Basketball games will air on live TV

By Dean Hybl
staff writer

Lefty Driesell and the JMU men's basketball team are going live this season.

JMU and Sports Productions, Inc., a Winchester-based company, recently created a new television network that will broadcast six JMU games this season.

The two groups have been working since June to form a television deal allowing JMU to capitalize on Lefty's image and in turn promote JMU's image.

"The main purpose of the network is not only to give exposure to the basketball program, but to give exposure to the entire university," said Mike Minnis, events coordinator for Sports Production.

"Athletics has always been a great vehicle for universities to show themselves to the public and with Coach Driesell's history at the University of Maryland, it seemed a logical thing to explore at JMU," Minnis said. "They [JMU officials] realized that with Lefty Driesell as head coach, they had a well-known figure here and they wanted to see how best they could utilize this as a public relations tool."

"I think the basketball program will be an excellent tool for the university. "We are hoping that potential students and athletes will see the atmosphere on television and become interested in the university," the JMU graduate said. "JMU has an excellent basketball tradition."

The network is scheduled to air JMU's home games against Virginia Military, Navy, William and Mary, UNC-Wilmington and University of Richmond. The Dukes' contest at Radford also will be broadcast.

Twenty-six stations across the country now have been scheduled to televise some or all of the games. Minnis said they are hoping to sign at least 30 stations onto the network by the start of the season.

Among the markets scheduled to receive some of the games are Harrisonburg, Roanoke, Washington, D.C., Phoenix, Albuquerque, N.M., New York City; Albany, N.Y., Atlanta and Florida via a statewide TV network.

Most of the stations are non-network independents. All games won't be seen in all areas because of scheduling conflicts with the network affiliates, Minnis said.

Soaring

Barry Brown (35) reaches for a rebound as he prepares for the men's basketball season. See basketball preview.

Three of 1,000 students might have AIDS

by Michael O'Keefe
College Press Service

As many as three out of every 1,000 college students might have AIDS, according to the preliminary results of a nationwide study of 20 campuses.

Observers say if the results hold up when the full study is completed in February, it would indicate students aren't paying much attention to efforts urging them to change their sex habits.

It also would mean a significant portion of the American student body is at risk of contracting AIDS.

"If the figures hold up, there is more concern than we had anticipated," said Dr. Rolan Zick, director of the University of Colorado health center. "If there is an infection rate in that range then students will simply have to start paying more attention to educating themselves."

"At this point, the numbers are so preliminary it's practically meaningless," cautioned Anne Sims of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). "Meaningful estimates won't be proper until the study is finished in February."

At JMU, students are experiencing a false sense of security, Marsha Mays, health/wellness coordinator, told The Breeze in September. Although Mays isn't aware of any AIDS cases on campus, she said, "Theoretically, we can assume that someone is infected here. With 10,000 people on campus, it's only logical."

Captain David C. Kimmel, an instructor in the Military Science department, conducted a survey of 150 JMU students last year to determine the level of risk of contracting AIDS on campus. He found that 21 of the respondents fell in either the medium or high risk groups, according to guidelines produced by the American College Health Association.

The association and the CDC are gathering and testing 1,000 blood samples drawn from students on 20 campuses for other medical reasons to see how far AIDS has spread.

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Television

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"It was hard for us to get network stations because they can't pre-empt a lot of their programming," he said.

"For instance, Channel 3 in Harrisonburg [an ABC-TV affiliate] can only televise three of our games, because they can't pre-empt Monday Night Football for a JMU football game," he said. "It has helped that we are moving the start times of these games to 9 o'clock."

Minnis said JMU President Ronald Carrier, Athletic Director Dean Ehlers, Driesell and Sports Productions Inc. president Russ Potts were among those involved in creating the package.

The primary reason Sports Productions Inc. got involved was the relationship between Potts and Driesell, Minnis said. Potts, formerly a Maryland athletic administrator when Driesell was the university's basketball coach, was one of the people who convinced Driesell to take the coaching position at JMU.

"Russ Potts was involved in the television package at Maryland when Driesell was there, and it is because of their relationship that we are involved here," Minnis said. "They all felt that having Coach Driesell would make a network possible, and after a few months we were able to come up with a suitable package."

Minnis said that while they eventually hope to profit from this venture, this year's primary goal is to break even.

"When you're building something like this you're not expecting big returns the first year," he said. "We have been very fortunate because we have gotten very good exposure. The Navy game will be on FNN Score, nationally, and will have 20 million subscribers...the William and Mary game will be on the Tempo network that will reach 10 million homes.

"The first year is really just building the foundation," Minnis said. "You do everything to meet your costs. If we break even this year we will be successful."

Two corporate sponsors have agreed to help with financing the project. Coors Brewery and First American Bank will be sponsoring the games. Minnis said other sponsors will be announced within the next week.

Although a separate television network is new to JMU's basketball program, the Dukes have received previous television exposure.

"We have never been involved in anything like what they are doing now, but we usually have a game or two on Home Team Sports during the season and have been on network regional telecasts before," said JMU sports information director Gary Michael.

This season JMU is scheduled to appear on HTS four times. Home games against Old Dominion and American and games at Virginia Commonwealth and Richmond will be shown by the Washington-based company.

Michael said the Convocation Center already is set up for television, but a few changes will be made to help improve the quality of the broadcasts.

"We will have to turn out some of the house lights because they have a reddish tint that distorts the picture," Michael said. "This was especially evident with the floor level cameras."

Three of the SPI broadcasts also will include play-by-play announcing by the team of JMU graduates Steve Buckhantz, the sports announcer for Channel 5 in Washington, and Billy Sample Buckhantz, an ex-JMU and major league baseball player who now announces Atlanta Braves games on WTBS-TV.

Due to scheduling conflicts, Jim Simpson will replace Buckhantz during the final two games. Simpson, a national broadcast veteran, was the play-by-play announcer for Baltimore Orioles games.

AIDS

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Few know which 20 campuses are in the study, but Tulane and Rutgers universities as well as the universities of Colorado, Maryland and Georgia have admitted they're participating.

AIDS (acquired immune deficiency syndrome) is caused by a virus which destroys the body's immune system. The virus most typically is contracted by having sex or sharing intravenous needles with an infected person, or by contaminated blood products. More than 76,000 cases have been reported in the United States since 1981, with 43,000 deaths.

Campus lifestyles, health administrators believe, leave students especially vulnerable to the disease.

"Students are a sexually active group," said Dr. Florence Winship of the University of Georgia health center. And because they tend to be young and inexperienced, "they feel immune, even when they know the problem's out there."

Mays said students have a hard time believing they can contract AIDS at JMU because they don't know of anyone on campus who has the disease.

"Everyone thinks, 'If there's no one here on campus who looks sick, then I can't contract AIDS from someone here,'" she said. "That's totally erroneous."

Many students objected to the CDC study when it was proposed last spring, noting they would never know if a blood sample they gave at their clinic was being tested or if, in the end, they tested positive for the disease.

Still others worried samples could be traced back to the donors. In New Jersey, for example, the American Civil Liberties Union lodged a formal complaint with Rutgers University, charging the school's participation in the survey endangered students' privacy.

"But in general, they do not consider themselves vulnerable."

In September, the CDC reported the AIDS scare apparently had not markedly changed students' sexual habits, prompting Assistant U.S. Secretary of Health Robert E. Windom to urge campus officials to try harder to educate their students about the plague.

Windom said that one-fifth of the reported AIDS cases occur among people 20 to 29 years old.

"Since the average incubation period (for AIDS) is seven years or longer, it's clear that many of the 14,000 patients in this group were high school or college age at the time of their infection," Windom said.

Moreover, officials at the universities of Texas and Arizona and Denver's Metropolitan State college have reported that the rates of other sexually transmitted diseases have not declined, suggesting that students are not protecting themselves against AIDS.

"It's a little frustrating," Georgia Winship said. "Their behavior doesn't go along with their education. We need to do everything we can to transfer that 'yes-I-know-about-it' attitude to a change in their behavior."

This story contains some information reported in earlier editions of The Breeze.
Former student dies of cancer

By Karl Burr
staff writer

Former JMU student Patsy Graham died of cancer on Friday in Fairfax.
Patsy, 20, attended JMU for two years after complaining of pain in her right leg, she was diagnosed with cancer in October of 1986, one month into her freshman year. She went home to Fairfax but returned to JMU for her sophomore year and lived in Cleveland Hall.

In December of 1987, she underwent surgery to remove and replace the bone in the leg that contained the cancerous cells. She returned to school after doctors said the operation had been a success. But by last April, cancer had spread throughout her body. She left JMU for the second time.
Patsy was a member of Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority. Kathy Anderson, her sorority sister, said, "She was always such an active person, even before she came to college."

During high school, Patsy was an active swimmer. While at JMU she was president of her sorority pledge class and a little sister for Sigma Pi fraternity.

Sharon Ferony, another Sigma Sigma Sigma member, said Patsy "was very inspiring to so many people. She was able to make a lot of people feel really good."

Even though Patsy knew what she was facing, she always maintained a positive attitude, Ferony said. "She was unbelievably caring... Even at her worst condition, she always asked about other people."

Patsy was majoring in early childhood education. "She loved little kids," Ferony said. Patsy influenced many lives and was aware that everyone was pulling for her, Ferony said. Many friends showed support through visits, phone calls, letters and personal ads in The Breeze.

For her 20th birthday on Oct. 29 this year, her friends bought a full-page ad in the Oct. 27 issue of The Breeze.

"She always had hope," Ferony said. "She never gave up... It was her body. She wouldn't want any of us to be sad. She would have wanted to be remembered in a positive way."

Sigma Sigma Sigma currently is finalizing arrangements for charitable donations in Patsy's honor. Anyone interested in making a donation should contact the sorority for more information.

A funeral service will be held today at 9:30 a.m. at St. Timothy's Church in Fairfax.

Patricia L. Graham
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New RAP program gives responsibility to undergraduates

By Vicki McLaughlin
staff writer

Teachers of fourth block P.E. classes will no longer be bombarded with override requests by desperate seniors who didn't realize they needed the credits to graduate, thanks to the new Report on Academic Progress sheets.

Instead of guessing at the progress they have made in fulfilling their degree requirements, students will have their classes charted out on the degree audit reports, which will be distributed today, tomorrow and Wednesday.

Students can pick up their RAP sheets between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. in the registration center, located in the basement of Carrier Library.

Pauline Long, JMU's director of records, said the sheets are designed to "save time with the academic advisers, allowing them to help students plan career goals."

