waving bottles. Any visible alcohol is not going to be allowed in the stadium."

Manholes sport colorful faces for aerial survey

By Drew Hansen
staff writer

If you have been outside of your room since spring break then you have probably noticed the flashy hot pink and blaze orange manhole covers all over campus.

The reason for this bizarre fashion statement is a simple one. JMU is conducting a survey of the campus above and below ground.

Steve Knickrehm, director of facilities planning, said the painted manhole covers are needed for a three-part aerial survey being taken of the university's grounds.

After the survey is finished, future construction and landscaping sites will be easier to determine, Knickrehm said. A master site plan will show the university's boundaries, buildings, utility sites and ground contours.

The bright paint used on the covers will show up on special film used to take pictures from the air, he said. Photographs from the air will be taken Saturday. The aerial survey will produce a rough map of the underground pipe lines and a map of the university's boundaries.

A ground crew will verify the findings of the aerial survey, Knickrehm said.

The most expensive part of the survey will be conducted underground. A survey team will map out the pipes and tunnels of the sewer system under the campus, he said.

The entire project will cost the university over $105,000. It is being conducted by a Roanoke architectural and engineering firm.
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High school visitation day set for Wednesday

By Molly McLure
staff writer

About 300 prospective JMU freshmen will visit Harrisonburg tomorrow.

The Office of Admissions invited early-admitted high school seniors to tour the campus and attend presentations sponsored by individual academic departments.

Several campus groups will participate in the event. Members of the JMU ROTC and some honor scholars will help the Student Ambassadors with campus tours.

The admissions office wants the students who visit to get a better idea of the quality of life JMU can offer them, said Stephanie Proctor, a member of the Student Ambassadors.

Students who are "borderline" in deciding which college to attend might choose this school because of what they learn here tomorrow, Proctor said.

"JMU feels that these students have special qualities and characteristics that would make them a good match to this university," Proctor said.

The Office of Admissions sent notices about the program to students, and 270 accepted the invitations. "We think it will be a success due to the outstanding response," Proctor said.

The day also will include an opening presentation and a concert by the JMU Jazz Ensemble in the morning. The students will eat lunch in Gibbons Dining Hall and Salads Plus at 11:30 a.m.

Revised goals for university await approval

By Heather Dawson
staff writer

By April 16, the day of the next JMU Board of Visitors meeting, the university will have a revised set of its major goals.

The latest draft of the mission statement, the document which states the university's educational philosophy, will be submitted for approval to the Board at this semester's meeting.

Fred Hilton, university relations director, said Friday that he expects the Board to approve the document with few last-minute changes.

Administrators and faculty members have been working on the mission statement since last summer's meeting of the University Cabinet, Hilton said.

Cabinet members discussed writing a new mission statement for a number of reasons, he said. "Mainly, they wanted to make certain it kept up with changes the university."

The major difference in this document is the addition of "explanatory statements" which follow each of the 10 general goals listed in the document, he said. "This document specifically states what will be done and cites objectives. Most other mission statements are somewhat vague."

JMU President Ronald Carrier "felt the need to include his own details" in the document, Hilton said.

"Virtually every constituency of the university" has made changes in the statement, he said.

JMU faculty members have made several changes in the document, Hilton said. The revised mission statement clarifies faculty research.

Dr. Russell Warren, JMU's vice president of academic affairs, distributed copies of the statement to faculty members earlier this month.

Response from the faculty has been positive, Hilton said. "Everyone's pretty pleased with it."

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Soviet diplomat arrives for three days of talks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze arrived Sunday for three days of talks with Reagan administration officials that are bound to be dominated by the wars in Nicaragua and Afghanistan.

The visit also may produce a date for the next superpower summit — speculation centers on late May in Moscow — and some progress toward a treaty to sharply reduce U.S. and Soviet long-range nuclear weapons.

The treaty is the projected centerpiece for President Reagan's fourth and final meeting with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, but negotiations in Geneva have proceeded slowly.

"It's by no means in the bag," Secretary of State George P. Shultz said Sunday of the accord that would reduce the overall armories of U.S. and Soviet long-range bombers, missiles and submarines by 30 to 50 percent.

"It's possible, but we're not going to try to have one just for the sake of having a treaty," Shultz said on NBC-TV's "Meet the Press." "We'll only be willing to go forward ... if it's something we regard as good."

In the meantime, the wars in Nicaragua and Afghanistan underscored the conflict in U.S. and Soviet interests.

Guerrillas in both countries are fighting with U.S. weapons against Marxist governments equipped by the Soviet Union. The Reagan administration last week turned the heat up in Central America by sending 3,200 troops to Honduras. The U.S.-backed Contra rebels launch attacks on Nicaragua from the neighboring country.

In Afghanistan, on the other hand, the war appears to be winding down. But negotiations held under United Nations auspices reached an impasse last week. The main sticking point is the American insistence that Moscow also cut off military aid to the Afghan army as the United States ends its aid to the rebels.

Soldiers train in Honduras

TEGUICIGALPA, Honduras (AP) — American soldiers practiced military maneuvers Sunday on a Honduran airstrip just 21 miles from the Nicaraguan border, but U.S. officials said the threat from Sandinista troops had subsided and combat appeared unlikely.

"These guys are not going to get involved in any sort of conflict," said Maj. Gary Hovatter, spokesman for U.S. troops here.

Iran claims Iraq killed 5,000

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Iran claimed on Sunday that Iraq killed 5,000 Iraqi Kurds in poison gas attacks while trying to blunt an Iranian offensive. It also said Iran blasted Iraq's two largest cities with 13 missiles.

Iran's official Islamic Republic News Agency, monitored in Nicosia, said the Iraqis used cyanide, mustard and other unidentified nerve gases in the attacks "to prevent the people from joining Iranian combatants."

The Iraqi attack, if true, would be the struggle's worst with chemical weapons, outlawed under a 1925 agreement in Geneva, Switzerland. Iraq denies it uses the weapons.

AIDS victim's case dismissed

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — A judge has dismissed attempted manslaughter charges against a prostitute who continued soliciting sex after she contracted the AIDS virus, a case believed to be the first of its kind in the nation.

Circuit Judge Michael Cycmanick ruled Friday that prosecutors failed to prove that Elizabeth Kay Sherouse, 24, actually intended to kill any of her customers.

Although the judge said she might have been negligent in continuing to solicit sex, he said there was no evidence indicating she had an intent to kill.

Prosecutors claimed that Sherouse, who has been convicted nine times on prostitution-related charges, tried to kill two men last summer by agreeing to have sex with them after she had been told she carried the deadly acquired immune deficiency syndrome virus. Neither man has tested positive for the virus.

Assistant State Attorney Rick Bogle said the state will decide next week whether to appeal the ruling. Sherouse is scheduled for trial May 2 on six unrelated misdemeanor charges and a racketeering charge.

Noriega rejects U.S. demand to resign and leave Panama

PANAMA CITY, Panama (AP) — Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega rejected Washington's demands that he resign and leave the country, his press office reported Saturday.

The military strongman also purged more officers from the Defense Forces he commands in a move to strengthen his position.

His press office said Noriega met Wednesday with "some state department representatives" and rejected their proposals for him to leave the country "as being unacceptable, illogical and anti-Panamanian."

The statement did not name the state department representatives, but it was known that William Walker, a ranking member of the department's Latin American affairs bureau, met with Noriega Friday.

