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## Investigation launched to find links between colleges, loan companies

BY SARAH SULLIVAN  
staff writer

Controversy concerning exclusive student loan companies or possible contracts between student loan companies has sparked investigations into university financial aid offices across the country. According to the Associated Press, New York Attorney General Andrew Cuomo accused colleges of collecting benefits and gaining perks from various loan companies.

Investigators have found that some universities across the country have formed exclusive

preferred lender agreements with student loan companies. These agreements allow financial aid officers to strongly encourage students to use certain lenders. In return, the financial aid office receives certain benefits.

JMU's financial aid office is not one of them. "We have never signed contracts like that, nor will we ever," said Brad Barnett, senior associate director of the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships. "We do not have any agreements, at all, to give any lenders any specific amount of business; we don't push students to take particular loans and we don't receive

benefits."

The investigation into the alleged corruption has found that certain undisclosed lenders provided benefits that included, among other things, all-expense-paid vacations to exotic spots and computer systems for schools.

JMU's financial aid office provides loan information to help students make decisions. Its Web site contains a list of preferred lenders whom JMU financial aid advisers think offer students good loan packages.

"We have all of our information on the Web and we try to make sure students have the informa-

tion available to them," said Debra Turner, associate director of operations of the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships. "We are always looking for lenders who give the best benefits to students."

The preferred lender list, supplied by the financial aid office, contains the names of lenders for the Stafford Loan, the type of loans JMU predominantly deals with. JMU will, however, process a loan with any bank or loan company a student chooses.

"We have identified those who we think are

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## Bill rejected by SGA

Senate majority defeats measure

BY ALEX HILTON  
contributing writer

The Student Senate granted several clubs funds Tuesday night amidst heated debate concerning SGA's role in freshman orientation.

The Executive Council and staff orientation bill, authored by sophomore Vice Pres. Jeff Watson would make those in executive or staff positions ineligible for participating in freshman orientation.

"There is no effective planning and leadership when everyone is unable to meet during the summer," said Watson. "This is discrediting to SGA because we serve the students."

Watson does not feel this would hurt either organization.

"This is not limiting, because even though there are good leaders in SGA, there are other good leaders outside of this organization," he said. "Executive staff is the most serious position in SGA, and with that comes serious time and commitment."

Sen. Tommy Bluestein (Soph.) agreed.

"It would make people think long and hard if [they] want to be in Orientation or SGA," he said. "This could give us better candidates because people would want to work really hard to win and follow through with their platforms."

Despite the points made to pass the bill, there was an overwhelming majority against the amendment.

"JMU is all about opportunity; there are over 300 organizations because everyone wants to get involved and dabble and feel everything out," said Sen. Heather Shuttlesworth (Soph.). "If someone is committed enough and feel like they have enough determination to take on both roles, why not let them prove it?"

Sen. Geary Cox (graduate student) also voiced his opinion against the bill.

"I recognize the leadership and commitment it takes the orientation staff to give themselves to the freshman class, and we shouldn't limit the strongest members of this organization to be FROGS or OPAs," Cox said. "This bill regulates too much personal responsibility, and that is nowhere else in the constitution."

Watson said he understands that orientation ends in September, but said the bill is focused on work done during the summer.

"The chief of staff is getting paid, I don't think it's right for them to have a job on campus and not properly do it," he said.

Many senators felt that being leaders in other areas than SGA is vital to help build character and get in touch with the rest of the student body. Other points were brought up in opposition, such as the fact that SGA could possibly restrict a student having a job during the summer in order to fulfill his or her SGA duties.

Student Body President, Brandon Eickel said that executive members participation in orientation 2006 created a disjunct in executive council and staff.

"We didn't start to build those relationships and staff was not properly trained by exec," Eickel said.

The bill, which would have taken effect in 2008, was moved to a roll-call vote and did not pass.

Note-oriety, the first all-female a cappella group established at JMU, was granted \$1,000 from contingency funds to record its fourth CD. The recording of this CD would be done professionally, unlike the previous three, by James Gammon Productions, located in Charlottesville.

According to Note-oriety, there has been at least one single from every album JGP has

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graphic by LAUREN PACK/art director

## Going the distance

More than 300 JMU students volunteer with ASB program

BY BENJAMIN BAYNTON  
staff writer

More than 300 JMU students participated in 27 student-led trips, both international and domestic, as part of the university's Alternative Spring Break program.

"What I hope comes out of all the trips is that students have an experience that opens their eyes and encourages them to get engaged in all their communities and connected with the world around them," said ASB program director Lorelei Esbenschade.

One of the furthest destinations was Guatemala, where participants were introduced to local culture and history.

"We got to meet these widows whose husbands had been killed in the massacres of the 1980s [in Guatemala]," senior Sarah Robarge said. "We got a lot of history lessons throughout the week."

The Guatemala trip worked on the Highlands Project, focusing on the environment and reforestation.

"We were making environmentally friendly stoves," Robarge said. "It was really cool because we were making something practical that they would use four or five times a day."

Sometimes language was a barrier on international trips. Participants of the Guatemala trip had to use creative communication.

"The children of the village spoke some Spanish, but the adults spoke a Mayan dialect," Robarge said. "We had to communicate through smiles and hand gestures."

While some ASB programs go out of country, others stay in the United States. One group went to Kansas City, Mo., to work with Operation Breathrough, a day care center for underprivileged children between 6 months and 16 years old during their parents' workdays.

"The center is a safer place than these kids' homes," said coordinator of first-year orientation staff Dan Murphy. "We didn't expect to get as close to these kids as we did."

Parents who use the center are required to pay only what they can afford. Many children attend for free.

"Most of the children come from single-parent homes," Murphy said. "The six hours of the day we spent with these kids is the highlight of their day."

Even closer to home was the trip to Washington, D.C., to the Father McKenna Center to help the local homeless male population fighting substance abuse.

"We were able to hang out with the men and listen as they told their stories," said ASB student coordinator Rebecca Bourne. "We played chess and learned card games as well as prepared them lunch every day."

Typically, Alternative Spring Break trips are composed of two student co-leaders, a faculty learning partner and seven participants.

"The trip leaders pick their site, organize their service, find their housing and create their budget," Esbenschade said. "If it were all up to me to do it all, we would have three trips."

Trip leaders must attend training from mid-October through November.

"You learn a lot of different things through activities and speakers such as risk assessment, conflict, leadership

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## Virginia schools 'educationally efficient'

Schools ranked by U.S. Chamber of Commerce

BY SHAYNA STRANG  
staff writer

Recently, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce published a report saying that schools across the country are not properly preparing students for college and the workforce.

Virginia does not fall into that category.

The report, titled "Leaders and Laggards: A State-by-State Report

Card on Educational Effectiveness," gave each state a "report card" on how well it is doing according to the organization's standards.

Overall, Virginia schools received a "B" for academic achievement, rigor of standards, postsecondary and workforce readiness, return on investment, truth in advertising about student proficiency, and flexibility in management and policy.

The report, authored by John D. Podesta, chief executive of the Center for American Progress, and Frederick M. Hess, director of education policy studies at the American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research, showed that many states are behind where they should be.

"Whether it's high school or college, new requirements and new skill sets come out that we have to adapt to," Thomas Dary Erwin, assistant vice president of Assessment & Public Policy at JMU said. "We regularly

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— FRANK DOHERTY  
director of Institutional Research

review what employers look for because things change all the time."

"When we ask our graduates, it's overwhelming the number who would recommend JMU," Frank Doherty, director of Institutional Research, said.

In order to help students prepare for the future, there are several assessment programs in place to test their abilities, Erwin said. Prior to their second year, all students must pass the Information Literacy test, and most majors also require an assessment before graduation.

Another method used to prepare students is the General Education program. This program was developed

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### POLICE LOG

BY ALICIA STETZER/senior writer

#### Larceny

A JMU student reported the theft of a commuter parking decal from a vehicle in an unknown location between March 2 and 13 at unknown times.

A JMU student reported the theft of a commuter parking decal from a vehicle in C14-Lot March 14 between 1:25 and 6:45 p.m.

A JMU student reported the theft of a commuter parking decal from a vehicle in the Parking Deck March 14 between 6:30 and 8:30 p.m.

A JMU student reported the theft of a resident parking decal from a vehicle in R5-Lot between March 14 at 5 p.m. and March 15 at 3:30 p.m.

A JMU student reported the theft of a commuter parking decal from a vehicle in C4-Lot March 16 between 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

#### Drunk in public, underage possession of alcohol

A JMU student was charged with drunk in public and underage possession of alcohol at the Godwin Hall bus stop March 18 at 1:12 a.m.