"We've been working on this for approximately two years," she said. "It will show the students what courses they have already taken and allow them to plan their own progress with completing their degree programs."

The report will include additional information, such as concentrations, overall grade point averages, GPAs within majors and requirements needed to complete minor programs. It also will call attention to the classes requiring completion with a grade of C or better.

In addition, the reports will help the records office keep more current records on students and their majors, Long said.

Advisers also will receive a copy of the students' reports. "This will help advisers stay informed on the students' progress with completing their degree programs," Long said.

"There may be some errors in the sheets," she said. "This is their trial run. It's the students' responsibility to report any mistakes to the records department."

Long said the degree audit program will shift to the student the responsibility of ensuring that all core courses are completed, freeing advisers to help students plan their lives after graduation.

Senate drops resolution opposing 'dirty dancing' class

By Drew Hansen
faculty senate reporter

The JMU faculty senate voted Thursday to drop a proposed resolution that would have recorded the senate's opposition to the University Program Board's "dirty dancing" classes.

Dr. Joseph Rudmin, associate professor of physics, authored the resolution and asked the senators to request that the classes be discontinued.

The dance lessons promote unsound values that could have "harmful consequences for both individuals and society," he said.

The classes are contrary to the university's mission to "provide the students with a liberal education, including the development of sound values," Rudmin said.

In his resolution, Rudmin expressed concern that the classes encouraged a form of public sexual activity that would "precede, rather than follow, the establishment of a personal, emotional, exclusive and permanent relationship" with a member of the opposite sex.

High school and junior high school students in the area imitate college students, he said. "Engaging in this form of dancing would likely lead to other activities with consequences which the younger students cannot handle," he said.

"Both the class and the publicizing of it are unethical," the resolution concluded.

Dr. Charles Dubenezic, speaker of the faculty senate, recommended the senate submit the resolution to its student relations committee for further consideration.

Instead, the senators voted by overwhelming majority to drop the issue.

Rudmin was the only member of the senate to vote against dropping the resolution. Several senators abstained from the vote.

In other business, the faculty senate welcomed Douglas Smith and Patricia Williams of the Student Government Association as the faculty senate's student liaisons.

Douglas and Williams will be responsible for bringing student concerns to the senate and presenting faculty concerns to the SGA.

The idea for the student liaison originally was proposed by SGA student services committee chairwoman Vanessa Jimenez and is being implemented for the first time this year.

In his speaker's report, Dubenezic said...
Charity campaign gives donors a choice

By Betsy Overkamp
staff writer

For the first time, JMU faculty and staff members have more of a choice as to where their charitable dollars go.

As part of a new program instituted by Gov. Gerald Baliles, each potential donor is given information about the United Way campaign and the individual agencies involved.

"The campaign is completely voluntary," Mark Warner, chairman of the campaign in the Shenandoah Valley, said. "We give [state and JMU employees] the information and then let them decide [whether or not to give]."

The Shenandoah Valley region has its own brochure that details the campaign's specifics and gives a brief description of the eligible organizations. Potential donors also are given a pledge card on which they can designate where they want their money to go.

The Virginia state government was approached by several charities which wanted to use state employees' payroll deductions as a way of raising funds for their organizations.

Baliles, in an effort to make the charitable giving of state employees more equitable, developed the State Employees' Combined Charitable Campaign. Any health and human service agency can apply for inclusion in the SECCC, but state criteria determine who is eligible.

According to Warner, organizations which receive money from the fund must be tax-exempt, non-profit charities registered with the Virginia Department of Agriculture office of consumer affairs.

The local organizations that participate also must be approved by a committee of state and JMU employees.

"The person giving the contribution should feel as comfortable as possible, but I still feel very strongly that all money raised in the area should stay in the community."

— Emily Purdy

Nearly 100 agencies are represented in the upper Shenandoah Valley region, which consists of the City of Harrisonburg and Rockingham, Page and Shenandoah Counties.

There are two non-profit federations and several independent organizations involved in the local SECCC. Each federation consists of charities devoted to a particular type of service.

The United Way of Harrisonburg and Rockingham County still is the local fund's primary agency.

The United Way oversees the entire local campaign, Warner said. Other agencies included in the program are the American Cancer Society, the American Lung Association and the state organization for Special Olympics.

All money collected during the campaign is sent to one fund and given to the charities from there.

Undesignated money will be contributed to the United Way to help it reach last year's funding of $35,000. Emily Purdy, director of the United Way, said this is so the United Way will not be harmed by the new campaign format. Any additional undesignated money will be distributed to the other agencies on a percentage basis.

Purdy has "mixed feelings" about the new campaign. "The person giving the contribution should feel as comfortable as possible, but I still feel very strongly that all money raised in the area should stay in the community," Purdy said.

The campaign began Sept. 29 and is currently in its last stages. Warner said the campaign still is accepting any money that comes in.

The entire Valley region reached its $40,000 goal. JMU is $313 over its $35,000 aim.

Warner said the current campaign equals the success of last year's funding goals. "The employees have really opened their hearts."
Bluestone staff answers requests for more yearbooks

By Paul Ziebarth
staff writer

There will be 300 more copies of Bluestone available to students this year, according to the editor of the JMU yearbook. The SGA recently allotted $4,725 to the yearbook, which will be used to increase the number of books available from 6,200 to 6,500, and to cover rising printing costs, Susan Bracey said.

Extra books were requested in response to claims from parents and students that there were not enough copies for everyone who wanted one, she said. About five years ago, the university took a percentage of JMU students [at the time] and set that figure as the number of books they would buy, Bracey said.

However, as JMU’s population grew, the number of books published did not grow with it. Bracey said the yearbook staff received numerous calls this summer from parents of students who did not receive yearbooks. Staff members decided more copies were needed and submitted a request for additional SGA funds.

“This year is the first that we’ve had so many inquiries about them,” she said. But, because student interest is unpredictable and difficult to anticipate, the extra 300 copies may or may not be needed, she said.

In past years, as many as 320 books have remained unclaimed, Bracey added.

“The yearbook staff has no idea how many people will want their books,” Bracey said. But she anticipates that “the vast majority” will want them. The SGA provides the major portion of the funding for the Bluestone, but the staff has other sources of revenue. Most of the remaining needed funds are met through donations from parents, sitting fees paid by students who have their pictures taken and the purchasing of full pages by JMU clubs and organizations, Bracey said.

Bracey said that this year’s Bluestone is scheduled to be available by the last week of April. There is no charge for obtaining a copy.

Senate

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JMU President Ronald Carrier would like to keep May graduation weekend essentially the same as last year’s activities.

Dubenezic said one possible change is the combining of the faculty/parent and student dances into one event Saturday evening.

Dubenezic said Carrier opposes changes in order to give JMU two years of experience with the current format before making any changes in it.

Carrier intends to form a graduation review committee after the May ceremony to make “a comprehensive review and analysis of all aspects of graduation and make recommendations on possible changes in time, format and procedures used,” Dubenezic said.

“The committee would include representatives from the faculty, the class of 1990, campus ministry, alumni and the JMU administration,” he said.

For now, “I think we’re stuck with graduation the way it was,” Dubenezic said. “We wanted some changes, but we’re not going to get them.”

Dubenezic also said Dr. Russell Warren, vice president for academic affairs, has requested feedback from the senate on the math department’s proposal for a new academic rank, tentatively labeled affiliate professor.

This position would be reserved for faculty members who hold a master’s degree, but have not been able to meet the requirements for associate professor as outlined in the faculty handbook.

Candidates must have served JMU for a long period of time, possibly for 25 years, Dubenezic said.

According to math department records, it is possible for someone with a master’s degree to teach at JMU for 40 years and never move beyond the rank of assistant professor, Dubenezic said.

He said the department proposes that with promotion to affiliate professor, a faculty member would receive a $3,000 to $4,000 annual raise. This amount is double the amount awarded to a faculty member promoted from assistant to associate professor.

The math department representatives believe this double raise is justified because it is highly unlikely that an affiliate professor ever would be promoted to associate professor.
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Youth vote '88

Exit poll results say Dukakis had 'slight majority'

[CP$] — Initial exit poll results suggested that a slight majority of voters under age 25 voted for Gov. Michael Dukakis in the Nov. 8 election, though George Bush won the endorsement of 56 percent of the nation's college graduates.

Tabulated from exit polls conducted by the NBC, ABC and CBS television networks, the results did not distinguish between college students and other voters younger than age 25.

ABC News found Dukakis won a majority of the votes cast by both the youngest [under the age of 25] and oldest [over the age of 60] citizens, while winning 51 percent of those cast by people with only a high school diploma and 62 percent of the nation's high school dropouts.

New voters, typically those who have turned 18 since the 1984 presidential election, preferred Bush instead of Dukakis by a 50-47 percent margin.

CBS political editor Dotty Lynch said young voters were conspicuous by their absence at the polls. Voters younger than age 30 made up only 20 percent of the electorate Nov. 8, down from 24 percent in 1984.

In both 1980 and 1984, polsters concluded a majority of the college students who voted endorsed Ronald Reagan. The results were interpreted widely as a nationwide swing to the right on campuses.

More unscientific mock elections conducted on hundreds of campuses this fall suggested students favored the Republican this time around, too.

At Virginia's George Mason University, the Republican ticket was chosen by almost twice as many students as the Democrats. Bush received 51 percent of the vote during George Mason's mock election, while Dukakis got 33 percent. A large number of George Mason students — 16 percent — were undecided.

Bush also won mock elections at Bellarmine College in Kentucky and Arizona State University by wide margins.

But in a scientific poll taken at the University of Pennsylvania, Dukakis took 42 percent of the vote while Bush received 36 percent. The poll was conducted by the Daily Pennsylvanian, the campus newspaper, and the Penn Political Union. Twenty percent of the students polled were undecided.

But neither candidate seemed to spark the kind of intense collegiate support that marked President Reagan's 1980 and 1984 campaigns, or Jesse Jackson's 1984 and 1988 bids for the Democratic nomination.

"I'll vote for Dukakis," said Joe Iosbaker, a University of Illinois at Chicago student activist who sported a "Dukakis I Guess" button this fall.

"But if there was a meaningful protest vote I'd vote for that."

Viruses attack computers at many schools

[CP$] — Campus computers suffered a rash of destructive "viruses" last week, one of which, infecting the huge Arapenet and Science Internet networks linking some 6,000 computers, ranked among the worst ever.

Cornell University graduate student Robert T. Morris, Jr., 23, admitted writing the "virus,"and helped kill it before any files or data were destroyed.