Walker reportedly was empowered to tell Noriega the United States would not seek to extradite the general on drug trafficking charges if he accepted asylum in a third country, possibly Spain or France. Noriega was indicted on the drug charges by a federal grand jury in Florida last month.

In Washington, a Reagan administration official said Noriega had indicated a willingness to step down as Panama's military chief but was unwilling to go into exile as the United States insisted.

Noriega might have been indicted in 1980 for illegal arms purchases, but the Carter administration did not want to upset the delicate relationship it had with Panama at the time. The Washington Post said in Sunday's editions.

The case stayed alive for several years, but Noriega was not indicted, the newspaper said.

Quantico plane crash kills all passengers

QUANTICO, Va. (AP) — A small civilian airplane crashed Sunday on Quantico Marine Base as it was trying to fly out of a snowstorm, killing all three people on board, authorities said.

Identification of the victims were being withheld until relatives could be notified.

Chief Warrant Officer Randy Gaddo, spokesman at the Marine base, said the plane crashed in a field between a chapel, where Sunday services were in progress, and Lejeune Hall, the base headquarters.

The National Transportation Safety Board is leading an investigation of the crash, Gaddo said.

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The trend is megatrends

By Pecanée Condon
staff writer

Political, economic, demographic and social megatrends will affect decisions people will be making concerning the future, said an internationally recognized speaker and social forecaster Thursday night in Grafton-Stovall Theatre.

John Elkins is author of Megatrends, a 1982 best-seller written in conjunction with the Naisbitt Group.

The Naisbitt Group is the leading firm in research and analysis of economic, political and social trends affecting businesses. Elkins serves as president and chief executive officer of the firm.

In Megatrends, "what happens is that whenever new technology is introduced into a society, there must be a counterbalancing human response — that is, high touch — or the technology is rejected," Elkins said. "The more high tech, the more high touch."

Elkins predicted megatrends will result from businesses, political spheres, global markets, and people trying to balance future technologies with a humanistic touch.

There is a new political party emerging that will be a cross between new deal liberalism and new deal conservatism, Elkins said. This new group will favor the growth of social programs, but will not support raising taxes in order to generate revenues for those projects.

The emerging political philosophy is known as new fiscal populism, he said.

"The last [presidential] election was classic," he said. Democratic candidate Walter Mondale wanted to raise taxes and spend money on social programs, while incumbent Republican Ronald Reagan campaigned against raising taxes and using federal funds for social programs, such as abortions.

"It was the last time, for some time, that that relationship will exist. In fact, what we are going to shift to is the fiscal populist, that is the culmination of fiscal conservatism and social liberalism," Elkins said.

"After the November elections we are going to see a shift back to the social issues. The environment is going to become terribly important and we are going to be very concerned about the safety of consumers," he said.

The shift back to social issues, increased concern for the environment and consumer needs are responsible for the emerging political trends, Elkins said.

"In Megatrends the Naisbitt Group predicted that the political parties of the future will be highly localized. They will make their mark at the state and local level where the action is," Elkins said.

Economically, Elkins foresees free trade and a change in the handling of interests in the global economy. In the United States, the small business is seen as the "engine of growth" in the economy, Elkins said.

"Students in the future are looking to join small and medium size businesses; they're not looking to join the Fortune 500 firm," he said.

"They're looking for a sense of ownership, and I don't mean material ownership, I mean psychic ownership of what's going on in the organization."

Megatrends expert John Elkins

Elkins said, "That's offered by small and medium size businesses, and it's offered by some of the more progressive large organizations who create small business units."

Creating an environment in which there's risk involves innovation and a sense of ownership, he said.

The United States will be buying more quality goods abroad, so small businesses should consider exporting, Elkins said.

Future business students must be prepared to effectively interrelate with different kinds of people in foreign countries, Elkins said. Students must face this reality because the United States is increasing its competition in the global economy.

By the year 2000, the Asian population will be increasing at a rate of 138 percent; the Hispanic population at 90 percent; and the black population at 36 percent, he said.

The Naisbitt Group recommends learning Spanish because of the proximity and economic promise of Latin America.

"The way to do business in the global economy in the future is not to go penetrate global markets; it is to set up relationships. It is to do business through other people," Elkins said.

"The model company to look at, from a case study standpoint, is Phillips, a Dutch company," he said. Phillips, a worldwide operation, benefits from frequently hiring foreign employees. "That's something we've clearly going to have to learn to do," Elkins said.

If all world economies were interdependent then world peace might be achieved, according to the Naisbitt Group.

"Instead of resisting economic interdependence, we should be embracing it wholeheartedly," Elkins said.

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"If we get sufficiently interlaced economically, we will most probably not bomb each other off the face of the planet."

The United States is "so economically intertwined with Japan that if we have any problems, we are going to work them out," he said.

"I think the same will be true globally," Elkins said. "We should welcome increased trade with the Soviet Union, all the developed nations and the third world, as world trade moves us closer to world peace."

Intuition and perception will be important skills for future business professionals, he said. There will be less emphasis on memory, analysis and reasoning.

"If we get sufficiently interlaced economically, we will most probably not bomb each other off the face of the planet."

—John Elkins

Demographically, within seven years 58.9 percent of women will be earning an income and will greater influence the work force, he said.

Women create 30 percent of new businesses today. "Women do not have to run up against the glass ceiling that is presented to them in medium and large size organizations," Elkins said.

The business world will be dealing with a "multiple profile consumer" and will be targeting future markets on age, gender, income, values, ethnicity, lifestyle, regional area, occupation and technological orientation, he said.

Demographics show there are three categories of consumers: the senior boom, the baby boomers and the new wave, Elkins said. The new wave market consists of people ages nine to 21.

The new wave market seems to be neglected when it should actually be targeted, while the aging market is continuously flooded, Elkins said.

Today, the working trends of Americans show a dramatic increase in working hours in comparison to the number of hours spent on leisure activities, he said.

Statistics from 1983 show Americans averaged only five vacation days that same year.

The more technology infiltrates our lives, the more we work, contrary to what is expected, Elkins said. Fewer vacation days have led to the "extended weekend" or "mini-vacation" which are replacing the traditional two-week summer vacation.

Booming business and increased technology also have affected living conditions, Elkins said. Some people have a tendency to hold on to visions of the past, decorating their homes with country style quilts, folk art and antiques.

There seems to be a uniformity between the traditional and the modern, yet people constantly attempt to intertwine the two, Elkins said.

Balancing the old with the new technology is a way of life for many who fear rapid changes.

Some rapid changes often cause a "compression of time," he said. Today, people are living in a fast-paced world and frequently do not find the time for daily rituals.

Coffee consumption will drop dramatically as a result of this "compression of time," Elkins said. Instead, people are drinking soda for breakfast.

Elkins reiterated that the Naisbitt Group has researched political, economic, demographic and social trends.

Elkins spoke to JMU students, faculty and community members as the annual speaker of the Rocco Forums on the Future. The forums are designed to help businesses, government offices and educational institutions to make effective decisions for the future.