### DUKE DAYS Events Calendar

#### Super Saver Discount Cards

Alpha Tau Omega's Harrisonburg Super Saver Discount Cards are on sale now for \$10. The cards provide discounts at 12 local establishments, including Outback Steakhouse, Qdoba and Domino's Pizza. Other establishments include nail salons, dry cleaners and auto services. The cards are valid until Dec. 31 and can be used an unlimited amount of times during this period. For more information, contact fund-raising chair Richard Kelsey at [kelseyra@jmu.edu](mailto:kelseyra@jmu.edu).

#### Casino Royale Semi-Formal

Habitat for Humanity is holding Casino Royale, a semi-formal casino night, in Transitions in Warren Hall Friday, March 23 from 8 to 11 p.m. The \$6 admission will benefit Habitat International. Participants will be able to play blackjack, roulette, poker and craps, and will be eligible to win more than \$400 in prizes. Contact Jessie Horton at [hortonja@jmu.edu](mailto:hortonja@jmu.edu) with any questions.

#### Harassing phone calls

A JMU student reported receiving harassing and annoying phone calls in a dorm room in Dingleline Hall between Feb. 24 and March 16 at unknown times.

#### Assault and battery, violence to persons

A JMU student was charged with assault and battery and violence to persons in Eagle Hall March 17 at 8:25 p.m.

#### Violence to persons

A JMU student was charged with violence to persons in Potomac Hall March 18 at 2:30 a.m.

#### Personal abuse, damage to property

A JMU student was charged with personal abuse and damage to property in White Hall March 19 at 1:30 a.m.

#### Property damage

A JMU student reported \$500 worth of damage to the rear bumper of a vehicle in the Parking Deck March 19 between 8 a.m. and 9:10 p.m.

Number of drunk in publics since Aug. 28: 62

Number of parking tickets since Aug. 28: 16,643

#### Food Fight Against Hunger

Psychology Peer Advising is sponsoring its annual Food Fight Against Hunger to benefit the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank and Mercy Corps. Stop by any of the times and locations to donate money or canned food. Donations will be accepted at Wal-Mart from 12 to 5 p.m. on March 27 and 5 to 9 p.m. on March 28, on the commons from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on March 28 and 29, and in the Festival Center from 12 to 5 p.m. on March 28 and 29. A \$1 donation equals \$20 worth of food and aid for the needy around the world. Help the 24,000 who die every day from hunger. Contact Amy Schlottmann at [schlottat@jmu.edu](mailto:schlottat@jmu.edu) with any questions.

#### UDAP Week

The week of April 2 to 6 will be Utility Deposit Assistance Program Week at Off-Campus Life in Warren Hall's Transitions. Drop by the office to find out how the program can help save money on utility deposits and protect credit scores from overdue payments. Contact [ocl@jmu.edu](mailto:ocl@jmu.edu) for more information.

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Thanks to your cooperation, the Foxfield Spring 2006 Race was greatly improved!

We will be there again this year and encourage you to . . .

## Enjoy the race – safely and legally.

A joint effort by multiple enforcement and emergency medical entities will again put a zero tolerance face at the Foxfield Spring Race this year. All violations of the law will result in enforcement action, which could come in the form of a summons or in certain cases, physical arrest.

Police will be observing patrons upon their arrival by chartered buses and in their personal vehicles. Patrons entering the race will be monitored for intoxication and legal age requirements, and those found to be violating the law while entering the event will not gain admittance. The zero tolerance policy for alcohol and other violations will also be in effect during the race.

#### Foxfield Race Statistics for 2005 and 2006

	2005	2006
Drunk in public arrests	15	51
People treated for alcohol-related illness	85	14
Average BAC	.133	.10

This advertisement was developed and produced by the Virginia Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC). Production was funded through a grant from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP).



## Around Campus

### Makeup day this Saturday

Don't miss class this Saturday. Due to the university's closure last Friday, the official day for makeup classes will be this Saturday, March 24.

Students should ask their professors what their plans will be for the makeup day. Faculty have a number of options for making up lost class time. Some options for faculty include holding class on another day that is suitable for students or on the Web.

### Art and anthropology forum this Friday

JMU students will present their work to faculty and peers tomorrow in Duke Hall, room 240 during the interdisciplinary symposium sponsored by the school of art and art history and the sociology and anthropology departments.

At 4 p.m., the curator of the Corcoran Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., Jonathan Binstock, will present the keynote lecture entitled "Sam Gilliam: The Early Years."

The event will be held from 12:30 to 5 p.m. tomorrow.

## In the Valley

### Iraq anniversary rallies support

**HARRISONBURG** — As Monday marked the fourth anniversary of the U.S. invasion of Iraq, 100 people rallied in Staunton to show support, reported the *Daily News-Record*.

The event featured several speakers, including Rhonda Winfield, whose son was killed two years ago when a roadside bomb went off near his convoy.

The group met at the August Courthouse, holding flags and urging soldiers to "win the war."

## World & Nation

### Republicans and Democrats in risk of losing petition power

**WASHINGTON** — The FBI was warned on Tuesday by both House Republicans and Democrats that if it did not correct abuses in the handling of national security letters, it could lose its abilities to petition companies for customers' telephone, e-mail and financial records, reported the *New York Times*.

As reported, the bureau repeatedly called for emergency procedures when they were not appropriate and mishandled the record keeping of the letters exercised.

### Aging Japanese keep their minds moving

**TOKYO** — Playing video games may help you stay young. While Japan is the fastest-aging nation in the world, the government releases a range of mental acuity products, including books, toys and food, designed to re-energize aging minds, reported the *Washington Post*.

Municipal governments hope that offering mental exercise programs can help lower risks of Alzheimer's disease and decrease payout for senior nursing care.

### Two children killed in Baghdad

**BAGHDAD** — After using two children as decoys to cross a military checkpoint, insurgents parked a car across the street from a school and detonated a car bomb with the children still inside, reported the *New York Times*.

Both children were killed along with three civilians after Sunday's incident. Seven more were wounded. According to Maj. Gen. Michael Barbaro, deputy director for regional operations at the joint staff, children in the back seat of a car lower suspicion.

# Looking for answers

## JMU ranked in 35 best colleges for undergraduate research

BY CAROLINE COURNOYER  
contributing writer

Senior biology major Ally Samselski spends a good deal of her time each week in the Burruss Hall laboratory conducting trial-and-error research. Her goal is to isolate the protein that causes meningitis in infants. She has not yet been successful. However, she said the research opportunity has been a learning experience in itself.

"I would say that the best experience has been in some of the upper-level classes formulating our own experiments, not following the typical cookie-cutter layout," Samselski said. "They have made us think for ourselves while providing us with the tools to do so."

Samselski is only one of hundreds that participates in undergraduate research at JMU, which is a vital part of many majors, including chemistry and political science.

In the chemistry department, senior Karolina Roszak has been working on organic synthesis since she first began her undergraduate research in the spring of her sophomore year.

Typically, students can take one credit hour per semester of undergraduate research, which could be included in a student's curriculum. Professors accept roughly four to five students, based on their work ethic and interest, to participate. JMU also offers a program each summer in which students are paid to research.

The lab facilities available to undergraduates are well equipped with everything needed to aid the students. Both Samselski and Roszak said the instruments they use are of high quality, combined with the newest research techniques.

Last August, *U.S. News and World Report's* 2007 America's Best Colleges Guide ranked JMU as one of the 35 best colleges in the nation for undergraduate research. A collec-

tion of college presidents, academic officers and deans from more than 1,300 schools were invited to nominate 10 colleges they believed offered exceptional undergraduate research programs.

JMU also offers many opportunities for students to present their research at conferences, including the National Conference on Undergraduate Research and Virginia Academy of Science and Colonial Academic Alliance.

"Participating in undergraduate research opened up a lot of doors," Roszak said. She has attended four undergraduate research conferences where she was approached by graduate school representatives.

Getting her research circulated was a useful tool in her quest for life after college. Roszak will be attending Drexel University to get her master's degree immediately after graduation this spring.

A portion of undergraduates even have the opportunity to get their research published. Senior Michelle Curtis' research on organic chemistry is in the process of being transformed into a thesis by her professor.

In the political science department, professor Charles H. Blake recently published two articles co-written by undergraduates documenting the relationship between democracy and corruption around the globe.

The political science department offers undergraduate research in upper-level classes, as well as outside of the classroom and plenty of opportunities to present your findings at conferences.

"Undergraduate research is a key part of a college education for everyone. It speeds up the process by which they [undergraduates] are trying to use their skills to understand what the world is about," said Blake.

