Touch-Tone Registration Works

Some Freshmen Organize Fall Schedule By Using The Telephone

By Pey Pey Oh
news editor

No more tedious lines during registration. It's true, and it will be a fact of life at JMU now that the touch-tone telephone registration system has been successfully tested. Next fall students can expect to register within minutes, sitting in their dormitory rooms or at home, instead of standing in registration lines for hours.

JMU, which will be the first school in Virginia to have touch-tone registration, succeeded in registering a small group of students during this summer's second freshman registration session Tuesday.

The system was to be implemented for the first group last Friday, but university officials determined that it was not yet ready.

"We were still doing final testing, making sure it was right before the students used it," said Sherry Hood, assistant director of records, who is in charge of the touch-tone system.

After orientation students watched an eight-minute video on the process by the Television Production Center, 10 freshmen were pulled at random from the regular registration to test the system. Only three students followed the whole process through completely.

This was because some sections were closed and Hood, who is overseeing the process, said the "search for an open section" function of the system wasn't being used at that time.

It was much easier to leave the system and complete the registration manually. Also, some students needed overrides, and that had to be done manually as well.

In fall, instructors will put override information into the system beforehand.

The number of students having a chance at utilizing the touch-tone system will be increased at each successive freshman registration session, said Hood.

On Tuesday, Julia Fretwell from Alexandria breezed through the process, the first person to register by telephone.

Betsy Smith of Buchanan said it didn't quite work all the way for her, but she thinks it will work once all the kinks are out. "It was real easy and they were real helpful," she said, while waiting for her schedule to print out.

Kendra Brown was teased all the way to her chair next to the phone.

Her advisor grinned, "Lucky you went to see that video, huh?"

"But I practically fell asleep during it," Brown said, as she sat down to fill in the worksheet provided with complete steps and instructions that would guide her through it.

"Hey, it worked!" said the freshman from Charlottesville.

"I really did pay attention to the video," Brown said, "but it was confusing and you really can't tell what to do by watching it. But sitting down and doing it was easier and that little paper (the worksheet) really..."

Incoming freshman Steven Walker uses JMU's new touch-tone registration system.

Brand, Winchester Dropped From Basketball

By Thomas Bergeron
editor

Many changes were expected to come when Lefty Driesell took over as basketball coach at JMU - and they have. But along with the expected have come the unexpected.

Since being hired on April 6 and immediately hiring his son Chuck as an assistant, Driesell, as expected, hired two more assistants and added three players.

The unexpected is this - seniors Thom Brand and Kennard Winchester have been dropped from the team.

In May, after a doctor determined that Brand could suffer permanent injury to his neck if he continued playing, the 6-11 center was asked to leave the team.

Brand, whose neck problem had made him unable to lift weights since he came to JMU, would have been one of four seniors on the squad.

"The doctor said it wasn't worth the risk," Driesell said of Brand's removal. "It wasn't me, I'm not a doctor."

In June, the team lost another of its seniors when it was discovered that Winchester had been convicted for shoplifting three cable accessories worth $14.97 from the Zayre department store in Harrisonburg.

Winchester, the team's leading scorer and rebounder last year, was suspended from the team June 9 after Driesell learned of the May 14 arrest and May 20 court appearance.

Winchester, who was charged with petty larceny, was sentenced to perform 40 hours of community work in Rockingham County General District Court. When he completes the work, the incident may be removed from his record.

Driesell met with Athletic Director Dean Ehlers and President Ronald Carrier before making his decision.

Normally, a player would be able to sit out his suspended year and return the next to finish his eligibility.

Winchester, however, already sat out his allotted season and is thus ineligible to return to the Division I (or Division II) level for what would be a sixth year.

Winchester is eligible to play at any Division III or NAIA school.

When former JMU coach John Thurston took over as head coach at NAIA Wingate College in Wingate, N.C., it was speculated that Winchester might follow Thurston there. Thurston has said he'd accept Winchester and that...
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transferring would be in the player’s best interest if he wanted to play professional basketball.

If Winchester, who has not given any indication that he will leave JMU, chooses to stay, he would remain on scholarship.

These removals open the possibility that two more players could join the program by the beginning of next season.

The loss of Brand, whose scholarship was changed to academic in nature, gives Driesell one available scholarship. If Winchester decided to leave JMU, as has been speculated, that would open up a second.

Driesell has not indicated that he is trying to fill his one guaranteed opening, but did not rule out the possibility.