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To Esquire (301) - New birthmarks, drinking UNO, Celia Stammers, "forest" growing on your legs, FM Red, SM Peach, bed bouncing, Bobby EE, chesse noodles, fudge popstas, bluenoses, eh, Rod Stewart, diplo-dy, Daytona Townies, YMCA, T.C.'s, Holiday Inn ice, MTV, Jim Horn, pinched butts, sleeping in church, Andy Gibb died, swimming at 3 am, snoring, big toes, tongues between fingers, "that's awesome"! We had a great time corrupting you! The Two Wenchers

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Jill - Happy 22nd! I love you. Gummy

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Mark-I don't think you are weird, but I do think you are different. Then again, everybody's different. Will you tell me a story? Jennifer.

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At 73, he's still not ready for a rocking chair

By Susan L. Jones
staff writer

Maurice Lough sits quietly in the back of the classroom. As they arrive, other students glance his way with a puzzled look. "Why is the teacher sitting back there?"

Almost every semester, on the first day of classes, students make the mistake of assuming Lough is the professor. Why? Because he doesn't look like your typical student — he's 73 years old.

Lough says being mistaken for the professor started more than eight years ago with his first class at JMU. "I got there a shade early and when I walked in, everyone got deathly quiet and looked at me. I knew they thought I was the professor."

He says it made him uncomfortable so he quickly "plopped into" an empty seat in the back of the room to avoid their stares.

Over the years, Lough has learned to expect that initial student reaction to his presence in the classroom, "It doesn't bother me anymore," he says, "because, generally, I've been pretty well accepted."

Since 1979, Lough has been taking two classes a semester here in his slow but steady progress toward a Bachelor of General Studies degree. "If all goes well, I should have enough hours to graduate in the spring of 1990," Lough says.

Receiving the degree, however, isn't Lough's main reason for attending college. Unlike many college students, Lough is simply here to learn. "Even if I couldn't get credit, I'd still come to listen to the lectures," he says. "Some of the professors are experts. You can learn so much from them."

Lough's love for learning stems from what he calls his "personal philosophy. I firmly believe you will only take into the next life what you experience and learn in this one, so why not experience and learn everything you can?"

"I've been active all my life," Lough says. "I've never been one to accept the idea that old people are supposed to sit home on a rocking chair."

True to his word, Lough has been involved in many things in his 48 years as an Elkton resident.

After retirement from Merck & Company in 1971, Lough took up photography as a hobby. It ended up turning into a profession. "My son got me started in it," he says. "He sent me my first camera from Vietnam when he was in the war."

"Fortunately, I had gone early enough that I had time to go home, pick it up and get back before the parade reached the judge's stand," he says. "I never forgot my camera again. As a matter of fact, I started carrying a back-up."

Also after retiring, Lough served two terms as mayor. In earlier years, he'd served as a councilman but he soon found out being mayor is quite different.

"In a small town, being mayor isn't easy unless you're willing to just be a mere figurehead, ride in parades, sign a few papers and chair the council meetings," he says. "It's not my nature to do that. I saw several things that needed changing. I succeeded in some of them and failed in others."

One of the highlights of his years as mayor was getting the town offices consolidated into one building. "Before, they were in three separate buildings, which caused extra expense, lost time and poor communication," he says.

One of the things he said he failed at was convincing the council to change the form of government to a town manager system. "The budget had reached a million dollars by the time I took office and I felt that we should have a professional manager, but none of the council agreed with me."

He said he doesn't expect Elkton will adopt that new form of government any time soon because the old system appears to be doing the job, "What's the cliché? If it's working, don't fix it?"

Lough and his wife also have travelled a lot since his retirement. "We went to Germany and stayed five weeks while our son was in service," he says. "We also visited Canada and drove cross-country about five times when we owned a camper."

Another thing Lough got involved in was umpiring for Elkton senior and little league baseball games. "I enjoyed it," he says. "I took a lot of flack. It's like being mayor — when you make a decision, half the people hate you — but I loved it."

Lough's decision to come to college was brought on by a conversation he had with his brother one day in 1978. "They were talking about his brother's two daughters, who were in school at the time. "My brother said, 'You know, I believe I could go to school right now and perform at a college level,'" he recalls. "And I said, 'I think I could too,' and decided to try it."

The Bachelor of General Studies program Lough enrolled in is a special one for senior adult students at JMU. One of its unique features is that it offers what are called "life experience credits." As the name implies, these are academic credits the student can earn in various subjects for things they've learned from experiences in life.

According to Dr. Gary Smith, head of the BGS program, Lough earned an unusually high number of these credits. "And his are quite diverse, because he's done so many interesting things," Smith says. Lough received 32 hours: 16 in political science for his work as a councilman and mayor; eight in..."
Festival brings California culture to campus

By Amy E. Carter
staff writer

Los Angeles is in Virginia this week — at least figuratively speaking.

The JMU Festival of the Arts is presenting "L.A. in Va.,” a week "the university sets aside to get the attention of people on art," said Thomas Arthur, head of the theater and dance department.

A committee of faculty members from various departments, including theater, English, art, communication, music and dance organized the special events and arranged the appearance of guest artists.

This year’s festival features artists of Los Angeles. One of the guests is renowned jazz musician and composer J.J. Johnson.

"He’s one of the creators of what jazz is today," said Charles Parker.

George West, director of the ensemble, played in a jazz band with Johnson in New York in the 1950s.

"He’s one of the living legends of the bebop era," West said.

Johnson has spent the last 17 years in Los Angeles, and chose Artcarved to present their new rings.

The committee will unveil the class of 1990 T-shirts.

The premiere will feature comedian Chip Franklin, who has performed at concerts, comedy clubs and several colleges, and the four-member Jellyfish Blues Band from Harrisonburg. The band's song list includes favorites from the 1950s.

Another guest artist is Phoebe Sutton, a 1981 JMU graduate who is executive story editor for the television show "Cheers." Sutton began his career with a "Monty Python-esque" play he wrote while at JMU, said director Roger Hall. The play, "Penurston Institute," won the Norman Lear Award for Comedy Playwriting.

Sutton will speak and show clips from "Cheers" episodes Tuesday at 8 p.m. in Latimer-Shaeffer Theatre.

The Jazz Tap Ensemble of Los Angeles will perform a combination of tap dance and jazz music in Wilson Hall auditorium Thursday at 8 p.m.

In addition to the world of entertainment, the festival will feature L.A. artists of other genres.


Both Sawhill Gallery and Zirkle House are presenting special art exhibits.

"The View from Los Angeles" showcases typical work of Los Angeles artists. The exhibit runs through Thursday in Sawhill Gallery.

Zirkle House is presenting photographer Roger Camp's "On the Beach: A View from the Huntington Beach Pier" through Saturday, April 2.

Even D Hall is participating in the festival with "The Atomic Cafe a la Gibbons Hall." This week, line 2 is serving a special dinner of egg flower soup, shrimp noodle, chicken teriyaki, winter fried rice, Chinese gacha, tsukimono and green tea. The food and punk and new wave music provided during the meal will try to capture the lifestyle and culture of Los Angeles. Reservations are not required, but admission will be limited to the first 500 students each night.

In the past, festival themes have been comedy and freedom of expression. Next year's theme will be "New York in Virginia and already is being planned.

Sophomores ready to raise curtain on Class of '90 ring

By Karen Saltet
staff writer

The class ring, a symbol of school traditions, friends, activities and interests, is a lasting reminder of college memories.

The Class of 1990 Ring Committee has designed a traditional-style ring with these ideals in mind. It incorporates aspects of JMU important to the class of 1990.

The committee will unveil the class of 1990 ring at "Unlocking the 90s" Wednesday, March 23 from 8-11 p.m. in the Phillips Center Ballroom.