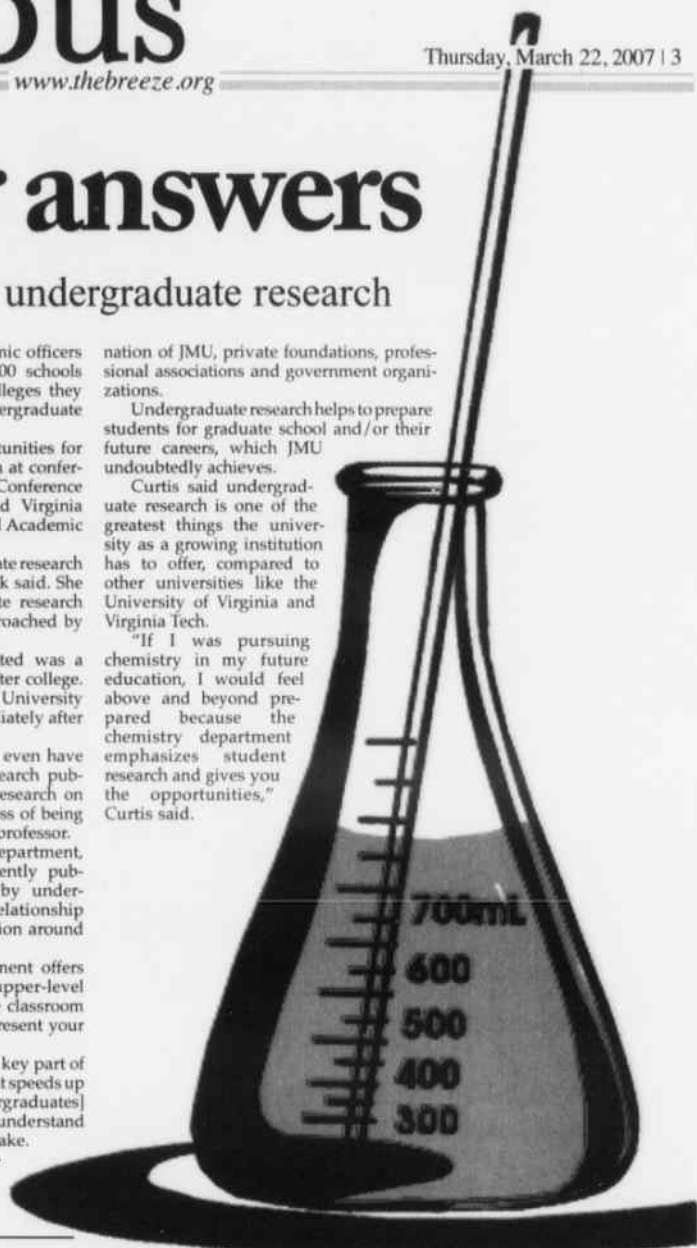
The funding for all of the undergraduate research conducted is provided by a combi-

nation of JMU, private foundations, professional associations and government organizations.

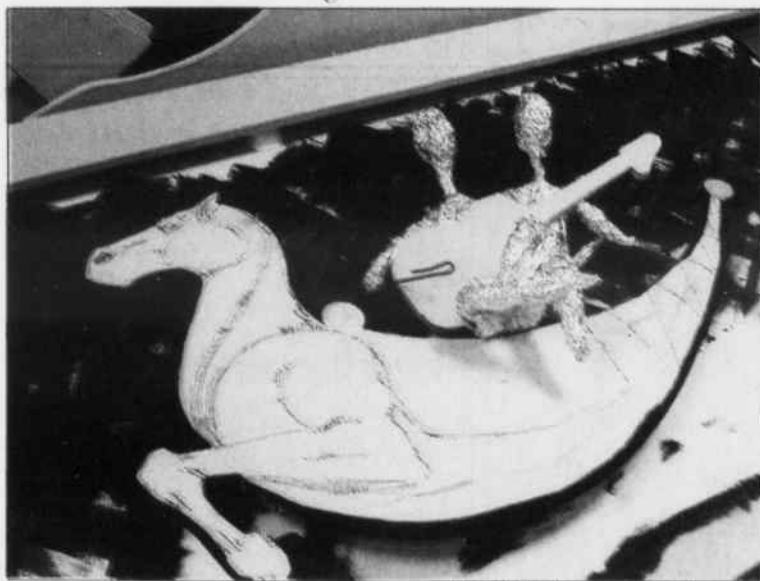
Undergraduate research helps to prepare students for graduate school and/or their future careers, which JMU undoubtedly achieves.

Curtis said undergraduate research is one of the greatest things the university as a growing institution has to offer, compared to other universities like the University of Virginia and Virginia Tech.

"If I was pursuing chemistry in my future education, I would feel above and beyond prepared because the chemistry department emphasizes student research and gives you the opportunities," Curtis said.



## Traveling mural in TDU



KAITLIN TAMBUSCIO/contributing photographer

Local artist Greg Ballou has been working on this mural, which he has tentatively called "Triskie," since Monday. The mural will be displayed in TDU and other locations on campus.

# Salary increase approved

BY CAITLIN HARDGROVE  
contributing writer

The Virginia General Assembly recently approved several salary increases for employee and faculty members of various Virginia universities, including JMU.

The General Assembly agreed on Feb. 23 that all classified employees who receive a rating of contributor or higher on their 2007 performance evaluation are eligible to receive a 4 percent merit increase.

A "classified employee" is a full-time and fully benefited employee, said Cathy Thomas, a Human Resources Representative at JMU. The evaluations happen on an annual basis.

Thomas said there were 1,124 classified staff members at JMU as of 2005.

First-year employees at JMU are classified as probationary and do not qualify for a merit increase unless they receive a rating from their supervisor, Thomas said. After a year, they become non-probationary and can qualify for a merit increase simply by receiving a rating of contributor or higher on their performance evaluation.

The Assembly also confirmed that the administrative, professional and instructional faculty will

receive on average a 4 percent salary increase also based on merit.

In addition, the JMU nursing faculty will receive a 10 percent salary increase to address recruitment and retention issues. Directed by the assembly, the additional state funding support is in response to the increased state demand for nurses. About \$19 million will be spent on the increases for the nursing faculty alone, not including the additional money for classified employees.

JMU spokesperson Don Egle said the decision is good news for faculty and staff and a good thing for JMU overall.

Del. Matthew Lohr, R-26th district, said that the raise percentage varies, and 4 percent is only the increase. The increase may also be based on how long they have been a faculty member, or other factors that would cause variations.

While JMU's faculty requests salary increases every year, the assembly's budget does not always allow it. But this year, the assembly said the increase was a "top priority."

Although the increases are a confirmed part of 2007-08 budget, they won't go into effect until the performance evaluations for 2007 are completed on Nov. 25 this year.

# Debate cut short at lecture

BY JIM DEMOS  
contributing writer

The question-and-answer portion of Monday night's philosophy lecture was cut short after a number of faculty members pressed the speaker, Jude Dougherty, about his lecture — "The Use and Abuse of Metaphor in Scientific Explanation."

During the lecture, Dougherty said metaphor may be helpful to the lay person for grasping a difficult concept, but that the metaphor must not be mistaken for the actual theory in scientific explanation, as is often the case.

Dougherty, dean emeritus at the Catholic University of America, spoke to a full classroom of students as part of an ongoing lecture series on Western philosophy sponsored by Phi Sigma Tau, JMU's philosophy honors society.

Dougherty's lecture described how analogies and metaphors are often used to explain scientific phenomena but often only succeed in creating further confusion.

"We read of anti-matter, drops of electricity, black holes, backward causation, strong locality, and I haven't even mentioned string theory," Dougherty said. "What, if anything, is conveyed by these terms?"

Dougherty's solution to this problem called for detailed explanation to replace colorful metaphor, but if a metaphor cannot be abandoned when explaining something, placement of the metaphor into the correct context is essential for providing its meaning.

Dougherty also spent a portion of his lecture on another topic — the true essence of human nature.

He described human nature as "the proper object

of philosophical inquiry," and said that it was not connected with our organic being.

Senior Sarah Marshall, secretary of Phi Sigma Tau, agreed with Dougherty's description of human nature.

"There is a whole other element of consciousness and perception that can't be explained by sheer neurology," Marshall said.

Dougherty's assertion that nothing new has been learned about human nature since the writings of classical philosophy drew the most heated debate during the question-and-answer session following the lecture.

When confronted by a JMU faculty member about the existence of scientific hypotheses that are attempting to explain human nature, Dougherty inquired about the "cash value" of such data.

Another question was whether or not metaphor can be useful in helping theists, or someone who acknowledges the existence of a deity, to appreciate the value of science and vice versa. Dougherty advised the audience to distance themselves from those who do not appreciate science.

The session was cut short by senior Tyler Burton, a member of Phi Sigma Tau, shortly after Dougherty asked one inquisitive audience member if he would like to stand up and give the lecture instead.