A virus is a program that spreads itself to new systems whenever it is downloaded, often without the user's knowledge.

However, the 6,000 computers linked to the networks Morris infected were unusable for almost two days. Officials said the U.S. Department of Justice may file charges.

At the same time, a separate computer virus named "nVir" hit Arizona State University and the University of Pennsylvania.

Chris MacCratc of ASU's microcomputer resource facility said the virus found there was "benign," more of an irritant than a destructive agent.

Penn detected its version of the virus when students found they could not retrieve some of their files or print others.

Said Penn senior Maria Manta, "I tried to save my resume onto my diskette, and it seemed to save it fine, but when I tried to print it out, it couldn't get into that file."

Peter Mathews, another Penn senior, identified the virus while running a program named Interferon, a virus killer for Macintosh computers.

Similar viruses infected computers at Baylor University in Texas and the University of Colorado in late October.

During the last two academic years, the universities of Delaware, Utah, Pittsburgh and California at Santa Cruz and Irvine, as well as George Washington University, have had viruses.

Computer systems at IBM, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and networks like Compuserve and Electronic Data Systems, the world's largest computer service company, also have suffered viruses.

In MacCratc's opinion, the viruses are "not an increasing problem. They're somewhat of a fad."

For example, on Nov. 6, one company announced it soon would publish "Trapdoor," a novel about a villain using a computer virus to take control over the U.S. nuclear arsenal.

However, MacCratc said debugging programs are appearing.

"The problem is there are no specific remedies for new viruses. The remedy is reactive to the specific virus," he said.
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Students have good reason to oppose the attendance policies held by some JMU professors. While many professors implement fair and reasonable attendance procedures, others do not allow a single absence during an entire semester.

What effect, if any, do such attendance policies have on students and their relationships with their professors?

By the time students reach college, they are capable of making their own decisions. One of these decisions is whether or not to attend class. Part of being an adult is facing whatever consequences may result from one's actions. This concept applies as much to class attendance as it does to more serious issues, such as career decisions.

In formulating their attendance policies, professors must consider that rules are made for all, not just for a few responsible students.

Because of this, elimination of attendance policies is probably not in the best interest of the JMU community. Such policies, however, must involve a certain degree of leniency.

Despite the commonly known fact that many college students skip their classes frequently, this does not mean they should never be allowed to miss class for any reason.

People still get sick, family emergencies still come up, and so on. Maybe professors would trust students more and value their honesty if students were mature enough to give the true reasons for their absences.

If students genuinely are sick, they should tell the professor. But, by the same token, if they choose to leave a day or two early for a vacation, they should admit that, too.

With regard to attendance policies, it's easier to respect professors who allow students to miss a predetermined number of classes per semester. If the student exceeds this number, the professor would deduct points from his final grade.

Such a policy demonstrates that the professor respects the students enough to know that it is not unrealistic to miss one or two classes a semester. If students know their professors respect them, they, in turn, have an added respect for their professors.

If students are allowed to miss a certain number of classes per semester, they are responsible for keeping track of their absences. This way students know from the onset of the class how many absences they are allowed and they may choose, over the course of the semester, how or if they wish to take them.

Strict attendance policies that do not allow students a single absence in an entire 15 or 16 week period are unfair.

Reasonable attendance policies establish trust between professors and students. After all, this trust is the basis for all interactions between students and their professors.
Let's make an effort to keep JMU clean

A picture of trash typically is seen in environmental propaganda aimed at making people more aware of the problems of pollution in their community. Such pictures were taken last week, here at JMU.

Most people don't consider our campus to have a pollution problem. There are many beautiful flowers and colorful trees to draw our attention away from all the garbage on the ground. Many people don't see a large amount of litter because our buildings and grounds crews work hard to keep our campus clean.

Superintendent of Grounds Junior Higgs estimates that his crew spends 100 man-hours each week and up to 160 man-hours on weekends cleaning up litter. Consider how much of our tuition money goes towards picking up garbage here at JMU. A picture of trash typically is seen in environmental propaganda aimed at making people more aware of the problems of pollution in their community. If there is a place that doesn't have a trash can that you think ought to have one, then contact your residence hall SGA representative. He or she can work through the SGA to put more trash cans where they are needed.

Even though our groundskeepers spend so much time cleaning up our messes, there is still too much litter on campus for them to keep up with.

This is the first indication that there is a serious problem with garbage disposal at JMU. And the students are the cause. I'm not pointing fingers or excluding anyone, not even myself. I can't say honestly I have never thrown trash on the ground. What I honestly can say is that there is a problem with litter here at JMU and I would like to do my part in helping solve that problem.

Chris Sands

It doesn't take a lot of hard work or hours of lobbying for help from the administration to keep our campus clean. It takes just as much effort to throw something in a trash can as it does to throw it on the ground. It's true, you may have to carry your trash an extra 20 or 30 yards to get to a trash can, but that's not asking much from a JMU student. Any person who can't make the minimal effort for his/her university is selfish, indeed.

I am very happy to be at JMU and am distressed that there is a problem with garbage disposal at JMU. And the students are the cause. I'm not pointing fingers or excluding anyone, not even myself. I can't say honestly I have never thrown trash on the ground.

Litter need not be a problem requiring the attention of our tuition dollars and our groundskeeping staff. This is a problem that we, the JMU student body, can solve. There are more than 150 trash cans on campus, strategically placed where people pass by, just waiting to have trash thrown in them. Chances are that wherever you go on campus, there is a trash can along the way.

Maybe people who litter don't like having a beautiful environment. Perhaps we could close off one area of campus for those students who wish to litter and they can live in a litter-filled environment, while the rest of us can realize JMU's full potential as a beautiful campus.

We have no one to blame but ourselves for our litter problem. We have caused it and we must eliminate it. The university has done its part by supplying sufficient facilities for the disposal of garbage. We must do our part by using those facilities. If there is a place that doesn't have a trash can that you think ought to have one, then contact your residence hall SGA representative. He or she can work through the SGA to put more trash cans where they are needed.

In Virginia, littering is a misdemeanor fineable up to $500. The long-term consequences of litter are far too great to put a price on them. The damage it does to the environment, the adverse effects that an ugly campus will have on JMU's reputation among other schools, and the impression it gives about the students who live here are concerns that ought to be considered before throwing a bottle in the lake or tossing a beer can in the bushes.

We are the ones who must live with the consequences of our actions. Are we prepared to do so?
Holidays not jolly for those thinking of suicide

Thanksgiving and Christmas approach us, and we anticipate the happiness and security that these holidays symbolize. But for some, 'tis not the season to be jolly . . . in fact, they haven't felt too happy about anything for a long time, no matter what the season. Holiday expectations of life at its ideal severely contrast feelings of hopelessness and isolation. Instead they consider the antithesis of joy and life. They consider suicide.

On Nov. 11 of this year, the Washington Post reported on the murder-suicide of two girls in Rockville, Md. They sat Indian-style in front of each other. One girl shot her friend in the head and then shot herself in a similar fashion. This is just one of the thousands of teenage suicides that occur each year.

We are saddened and mystified by the suicides of people our own age. In varying degrees, we have shared similar feelings of sadness, but often we cannot know the reasons and extent of the sorrow and despair that our peers choose to alleviate through suicide.

But in committing suicide — in committing themselves to ending their lives — our peers' problems never are solved. Our peers do not leave their problems behind; they die with them unresolved.

Some reasons for suicide are the hurt and frustration that never seem to leave no matter how hard the person tries. The habit of being lonely, confusion about what is important and real, disappointment that life and oneself are not what he or she wants them to be, and no assurance that problems will be solved and that a sane world of happiness, comfort and peace will ever return are factors which make it easy to forget that we have an identity beyond this inner pain. People who commit suicide forget they are people worth knowing.

Others contemplating suicide feel no one cares if they are sad, but that everyone will care if they die. What will this concern from others matter if the person is dead? By taking their lives, they end their chances of ever finding someone who will care and their chances of caring for someone else.

Living life hurts, either because of the circumstances in our lives or because we have so many questions and uncertain answers. In struggling to understand ourselves and life, we forget that we can change our answers. Suicide is the only answer that we cannot change. By committing suicide, we end the possibility that the hurt will be a memory. Instead, we die full of inner pain, with the notion that there is no happiness in living.

There is a man who was the first to find his daughter after she committed suicide. The expression on her face haunts him; he found her with an expression frozen in horror and remorse, as if she was saying, "Oh no, what have I done?"

If you are contemplating suicide, talk to someone before it is too late for them or yourself to do something. There are too many possibilities that life will get better. Don't end your chances of discovering this. Then, not only on Thanksgiving will there be people who are thankful that you are alive.
By Jinx Mancini
staff writer

"All the Pilgrims with your wives and little ones, do gather at the meetinghouse, on the hill... there to listen to the pastor, and render thanksgiving to the Almighty God for all His blessings."

It was almost 300 years ago when Gov. William Bradford thus declared the first Thanksgiving in Plymouth colony, and, on every fourth Thursday of November, Americans still are honoring this day of thanksgiving.

This year, on Wednesday, Nov. 23, most students anxiously will be leaving JMU to celebrate the holiday. But the way in which each student celebrates Thanksgiving Day will be different. Many people have special Thanksgiving traditions that stick out in their minds beyond the common turkey feast.

Sara Lee Harris said her family always recites a poem as her mother brings out the turkey: "Turkey o you great big feller, Foods all ripe, rich and meller ... "My Aunt Hazel knows the entire poem," Harris said. "If she's not there, we just say the beginning."

Curtis Hine looks forward to hunting quail. "All the men in my family go hunting every Thanksgiving," Hine said. "After hunting all day, we join the rest of the family for a big turkey dinner." Hine said he and his father also go deer hunting the day after Thanksgiving at the Eastern Shore. "Mom makes us leftover-turkey sandwiches to bring with us on our trip."

A tradition in Karen Mitchell's family is to invite a couple of Navy men over for dinner. Her family lives in Virginia Beach, where several naval bases are located.

"It's hard to be away from your family on Thanksgiving," Mitchell said. "So, we try to brighten the holiday for these guys and be their family away from home."

Many spend Thanksgiving watching football games and parades. Julie Mina's family watches football all day. "My mother refuses to serve the meal while the television is on," Mina said. "Sometimes we don't eat!"

Joyce Johnson and her family go to New York to see the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. "We stay in downtown Manhattan and watch the parade from our hotel," Johnson said.

Outdoor activities also are popular traditions for some students.