This premiere is the end of the long design process for the ring. The 10-member committee first heard presentations from four ring companies last November, and chose Artcarved to create and sell the rings.

The committee then held several meetings to design and promote them.

Now that the design process is over, promotion begins. In addition to the unveiling of the new rings, the committee will sponsor entertainment at the unveiling ceremony.

The premiere will feature comedian Chip Franklin, who has performed at concerts, comedy clubs and several colleges, and the four-member Jellyfish Blues Band from Harrisonburg. The band's song list includes favorites from the 1950s.

"I hope that he's gotten as much out of the program as we've gotten out of him," Smith adds. "He's the type of person the program was designed for."

Being an older student does have its challenges, though. For one thing, Lough says the pace is faster than he's used to. "An older person doesn't grasp things as quickly as a young person does," he says, "so when the professor, for instance, gives instructions about the assignment for the next class, very often I have to ask somebody close by about it.

"That bothers me very, very much because I feel that most of the students are busy with problems of their own," Lough says. "But most of the time, I've found a student who is willing to help me out."

The teachers are usually helpful and understanding too, he says. "Fortunately, most of the professors I've had related well to older people. I don't know what I'd do if I ever ran across one that didn't."

Lough says it's hard to choose a favorite class because he's enjoyed them all. He did mention a few specifics, however. "I took a course last year on death and dying that turned out to be a nice class," he says.

He also says he "thoroughly enjoyed" speech communication, news writing and English 101 and 102.

"When I look back at it," Lough says, "it seems like at least one class out of the two I have had each semester has been really, really good." Lough has some advice for his fellow students: "Learn everything you can. It doesn't matter whether it's part of your degree or not — just learn something!"

"As long as you keep learning, you're going to stay young."
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JMU 'volunteers' for next challenge

By Dave Washburn
staff writer

Bring on Tennessee.
That was the sentiment of the JMU women's basketball team after it defeated Clemson 70-63 in the second round of the NCAA tournament Saturday evening in the Convocation Center. The victory catapulted the Dukes into a Thursday night matchup at the Norfolk Scope against the nation's premier team and defending NCAA champion, the Tennessee Volunteers.

"We'd like very much to repeat what Richmond's men have done," Moorman said, referring to the Spiders' surprising journey to the round of 16 by upsets over Indiana and Georgia Tech.

"I have already seen some video tape on Tennessee, and although I'm not trying in any way to any way minimize their strength, I do not think that they are as strong as they were a year ago. I think they're almost human."

The first half went just as most experts had predicted, with both squads going to their strengths early and often. The Dukes, relying as usual on their potent inside game, jumped out to the quick lead as Sydney Beasley and Alisa Harris combined for 13 points to put JMU ahead 17-10 at the 12:03 mark in the first half.

However, the Tigers, another team whose bread and butter comes from their frontcourt players, soon retaliated as they too began to flex their inside muscle. Getting their usual production from a variety of people, Clemson cut the Dukes' advantage to two at 22-20 on Lisa Brown's 5-footer.

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The first minutes of the second period were fast and furious, a perfect foreshadowing of what was to come. The margin remained at 10 after both teams connected on their first three possessions. The advantage ballooned to 14 with 16:47 remaining when Beasley hit a running one-hander and a JMU blowout seemed near.

"I just kept feeling like for some reason we should really be in control."

Harris, Schuler star in triumph

By Dean Hybl
staff writer

For fans of college basketball, the NCAA tournament is a definite paradise. Since the first round began Wednesday, there have been 72 games (48 men's and 24 women's) with most of them being televised or broadcast on radio.

Included in these games have been a mixture of upsets (Richmond over Indiana 72-69 and Georgia Tech 59-55), close victories for favored teams (Auburn over Bradley 90-86) and expected routs (Arizona over Cornell 90-50).

It is accurate to say that in the NCAA tournaments there are no winners, merely survivors. Of the 104 teams that received invitations, only two will leave the party as champions in the end. The rest will go home and have six long months to think about their unfulfilled dreams and cope with what is often a sudden end to an otherwise successful season.

For this reason, there is a sense of urgency and tension involved in tournament play that is not found in even the most important regular season games. In tournament play, each player is aware that every mistake could be the difference between another game or an unwanted and abrupt end to the season.

It is always hard to tell which players will respond to this extra pressure or which will collapse under its force.

In their 70-63 victory over Clemson Saturday night, JMU had two players at the opposite ends of their careers — senior forward Alisa Harris and freshman guard Paula Schuler — rise to the forefront and take command.

Harris was expected to have a big game. As JMU's captain, she has led by example all season long. She raised her scoring average by five points a game over the 1986-87 season and has scored in double figures in all but one of JMU's 30 games this season.

Against Clemson, Harris signaled early that she did not want her basketball career to end at home in front of a record crowd of 3,726. She began the game by scoring 10 of JMU's first 12 points and finished the half with 13 points.

In the second half, Harris helped keep JMU in the game when the rest of
Lacrosse team surprises Nittany Lions

By John R. Craig
staff writer

For the first time in history, the JMU women's lacrosse team beat Penn State, last year's national champions. Behind "wonderful" defense and a pressure-packed offense, the Dukes pulled a 6-5 victory Saturday on the lower Convocation Center field.

"Overall, what can I say?" JMU head coach Dee McDonough asked. "We beat the national champs from the year before and you just have to be happy." With just over three minutes remaining and the score tied at 5-5, the Dukes' Jamie Little scored the game-winning goal on a pass from team co-captain Diane Buch. Then with 30 seconds left, Buch knocked the ball away and passed upfield as time ticked out.

"The win is the Dukes' third without a loss this season. Last Thursday, they beat Lynchburg 15-5 behind five goals and two assists by Buch. These totals make Buch the second all-time scorer in Dukes' history, passing Robyn Dunn's 111 from 1982-85. JMU led Lynchburg 10-2 at the half and dominated in shots with a 29-19 margin. Tracy Schnappinger contributed four goals and one assist and goalie Joy Jones had 10 saves.

Against Penn State, the Nittany Lions suffered their first loss of the season after a 16-10 win over Richmond last Monday. Eight of the 12 starters returned from last year's team, but the Dukes were too much for them. "They were excellent," McDonough said of her defense. "They played against some of the top attack players in the country. Tami Worley [Penn State's All-American] is excellent and they did a good job of shutting her down.

"On offense, that's the most pressure we have faced, but we pressured that attack the whole time," she said. Schnappinger, a junior attack wing, kept the game close in the first half as she had both JMU goals to cut the Penn State halftime lead to 4-2.

"I thought that if we could start off playing well and hang in the second half that we would win it," Schnappinger said.

"No words were ever so true.

The Dukes took just six shots in the first half despite controlling almost all of the loose balls. "I knew it was going to be close.

"James Madison always gives us a very tough game anywhere, let alone getting them at home," said Penn State coach Susan Scheetz, whose team topped the Dukes 16-9 last year.

"We've got a lot of young players we're trying to fit in and we just weren't here today, and I give JMU all the credit in the world," Scheetz said.

"Jones, the JMU goaltender and co-captain, had 11 saves for the game, six in the second half. On three occasions, she went one-on-one with Penn State attack wings, stopping them twice.

"The defense played great," Buch said. "I can't say enough about Joy in goal today. She was awesome."