Despite the debate, Dougherty shook hands with the audience member before moving on to the lecture's reception.

The next lecture in the series will be held Wednesday, March 28 in Taylor Hall, room 405 and will focus on the nature of the human mind.

## RATINGS: Students better equipped to handle opportunities

RATINGS, from front

to provide students with critical skills in reasoning, communication and technology that will help them prepare for their lives and careers after college, according to the Web site.

"It's not just the learning of knowledge, but how you can apply it," Erwin said. "The emphasis on skill sets is what helps students be prepared."

As a result, students are better equipped to handle the opportunities presented to them after graduation.

Mason Miller, a recent media arts and design graduate, said he was more prepared for the workforce than he had anticipated before graduation.

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"From a comprehension standpoint, I felt very prepared," he said. "More prepared than I expected to be."

This is true of many graduates that go on to find work after leaving JMU. According to a 2006 survey organized by Institutional Research, more than 90 percent of graduates surveyed believed their major has helped them in the workplace, especially when it was related to their career.

But students don't stop learning when they leave school.

Miller said, "I'm still learning now at my current position."

## LOANS: Cuomo investigates 6 lenders, Sallie Mae included

LOANS, from front

dents, but we will process a loan for any bank a student chooses," Barnett said.

Cuomo's office is investigating six lenders, including Sallie Mae, Nelnet Inc., Education Finance Partners Inc., EduCap Inc., the College

Board and CIT Group, Inc.

But at the end of the day, most students see the office of financial aid as a resource.

"I feel that the JMU financial aid office wants to help me with my finances," freshman Jenna Bryant said. "They are looking out for students."

## SGA: Senate allocates funds for groups

SGA, from front

recorded that has been given national recognition.

"We went on tour up the northern East Coast and now teachers have been contacting us saying their students have an interest in JMU," said Jo Lewis, Note-oriety's co-president.

"This CD could bring a lot of recognition to JMU."

The Students for Minority Outreach, which recruits and retains minority students at JMU, received \$800 to rent a bowling alley for their annual Bowl-A-Thon.

"We are responsible for a number of programs under the minority spectrum and this event will let us expose our organization and let people know we exist on campus," said Ladaisha Ballard, the entertain-

ment and talent co-chair of SMO. "We have done a number of fund raisers, but it is not enough to cover the bowling alley costs due to our prospective student weekend."

The Clean Energy Coalition was granted permission to include a referendum in SGA's election ballot to poll the student body without bias or outside pressure. The referendum will poll students on their willingness to support a \$9 per semester increase in student fees to improve energy sustainability at JMU.

"This is an important question because students will be able to get their word in," said Julianne Maguire (Sr. - ISAT). "They are basically advertising for elections and it will show the Board of Visitors and administrators whether or not students will support this increase."

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## Breeze Perspectives

# Debating our problems away

Releasing all that carbon dioxide over the global warming controversy does nothing to help the situation

BY STEVE BOROWSKY  
contributing writer

Recently, there has been a vigorous and emotional debate in our nation regarding what, if anything, should be done about global climate change. Members firmly entrenched in our oil-and-coal-addicted society may not appreciate it being pointed out, but the earth is undergoing rapid and startling changes to its climate faster than predicted, and the vastly overwhelming majority of scientists have reached a consensus that carbon dioxide produced by our industries and transportation services are a significant contributor to these changes. Some of our own citizens and politicians don't want to take the necessary steps to curb emissions, and instead choose to ignore the scientific evidence and changes occurring all around us. Many people seem to believe that because global climate change cannot be proven outright, it is not happening. But science never states anything with absolute certainty; it only looks at the probability of something happening. In this case, the Intergovernmental Panel

or economic interest in covering up and distorting the facts.

While adaptation to the changes happening around us will be necessary to some degree, this idea could easily mislead people into thinking that mitigation of greenhouse gases is not important. How well would we be able to adapt to drought, famine, rising sea levels, and increasingly disastrous weather phenomena? All one needs to do is look at the destruction wrought by Hurricane Katrina to see how difficult it is going to be for humanity to adapt to global climate change.

Even if draconian measures were taken immediately to completely curb the emission of carbon dioxide, the rapid warming the earth is experiencing would not subside for decades due to the long-lived nature of carbon dioxide. It may be too late to avert this global catastrophe happening all around us, but we must at least try to minimize it.

The first steps of this effort are beginning to take place. Realizing that the Kyoto protocol is not enough to stop global climate change, Britain recently drafted the

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on Climate Change, a world coalition of scientists, has determined that there is at least a 90 percent probability that human activity is causing global warming.

Our nation is in denial. Although our president has made repeated claims that he cares for the environment, Bush refused to ratify the Kyoto protocol on emissions reduction, making the United States and Australia the only nations to decline ratification. President Bush cites economic concerns as the reason for abstaining from signing the protocol. Bush's decision is unwise, however, because if current trends continue, there may not be an economy left to protect. Famed scientist Stephen Hawking once stated that because of global warming, we might not survive the next thousand years, and our planet "might end up like Venus, at 250 degrees centigrade and raining sulfuric acid."

At this point, anyone touting the opinion that humanity will easily "adapt" to what it is doing to the earth and continue to progress unaffected is probably either misinformed, aligned with an organization profiting from the destruction of the planet, or has a vested political

Climate Change Bill which will cut the nation's carbon dioxide emissions by 60 percent over the next 43 years. Prime Minister Tony Blair called the bill "revolutionary."

Other nations are finally taking responsibility for the welfare of our world, and the United States must follow. The only rational way to do this is to take action now. Politicians lacking in scientific understanding must stop saying that we should do nothing about global warming because we aren't 100 percent sure that it exists. Instead, it is time for them to start actually listening to scientists, who know far more about the matter than they do.

Taking action means being honest with ourselves, and with our situation — a situation which must no longer be denied or ignored. Global climate change is not a conspiracy, and it is not an issue that exclusively concerns politically leftist-leaning citizens. Our species is in the midst of a great and terrible thing that we have wrought upon ourselves, and we are left with the burden of correcting the matter, or we risk becoming a brief cosmic memory.

Steve Borowsky is a sophomore biology major.

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## House Editorial

# Don't keep the District disenfranchised

Congress has the chance to give Washington a voice, and President Bush should not be afraid to lend his support

HOUSE ☆ OF ☆ REPRESENTATIVES



If democracy is really our greatest export, someone needs to set up trade agreements with our nation's capitol.

According to an article released this week by the Associated Press, the White House threatened a presidential veto of legislation that would give the District of Columbia a vote in the House on Tuesday.

The administration claimed the wording of the bill is against constitutional language. As the House of Representatives is intended to represent the states, the bill — according to the White House — should be vetoed since the District does not fit that criteria.

It does not take long to read between the lines and see the fear in the eyes of the current Republican administration. The occupants of the district, an area last surveyed at 68.3 square miles, are overwhelmingly liberal. The 2004 presidential election saw a whopping 89 percent of the vote go to John Kerry.

If the District were to obtain a vote in the House, it would also create a new at-large seat for Utah. The House membership would therefore be boosted to 437 and would be predominantly Democratic, despite the fact that an additional Utah vote would most likely be Republican.

For a city of such great political implications to take such a drastic sway toward the left would be reason for any Republican to take note — at least the sensible ones.

But does it mean that the power of democracy and the rights of the individual, regardless of their party affiliation, should not be heard? We would argue no.

Luckily, our own representative, Republican Tom Davis of Virginia, is expressing opposition to the possibility of a presidential veto. Davis is hoping for Bush to override his advisers and allow the legislation to pass.

In a country founded on the principles of "No taxation without representation," the fact that the main artery of its legislative branch, the District of Columbia, marches to a different drum should be rectified.

America is marching through the Middle East under a veil of democracy, but its government has not yet provided that same liberty to a 68.3-square-mile area after centuries of existence.

The sad reality is that the automobile of a D.C. resident that often bears the words "taxation without representation" directly on its license plate makes a greater statement in public than the occupant is able to in the House.

Whether you are Republican or Democrat, enfranchisement is something we can all support.

## Breeze Perspectives

# When 'Christian' no longer equals 'conservative'

National Association of Evangelicals learns what happens when you fall out of the Republican fold

BY REBECCA PARKER  
contributing writer

Evangelical Christians, for some time now, have been synonymous with conservative political leanings. The Republican Party has established a block of seemingly unwavering supporters founded significantly on ascribing to certain Christian beliefs. It has been constructed in such a way as to make American Christianity inseparable from the Republican Party by placing specific issues, such as pro-life causes and the protection of marriage, higher on the moral barometer than others.