Driesell previously added recruit William Davis and transfers Steve Hood and Fess Irvin.

Scott Easton and Bart Bellairs have been added to the coaching staff.

Easton, who was hired in May, is a former Duke assistant coach and will work mainly with JMU’s front court players.

Bellairs, who was hired on June 17, was an assistant at the University of Massachusetts the last two seasons after working under Driesell at the University of Maryland during the 1985-86 season.

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helped. It kinda makes you nervous though, because you’re afraid to press a wrong button, and end up in a wrong class.”

But Hood said if that happens students will just get an error message. They can check whether they have the right sections and courses by pressing the “L” key on the telephone and then the “pound” key.

This system shouldn’t intimidate anybody, said Hood. After all, the one thing about the telephone is that it’s an ordinary household item.

In November, the entire student body will be able to use the touch-tone system. Students will be able to register by the old system if they choose because it will still be maintained for transactions that can’t be done by touch-tone. “Like adding or dropping after a deadline, late withdrawals or students needing special permission for things,” said Hood.

It can seem a bit confusing while watching the video because the students think they have to memorize all those steps. Using the worksheet is the link from the visual presentation to the hands-on experience.

The introduction to the film shows the familiar registration lines. It goes on to demonstrate the new system. The video will be shown to all new users.

“Perhaps the new students won’t identify as much with the lines, as those who have experienced them already,” said Hood. “But word travels, and freshmen coming in have a fear of lines.”

This fall there will be a training session for those who want to try the system before registering for real. The time is coming when registration will be a simple matter of pressing buttons on the telephone, and it should be over in just a few minutes.

Thom Brand (center) and Kennard Winchester (right)
Foundation Establishes Memorial For Miller

By Thomas Bergeron

The JMU Foundation has begun taking donations for a memorial fund established in the name of former JMU swimmer Steve Miller, who died on the morning of June 5 from head injuries sustained in a fight the previous night.

The foundation, however, is unsure of any of the specifics of the fund, including the fund's official name.

"We have not made a definite decision as to how it's to be handled," said Elizabeth Knight, a spokesman for the foundation. "At this point we have only established an account. At a later date we will work with the families to determine how or when it's to be handled. I believe it will be a scholarship, but we don't have any particulars of this yet."

Knight is not aware of how much money the foundation has collected due to the recency of the event - and does not expect to know anytime soon. In situations such as this, the foundation usually receives a monthly record of its account. June's report, though, will be delayed slightly because that month ends the foundation's fiscal year.

Knight, however, says that this will not be a problem because there is no urgency in establishing the fund's use.

"For this type of thing, money usually filters in slowly," she said. "Over a period of a year it can build to a sizeable amount."

At that time, the foundation will meet with Miller's parents to determine how the money will be used. Miller, who was to be a senior and captain of the swim team next year, is said to have died as a result of a blow to the head in a fight near his home in Devou, Pa.

The Daily News-Record reported that Miller and a companion were in two brief fights with three local men when returning home from local bars on June 5. None of the five men received what appeared to be a serious injury, although later it was discovered that a blow to Miller's temple produced a tiny fracture in his skull that ruptured an artery in his brain. Miller died in his sleep.

It was not determined whether any of the participants had been intoxicated. No charges were filed in the incident, which was ruled accidental.

Hall To Head JMU Advising

William O. Hall Jr. will become the new head of JMU's academic advising program on Aug. 1.

Dr. Hall, currently the university's associate vice president for academic affairs, will continue to work with the university's faculty assistance programs.

Hall said JMU remains committed to academic advising as a part of faculty teaching responsibilities. Hall has also assumed responsibility for JMU's reading, writing, and math support labs.

Hall, who was the dean of the JMU Graduate School prior to his appointment as associate vice president Jan. 1., is a professor of education and psychology at JMU.

Dr. Gary Smith, the university's present head of academic advising, is leaving to become director of the North Slope Higher Education Center in Barrow, Alaska.

Blose Named As Assistant

Betsy Blose, graduate assistant for JMU women's basketball team last season, has been promoted to a full-time assistant under coach Sheila Moorman for the 1988-89 season.

Next year will be the first time the Dukes have two full-time assistants, as seven-year coach Andy Morrison will stay on. The graduate assistant position will also be filled.

Blose, a four-year player for JMU who graduated in 1984, served as basketball and volleyball coach of Altavista High School for three years before joining the JMU staff last fall.