"The Dukes' Kim Stark tied the game at five with exactly 18 minutes gone in the second half. Buch intercepted Nittany Lion Ana Marie Vesco's pass, tossed the ball across to Kathy Altemus, who brought it over midfield and gave it to Stark.

"Stark started to move to the middle, went out on the right side and then backed in and fired past Cheri McMonagle, Penn State's goalie. "At halftime we said, 'Look, they're not that much better than us, if they are better. We have to just go out and get the ball and take it away from them and not let them get the ground balls. Be aggressive,'" McDonough said.

"I don't think the game was going either way the whole first half," Buch said. "It was just a matter of us getting a midfield [game] together and once we got our throwing and catching down we were controlling the game."

"Carrie Note, who had a first-half goal disallowed because of a Dukes' penalty, scored the first goal of the second half at the 8:23 point to close the gap to 4-3. Worley's goal two minutes later made it 5-3 before JMU went on a 3-0 run to pull the game out.

"It's good that [this win] came early on," Buch said. "Every year we play Penn State pretty early in the season and to lose to them kind of puts a damper on us. But I think this is just going to bring us up the rest of the way, but we've got four tough games coming up [this week]."

"McMonagle made five saves in the second half and seven for the game as the shots were frequent and furious. JMU outshot Penn State 10-8 in the second period but was outdone overall 21-16."

"This is wonderful. It just made our season," Schnappinger said. "This and UVa are the... two toughest games we have, so we should be in the clear from here on out."

"The Dukes play Virginia April 20. "It is early," McDonough said. "We've got a long way to go and I think the key thing now is that we have to build on what we've done and not sit back.

"Now that we've done this, everyone's going to be out for us."

By Kit Coleman
staff writer

The JMU men's tennis team ended its three-match losing streak Friday as it defeated Millersville (Pa.) University 5-4 to even its spring record to 5-5.

Because of inclement weather, the match was moved indoors to Valley Wellness Center. In order to save court time, the usual sequence of play was reversed as doubles play preceded singles.

The Dukes won two of three doubles matches to take the lead going into singles, then took an insurmountable 5-1 margin as three freshmen number five Matt Goetz, number six Dave Swartz and number two Marc Brix — each were victorious.

But the Marauders took the remaining singles matches over number four Gerald Syska, number three Carl Bell and number one Sonny Dearth.

Jack Arbogast, in his 15th year as JMU's coach, said his team should have done better against Millersville, a Division II squad.

"We have a little trouble with the middle of the lineup in singles," he said. "I was very happy with the results in the doubles competition. I switched some of the teams around and was quite impressed with the results in the number two position."

New partners Dearth and Stephen Secord were victorious in the number two position when they defeated Dean Edghill and John Wylie 6-3, 6-2.

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Harley leads JMU gymnasts in ECAC meet

By Matt Wasniewski

Though low scores hurt his chances of scoring well in the all-around competition, JMU's Mike Harley recorded three top-six finishes in individual events at the second annual Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference gymnastics championship in Godwin Hall Saturday.

The event attracted a field of top gymnasts, including Harley, Temple's Chris Wyatt and East Stroudsburg's Joe Caro, a member of the Mexican national team.

Among the teams represented were Temple, Princeton, Army, Pittsburg, William and Mary, Radford, Cortland State, East Stroudsburg, Massachusetts and JMU.

"This meet is pretty much an open meet," JMU coach Scott Gauthier said. "Each team in the ECAC can bring up to five people. Since there isn't a team score where they [gymnasts] have to be conservative, they can go all out."

In the preliminaries, Harley received a 9.2 on parallel bars, 9.25 on floor exercise and a 9.5 on vault, qualifying him for the finals in those three events.

In the finals, he went on to take second on the vault (9.3), third in the floor exercise (9.2), and sixth on parallel bars (8.3).

But low scores on the pommel horse (7.3) and the high bar (7.95) prevented Harley from placing high in the all-around competition.

Gauthier said many of the scores from the judges were difficult to understand.

"I thought all the vaulting scores were a little bit low, but all the gymnasts got ranked in the right order," Gauthier said. "That is the essence of fairness."

JMU's Dave Cvercko placed in the finals on the vault (9.1) and narrowly missed qualifying for the parallel bars (8.7). In the finals, his 9.0 on vault was good enough for seventh place.

The Dukes' Eric Haney also earned a spot in the finals of the vault, tying Cvercko's preliminary score (9.1). He finished in a three-way tie for eighth with a score of 8.95.

"I'm glad I wasn't the only one to place in the finals," Harley said. "They [Haney and Cvercko] need to start placing in [preliminaries] so they can make the finals."

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The Temple and Pitt gymnasts dominated the meet. Wyatt placed first in the floor exercise (9.93) and vault (9.7), breaking ECAC meet and Godwin Hall records in both events.

"Temple is very good," Gauthier said. "Tonight you were seeing things that only two people in the world do on the high bar — Chris Wyatt does the Gaylord II. Only he and Mitch Gaylord do that. Wyatt should qualify for the NCAA [Gymnastics Championship] on both the vault and floor exercise."

Harley continued his quest for an NCAA bid in the floor exercise, but time is running out.

"It's close," Harley said. "It'll depend on next week [the state championship]. I need to score around a 9.5 or 9.6 to get my average up."

The Dukes will travel to William and Mary next weekend for the state championships, the final meet of the season. Virginia Tech and Radford also will battle for the state title.

"Everyone wants to do well and place at the states," Harley said. "It's the one meet everyone looks forward to. It's important to us."

Win

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and capable of pushing the lead out into double figures," Moorman said. "It should have been a lot easier because I felt like that every time we had that opportunity, we would stop ourselves rather than Clemson stopping us."

And stop themselves they did.

Facing an aggressive and determined full-court press by the Tigers, the Dukes began to self-destruct. Unable to get the ball into the hands of point guard Donna Budd (only two turnovers in 34 minutes), JMU committed 12 turnovers in the second half as the Dukes watched their double-figure lead evaporate to 63-61 with 2:42 to go.

"We've never faced anything like that before," JMU forward Missy Dudley said about the Clemson's press. "It's twice as bad as UVA's."

But the Tigers were to get no closer using the press, as the Dukes stepped up their own defensive pressure, forcing five turnovers and allowing Clemson just two points over the last 2:45.

However, the game's outcome remained in doubt until Donna Budd coolly sank four free throws in the final three seconds to seal the victory.

"I felt confident," Budd said about the clutch free throws down the stretch. "I just had to go up there and relax and make the free throw."

While Budd's four points nailed down the victory, the play of Harris is what kept the Dukes ahead throughout. Playing in her last home game, the senior captain went 12-of-17 from the field and 5-of-7 from the charity stripe for 29 points, tying her career best.

"I wanted to come in and have a good game for me and for everyone else on the team," Harris said. "After the first couple of shots I said, I'm going to take it all night."

Moorman also added that she was especially happy with the way Harris' teammates got her the ball in critical situations.

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Track team uses JMU Invitational as gauge

By Joe Lodato
staff writer

The Dukes' women's track team opened its outdoor season Saturday with the JMU Invitational meet at JMU Stadium. Besides the Dukes, the meet also featured squads from Duke and Navy but was unusual because no team scoring was kept.

According to JMU coach Gwen Harris, the Dukes used the low-key meet as an opportunity to prepare for the upcoming season and to get some times and distances by which to gauge the athletes' current performance levels.