Yet with the rising importance of creation care and social justice advocacy, there is reason to believe that Christians are not willing to be bound to this handful of issues. We seem to be on the precipice of a potential breakdown of the conservative block.

The Rev. Rich Cizik, the National Association of Evangelicals' vice president for governmental affairs, is currently under fire from evangelical bigwigs for subscribing to a platform that not only champions a pro-life stance, but a focus on human rights, poverty and environmental care. Cizik, a self-proclaimed Republican supporter, is asking that evangelicals "return to being people who are known for our love and care for our fellow human beings and the earth."

Cizik's progressive thinking is leading him into the tension between the demands of evangelical politics and the honoring of personal convictions.

His views, however, have not come without opposition. On March 1, a team of 25 evangelical leaders — including James Dobson of Focus on the Family and Gary Bauer of the Coalition for America — wrote the NAE a letter of formal grievance against Cizik's policies and ideologies. Their fundamental claim is that the "divisive and dangerous" Cizik is "using

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the global warming controversy to shift the emphasis away from the great moral issues of our time, notably the sanctity of human life, the integrity of marriage and the teaching of sexual abstinence and morality to our children."

Such bold statements, which serve to limit the bounds of our moral compasses, have enraged Christian believers across the nation. What Dobson and the rest of his allies seem to be missing is that issues such as the HIV/AIDS pandemic, the current genocide taking place in Darfur, the continuing of the sex slave trade by way of human trafficking and the existence of starvation and

extreme poverty are issues of serious moral concern to countless evangelicals, but are being ignored by their evangelical leaders.

Such an audacious and limited response on the part of Dobson has only served to further fracture evangelical Christian solidarity that was, at one point, so steadfastly conservative. The Rev. Jim Wallis, author of "God's Politics: Why the Right gets it Wrong, and the Left Doesn't Get It," has challenged Dobson's letter by essentially inviting him to a debate over where the great moral issues lie, and how Dobson may be misrepresenting our generation. "What are the great moral issues of our time for evangelical Christians?" Wallis asked, "You're right, a new generation is embracing a wider and deeper agenda than you want them to. I think that is a very good thing. You think it is a bad thing, and want to get people fired for raising broader issues than those connected by sexual morality."

Whether or not the debate between the conservative evangelical Dobson and the progressive evangelical Wallis occurs, the nation can be assured that there is change happening within the conservative Christian block, and many evangelicals are not letting men like Falwell, Bauer and Dobson be their political mouthpieces anymore.

Rebecca Parker is a sophomore justice studies major.

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Off the Wire

# The ides — and the lows — of March

From St. Patrick to pi, why March is full of madness

BY STAN MOLEVER  
Arizona Daily Wildcat

March is the best month in the universe. In fact, were you to tell me that I had but one month left to live, there isn't a doubt in my mind that I would want to spend it in March. It is the greatest month in human history, and I'll tell you why.

The Madness: Sure, we've hit a rough patch here at home, what with the Cats looking about as hard as the Stay-Puft Marshmallow Man, and head coach Lute Olson still trying to shake (get it?) the Parkinson's rumor.

But scoring droughts and assist-turnover ratios that look more like batting averages (that's really bad, for the non-sports fans) can't stop us from betting \$1 games against our friends and then gloating victoriously after we decimate them with second-round picks, and they end up owing us a hand-some six bucks.

Spring Break: This is the greatest gift the university ever gave us. Seriously. Try this out after you graduate: Go tell your boss that the last round of conference meetings and project deadlines really left you fried and that a week's vacation of binge drinking in Mexico would go a long way to increasing productivity. You get the idea.

St. Patrick's Day: This is either proof that a) God exists and has enormous adoration for college students whom he wants to see happy, or b) God exists and hates college students so He added yet another excuse to drink between Spring Break and The Dance, hoping that some of us might physically drink ourselves to death. Bright spot: either way, St. Patrick's Day proves God exists. Relief.

(Side note: Go do a little bit of research on St. Patrick. It seems that people knew he was a Christian missionary who did, um, some missionarying, but no one really knows anything more than that. Oh, and he wasn't Irish.)

The Other Well-Knowns: The end of Mardi Gras, Good Friday and a few other Christian holidays. OK, interestingly, there are still some other really cool events that happened in March that many of us probably aren't normally paying attention to.

Obscure Reasons Why March is Awesome: This March marks the four-year anniversary that the American forces of good ousted the Iraqi evildoers and brought peace and justice to earth.

Paint a mental picture: An aging Saddam Hussein lopping off a young Donald Rumsfeld's hand in a light-saber fight and

dramatically revealing that he is, in fact, Rumsfeld's father. Would anyone really be that surprised? Everything makes a little more sense now, doesn't it?

Also, March is home to Nouruz, the Iranian New Year's celebration. Talk about a party. Do you think Iranian New Year's parties also climax with a room full of lonely middle-aged drunks stumbling over the lyrics to "Auld Lang Syne"? Something like: "Should old acquaintance be forgot we'll

party on St. Patty's Day when Pi Day falls in the same month?

Of interest, March 14, Pi Day, is also Einstein's birthday. More evidence that there is a God, and that he's a nerd.

Additionally, March is Women's History Month. Long story short: One wicked lady got us thrown out of Eden, society punished all women for the next two millennia and then women get the last laugh when the wicked lady reincarnates and runs for president in 2008. You know I'm talking about Hillary.

Oh yeah, and in March 1781, man discovered Uranus. That's true. And I don't know where to begin.

Finally — and I add this grudgingly — it seems March is also the beginning of the Major League Baseball season. It's not that I don't respect America's pastime, but it's a lethargic sport for mostly non-athletic white men who look like they would fit in best at a NASCAR race and chew tobacco in the middle of games.

Can you imagine Steve Nash picking up his dribble at half-court to bum a smoke from Dick Bavetta? It's not quite a sport, but it's not quite a good ol' boy hoedown. It's ridiculous.

Stan Molever is a columnist for the University of Arizona's Arizona Daily Wildcat.

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bomb the imperialists next time..."

Speaking of that area of the world, March is also home to Pakistan Day. I don't actually know what that means. I can't figure out if it is a national independence holiday or an opportunity for all cultural minorities to secede from their respective subcontinents. Keep your fingers crossed, Texas.

Also, I don't want to continue living in this sham world where Pi Day gets so little publicity. My favorite of all the March holidays, Pi Day gives math geeks and MIT students everywhere the opportunity to, um, celebrate the mathematical constant. I know what you're thinking. We drink and

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## Letters to the Editor

### A movie is no more than a movie

I am responding to the article by Brian Goodman in the March 15 issue of *The Breeze*. I found it irresistible to comment on the rather amusing trend among pseudo-intellectual college students these days to extricate subtle and complex right-wing conspiracies portrayed in the media and every other facet of society. I'm sorry, but "300" was, in all reality, just a movie. Any fool could see that it was not meant to be historically precise, but rather a kick-ass film designed to rev up our testosterone production or make us lick our lips with pleasure at the exposed six-packs flying across the screen. How is this a bad thing?

Is Goodman saying that all male homosexuals are effeminate, pierce their skin and wear makeup? That certainly never crossed my mind, to be honest. To me it was evident that Xerxes was painted and pierced to portray the fact that he was vain, seeing how he considered himself divine, and it certainly didn't escape my attention that Xerxes's tent was swarming with female concubines. I personally agree with what the film's message was concerning what a "real" man is... i.e. strong, brave and loyal versus vain, tyrannical and traitorous.

I rather enjoyed the style of "300," timing and integration of mythology, as well as the

several dozen rippling pectorals on the screen. So loosen up and let the people enjoy their sex and violence; they will no matter how much "integrity" you encourage them to have.

Bess Dalby  
junior health science major

### Gas-gouging claims fuel self-pity

A quote from a JMU student in the March 19 article on gas prices was sorely misinformed.

Jackie Campitell was quoted as saying "It's just ridiculous the way gas stations can gouge us like this prices are crazy nowadays."

This claim is inaccurate on many levels. Many gas stations are privately owned or leased and these owners have very minimal control over the price of the gasoline that they receive from distributors. I have worked at a BP gas station and I have seen firsthand that the average profit margin on each


gallon of gas sold is sometimes no more than a few cents, especially after credit card fees, etc.

The claim that "gas stations are gouging us" is totally erroneous given the current price of gasoline, and it is also very unfair to blame local gas stations for the price of gas that the consumer pays in the Harrisonburg area. If you want to blame someone, blame OPEC, as the controller of such a large percentage of the world's petroleum

reserves can influence global prices.

It is true that America's oil companies are currently reaping record profits, but I can ensure you that whether gasoline is \$1 or \$5 a gallon, local businesses see no significant difference in their profit. Perhaps instead of unfairly targeting local businesses, Campitell could sell her "bulky SUV" and buy a more fuel-efficient car.