"I go horseback riding with neighbors," said senior Carolin Dehn-Duhr. "After dinner, we take a buggy-ride through the countryside."

Heather Kellams said her family takes a hike in the woods before dinner.

As Thanksgiving approaches, many are looking forward to the traditional plump, juicy turkey, creamy mashed potatoes and hot apple pie. However, some students' families have their own special Thanksgiving dishes.

Harris said every Thanksgiving — and only on Thanksgiving — her "grandma" makes "Tyler Puddin' Pie," a family recipe for a custard-like dessert.

Suzanne Pester's family eats "purple duck." The duck is marinated in red wine for two days. "Purple duck is the best meal in the world," Pester said.

"Unidentifiable green stuff" is a familiar dish on Kurt Thielhorn's Thanksgiving dinner table. Thielhorn said this dish possibly is made with Jell-O.

Christine Cricimagna said her family always has her mom's honey-glazed ham. And Lee Bagby's father hunts wild turkey which he brings home for Thanksgiving dinner.

Some students' families say a traditional Thanksgiving prayer.

Everyone in Kellams' family takes part in the prayer. "We go around the table and each person says what they are thankful for," Kellams said.

Elizabeth Betts' family prays in the Quaker tradition. "We each give thanks in silence, holding See THANKSGIVING page 13 >
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Dukes look to create own media

The 1988-89 JMU men's basketball team may well go down in the all-time college record books — but not for its on-court performance. After posting a dismal 10-18 mark a year ago, the Dukes have probably appeared in, and on, more media publications than the 1988 NCAA champion Kansas Jayhawks.

The reason — Charles G. "Lefty" Driesell. Regarded as one of the famous, bordering on notorious, coaches to ever enter the basketball arena, Driesell announced early in April he was trading in his TV headset for the head coaching position at JMU and one more chance at a national championship. And the basketball world, especially those in the Shenandoah Valley, has been abuzz ever since.

But the road to the final four may be the longest, and most difficult path Driesell has been forced to take in his 26 years of college basketball. The Dukes lost three starters to graduation last season and already have been dealt a severe blow this year with the off-season suspension Kennard Winchester, JMU's top scorer and rebounder a year ago. Moreover, returning lettermen Thom Brand was dropped from the team because of medical reasons and Keith McMillen left the club because of personal problems.

The incidents have left JMU with only two seniors and have forced Driesell into going to a definite youth movement.

"When everything is considered, this season's team will be the most inexperienced team I have had in 32 years of coaching," Driesell said. "The team only won 10 games last season, and when you lose players like Winchester, [Ben] Gordon, [Ralph] Glenn and [Robert Griffin], you're obviously going to be very inexperienced and hard to predict."

The Dukes' greatest area of concern as far as experience may lie in the backcourt, where Gordon and Griffin combined for nearly 50 percent of the team's total assists and 35 percent of its steals. Looking to fill the holes will be junior Claude Ferdinand and sophomore Kenny Brooks.

Ferdinand, a 6-foot-6 native of The Bronx, N.Y., did see significant playing time during his freshman year with the Dukes and started 12 times last season averaging 10.9 points and 2.1 rebounds per game, before being suspended for academic difficulties. However, Ferdinand's role was as a small forward during his previous two years and now must face the task of becoming an effective scorer and passer when facing the basket. Ferdinand also will share time with senior Ken Halleck as the Dukes' backup point guard.

Despite his relative lack of experience at both guard positions, Ferdinand is counting on Ferdinando to be a key cog in JMU's attack.

"Claude has done an excellent job thus far," Driesell said. "He's been our leading scorer [in the preseason] and gone real hard in practice. He can take the ball to the hole, he's a good outside shooter, and plays good defense."

Joining Ferdinand in the backcourt will be the 6-foot-1 Brooks, who served as the Dukes' backup point guard last season. Brooks appeared in each of the Dukes' 28 games, averaging 1.9 points per game.

However, Brooks has made only one prior start at the collegiate level and must develop quickly if JMU's new, up-tempo style of offense is to be effective.

The Dukes' inside game also is rather unproven, yet has the potential to be one of the team's great strengths. Depth is the key as six players likely will share time at the two forward slots and center position.

Leading the group is 6-foot-5 forward Anthony Cooley, who averaged a modest 2.1 points and 2.9 rebounds a contest for JMU last season. The North Carolina transfer has been the team's biggest surprise in preseason, and he paced the Dukes with 18 points in their 80-79 exhibition win over the Spirit Express. Cooley also will serve as the team's captain.

"He's really been a pleasant surprise," Driesell said. "He works hard on defense, works hard on the boards, and I'm really pleased with him. He's just a great athlete who really gets after it."

The other forward spot will be a battle between two different styles of players in Alan Dorsey and William Davis. Dorsey, a 6-foot-8 sophomore, is one of the team's most proficient outside shooters as he averaged 5.0 points a contest last season.

Davis, a 6-foot-5 freshman, is the only recruit Driesell signed this year. He possesses a tremendous speed and leaping ability to complement a soft touch from the perimeter. Davis also will see time at the second guard position as well as forward.

"Davis has a lot of ability and reminds me of some of the better players I've coached offensively," Driesell said. "He can hang in the air, shoot from the outside, and is a great leaper. I think [Davis] is going to be a very fine player for us."

Center remains a problem spot for the Dukes, yet Driesell's teams usually seem to be the most successful without the presence of a "true center." Tackling the task this year will be a trio of performers in Barry Brown, Troy Bostic and Alex Clevenger. Each also probably will see time at the power forward slot as well.

Brown, a 6-foot-5 sophomore, is the most experienced frontcourt player. As a freshman he started in 21 games, averaging 6.0 points and 4.0 rebounds. In addition, Brown was second on the team in blocked shots with 29.

But despite Brown's seasoning, the 6-foot-6 Bostic appears to be the man to beat at center. After being sidelined last season with a serious knee injury, the red-shirt freshman, has established himself as a force to be reckoned with both offensively and defensively.

"I've been very, very happy with his work ethic," Driesell said. "He shoots the ball inside well with both hands and he's going to have to play against a lot of bigger centers this year, but I'll put my money on Troy."

Clevenger, at 6-foot-7, 225 pounds, is perhaps the only JMU player who can matchup physically with most opponents. As a freshman, Clevenger played an increasingly more important role down the stretch and will be counted on by Driesell to provide the Dukes with some much needed bulk under the boards.

Without a significant scoring threat, Driesell is banking on an up-tempo offense, an aggressive defense and a hard work ethic to pay big dividends for the Dukes this year.

"Offensively, we're going to run, push the ball up the court, and see if we can't get a numerical advantage before the other team gets back down the floor," Driesell said. "We scored 80 points [against..."
Cooley much more than 'trivial' for JMU

By Stephanie Swaim

Sports Trivia Question #1: What JMU player, and possibly the only player in the country, can claim to have played for two of the four college basketball coaches to ever win over 500 games?

Sports Trivia Question #2: Who was the first player ever to score in the University of North Carolina's basketball facility, the "Dean Dome"?

Answer: The captain of this year's JMU men's basketball team, Anthony Cooley.

Cooley, a 6-foot-5 senior forward, enrolled at JMU for the 1987 spring semester after playing for three semesters on UNC's junior varsity team. While at UNC, Cooley participated in practices against the members of the varsity team that were conducted by coach Dean Smith, who claims more than 500 career victories.

Only three other college coaches ever have recorded over 500 career victories, an average of 20 wins per season, and a .700 career winning percentage. JMU's head coach Lefty Driesell is one of them, along with Kentucky's Adolph Rupp and UCLA's John Wooden. Driesell and Smith are the only active coaches on the list.

Getting the chance to play for two of the most successful coaches ever may be a dream come true for some college players, but Cooley didn't plan for things to turn out this way. He transferred to JMU before the names Driesell and Madison were even remotely related, and when he stops to think about the coaches, he puts aside his reputations and looks at them as individuals.

"I look at them as two teachers," Cooley said about Smith and Driesell. "I'm sure there are some of my professors [at JMU] who have certain distinctions, and I may have had another professor at Carolina the same way. You just don't think of things like that. You accept them and then maybe one day, reflecting back on it all, you may say, 'yeah I was under Coach Smith, and he had a lot of wins, and Coach Driesell, he had a lot too. And that is really something, but right now I really don't think about it. I just see them as two very good coaches.'"

Another trivia fact Cooley says few people realize is that he was the first person ever to score in the new Dean Smith student center, the 21,444 seat basketball facility at Chapel Hill.

But for now, Cooley's mind is on JMU and what he is going to do for the Dukes. Last season he started five games and had a career high of 12 points, 12 rebounds and four assists in JMU's 58-54 win over Richmond. Already during the preseason, he is the team's second leading scorer and was appointed captain by Driesell, one of his early season goals.

"Ever since I realized he was coming here, it was one of the goals I would work towards because it's an honor to be the first captain under Coach Driesell," Cooley said. "It wasn't something he more or less gave me, it was something I worked for. It's a lot of satisfaction in the fact that you work hard and you get rewarded, and I was rewarded in that way. It's also that he's bestowing some confidence in me and that makes me feel good."

Driesell's confidence in Cooley has increased considerably since practice started this year. Before actually seeing Cooley practice, Driesell said his statistics from last year weren't exactly impressive.

"Anthony's probably been the most surprising guy since we've been out there [practicing]," Driesell said. "I'd never seen any of these guys play, I purposely didn't look at any films of last year's games because I wanted to start out on a new leaf this year.

"Looking at the stats from last year, I didn't think he was a very good player," Driesell said. "He didn't do much last year, but he has really been a pleasant surprise. In our preseason conditioning - running, sprinting - he's probably the best-conditioned guy on the team. He works hard on defense, he works hard on the boards, and I've been real pleased with him," Driesell said.

Cooley will be looked to for scoring this season, but his leadership also will be an integral part of the team.

"Before we began all this Coach said, 'Anthony, you can help this team by doing things other than scoring,'" Cooley said. "Of course that's a plus that I'm scoring. I've found some parts of my game that had been lost because I had been regulated to do either this or that. But under Coach Driesell, you can do it this way and you don't necessarily have to worry about scoring. He never told me, 'Don't look to score.' I have very few restraints, I'm looking forward to helping the team in any capacity that I can. That's what I want to do."

Like most JMU basketball fans, Cooley found the rumors that Driesell was considering the head coaching job last year hard to believe. But now that Driesell is here and settled into his Convocation Center office, Cooley is looking for this to be a new era in JMU basketball.