"We needed to get times so we know what needs to be done in practice to get where we want to be," Harris said.

JMU sophomore Danielle Legendre, picking up where she left off during the indoor season, won the high jump with a leap of 5-foot-6. The effort was good enough to qualify Legendre for the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference championship meet in May.

Patricia Ritter continued her steady improvement for the Dukes as she claimed the top spot in the 1,500-meter run. The freshman's time of 4 minutes, 48.7 seconds was only three seconds off her indoor best.

JMU freshmen Cathy Beck and sophomore Desiree Rowe also fared well in their outdoor-season debut. Beck, a freshman, won both the 100-meter and 200-meter races with times of 12.4 and 26.8 seconds, respectively, while Rowe finished second in those races with times of 13.1 and 27.0.

Both Beck and Rowe were also part of JMU's winning 4x100-meter relay team which was clocked at 51.45 seconds.

Several Dukes performed well in the field events. Laurie Johnson won the hammer throw with a throw of 123-feet, 3 1/2 inches and placed second in the discus with a distance of 114-feet-3, but fell just short in her bid to qualify for the ECAC meet.

Junior Shauntae Douglas and Kim Lankford also enjoyed success for JMU. The duo finished first and second in the shot put with tosses of 39-1 and 38-5 and are expected to surpass the 40-foot mark by season's end.

Other high finishers for the Dukes were Tracy Lansdown, Loma Lewis and Tracy MacGowan. Lansdown, also a freshman, took first in the long jump with a leap of 17 feet, 5 3/4 inches and fourth in the 200-meter run with a time of 25.8.

Lewis' mark of 2:20.0 took second in the 800-meter run, while MacGowan was second in the 400-meter hurdles at 1:13.6.

Danielle Legendre

1:13.6.

Overall, Harris was pleased with the Dukes' efforts and said the young team will improve as it gets more experience.

"For them to be coming right off of indoors and running the same times [that they did inside], the times should be awesome by the time it gets warm outside," Harris said. "It's hard for the freshmen to run good times coming right out of high school. I think we did well."

Clemson from packing the inside and neutralizing Harris and Beasley.

In the NCAA tournament, past victories — even ones only two days old — are quickly forgotten and teams must continually prove they belong.

Against Clemson both identities made an appearance. In the first half, Schuler was 0-for-2 shooting and seemed wary of attempting the tough pass.

Entering the second half, it was obvious that one of JMU's outside shooters, Schuler or Missy Dudley, would have to get untracked and keep solidly both offensively and defensively.

On any given night this season, it has been hard to tell which Schuler would be playing for JMU. Would it be the one who has averaged 7.2 points a game, is second on the team in assists with 105, scored 12 points in JMU's loss to nationally ranked Virginia and at times has looked very confident and in complete control? Or would it be the tentative freshman who scored only two points against Penn State and Seton Hall and only four against Virginia Commonwealth?

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A team suddenly went cold. During a four-and-a-half minute period in which Clemson outscored the Dukes 14-8, Harris scored all of JMU's points with each basket coming with Clemson poised to catch the Dukes.

"I wanted to come in and have a good game for me and for everybody on the team," Harris said. "They recognized this and were able to get me the ball."

"After the first couple shots, I said, 'I'm going to take it all night,'" said Harris, who tied her career high of 29 points on 12-for-17 shooting. Few teams we've played are able to cover both Sydney [Beasley] and me effectively, so when they concentrate on me, she usually has a key day, and it works both ways."

Though Schuler did not have as statistically impressive a game as Harris, the freshman guard played very number of instances.

"She does a lot of things that are very un-freshmanlike in term of her poise. We're very pleased we're going to have her for three more years," Moorman said.

Schuler said the outside shots were available all night and that once she gained some confidence, she knew she could make her shots.

"A lot of times I don't shoot enough and they were concentrating on Sydney and Ali [Harris], which opened up my shot," Schuler said. "The shots were there, so after I made the first one and got some confidence, I decided to take some more."

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Golf team 11th in Fla. tourney

The JMU women's golf team placed 11th of 17 teams in the Peggy Kirk Bell Classic in Windmere, Fla. last weekend. Missouri won the tourney with a three-round total of 957, while the Dukes came in at 1,028.

Donna Martz led JMU with a 242, 11 strokes behind individual champion Tina Barrett of Longwood. Molly McCann shot a 255 for the Dukes, followed by Wendy Kern at 258 and Janet Matsey at 262.

Kurlander falls in NCAA meet

JMU 167-pounder Brian Kurlander dropped two of three matches last week at the NCAA Wrestling Championships in Ames, Iowa. Kurlander, the only Duke to qualify for this year's field, defeated North Carolina State's Mike Lantz 3-2 in the first round but lost 7-0 to Wisconsin's Dave Lee in the second round. In his first consolation match, Kurlander lost 7-4 to Fresno State's Vince Walker.

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"This was the first match we played together, so it was important for us to win," Secord said. "It gives us a lot of confidence for the next match we play." Goetz and Syska, who have been doubles partners since the fall, won their match 6-2, 6-4 in the number three position and improved their overall record to 9-5.

"It's a great advantage that we've played together so long because we've learned about each other's style," Goetz said.

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—S. Secord

The Dukes' Bell and Brix had a tough doubles match against the Marauders' Steve Kennedy and Oliver Merrill in the number one position, eventually losing 7-6 (7-4), 6-4 to give Millersville its first team point.

But JMU's trio of freshman starters each recorded wins to boost the Dukes. Goetz defeated Eric Belsterling by a wide margin of 6-2, 6-1 and Swartz won his match against Millersville's Tim Kiick with an equally decisive score of 6-1, 6-2.

"I've been hitting the ball well lately and I've been doing well," said Swartz, who improved his singles record this spring to 7-1.

Freshman Marc Brix ended all doubt of the team win by defeating Kennedy 6-2, 7-5. Brix remarked that he was more confident during his second set.

"I was able to return better on the serves in the second [set]," he said.

But after being eliminated from contention, the Marauders swept the final three singles matches.

In the number three and four positions, the Dukes' Bell played hard in his first set, but was defeated 7-5 and lost the second to Edghill 6-0. JMU's Syska lost a close match to Wylie 6-4, 7-5.

Dearth was narrowly defeated by the Marauders' Oliver Merrill 11-10 (7-4) in the number one spot. Due to time limitations, their match was limited to a 10-game "preset." After Merrill saved three match points to hold serve and tie the match at 10-all, he won a 12-point tiebreaker for the victory.

The Dukes host Colonial Athletic Association rival Richmond today at 3 p.m. on the Godwin Hall courts. "It should be a good match," Arbogast said. "We are capable of beating them."
VIEWPOINT

Election apathy

The Student Government Association's election is fast becoming a microcosm of the national one — with one exception.

Rather than being frightened off from public office by reporters at the bedroom window or rubber chicken luncheons, Madison's group of aspiring politicians is finding itself facing the more mundane problems of balancing grades and work or running against opponents perceived as unbeatable.

The result, as the SGA's graduating president, Kathy Sayko said, is that "a lot of people were running until the day to declare it."

A pool of five possible candidates for Sayko's position shrunk to two, and the races for administrative vice-president and treasurer will be fought by the individuals campaigning [one for each office] and their consciences.

Admittedly, the group qualified to hold each SGA office is probably small, but limiting the choices open to students benefits no one, least of all the SGA.