Kevin Flint  
junior economics/SMAD major



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Alyssa Solomon and Michael Lease will have photos and writing on display through April 29. New Image Gallery is located in artWorks gallery.

#### ● Nexus Gallery

Mary Beth Sorrentino will have art on display in the Nexus Gallery, located in Roop Hall, room 208.

#### ● Anthropology and Art forum

Students present work as part of Spring Symposium. The presentation is on March 23 in Wilson Hall at 4 p.m. The show is free.

### JMU

#### ● Contemporary Dance Ensemble

The final concert of the year will run from March 22 to 24. The show is in Latimer-Shaeffer Theatre at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$8.

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## Wondering what's in and out this season?

Your inside guide to

# Spring Fashion

BY KELLY FISHER  
a&e editor

As the old saying goes, "March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb." While the weather teased the Valley a few weeks ago with some spring-like temperatures, last week's surprise snow had everyone wondering if spring would ever get here. Now it finally seems as if temperatures are slowly on the rise, so put away your North face fleeces and Ugg boots and hit the stores for the latest in spring fashions. Unlike the drab runway shows of last fall, designers have brought life back into their collections for spring and summer. Some trends from previous years are back, while others have been tossed out the window.

### Colors

There are no in-betweens with colors this season. While many designers chose neutral palettes for their collections, others went all out with bright, bold colors and prints. Two colors that are all over the racks this season are yellow and kelly green.

Of course, the classic black-and-white scheme is always in style, and this year is no exception. Also making an appearance on the runways are metallic colors, such as silver and gold — perfect for dressing up an otherwise dull evening outfit.

### Dresses

The bubble skirts from fall have morphed into the trapeze dresses for spring. These dresses, which swing outward, are perfect for a spring stroll around campus. Big floral prints are also all over the spring collections — the perfect print for the perfect sundress.

### Trousers and Jumpers

Just bought a new pair of leggings? Toss 'em out. While leggings and skinny jeans were the hottest items of the fall, wide-legged trousers take their place in spring collections. It seems as if designers are playing a joke on consumers this season with these spacious pants, which are unfattering and seem to fit in all the wrong places on everyone — except the runway models, of course.

Jumpers have made an appearance during the runway shows this spring, bringing us back to the good ol' days of overalls. While they look cute on the runway models, everyday use of these jumpers might be a little over the top.

### Skirts

Above-the-knee hemlines are back, so stash away those long, flowing skirts. Also in style this season are high waists, perfect to match with a wide belt to accentuate your figure.

### Shoes

Just like the past few seasons, ballet flats are all the rage on the runways, especially when matched with a trapeze dress or coat. Also, wedges are back this summer, giving women a less-painful alternative to stilettos.

Also, patent-leather shoes have made a comeback, bringing class to any ensemble.

graphics by LAUREN PACK art director

## Review

# Modest Mouse hits a high note

Lastest album combines old styles with innovative sound

BY JESS NOVAK  
staff writer

Modest Mouse wastes no time exploding into its fifth studio album, *We Were Dead before the Ship Even Sank*.

The first moments of the opening track, "March Into the Sea," are reminiscent of something heard on a pirate ship with an accordion — definitive drumbeats and an angry sailor shouting barely comprehensible lyrics. But the pirate-themed beginning gives way to lead singer Isaac Brock's familiar soft singing voice similar to Connor Oberst of Bright Eyes, with his quirky, almost whine of a melody, slightly cracking through the cynical lyrics. Brock continues the opening track, alternating between loud and soft, bitter and sweet vocals and ends with a chanting command, "March on!" As you march through the album, similar themes of alternating vocal styles, depressingly negative lyrics and consistently great guitar lines resurface again and again.

Despite a turbulent history of rotating members, Modest Mouse has finally seemed to find a combination that works. Guitarist, singer and songwriter Brock, drummer Jeremiah Green and bassist Eric Judy have been the focus of the group since its 1996 debut album, *This is a Long Drive for Someone with Nothing to Think About*, and were joined by Joe Plummer, Tom Peloso and former guitarist of The Smiths, Johnny Marr, for its newest record. The band also utilized background vocals courtesy of James Mercer of The Shins on three of the tracks, "Florida," "Missed the Boat" and "We've Got Everything."

Though no one could have expected this American indie rock band to achieve mainstream success back in 1993 when they formed in Issaquah, Wash., 2004's platinum-selling *Good News for People Who Love Bad News* proved those expectations wrong. With the success of "Float On" in particular, Modest Mouse has established itself as one of the most promising bands in its genre, proving its commercial potential without compromising its unique and unapologetic sound.

*We Were Dead before the Ship Even Sank* bravely continues this tradition of blatant artistic freedom even in the face of mainstream expectations. Brock is as lyrically cynical as ever, constantly shouting, growling or even barking about the injustices of life, but alternating between the yelps with soft, mellow choruses or spoken verses. The album's first single, "Dashboard," is a prime example of the band's refusal to compromise and even achieves catchiness comparable to "Float On."

"Missed the Boat" is another highlight of the album, as it mixes some of the record's most depressing lyrics with some of the most upbeat and danceable guitar parts. Brock laments, "Well nothin' ever went quite exactly as we'd planned, our ideas held no water, but we used 'em like a dam. / Oh and we carried it all so well as if we'd got a new position. / Oh and I'll laugh all the way to hell saying, 'Yes, this is a fine promotion.'"

Perhaps some of the best tracks of the record are the more mellow, quiet and subdued, such as "People as Places as People," "Parting of the Sensory," "Fire It Up" and especially "Little Motel," a sad little love song persistently asking, "That's what we're waiting for, aren't we?" The softness of the lyrics leaves the listener more able to focus on the intricate and skillful guitar riffs of Marr littered throughout the entire album, though often over-powered by Brock's more demanding vocals.

The album is a pleasant mix of familiar styles and new innovation. The group continues to deliver radio-worthy tunes without altering its own sound to achieve them, a pleasant and different approach. The tracks are catchy; the lyrics are thoughtful; the guitar is perfect and the different vocal styles keep the listener intrigued. Each song is a new and unique surprise and as Brock states in one of the best lyrics of the album, "I love life's surprises so much I don't want to know what's ahead." Fans will love this album precisely because you can never tell what's ahead.

### Modest Mouse

★★★★★  
Released  
March 20

## Contemporary Dance show this weekend

### Students' work will be showcased in show

BY KATHLEEN HERRING  
contributing writer

Fouette. Pirouette. Ronde de jambe.

All of these dance moves will be brought to life on stage this weekend as the Contemporary Dance Ensemble presents its final spring performance.

This year's show features the work of a guest choreographer, several faculty members, and four students in the dance program.

The show will open with dance faculty member Roxann Morgan's piece "Affixed Exchanges," a combination of dialogue and movement that takes a look at the subway system through the eyes of the passengers.

Guest choreographer Donald Laney will also be showcasing his piece, "In-SIDEout." The dancers featured in the show auditioned for the roles and spent a

week in January learning the piece. This residency took up to 10 hours each day of rehearsal.

The schools of dance and music have come together with composer John Hilliard's "Mozzart on Mozart." Inspired by Hilliard's work on a fragment composed by Mozart himself, the piece will be accompanied by the dance styling of faculty member Shane O'Hara and artistic director Cynthia Thompson.

At the heart of the Contemporary Dance Ensemble performance are the student works. The pieces were selected last December, and the student choreographers have been reworking their pieces with the help of professional costume designers and lighting technicians since January.

"It's wonderful to be able to rework a piece for several performances so that

the performers become more confident in performance and with the movement," said senior dancer and choreographer Meghan Amoroso.

Her piece, entitled "Spinner's Snare," is one of four student works to be featured in the concert. According to Amoroso, her piece "examines the relationship between [the Greek goddesses known as the Fates] and an unsuspecting human."

Fifth-year dance major Jess Burgess enjoyed working with the guest artists and faculty while at the same time perfecting her own choreography on her piece, "Cedes," with professional lighting and costume designers.

"I think my favorite thing about the Contemporary concert is the duality in the nature of the show," Burgess said. According to Burgess, "Cedes" can be summed up by a line from a W.B. Yeats poem: "Too long a sacrifice can make a stone of the heart."

Sara Hoke's piece, "Walking with Ghosts," was inspired by imagery.

"I try to convey an atmosphere or a mood through my work while staying true to physical movement, taking the audience out of the stage space and into a new world," Hoke said. "The movement, music and costume design reflect feelings of loss, the supernatural and cold contentment."

The fourth and final student piece is "[Two Link]" by Dawn Young.