"Right after the [CAA] tournament," Cooley said, "I was asked by many people, 'What do you think about Coach Driesell coming?' Actually it was just a thought and I thought, 'It'd be nice, but it's not much of a reality, I'm sure.' Then, as time went on, the likelihood became more and more. It never really hit me. I remember that first day when we all went over to the Convos and everything, and he was being introduced and all, and I think that's when it actually set in."

With the arrival of Driesell to JMU's program, Cooley predicts the enthusiasm in the contests will resemble those he saw in the Atlantic Coast Conference, where basketball is just about everyone's favorite pastime.

"There were some pros and cons I guess for certain people with Coach Driesell coming here, but you weigh the situation and it's just positive for Madison," Cooley said.

"You really couldn't tell at the time how much influence and what an impact he would have on the program. I was telling people after he finally did accept to come, 'Now the program is going to be like it was at Carolina and the ACC schools.' Madison is going to be on that level. It's going to be something people around here have never seen before.

"Until you've been in an environment where basketball is just something special and extracurricularly, it's one of the better things to do, you just don't have a good idea what it's like. It's really gonna take off. I know it will. That's an environment you just can't beat. It makes the team work all the much harder. The home opener is just going to be tremendous."

"Talk of predictions that rank JMU eighth in the Colonial Athletic Conference warrants a shrug of the shoulders from Cooley. This year's captain is a competitor."

"I want to win," he said. "I like to win, I really do. Especially when you devote a lot of time to something. It's all about wins and losses. You can play hard that's great, don't get me wrong, but to me it boils down to winning, especially on this level."
Desire for total performance

Academics first for Ferdinand

By Dean Hybl
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In the competitive world of collegiate sports it is often difficult for a person to perform suitably as both a student and an athlete. Because of the pressure to succeed, it is often the student aspect of student-athlete that is put on the back burner.

One person who said "no" to this concept was JMU guard Claude Ferdinand. In January, Ferdinand was enjoying a fine sophomore basketball season for the Dukes. He was the team's second leading scorer and rebounder and had started in 12 of JMU's 14 contests. However, Ferdinand felt he was not doing well scholastically and decided that a change had to be made.

Though he was still eligible to play by both JMU and NCAA standards, he asked then-coach John Thurston if he could sit out the remainder of the season to concentrate on his studies.

"The year started off pretty good for me," Ferdinand recalled. "I was playing well and everything was okay, but then I got caught up in playing too much and started slacking off on my studies."

"When the second half of the season came around, I knew something had to be done so I talked to Coach [Thurston] and we decided that I should take the rest of the semester off and get back on my studies so I could redeem myself for next year. I knew that I would lose the semester of eligibility, but I was willing to give that up to get my grades back up, because I didn't want them to fall completely."

Ferdinand said that while being a college student in general isn't easy, it's much harder for the student-athlete who has what almost amounts to an extra full-time job.

"It's hard being a student-athlete," Ferdinand said. "Other students don't know how hard it is for us. They just see us and think we get so many privileges. But they don't know how hard we actually work to be where we're at. It's hard, but you have to deal with it."

Because Ferdinand's decision was his own and there were no NCAA or JMU rules prohibiting him from playing, he said it was really difficult for him to sit on the bench in street clothes and watch his teammates go through a difficult 10-18 season.

"I wanted to play, and it was tough because I was a part of it, but then I wasn't a part of it," Ferdinand said.

"The season was going pretty wishy-washy and then all the conflict with [Thurston] leaving and everything made it tough. But I still think I made the right decision."

"I sat out the time to improve my grades and they did come back up, so it was the right thing for me to do academically," Ferdinand said. "It just makes this season all the more important for me."

Ferdinand's role in the final days of Thurston's tenure as JMU coach was very much in the forefront and it is stay and finish out the season," Ferdinand said. "But I was surprised at how the media handled the situation, because they were making it sound like I was being penalized in some way. They had people thinking that I was ineligible in a way when that was not the case."

"When they brought me back it wasn't completely unexpected, 'cause I had a feeling it would happen. But we needed to win 'cause that was our main concern. At the time, [coming back] wasn't something I agreed or disagreed announced he was coming here because he was such a famous coach," Ferdinand said. "I didn't know what to expect."

"The biggest difference has been the added media interest," Ferdinand said. "It seems that many more people than usual have wanted to talk to us and find out what it's like here."

"The excitement level of the team on campus is also much greater than before," he said. "I never really saw JMU as I had heard about it in the past with the Electric Zoo, and I think that because of Coach Driesell the excitement is back at even a higher level."

Ferdinand said having a well-known coach like Driesell also has brought a higher level of excitement for the players themselves.

"I feel like I'm in better shape than I ever have been and my intellect level is higher than ever because of the things he knows about the game," Ferdinand said. "We know he is the legendary Coach Driesell and you push yourself a little harder than before because I can see we're in the 'big time' and that means business."

While life in "big time" college basketball is indeed difficult and takes a great deal of commitment, Ferdinand said the added intensity has not affected him academically. He did, however, say it has forced him to put his social life on the list.

"The level that we're at now is different, but the only thing that it cuts down is our social life," Ferdinand said. "Your social life is totally at the bottom because you think of academics first, basketball second and your social life third."

"In a way I regret not being a regular student and not being able to do some of the things regular students do," Ferdinand said. "But I knew coming in that I wasn't going to be a regular student. You just have to sacrifice some things or you won't make it as a student-athlete because it's just too hard to try and be a big social person and a college athlete."

Since it had been almost 11 months since he last played in a college basketball game, Ferdinand naturally felt an extra level of excitement prior to and during the Dukes' first scrimmage of the season against Spirit Express.

"I got out there and it felt like I hadn't done that in a long time," Ferdinand said. "I was kind of nervous, but I calmed down and everything went okay. It was nice to be back on the court, and I'm looking forward to two really good and exciting seasons."
**JMU Basketball Preview**

**Today's recruits, tomorrow's legends**

By Matt Wasniewski
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There's a shelf in Lefty Driesell's office full of files on his past players. Among some of the names printed on the spines are John Lucas, Buck Williams, Len Bias and Adrian Branch.

And occasionally it seems Driesell has more recruiting stories than wins as a collegiate coach.

"Don Davidson was from Ohio [and played for me at Davidson]," said Driesell at a recent press conference. "See, I had a pretty good one on Don Davidson. I told him that if he came to Davidson I'd put his name on the front of everybody's jersey. That's the way I got him away from Ohio State. Now we've got to find a guy out there named [Driesell's] system, I love it. I feel that it's going to pay off." Hood plans to utilize his year to its fullest extent, spending his time lifting weights, concentrating on the weaknesses in his game, and catching up on his academics. According to Hood, the long wait will be tempered with the knowledge that next season the schedule will include teams of national renown.

"It's definitely worth waiting," Hood said. "As I see it, the schedule this year is not really that competitive in terms of looking at the schools, in my perspective, being that I've always played against top notch, top-twenty schools. Next year coach is going to have just about every out-of-league game against teams in the top-twenty." In accordance with NCAA rules, Hood and Irvin will not travel with the team, but will practice and participate in intersquad scrimmages. It is in this manner that Driesell expects the two to contribute to this season's team.

"We just have to motivate each other to go out everyday and work hard.

— Fes Irvin

"Right now, what they're doing is giving us good competition in practice to go against," Driesell said.

Hood and Irvin have set their sights high for the future of the JMU program and are inspiring their teammates to do the same. Although they have accomplished much and are recognized as impact players, the duo has something to prove to themselves and others — that they can lead a team and program into national prominence.

"Steve and I are preparing to help this team get to a national championship," Irvin said. "We just want to go out there, do our job, and help JMU win.

This year, when the team goes on the road, Steve and I are going to be alone to do our drills and the things that we have to work on.

"Steve and I are going to try to get the guys thinking, 'Hey, we can win a national championship, not just the CAA,'" Irvin said.

The one new face appearing on the court for the Dukes during the season will be that of 6-foot-5, 185-pound forward/guard William Davis. Davis was recruited out of Washington, D.C., by Driesell during the end of the signing period last spring.

"It's hard for us to sit down and watch a game," Irvin said. "We just have to motivate each other to go out every day and work hard and try to lift the guys and give them spirit when they need it. It's going to pay off.*

Steve Hood (left) and Fes Irvin will have to wait for next year.
# JMU Basketball Preview

Patriots primed to march over CAA

By Matt Wasniewski
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Last year, Richmond emerged from the shadows of Navy and David Robinson as the Spiders became the dominant force in the Colonial Athletic Association. The Spiders eventually played the dual role of cinderella/giantkiller when they advanced to the NCAA "Sweet-Sixteen," dispatching the 1987 national champions in the Indiana Hoosiers and the Ramblin' Reck of Georgia Tech along the way.

The overall CAA picture should be getting clearer, or so it would seem. Yet, with the departure of three key players, Richmond has fallen out of the driver's seat.

The general consensus is the CAA's new star has emerged at George Mason in the form of a 6-5, speedy senior forward named Kenny Sanders. After leading the conference in scoring with 22.6 points per contest Hill's play may prompt some rookies of the Year who played power forward and even saw some time at center last season.

Second-year head coach Mike Steele is looking to a pair of freshmen in 6-9 Brooks Bryant and 6-6 Jerone Obey to stabilize the Pirates' inside attack. The Pirates also will rely on depth in the backcourt, namely junior Reed Lose (14.9) and point guard Jimmy Hinton to spark the offense.

If Edwards can stay out of off-court trouble long enough to give his opponents some problems on the court, East Carolina will be in the hunt, right down to the wire. Prediction: Third.

**RICHMOND (26-7, 14-3)**

The Spiders' "Sweet 16" debut was sweet indeed, but terribly short-lived.

The biggest obstacle for Richmond coming into this season is last year's graduation. The Spiders lost three of its top five performers in Peter Woodfolk, Steve Kratzer and Rodney Rice, who accounted for more than half their entire offensive and rebounding output.

However, an excellent recruiting class and Ken Atkinson, the best returning ballhandler in the CAA, will keep Dick Tarrant's Spiders close. Atkinson, who led the CAA in assists last season, will be taking more of the offensive workload upon himself. The tandem of junior swingman Scott Stapleton and senior power forward Mike Winiacki will keep the Spiders strong inside the paint and create numerous offensive opportunities.

Richmond's new class of freshman including a host of talented backcourt players in guard Gravelle Craig, Curtis Blair and Jason Blair. Unfortunately, Richmon docks the experience and offensive power to contend for the Colonial crown this season. Prediction: Fourth.