Student apathy at JMU tends to hit a high this time of year. What with school elections as well as the national race for the White House, it is surprising that more students have not dropped in exhaustion on the quad from all the excitement.

But again, we need something to get excited about. National politics for the time being seems restricted to a two-man race. JMU politics is not bound by the party system.

So where is everybody?

The election begins Tuesday, March 29, in Grafton-Stovall Theater. Last year, voter participation was up, and this year we can only hope, the trend continues.

To make sure that speeches are focused on the issues and not personalities, references to an opponent are being banned. This should make for a clearer contest. The mud is gone.

So if someone out there was turned off by what they thought was childish behavior last year, they have no excuse for not voting now.

Both members of the SGA and The Breeze tend to slam the political sleepwalking that marks this campus. If the Breeze has perhaps contributed to this by not commenting on it more, then the SGA is guilty for not giving the campus someone who might kick it out of its lethargy.

This is not to say that the crop of announced candidates can't, but it might make things more interesting if, say, we had more choices.

The Honduran response raises question about U.S. motive

If you want to start a fight, try and look like you don't. Push the other guy, nudge him into throwing the first blow, and then when the blame rests solidly in his corner, pummel him into oblivion.

In the best Johnsonian tradition [Lyndon B.], the White House and its covert ops mafia have opted for such a strategy in Nicaragua. Its initiative shrinking with the election, its arms-swapping brainstorm defunct, what remains of the new right vanguard in Washington is hellbent on forcing a war it thought should have been fought nine years ago.

The goad is four battalions of United States soldiers flown from Ft. Bragg, North Carolina and California into Honduras after a Nicaraguan border raid in that country.

The excuse is a request from the Honduran government for American assistance, that the Honduran Foreign Ministry says it knows nothing about.

Yet in the paternalistic style that marks American attentions in Central America, the U.S. has doubled its presence in Honduras, making our soldiers nothing so much as targets.

The cynicism that power breeds has never been more in evidence in the Reagan administration. People with short memories will have forgotten that such border incursions in Honduras as the White House is alleging, have happened before without that country's sovereignty being forfeit.

But if a few American soldiers need to die for the greater good of a Central American war, the White House has no compunction about sending them.

To die to protect your country is one thing. To get blown away in a fly-infested hovel because that's what your superiors need turns patriotism into a psychotic joke.

Human life means very little to the gurus of the domino-inspired cult that pervades the Pentagon.

We talk about Nicaragua's ability to export communism, as if we know there is a large market.

ON LINE

Morgan Ashton

The purpose of all the media posturing by the White House for the minds of countless undecideds out there is to convince us of the rightness of rabid anti-communism.

Alternatively, communism can become a virus that spreads without the host country's complicity. Only we Americans can stop it but sometimes it seems, we are the primary cause. Somoza did not butcher his countrymen by himself, unfortunately, and there are Nicaraguans who recognize this.
Present Greek system needs improvement

To the editor:

As a graduating senior, I would like to use this medium to express a few thoughts concerning the JMU Greek system. I am currently the president of Sigma Chi Fraternity at JMU and a founding brother. I feel I know how the Greek system at JMU works and have sincere concerns for its future. First, I will say how I see things now, then I will offer my thoughts on change and the future. My discussion will concern men’s fraternities but could apply to sororities.

Currently, there are nine men’s fraternities in the Inter-Fraternity Council. These groups are officially recognized by JMU and coordinate together for various activities. The Black Greek Caucus has four men’s fraternities plus three sororities. This group operates independently of the IFC, but is of the same nature. There are three established off-campus fraternities and unrecognized fraternities, and I understand there is a fourth group well on its way that should be taken seriously. Sigma Chi is not a recognized fraternity at JMU. Like Alpha Kappa Lambda, we are recognized and chartered by international organizations. Tau Kappa Epsilon will soon be chartered again when the members here show they deserve it. They will. These unrecognized fraternities are weighing the possible advantages and disadvantages of starting an Outer Fraternity Council or OFC.

There are rumblings of a future merger of the IFC and the Black Greek Caucus. This is a step in the right direction even though they distinguish themselves as social and service fraternities, respectively. There can still be a more unified and effective effort toward community service, rush, social events, and educational programs for the entire student body. There is no reason to have these groups exist separately. From what I can gather, the JMU administration favors this merger.

Now, the off-campus fraternities have two different possible futures. In one scenario, these groups continue in their current unrecognized status but form an OFC. The OFC operates much like the IFC and has coordinated rush, social and community service activities. The OFC could also recruit and recognize other fraternities into the OFC. It could grow to be strong and productive, but would be bad for the whole system. This group, with similar goals and objectives of the IFC, will be in competition with them. The JMU administration would not favor this situation. There would be fraternities representing JMU, but they would have no ties to it. Furthermore, this system is not optimal for OFC groups and their individual student members. First, why recreate the wheel when it has already been made? Secondly, they will still be denied some rights due to their affiliation. OFC fraternities cannot get free meeting rooms, access to JMU facilities, and other privileges recognized fraternities receive. It sounds unconstitutional that some students are allowed some privileges, but others are not just because of the brotherhood they choose to join.

In the second scenario, the Office of Student Affairs office would decide to overhaul the present Greek system to include every deserving group. Of course, this decision would come only as a result of student pressure. This new system would consist of all fraternities who meet specific guidelines, and who will live by common policies that are formulated by the students, administration and community. Why not unite similar groups into one organization and see what it can achieve? Why continue to have such a segregated system that is slow to change?

It is time for a change. All fraternities should be in one system. There would be at least 16 fraternities working together. The possible benefits are powerful. Although there would be central organization, there would be great diversity within it. Through one rush program, JMU’s new Greek system would offer students on- or off-campus fraternities, social or service fraternities, groups with differing pledge training philosophies and programs, and much more. Monitoring the groups and maintaining control would be easier for the administration since there would be a centralized system. Think about the possible benefits for yourself, and let your opinions be known.

Call me crazy, but I think there is tremendous room for improvement in the present system. It is a splintered effort by many people and organizations. A united effort will produce results that a university of this caliber is searching for and needs.

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Star Wars: High cost for little defense

To the editor:

Thirty years ago, Dwight David Eisenhower warned Americans that if the arms race were continued, “The weapons merchants will open a pipeline to the U. S. Treasury”; and once this becomes established, “they’ll have no intention of letting go.” This prediction has been realized in the form and purpose of Strategic Defense Initiative. Five years ago this Wednesday, President Reagan launched SDI, or “Star Wars” as it is commonly known, into being. It has been billed to the American public as a “defensive shield” composed of a multilayered system of sensors, computers and weapons which is designed to protect the American population from nuclear attack, save the world from the “threat” of Mutually Assured Destruction and render nuclear weapons obsolete. But SDI, as it has been proposed, is inherently incapable of achieving any of these goals. In fact, it only multiplies the problems that we already have because of the arms race.

As far as protecting the American population is concerned, SDI is not a very “strategic” system. It has a major flaw. Providing it works, it can only destroy incoming Soviet Inter Continental Ballistic Missiles, which travel into outer space during their flight. So, all classes of nuclear weapons that don’t go into space, such as submarine launched missiles, cruise missiles or Stealth bombers, are immune to SDI. If four Soviet nuclear submarines launched all of their weapons, it would be enough to “carpet bomb” all major areas of population in the United States. If memory serves correctly, the Soviets have more than four nuclear submarines.