"It was inspired by the images of a chain linked fence and monkey bars — how supportive these structures are and how that correlates to relationships," Young said about the choreography.

In interpreting the pieces, Young emphasizes that "there is no definite story line or true theme the audience must stick to, simply to enjoy the physicality of the movement."

The Contemporary Dance Ensemble will take place Thursday through Saturday at 8 p.m. in Latimer-Shaeffer Theatre. Tickets are \$8.

### Preview

#### Dance Performance

Thurs. - Sat.  
8 p.m.  
Latimer-Shaeffer Theatre

## editor obsession

Amy Winehouse has the kind of voice that makes you want to slow dance. It's low and smoky and makes you feel like you could be in some seedy bar in a Parisian town, listening to a jazz singer bellow slow tunes hit on by some creepy European guy. Only, think of that as a good thing — because Amy does.

My favorite song on the CD — aside from "You Know I'm No Good," which plays between reruns of "Next" on MTV — is "He Can Only Hold Her." Then again, I like "Wake Up Alone," too. Actually, I like them all. It's hard to find a low point in her 11-track album. She mixes sounds from the Supremes ("Love is a Losing Game") and Sylvia Dee (the woman who sings "The

End of the World" in "Girl, Interrupted") with vocals that at times sound like Lauryn Hill, Corinne Bailey Rae and even Regina Spektor. You'd do well to download pretty much any of her songs, as not one of them disappoints.

I'm so impressed with her that *Back to Black* may be the album I listen to in my car for the next four months (how else can you learn all the words if you don't keep the songs on repeat?) without changing. In fact, I may never change it again. As they say, once you go Black, you never go back.



A. Caste

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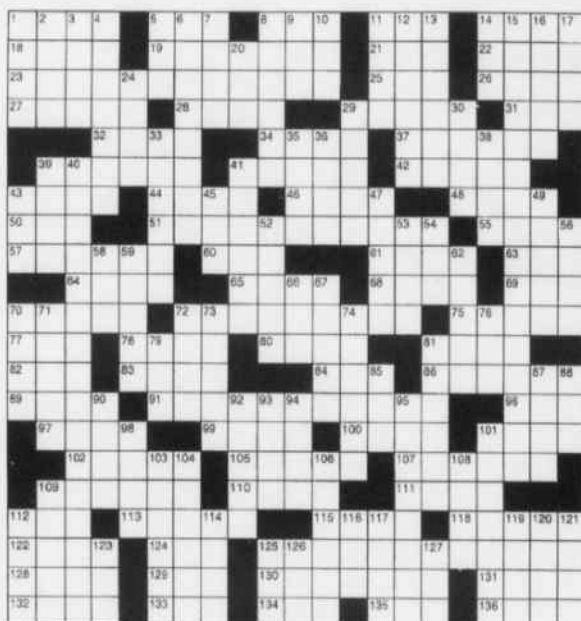
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by Jeff Pickering

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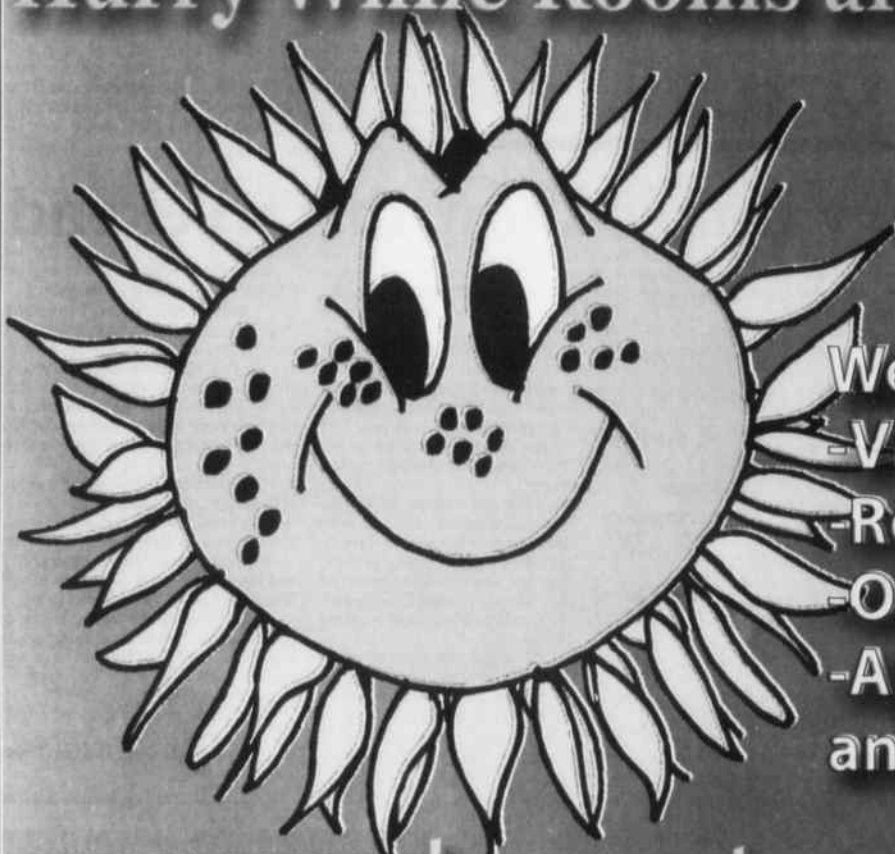
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## It's not easy being Big Green

### Inside Lacrosse Magazine Poll

Team	Record
1. North Carolina	8-0
2. Northwestern	3-1
3. Maryland	6-1
4. Virginia	6-1
5. Duke	7-1
6. JMU	5-1
7. Dartmouth	3-2
8. Penn State	6-1
9. Georgetown	3-2
10. Syracuse (tie)	4-3
10. Princeton (tie)	2-2
12. Notre Dame	5-2
13. Johns Hopkins	4-2
14. Richmond	5-3
15. Denver	7-1
16. Vanderbilt	4-3
17. Pennsylvania	5-1
18. Yale	4-3
19. Rutgers	5-1
20. Oregon	7-3

### JMU defeats Dartmouth for fifth-straight win

BY JOHN GALLE  
 sports editor

Eight different scorers propelled the No. 6 (*Inside Lacrosse Magazine*) JMU lacrosse team to a 16-9 victory over No. 7 Dartmouth Tuesday afternoon at the JMU Lacrosse Complex — a balance becoming a common occurrence for the Dukes' offense this season.

"That's normal," JMU coach Shelley Klaes-Bawcombe said. "That's something we've been seeing and that's what I'm trying to explain to this team. We do have great individual players, but no team can come in here and think they can take Kelly Berger or Annie Wagner out of the game and beat JMU."

When all was said and done, JMU junior attacker Annie Wagner and senior midfielder Kelly Berger each scored a game-high four goals, as the Dukes (5-1) out-shot the Big Green (3-2) 38-27 and never trailed.

"If you look at all the stats, they out-hustled us," Dartmouth coach Amy Patton said. "They deserved to win. They outshot us, we had a lot more turnovers, [and] they won draw controls and ground balls."

Wagner led JMU's offense early on, scoring the first goal of the game at 27:12. And when Dartmouth knotted the score at 6-6 in the opening minute of the second half after clawing its way back with two goals right

### Women's Lacrosse Tuesday

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Wagner



JMU senior midfielder Kelly Berger scored four goals and added two assists to lead the Dukes to a victory over Dartmouth.

before halftime, Wagner buried another goal to start an unanswered, three-goal run for JMU.

"I think [Wagner] was in a slump for a second," Berger said. "And I think every great player goes through that,

we've all gone through it ... [but] she didn't let it affect her. She just kept shooting ... and she's one of the best shooters on this team."

Likewise, Berger found herself in a sort of slump, frustrated by Dart-

mouth's top defenders in the first half, as she was limited to one goal and one assist.

"As frustrating as it is to be in that

see LAX, page 14

### Rumor Has It...

## Promising season ends with letdown

Let's go back to Feb. 22 of this year.

The JMU women's basketball team entered that night's game 24-2, and was tied for the best start in the team's 86-year history. In the Colonial Athletic Association, the Dukes were in sole possession of first place at 15-0, including a 29-point beat down of 15-time defending conference champion Old Dominion.

That night's game against Delaware marked the unraveling of a season that was, up to that point, nothing short of spectacular.

The Dukes entered the week needing to win one of two games against the top two competitors in the CAA, Delaware and Old Dominion, in order to clinch a share of the regular season title. That goal collapsed when JMU lost both games on the road and fell to the No. 2 seed in the CAA tournament.

All season long we heard that JMU's top goal of the season was to win the CAA tournament and get the conference's automatic bid to the NCAA tournament. So now a whole season worth of work with the country's most experienced team, and probably the best team in Madison history, came down to a four-day tournament.