In basketball, Blose led Altavista to a three-year record of 69-5 and was named Seminole District coach of the year in 1984 and 1985.

In volleyball, Blose's team won the Seminole District regular season titles two years in a row, naming her Coach of the Year for both of those seasons.
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Plenty Of Activities Available For Summer

By Pecanne Condon
features editor

Wondering what to do this summer? Between JMU's recreational facilities, the university's program board and some local attractions, there are plenty of things to keep summer school students busy.

Oak Manor Farms, located on Route 11 South at Burkettown, offers horseback riding at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. daily. The cost for trail riding is $12 per person and the event has been a favorite for students in the past.

"We get JMU students all year round. They usually get together in groups and we take real good care of them," said Theodosia Ehle, owner of Oak Manor Farms. "The trail goes up into the mountains. It's not real easy but it's beautiful. It's safe because you're always accompanied by an instructor."

Because of the activity's popularity, Ehle recommends making reservations at 234-8101.

JMU's University Program Board has scheduled eleven movies for July. They will be shown at Grafton-Stovall Theatre at 8 p.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday, starting July 6.

Movies include: The Thing, Easy Rider, Tootsie, The Searchers, And Now For Something Completely Different, Strangers on a Train, Rope, Psycho, All That Jazz, Body Double and It Came From Outer Space. Tickets are $1.50 with a JMU ID and $2 for guests.

In addition to showing movies, the UPB will serve coffee and doughnuts each Monday and Thursday at 9 a.m. in the Warren Campus Center and ice cream each Wednesday at 2 p.m. on the patio of WCC.

According to Jerry Weaver, JMU's UPB associate director, "There are a limited number of students on campus. We can't do in the summer what we do in the fall because we don't have the students."

JMU's theatre department will be putting on Dining Room at Latimer-Shaffer Theatre on July 28-30 at 8 p.m. Tickets will go on sale July 21.

JMU's equipment and weight rooms, racquetball and tennis courts, and swimming pool will be open during limited hours in the summer.

The pool will be open from 2:30-3:45 p.m. and 5:30-6:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 2:30-3:45 p.m. on Friday, 1-3 p.m. on Saturday, and 2-3 p.m. on Sunday. All other facilities will be open 2-8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 2-6 p.m. on Friday, 12-5 p.m. on Saturday, and 2-6 p.m. on Sunday.

Fund Fest '88 Scheduled For Godwin Field

Fund Fest '88, an Independence celebration with food, games and musical entertainment sponsored by local businesses, will be held on JMU's Godwin Field Saturday, beginning at 2 p.m.

Proceeds from the second annual event will go toward the construction of Rockingham Memorial Hospital's Cancer Center. Admission is $2.

Musician Mike Rayburn will start the entertainment at 3 p.m. He will be followed by Theerubin Thompson Band and 1964 - The Beatles. The last is a Beatles look-alike group that attempts to copy the look and sound of the Beatles.

The field will have stands for food and drinks along with clowns, balloons and games for children and adults.

The event will end with a 45-minute fireworks show at 9 p.m.

By Kelly Emerson

Wedge Graphics
'88 Glasses Available

Champagne glasses imprinted with "James Madison University" and "The Class of 1988" are being offered at no charge on a first come, first served basis for August graduates. About 125 are available and may be picked up at the Roop House.

Orchestra Series Set

Symphonic music, chamber music, summer band and big band sounds will highlight the Shenandoah Valley Music Festival's 26th season. The series of outdoor concerts will be held at Orkney Springs Hotel Pavilion.

The Fairfax Symphony Orchestra starts the season with shows on July 22, 23, 29 and 30. For the first show, the Orchestra will play a concert of popular favorites. On July 23, they will be joined by Daniel Heitetz, violinist, for a concert featuring Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto in D for Piano and Orchestra. On July 29, the group's third show will be a performance of popular Broadway melodies. Santiago Rodriguez will join them for their last performance on July 30. All concerts start at 8 p.m.

The National Chamber Orchestra of Washington D.C. will present a concert on August 14 at 2 p.m. This program will include works by Mozart, Rossini, and Stravinsky.

Labor Day Weekend will feature a summer band concert by the City of Fairfax Band on Saturday, Sept. 3 and a big band concert by Bill Dayton and his 18-Piece Orchestra on Sunday, Sept. 4. Both concerts will start at 7 p.m.

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