**UNC-WILMINGTON (15-14, 9-7)**

UNC-Wilmington's fortunes will depend in large measure on its potent inside game, which includes perhaps the CAA's best center in Larry Houzer (16.1, 7.3). Teaming with Houzer in the paint will be All-Academic selection Greg Bender (11.3, 5.2) and a group of seasoned returning letterman. However, the future is far from being bright.

The Seahawks had an impressive 10-3 record at home in Trask Coliseum last year, but games on the road were a different story, where UNCW finished a disappointing 5-11.

Also, Seahawks third-year coach Robert McPherson still has yet to find the right players to fill in at point guard and power forward. Although the Seahawks expect redshirt junior Adam Porter to run the point, he is unproven in conference play and will

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GEORGE MASON (20-10 overall, 9-5 in the CAA)

On paper, the edge has to go to George Mason. Sanders, of course is the main reason. The versatile power forward was fourth in the nation last season, posting a 20-win season. The Patriots also led the conference with an impressive 81.1 average per game while shooting 44.9 percent from the three-point stripe.

Helping Sanders underneath the boards will be 1988 CAA All-Rookie selection Robert Dykes (7.1, 5.2). Senior point guard Earl Moore and junior swingman Steve Smith will run George Mason's up-beat offensive attack.

The Patriots' only Achilles heel will be their perimeter play. The loss of Amp Davis (13.5) and Brian Miller (12.5) undoubtedly will close some of Sanders' lanes to the hoop. In 1988, the Davis-Miller tandem were ranked one and four respectively in long-range bombing from outside the three-point line. The Patriots' fate could well hinge on finding someone to replace them. Prediction: First.

**AMERICAN (14-14, 9-5)**

American, under the leadership of 1988 CAA Co-Coach of the Year Ed Tapscott, will be on the Patriots' heels, waiting to capitalize on any mistake. The Eagles are by far the most experienced team in the conference as they return eight players, including starters Daryl Holmes, Mike Sumner and Brock Worman.

The Eagles tied the Patriots for second in last year's regular season, surprising many in the CAA. Hoping to improve on last season's .500 mark, American will look to junior forward Holmes (10.4, 5.6) to be the focal point of its offensive thrust, while Sumner and Wortman will provide the finesse in the backcourt.

The Eagles' real hopes of becoming a conference power rest on the foot of sophomore forward Ron Draper. Draper played in the first 10 games last season, averaging 19 points and 12 boards before being sidelined with a stress fracture in his foot.

Dale Spears will be a key reserve player for Tapscott. Although he only started one game during the 1987-88 campaign, he led the Eagles in scoring with a 12.0 clip and figures to have a prominent role in the offensive scheme against this year.

American will make the CAA battle interesting, provided everything clicks and no parts on the machine fail. Prediction: Second.

**EAST CAROLINA (8-20, 3-12)**

Call this team the darkhorse candidate of the CAA, but East Carolina will give everyone a run for its money.

The Pirates have all of last year's starting team intact, in addition to Edwards, who sat out last season for disciplinary reasons. Edwards, a 6-4 forward, possesses a solid inside game and will be aided by him will be the Hill, the highly versatile Rookie of the Year who played power forward and even saw
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- 26 years - 524 wins
- Only one of four college coaches who has 500 career victories
- Average 20 wins per season
- Winningest coach ever at Davidson and Maryland
- 11th winningest coach in college basketball
- Four-time Southern Conference Coach of the Year
- Coached five All-American players and two Rhodes Scholars
- Received NCAA’s “Award of Valor”

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**JMU Basketball Preview**

**JMU seeks to overcome losses**

By Dave Washburn

As the beginning of the JMU women's basketball season approaches, it appears that head coach Shelia Moorman may be better suited for a game show than the sidelines — specifically the TV show Jeopardy, where success depends on having the right questions instead of the right answers.

After posting their fourth consecutive 20-win season and making their third straight appearance in the NCAA's "Sweet 16," the Dukes now must find a way to replace three of the main characters in last season's success story. Gone are arguably the two finest post players in JMU history in All-American players Sydney Beasley and Alissa Harris, and the Dukes' top reserve in center/forward Sandy Broughton.

Beasley, a two-time Colonial Athletic Association Player of the Year and one-time Virginia Player of the Year performer, set the JMU record last year for most points scored in a season (551). The Oxon Hill, Md. native also paced the Dukes with a 17.8 points-per-game average in the 1987-88 campaign and was one of 52 players invited to participate in the women's Olympic basketball trials in April.

But while Beasley got the limelight, Harris got the respect, from both her teammates and opposing players. Harris finished her career as the Dukes' all-time leading scorer, amassing 1,473 points in four seasons. She also was JMU's second leading scorer last year with a 16.0 points-per-game clip and in rebounding with a 6.0 rebounds-per-game mark. But even more important than the loss of Harris' offensive production and defensive intensity, is the loss of Harris as the Dukes' leader, both on and off the court.

All totaled, the departure of Beasley, Harris, and Broughton, who added 4.5 points-per-game and 3.9 rebounds-per-game, leaves Moorman trying to replace more than 50 percent of the Dukes' total scoring and 45 percent of their rebounds.

So how does the two-time CAA coach of the year plan to overcome the loss? Simple — she doesn't.

"I don't think you can replace those numbers," Moorman said. "And, I don't think we can go into [the season] with the idea that one person has to replace [Beasley, Harris and Broughton]. I think you go into the year with the idea that you're going to gear to your personnel and that everybody has to pull a little different load than they were a year ago."

Among those who will have to shoulder the bulk of that burden if the Dukes are to return to the NCAA's and keep their 30-game winning streak over CAA foes alive are a trio of returning stars in Donna Budd, Missy Dudley and Paula Schuler.

"I think you go into the year with the idea that you're going to gear to your personnel..."

— Shelia Moorman

Budd, a 5-foot-8 senior from Wheaton, Md., took over for former JMU standout Flo Jackson at point guard last season — and the Dukes hardly noticed the change. Gaining both All-CAA tournament and All-State honors, Budd contributed 8.2 points per game and 3.2 rebounds per game, while leading the team in assists (171), steals (78) and minutes played (30.5 avg.).

The two places, or more specifically people, Moorman will be looking to pick up the offensive slack will be Dudley and Schuler.

"One area that we're definitely looking in terms of more scoring is Missy Dudley and also Paula Schuler," Moorman said. "[They are] two very, very good shooters that I think a year ago we were satisfied with them being complementary players in terms of scoring. This year, they may have to share a major portion of our scoring."

Dudley is a 5-foot-10 senior forward who made the switch from guard a year ago. The result was an 11.9 scoring clip, a 5.2 rebound average and a second team All-CAA selection.

Schuler took over for Diane Budd early last season as the Dukes' starting swing guard and went on to have an impressive freshman campaign. The Fairfax Station native finished the season with a 7.1 scoring mark and 3.5 assists, while being named to the CAA All-Rookie team. Along with Dudley, Schuler also is one of the team's finest free throw shooters at 75.0 percent.

JMU's bench also is laden with a number of talented guards. Diane Budd is perhaps the most talented and experienced of those. The twin sister of Donna, Diane played a key role as the Dukes' top perimeter performer during the 1987-88 campaign despite posting only modest statistics. Also providing depth at the guard and small forward positions are sophomores Kerri Gilmore and Nickie Hardison and JMU's most touted freshman, Emily McCracker.

The frontcourt is unquestionably the area in which the Dukes must do the most rebuilding. Yet the foundation is there, anchored by 6-foot-5 center Carolin Dehn-Duhr. The Maryland transfer has been described by Moorman as one of the most gifted post people she has seen, possessing an array of inside moves to complement a feathery touch from the perimeter. However, Dehn-Duhr's playing time likely will be limited this season by a knee injury that already has required arthroscopic surgery this year.

A host of players will vie for time at the other low post spot, including sophomores Vicki Harris and Liz Lokie and freshmen Eloina Jones and Chrystal Navarro.

"What we're trying to do with our system this year is to go to a single post [player]," Moorman said. "So, most of what we do offensively will be one [player] inside and four outs."

The Dukes' schedule promises once again to test JMU early and often, with non-conference opponents such as Boston College, Temple, George Washington, St. Joseph's, Notre Dame, Penn State and Old Dominion. Despite the rugged schedule, Moorman is confident the competition will prove beneficial in the long run.

"In terms of scheduling, I feel like our schedule is on the level with the last two years," Moorman said. "We tried to go outside of the conference and play good teams within the Big East and Atlantic 10, and some of the road situations we are in are going to provide us with good home games in the future."

Paula Schuler is one the the team's best perimeter players.
Budd blossoms as Dukes' captain

By Stephanie Swaim

She's come a long way, from playing a supporting role to directing her own production.

But Donna Budd, this year's captain of JMU's women's basketball team, doesn't have stage fright. The senior, who was recruited as a backup to former JMU standout Flo Jackson, came into her own last year in assists, steals and minutes played, Budd also will be looked to for leadership off the stage this year.

"Last year, I was in that situation [being a team leader]," Budd said. "I wasn't captain, but I was also a leader on the team because I was point guard. The point guard makes sure everybody's clicking on offense and defense — like a motivator."

Budd has started 78 consecutive games for the Dukes and never has missed a game in her JMU career. Her steals total of 78 is a school single-season record and Budd ranks among JMU's career top 10 in steals (second) and assists (second).

JMU's head coach Shelia Moorman has seen Budd develop over the last three years and has gained enough confidence in Budd's leadership abilities to name her team captain this season.

"The big difference for Donna is that now she is team captain," Moorman said. "A year ago as our floor general, I thought she showed a tremendous potential for leadership. Now that she's not only our floor general but she's also our team captain, I think she's just blossomed and that she's going to turn out to be one of the best leaders we've ever had in the program."

"Missy's a senior, and in our program all seniors share that leadership responsibility," Moorman said. "Whether they start, come off the bench, or don't play a minute, just by virtue of the fact that they've been through our program for three seasons, they'll be the most confident. They should know the systems, they should know the drills, and they should know what the coaches expect. As a senior, Missy shares in that senior leadership ability."

Dudley is a little more hesitant about her role as a team leader this year, but is looking forward to the challenge.

"Personally I've never been in this situation where I have to take up the slack by herself, but will be looked upon to generate more scoring from her teammates, according to Moorman. "There's no doubt in my mind that we graduated a major portion of our scoring from a year ago and that's got to be picked up in other fashions," Moorman said. "I don't necessarily think Donna Budd is the answer to that. Donna has to lead, Donna has to play great defense, Donna has to organize us, get the ball to the right people at the right time. If she can score eight or 10 points in addition to that in a game, then that'd be great."