So, even if SDI proved 100 percent effective against all 10,000 Soviet ICBMs it is still incapable of protecting the American public or nullifying Mutually Assured Destruction, and it in no way makes nuclear weapons obsolete. In fact, one proposed facet of SDI includes using nuclear explosions in space to either destroy enemy missiles or power the system. Star Wars has been perceived as a solution to the nuclear dilemma, simply it is not.

This being the case, one has to wonder why the Reagan administration continues to request funding for SDI at the tune of $4 billion per year, especially when the deficit numbers in the trillions. The answer is quite understandable. The “arms merchants” that Eisenhower warned us about have their “pipeline” to the treasury. The idea of SDI did not originate from the Pentagon, but from the Heritage Foundation, which is a conservative think tank funded in large part by Coors Brewing Company. It is not exactly known for its expertise in military strategy. But, it invented Star Wars as a plan to take the initiative on arms control away from the democrats, and to give the military industrial complex some very lucrative government contracts on the side. Big corporations like General Dynamics, are very skilled at making huge profits, but not at forming responsible foreign policy. The fact is, Mutually Assured Destruction is not really a scientific problem, it is a moral and political one. Therefore, building new “scientific” weapons systems in space only will increase the assurance of mutual destruction. This is simply not worth $4 billion dollars per year. The anniversary of SDI this Wednesday is not one to be celebrated. But, it could be put to constructive use, if Americans would find out about SDI, and become more involved in the democratic process. If you are interested in further information contact UCAM.

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Bush, heir to Reaganism, is godsend for Democrats

To the editor:

Although I applaud Mr. Brozton's interest in the election The Breeze March 17, an interest unfortunately not shared by most JMU students, I feel the need to question his information, and ultimately, his views.

The first half of his letter is harmless enough, a nice collection of overused election year buzzwords mixed with a few contradictions in logic. However, the second half of his letter, that inexplicably sings the blundered praises of the Reagan administration, indicates someone who turns off the television when the news comes on. Seemingly armed with the texts of Reagan's State of the Union addresses and press releases, Brozton conveniently leaves out any mention of the deficit that will, in the next five years, plunge our nation into the throes of a depression that will make the "Great" one seem like a carnival.

He also neglects to mention the Reagan Administration's see-no-evil policy toward South Africa, that barrel of monkeys we call "Iran-Contra," and his bizarre willingness to retain in his cabinet, men whose moral fiber is, at best, "highly questionable" (pardon the euphemism). He is correct on one point though. Bush is the heir to the Reagan legacy. He is the only one who deserves to inherit the above-mentioned debacles—and inherit he will. It doesn't matter, I suppose, that Bush seems to forget Iran-Contra information in his own memoranda and at meetings where he was apparently reading the sports section. Nor does it matter, I guess, that even the deposed Nixon violently opposes Bush's candidacy, wimpiness notwithstanding.

Finally, I would like to state one function that Bush does provide; the Democrats are licking their lips as Bush rises higher and higher in the primaries. Like that lucky Nixon who got to run against McGovern in 1972, they see a Bush nomination as a godsend—a nomination that even Republicans rue.

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Assessment tests waste time

To the editor:

I along with other members of the sophomore class had to take the assessment test on Founder's Day — how appropriate. Yes, fortunately I am a sophomore, and I could find nothing else better to do with 3 1/2 hours of my time than to take a standardized test. About what? About the "Papagos Indian" and his mannerisms in comparison to "White people," about farmers and hectares of land, about minimizing the effects of nuclear war by fighting slowly, and of all things, about the velocity of sound at 0 degrees celsius! These are not general studies topics. What do they have to do with the courses I'm taking here at JMU? I thought that the days of standardized [SAT style] testing were long gone, and better off in the grade school setting. Obviously, the people administering this "Academic Profile" felt as though they had to treat 19- and 20-year-olds as though we were in the sixth grade. At several points during the exam there was a line of six or more people waiting to go to the bathroom, not at all free to go at their leisure. The gentleman at the door stopped everyone at the door and said, "Make it quick!" Well, if in a 1/2 hour period of time, we aren't allowed to go relieve ourselves, something is definitely wrong.

But, this is not about going to the bathroom, this is about 400 sophomores in a 3 1/2 hour time limit, being involuntarily pushed to take a test with the university dangling the right to Fall '88 registration in our faces.

This test is not for the benefit of us, nor the benefit of future sophomore classes, more so, to the detriment of them. Many students, needless to say, did not take this testing seriously and the results will be inaccurate and time, without a question, wasted.

To the administration — it is my opinion that this was a waste of our time and of our money. Next time research the possibility of students taking this testing seriously before putting future classes through this.

Lisa Matthews
sophomore
communication
33 other signatures

Nicaragua

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Yet even Richard Nixon, whom no one may accuse of liberalism has said, "At least the communists talk about the problems. All too often, we just talk about the communists."

If sending the elite 82nd Airborne into Honduras were simply a reaction to what is an obvious violation of territory, the warning klaxons would not sound so loud.

This latest move, however, escalates a dirty little war [It's a war to the Nicaraguans, and only Americans need that fact sugar-coated for them.] that does neither side any credit. The Sandinistas are not quite egalitarian campesinos, fighting the juggernaut of North American aggression.

And, historically, American involvement in Central America has been a collection of economic strong-arming, the black passions of American multi-nationals for blind profit, and wars.

Reagan's latest blunders have created such a cloud of doubt around his own policy, that whatever claims spew forth from the "Great Communicator" should be checked not for minor fact errors but for the smallest grains of truth.

One thing has become quite apparent in the last few years. America would like its possession back, thank you very much, and America does not care how many people die in the process.

Fogleman best bet for representation

To the editor:

The SGA elections are just around the corner and with them comes our responsibility as students of JMU to elect those who will best represent our determination and zeal to have our concerns voiced. Throughout this year, we have heard and written complaint after complaint in letters-to-the-editor in hopes that grim reality would change, and the administration would actually take us seriously. Unfortunately, our complaints have only served a didactic purpose, receiving no consequential reaction by the administration. Delusion of reality? No way!

We have each year the opportunity to place a little strength behind our words through the election of SGA officers. Who we decide to represent us will determine how open the ear of the administration is.

Stephen Fogleman, a master to restoring hearing to the deaf, is asking us to give him a license to practice here at JMU. He has finished his internship as Senator of Ho Jo's, and has emerged at the top of his class. He is the most active member of the SGA senate.

JMU needs someone who will put muscle behind our complaints. We don’t need another year of apathy and weakness; we don’t need to wallow in the mud of torpidity any longer. Let’s put Stephan Fogleman in office and send a signal to the administration that we are not as spineless as they perceive!

Cliff Corker
sophomore
business

Election... Humphrey for legislative vice president of SGA

To the editor:

As elections for the Student Government Association near, it is with great pride that we, Women of Color, endorse Tracy Humphrey for Legislative Vice President.

Ms. Humphrey is a dynamic young lady that embodies all of the qualities that are needed for strong leadership. Ms. Humphrey brings enthusiasm, insight and dedication to any job, committee or organization in which she is involved.

We have the good fortune of working with Ms. Humphrey on more than one occasion and are always pleased with her inventiveness, creativity and hard work.

We feel strongly that Ms. Humphrey is the candidate most qualified to represent the student body of JMU at the position of legislative vice president of the SGA, and it is with her that we place our support.

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