In their first game, JMU coach Kenny Brooks and his Dukes sent a strong message by dominating UNC-Wilmington by 30. They went on to defeat the Blue Hens in round two on their home court by 11 to set up the rubber match with the Monarchs.

The tournament would end in disappointment as JMU fell 78-70 to ODU in the final game.

Disappointment is the only way to describe the end of the season. To call it a "choke"

would be unfair to the talents of senior center Meredith Alexis and company and completely disrespectful to Wendy Larry for the job she has done with the Monarchs. After all, ODU proved, once again, that when the season was on the line, they were still the kings of the CAA court.

Yet, I can't help feeling like this JMU team deserved so much better. The team had four 1,000-point scorers in the same starting lineup, including the school's all-time leading scorer and rebounder in Alexis. Senior guard Lesley Dickinson finished her career second on the all-time scoring list right behind Alexis and junior forward Tamera Young. Barring any injury, Young will more than likely pass both Dickinson and Alexis next season.

So to say this may have been JMU's most talented team ever doesn't seem like much of a reach.

Yet, when the team needed to be at its best, it came up short.

Twice they had a chance to dethrone the Monarchs and take their title from them and failed to get the job done. On Sunday, when JMU had a chance to put their CAA disappointments behind them and take down Pittsburgh to set up a meeting with Tennessee and the nation's all-time winningest coach Pat Summit, they once again just couldn't get over the hump.

Maybe a few years from now people will look at the statistics from this year's players. They'll see how they went to the NCAA tournament, how Kenny Brooks was named CAA Coach of the Year, how Meredith Alexis won CAA Player of the Year and say that this season had to be one of the most successful in JMU history.

Don't be fooled; the women's season ended in disappointment. This team was capable of so much more than a second-place finish in the conference and a first round exit in the NCAA tournament.

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BRIAN HANSEN

## Offense leads Dukes past Thundering Herd

### Townsend homers twice in Madison win

BY MATT MCGOVERN  
 contributing writer

After starting out the season 1-12, the JMU baseball team has needed people to step it up.

On Tuesday, sophomore outfielder Matt Townsend did just that.

Madison defeated Marshall University 12-4 Tuesday afternoon in non-conference play, led by Townsend's two home runs and five RBIs.

The Diamond Dukes improved its record to 6-13, including 5-1 over its last six games, while the Thundering Herd fell to 13-5.

Marshall couldn't keep up with Madison on the scoreboard, as they squandered early opportunities in the game. JMU, on the other hand, didn't have that problem.

Townsend hit his first two home runs of the season in the second and third innings to help JMU take control of the game. The first was a solo shot to right field, and the second was a two-run homer also to right field.

"I'm a free swinger up there [at the plate]," Townsend said. "I'm real aggressive and I just look for my pitch, and if I get one I try and put a good swing on it."

Townsend's start in the game was his first since March 9 in the first of three games against Old Dominion University.

"I think the last time I started was last weekend

against ODU, so it was good to be back in there today," Townsend said. "Coach just kind of shuffled the lineup around today, and I found myself in there."

Senior pitcher Jacob Cook started for the Dukes and struggled early, but pitched well in pressure situations to keep Marshall at bay.

He improved his record to 1-3 in the process. Cook pitched the first five innings for the Dukes, allowing three runs on six hits. He also had three strikeouts.

Freshman Dustin Crouch pitched three innings of relief, allowing only one run on four hits, and freshman Michael Brogan had two strikeouts in a perfect ninth inning.

Junior Adam Dobies started for Marshall, allowing eight runs (six earned) on eight hits in four innings.

Senior Brendan Murphy had three RBIs and two hits for Marshall, including a powerful shot over the fence that drove in two runs.

Madison scored four runs in the first three innings, but scored five in the fifth inning alone, pushing the lead to 9-3 at that point.

JMU senior outfielder Mitchell Moses doubled twice, scored twice and had one RBI. He was named to the College Baseball Foundation National Honor Roll for his stellar play last week, which included batting .571 (8-for-14) over a stretch of four games in which JMU won three.

JMU has won five out of their last six games dating back to a March 11 contest against Old Dominion Uni-



Townsend



JMU senior pitcher Jacob Cook gave up three runs over five innings to help lead the Dukes past Marshall on Tuesday.

versity. "Right now it feels like we're starting to roll, which is always good. It feels like last year when we were on that 16-game win streak," Cook said.

The Diamond Dukes played the second game in their series against Marshall yesterday at 2:30 p.m. at Long Field/Mauk Stadium.

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Adam Dobies, Adam Hancock (5), Tom Ponietowicz (6), Sean

Rigney (7) and Thad Ledford and Tommy Johnson; Jacob Cook, Dustin Crouch (6), Michael Brogan (9) and Brett Garner.

W — Cook (1-3), L — Dobies (1-2).

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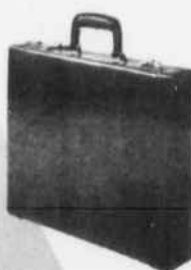
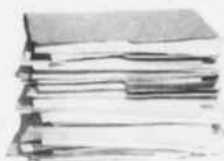
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# LAX: Dukes dominate

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situation where everyone is out to get you, you have to rise above that and fight back with talent," Klaes-Bawcombe said of Berger.

In the second half, she did just that. Berger doubled her offensive production by notching an early assist and scoring three goals in a five-minute span.

The Dukes also controlled 11 of 15 draws in the closing period, while their offense finished strong, scoring six of the last seven goals in the final 16:36.

"We've been talking about shutting the door and putting it out early, instead of trying to make it a game," Berger said. "We let them come back in it in the first half, and we decided we're not going to let that happen again. It's our fifth game that this has happened and we don't want it to happen anymore."

Berger said that JMU's offense and defense fed off each other all day. The defense, in particular, made junior goalkeeper Kelly Wetzel's job a whole lot easier.

"[I] had such a strong defense in front of me," Wetzel said. "It was the best effort we've put out. Our whole unit can come out of this game feeling so strong."

Wetzel did her part by stopping 12 shots, thus increasing her double-digit saves streak to six games.

"I think she's just playing within herself," Klaes-Bawcombe said. "And that's what we're asking everyone to do ... and collectively as a unit we can conquer. The best thing about Wetzel right now is she's very consistent. She's not too high, not too low, she's just giving us exactly what we need, which is a

couple saves here and there."

Klaes-Bawcombe praised the Dukes' defensive unit as well.

"I think that this [game] gives our defense proof that they do have what it takes. We've been relying on our offense for the past couple of games and this is exactly what we need heading into next week with Longwood and U.Va."

Dartmouth 5 4 - 9  
JMU 6 10 - 16

Goals — (Dart) Pittman, Jen (3); Douthett, Whitney (2); Chiusano, Katherine; Barry, Kristen; Duke, Margo; Szeft, Sarah. (JMU) Berger, Kelly (4); Wagner, Annie (4); Fuchs, Natasha (2); Haller, Emily (2); Bosica, Maria; Bradley, Lauren; Steinbach, Sarah; Torr, Meredith.

## Breeze March Madness Bracket

Sweet 16:

Midwest Region:

No. 1 Florida over No. 5 Butler — Despite not playing their best basketball and looking like a downright liability in this tournament, we'll take Florida to rebound as the experienced veterans that they are.

No. 7 UNLV over No. 3 Oregon — There are no more underdogs to root for. We'll gladly roll the dice with a team from Vegas. Sorry Ducks, the flying "V" only works in Disney's version of hockey.

West Region:

No. 1 Kansas over No. 4 SIU — The

Jay Hawks have been the most solid No. 1 thus far. They'll find a few ways to end the Saluki's great run.

No. 3 Pittsburgh over No. 2 UCLA — The Bruins should win this game. They are the elite of the elite right now. They are still playing in their home state. Pittsburgh, and us at *The Breeze*, are frankly tired of hearing it. Upset alert.

East Region:

No. 2 Georgetown over No. 6 Vanderbilt — Nothing short of a Final Four trip will do for the talented group in Georgetown. Vanderbilt's had a great run; it ends Friday.

No. 1 UNC over No. 5 USC — Nobody should be that surprised USC made it this far. UNC isn't. And they won't take the Trojans lightly. Hansborough and the Tarheels move on.

South Region:

No. 3 Texas A&M over No. 2 Memphis — Memphis has proved their seeding thus far; however, Texas A&M have been just as strong. This will be the best game of the day and Texas A&M will have their hands full.

No. 1 Ohio State over No. 5 Tennessee — Did we mention Greg Oden is a beast? Tennessee will struggle to hang with OSU.

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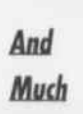
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