Budd admits the team may have to work a little harder this season to replace the big guns, but thinks they are more than capable of doing it.

"Everybody's just got to step up and show their own. . . . We've just got to play with what we've got," Budd said. "The people that are playing now are playing real well. They're working hard. We've just got to play with what we've got. We can't make people into another Sid and Ali. They have to just do what they can do best."

If Budd plans to star in her final year, she will need support from another leading character for the Dukes, Missy Dudley. Dudley, a 5-foot-10 senior forward, currently ranks 10th on JMU's career top 10 list in scoring. She scored in double figures in 22 of the 31 games she started last year, and ranks among JMU's top 10 in seven categories. Dudley was looked to as a complementary scorer last year, but will need to contribute a major portion of this year's scoring if the Dukes are to defend their Colonial Athletic Association title.

"I just want to do what I have to do to help this team win, whether it be scoring, rebounding, passing or playing defense."

— Missy Dudley
Dehn-Duhr to star in 'big' role

By John R. Craig
staff writer

The road to success is not an easy one. Those that have travelled it can tell you.

The road that 6-foot-5 senior Carolin Dehn-Duhr followed to Harrisonburg had many twists, turns and low bridges.

It even crossed a large body of water called the Atlantic Ocean.

No one in Dehn-Duhr's immediate family ever has seen her play basketball. Born in Hamburg, Germany, Dehn-Duhr lived there until she was six. Her parents, who still live in Germany, divorced, and Dehn-Duhr came to the United States to live with her aunt, Evelyn Duhr.

Dehn-Duhr has relatives in the United States, but regards Evelyn as her mother because she raised her.

While the road she has followed thus far might be cumbersome enough for most in a lifetime, it was only the entrance for the 22-year-old Dehn-Duhr.

She now must follow the toughest road of all, the road to recovery from a knee injury that has threatened to end her basketball career.

"[Doctors] have found that she has a problem that relates to the way her kneecap tracks," said JMU women's head coach Shelia Moorman. "It can only be corrected by major surgery which we are not going to do.

Therefore, for the entire season we will have to deal with the effects of that injury."

The injury, first discovered when the Dukes began their training program at the end of the summer, is the most serious one Dehn-Duhr has ever had.

"We figured out what was wrong and gave it some time off," Dehn-Duhr said. "Then I just went right ahead with a very simple brace and it was fine. I was even running sprints without it [limping]."

But when practice began Oct. 15, the knee problem recurred.

"Initially, I just thought it was something little," she said. "But when I tried to come back and it happened again, I started to think, 'Wow, my last year and here's a knee injury.' But I found myself coming back."

On Oct. 25, Dehn-Duhr underwent arthroscopic knee surgery and then began a rehabilitation program that she has been involved with ever since. She practiced just three days before being forced to sit out. She returned to the court Nov. 9 to begin her comeback.

"Carolin is a great athlete," Moorman said. "She's not only 6-foot-5, but she has tremendous mobility, can run the floor, has a great jump, and we were in hopes that she was going to be a tremendous factor in our program this year.

"I feel badly for us, obviously, because we need her contribution," she said. "But I feel badly for Carolin and I know that we all still have high hopes that in whatever limited basis, when it comes around to the most important part of our season . . . she'll be there for us."

Dehn-Duhr, an anthropology major, was there for her coach in the spring of 1987 when Moorman sent the same letter as a freshman. That year, she averaged 8.9 points and four rebounds per game.

"In the 1985-86 season, Dehn-Duhr started in 25 of the Terrapins 30 games, averaged 13.7 points and 5.7 rebounds a game, and played 786 total minutes, 30 more than the year before."

But the next season, the road split.

"From freshman year on I was a starter, a key part of the team, and all of a sudden, I just wasn't anybody for no reason," Dehn-Duhr said. "I'd ask why and their reasoning [for it] and I just stuck it out, but it wasn't the role I wanted, a bench player. Not after two years of starting."

Dehn-Duhr played 16 minutes in two games and as the fall term finished, so did her days at Maryland.

"We had no seniors, so I was expected to be a leader . . . and then the season started and the captains were the other junior and a freshman," Dehn-Duhr said. "Immediately that told me what my role was."

She returned home to work on her farm in Accokeek, Md. After the holidays, Dehn-Duhr sent out letters to schools letting them know of her status. No one appeared interested so she figured that was the end of her basketball career.

"I don't think we'll see the player that we had hoped we would see," Moorman said. "But Carolin is so gifted that even if we can get 75 percent of her potential, she'll have a great contribution to our program."

"We've tried to gear our systems to our talent this year, which is very different from a year ago," Moorman said, "and it's been difficult because she's so different than anybody else we have on our team."

However, Dehn-Duhr, wants to be able to compete at 100 percent.

"If I had only the possibility of just going 75 percent, I wouldn't like it too much because I want this to be a great year," she said. "I've got a lot to prove to myself and to the coaches out there."

"I want to give the team and the coaches the best that I've got, whatever that will be," she said. "Hopefully that will contribute towards all our team goals and maybe even surpass them."

According to Moorman, Dehn-Duhr has the best vertical leap on the team and a great shooting touch.

And dunking? Dehn-Duhr, who is the tallest women's player ever to don a JMU uniform, likes to talk about that collegiate game, but she did it with one hand. She's two-handed, much more dramatic.
JMU Basketball Preview

Recruits drawn from all areas
Freshmen ready to fill the void

By Eric Vazzana
staff writer

The key to building a powerful basketball program in a country laden with exceptional talent is based primarily on the ability to find and cultivate that talent. JMU's women's basketball head coach Shelia Moorman has demonstrated the ability to land and develop some of the nation's top prospects. This year's freshman class is no exception.

Moorman has gone outside Virginia to build a program that has been nationally ranked for 39 straight weeks. This year's cast of newcomers hail from places such as Union, S.C., Lakewood, N.J., and Carmel, Ind. In addition to the freshman class, former Maryland Terrapin star and second team All-Atlantic Coast Conference performer Carolin Dehn-Duhr becomes eligible this year after sitting out last season.

Moorman said she is pleased with her latest additions and looks forward to reaping the benefits they will bring to the program. Moorman especially is excited about 5-foot-6 guard Emily McCracken.

"I think Emily McCracken is by far the best prepared [freshman], and there's no doubt in my mind that Emily will play a great deal," Moorman said.

The Carmel High product was named third-team all-state last year by Hoister Basketball Magazine. She also was a two-time member of the All-Olympic Conference and All-Hamilton County teams and was named Miss Basketball of Hamilton County as a senior.

Moorman had to compete with Indiana, Notre Dame and Richmond to acquire McCracken's skills. Schools were not only impressed by her awards and 14.0 scoring average, but her ability to be a team leader and floor general.

"She is a great athlete and a great competitor," Moorman said. "She has great speed and quickness and is just going to be a great player in our program."

Moorman envisions her prize catch seeing time at both guard positions.

"Down the road and in terms of the future of our program, I definitely think the point guard position will be her spot," Moorman said. "This year, I think she could see some time in the back court with Donna Budd, but Donna will run the team on the court."

The transition from high school to big time college basketball is tremendous in terms of what players are expected to learn and the intensity level at which they are expected to perform, Moorman said.

McCracken believes she has made a smooth switch and is confident she'll be ready to perform when called upon.

"I think I have a really unique attitude," McCracken said. "Coach was telling us that we should want everyone to win. Coming off the bench I'm not going to go out there to try and make something happen so I get a starting position."

"I just want to come off and be consistent, know what I'm supposed to do, know what the coach needs out of me, and whatever happens, happens," she said. "I just hope my hard work pays off."

Moorman also likes the potential of Elnora Jones and Chrystal Navarro.

"Chrystal and Elnora both have good qualities," Moorman said. "Both have potential to contribute to our program."

But Moorman added that "they have a long way to go. They're typical freshman."

Navarro comes to JMU from New Jersey, where she captured the eyes of college coaches at Lakewood High School. Her 22.1 points-per-game scoring average and 13 rebounds a game made teams in need of a center come calling.

Navarro is the recipient of the Kerwin Award which is given to the best girls' basketball player on the New Jersey Shore. She has been named to the all-state, all-shore and all-county teams twice. She also engineered Lakewood's four straight championship drives.

The Big East had several representatives with Navarro on their list as Boston College, St. Johns, Connecticut and Syracuse all aimed for the Jersey Shore native.

But it was a great women's basketball reputation, a top 20 ranking and a beautiful campus that lured the 6-foot-1 center to the Shenandoe Valley.

Navarro hasn't had an easy time making the transition to the great competition and increased intensity of college basketball, but nonetheless is determined to succeed.

"Being a freshman, it's hard to break in, but I told myself that I'm just going to put forth the effort and to try my best," Navarro said. "I want to be patient and not get upset with myself and not get frustrated. I often get down on myself when I can't do something. I have to remember I'm a freshman."

But the freshman remains poised and prepared to do whatever she can to help the team.

"I believe the people on the bench are just as important as the people on the court in the game," Navarro said. "I feel like if I'm not sulking about being on the bench, when I actually get my chance to play, it will be a whole lot better."

Another recruit also is getting first-hand experience in the post position. South Carolina native Elnora Jones has been seeing a lot of time down low.

As a senior in high school, Jones led her team in scoring with a 17.0-points-per-game clip and was instrumental in leading Union High to the South Carolina AAAA regional and state championships. The all-state and all-regional performer was wooed by in-state rival Virginia Tech and Clemson before deciding to attend JMU.

Like Navarro, the transition to the collegiate level, as well as having to learn a new position, has not always been easy for Jones.

"I'm not used to playing the post position," Jones said. "I don't have any experience playing the post from high school and that's what I'll be expected to play this year so I'm really learning."

Jones also has accepted the fact that she no longer will be the central figure of the team and see unlimited playing time.

"I can handle this year being a freshman, just being a role player if that's what I'm going to do," Jones said. "I just really want to learn my position well and play with the team."

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Freshman Emily McCracken will see significant playing time.
Ripe for picking

George Mason may have talent to 'steal' JMU's CAA crown

By John R. Craig
staff writer

Defending a conference title is tough enough. Defending it for the third year in a row is unheard of. That is indeed what JMU will be doing when it takes the court this season against Colonial Athletic Association opponents. Unlike last year, the 1988-89 CAA season should be more evenly matched and competitive.

JMU has won its past 30 conference games in a row and really has not been even close to losing to a CAA foe in more than two years. But graduation losses hit JMU hard at the end of last season and have forced the Dukes into a much more wide open and perimeter-oriented attack.

The Dukes also will have to face a pair of much improved ballclubs in George Mason and UNC-Wilmington, which could make the road to the NCAA's a difficult one for the Dukes.

George Mason (21-9 overall, 8-6 in the CAA)

This year George Mason truly will challenge the Dukes for the CAA title.

In the conference finals with JMU, the Patriots lost in a relatively close 87-72 decision. It was the nearest George Mason came to the Dukes all season, falling 73-55 at home and 75-54 at the Convocation Center. The Patriots finished last season with a record of 21-9 under head coach Jim Lewis, now in his fifth season with George Mason.

All five starters return, including guards Cindy Baruch, who averaged 17.1 points per game, 3.1 rebounds per game, and Antoinette Battle added 7.4 points and 3.7 rebounds a contest.

Leading the George Mason inside attack will be a pair of 6-foot-1 players in junior forward Veronica Holland (9.3, 4.9) and sophomore guard/forward Jerelyn Weathersby (7.0, 4.7). Senior forward Jeannine Jimenez also returns. Prediction: Second.

UNC-Wilmington (18-11, 6-8)

Three of last year's five starters return for the Seahawks, who also have back the majority of their bench.

Charlene Page, who averaged 11.9 points and 5.7 rebounds per game, and Cindy Makowski (10.1, 2.1) are in the backcourt once again for the Seahawks. At the center position will be Krystle Taylor (11.1, 7.9), a sophomore standing 6-foot-2.

The Seahawks finished 18-11 when JMU beat them in the semifinals of the CAA conference, 86-62. The Dukes also took care of UNC-Wilmington 80-63 and 87-67 in 1987-88, but head coach Marilyn Christoph, who has a record of 148-96 in nine years with the Seahawks, hopes to at least split this season's series.

If the Seahawks can find someone to complement Page's inside game, UNCW could make some waves before all is said and done. Prediction: Third.

Richmond (21-8, 9-5)

Last year, the Spiders had one of their most talented squads ever, but still finished second in the CAA. This season looks to be another good one for Richmond as it returns nine letterwinners, including three starters led by Pam Bryant.

Bryant, a 5-foot-6 junior guard, averaged 13.1 points and 4.0 rebounds per contest and will run the Spiders' offense. Forwards Ginny Norton (5.6 ppg, 4.0 rpg) and Beth Spence (6.0 ppg, 5.2 rpg) also return for Richmond.

However, the center spot remains a big question mark for the Spiders, who saw its top scorer and rebounder in Laurie Governor graduate in May. Governor, a 6-foot-2 monster in the middle, averaged double figures in rebounds and assists and will be missed greatly in the Richmond attack.

Stephanie Gaitley, the Spiders' head coach for the past three years, hopes her team can remain in the elite after last season's performance. The experience is there, and now the only question are the players' performances in battling for one of the top spots. Prediction: Fourth.

East Carolina (8-20, 2-11)

Finishing a disappointing 8-20 last season, the East Carolina University Pirates hope to regroup and surge to the top of the CAA.

Of the eight returning lettermen, four were starters for the Pirates last season, including 6-foot-2 junior center Greta Savage, who is coming off a season in which she averaged 10.7 points and 5.6 rebounds per game.

Chris O'Connor (7.3, 2.5) also will be counted on to provide more of a scoring threat for East Carolina from her forward spot while Pam Williams (5.6) and Irish Hamilton (4.1) will control the Pirates' pace both offensively and defensively from their guard slots.

JMU's margin of victory over East Carolina was an average of 31 points, but the Pirates' experience should make this year's squad much more competitive.

Head coach Pat Pierson begins her second season in Greenville, N.C. Pierson has a career record of 174-119 in 10 years as a head coach. East Carolina leads the series with JMU, 13-8.

The Pirates are expected to do much better than their cellar-finish and should move up a few notches. The talent is there, but only time will tell. Prediction: Fifth.

William and Mary (8-19, 2-11)

Four starters also return for William and Mary but the Tribe just isn't cohesive and will have to struggle in the CAA.

The Tribe's top scorer is Angie Evans, a 5-foot-10 sophmore guard who averaged just under 12 points and four rebounds per game. Evans made her living off the three-point shot as she gained CAA Rookie of the Year honors. The other guards will be a pair of pesky players Robin Marino (6.9) and Ann Dugan (4.5). Both performers are limited offensively but are solid ballhandlers and can cause fits for opposing guards on defense.

Pat Megel, William and Mary's head coach, has gone 12-42 in two years with his team and will be fighting not only to stay in the hunt but possibly for his job as well. Prediction: Sixth.

American (13-15, 6-7)

The American University Eagles begin 1988-89 with a new outlook. Darci Wilson, a 1983 graduate of North Carolina-Wilmington, grabs hold of the head coaching reins to lead her Eagles in the CAA.

American went 13-15 last season, fourth in the conference, losing to JMU, 87-64 at Bender Arena and 75-43 in Harrisonburg. The Eagles return six letterwinners, including starters Danielle Blackburn and Shauna Walden.

Blackburn, a 5-foot-6 junior guard, averaged 6.4 points per game and 1.9 rebounds last year, while 6-foot senior Walden chalked up 7.7 points and 5.4 rebounds per game.

The post positions remain a big sore spot for American, who must find some way to replace All-CAA team member Beth Scheurer. Scoring will be a big problem for the Eagles in a conference that relies on a potent attack.

Prediction: Seventh.
not help at forward. The Seahawks' need role players this season. There are some big shoes to fill in the absence of Willie Williams. Houzer who led the conference in field goal accuracy in 1988 with a 57.8 percent field goal average and undoubtedly will have a strong year. But the road and the lack of offense-creating players will conspire against Wilmington. Prediction: Fifth.

NAVY (12-16, 6-8)

Ever since David Robinson sailed off into the golden sunset to the NBA, Navy basketball has taken on water, threatening to sink back into obscurity.

Head coach Pete Herrmann will look to 1988 CAA All-Rookie selection Eddie Reddick and 6-7 senior forward Derric Turner, who is rehabilitating after a knee injury, to lead the Midshipmen back to the top of the CAA ladder.

Herrmann will have to deal first with a severe offensive power outage. Navy's three top 1988 scorers are gone as Cliff Rees (12.0) graduated, while Matt Nordmann (11.3) and Byron Hopkins (11.1) jumped ship and left the Academy.

Navy lacks a perimeter game, however, with only guard Joe Gottschalk, who averaged 8.3 points last season, to threaten from the outside. The lack of perimeter shooting may put too much pressure on the Midshipmen's inside game.

What Navy's season comes down to is Turner's ability to come back and remain healthy. If the forward goes down, the ship goes with him. Prediction: Seventh.

WILLIAM and MARY (10-19, 5-9)

The loss of two key players may send the Tribe packing for the reservation during the 1988-89 season.

All-CAA selection Tim Trout has departed after a solid year in which he averaged 16.9 points 9.2 rebounds per game. Forward Mark Barzel also has departed after a 12.6 point and 7.2 rebound per game clip. The duo were an integral part of the W&M offense, tallying more than 40 percent of the Tribe's points and 50 percent of their rebounds.

Head coach Chuck Swenson's problems are complicated by the Tribe's relative inexperience as senior Tom Brock and sophomore Casey Potts are the only returning front line players with any considerable experience.

Hope does exist in the W&M backcourt where the CAA's leading three-point specialist in 6-foot-5 senior swingman Greg Burzell returns, along with All-Defensive team honoree Curtis Pride, who was at the top of the CAA's steals and assists departments in 1987-88.

The key to improving on last year's mediocre season is a strong front line. But the Tribe has neither the players or the experience to fill the gap left by Barzel and Trout and likely will slip into the CAA cellar. Prediction: Eighth.

Recruits

expects Davis to be a role player this season, coming off the bench to gain experience.

"William, I think has a lot of ability," Driesell said. "He reminds me of some of the better players I've coached offensively. He gets his hands up in the air, he's an outside shooter, he's a great leaper. He still has to work on his defense and his fundamentals, but I think he'll be a very fine player." Although Driesell professes much faith in the freshman, he still is cautious about starting him.

"We have seven people who I consider starters right now," Driesell said. "He may start some games. It depends on how he progresses during the season. I don't really like to throw freshmen to the wolves right away."

Whatever the outcome of the 1988-89 season brings for coach Driesell, win or lose, the new recruiting season holds a great deal of promise. With the likes of Irvin, Hood and Davis already arrived, the floodgates have been opened for the best recruits in the nation to find their way to the Convo.

Tickets available for students at Convo, Godwin Hall

Student tickets for the JMU men's basketball team's season opener against VMI will be available starting Monday, Nov. 21 at the Convocation Center and on Tuesday, Nov. 22 at Godwin Hall. Students will be able to pick up tickets for any home men's game played during that week Monday through Friday during regular office hours at the Convocation Ticket Office and at Godwin Hall every Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tickets will be required to present their JMU I.D. before being given a ticket and also must show their I.D. again at the ticket gate upon entering the game. To eliminate overcrowding and make the process more convenient, students will be allowed to pick up a maximum of 10 tickets with the presentation of 10 JMU I.Ds.

Although the new policy will cause some difficulties, JMU Duke Club director Alan Graham thinks it is the best of the available alternatives.

"Just looking at the whole situation, we feel like this is the fairest way to treat the students," Graham said.
Men's home opener against V.M.I. on NOVEMBER 29
An 'Essential' trip into the world of Calvin and Hobbes

By Stephen Rountree

When is a desk a spaceship, a bathtub an ocean, or a boy a dinosaur? When you enter the world of Calvin and Hobbes, of course.

Having published already two popular collections of the strip, Calvin and Hobbes and Something Under the Bed is Dripping, creator Bill Watterson recently has released a third collection — The Essential Calvin and Hobbes.

Book Review

Originally designed as a cartoon with a space travel theme, "Calvin and Hobbes" has evolved into what it is today mostly because of Watterson's efforts to sell the strip to syndicates.

Its phenomenal success is illustrated by the incredible array of "Calvin and Hobbes" t-shirts, posters, buttons and other items produced not by Watterson or those holding the copyrights to the characters, but by the fans.

As of yet, no official merchandise — or by-products of the strip as they are sometimes called — has emerged. This latest collection is the only appeasement Watterson offers for the "Calvin and Hobbes" junkie.

The Essential Calvin and Hobbes is both old and new. Mostly, the book consists of cartoons from the previous two collections. The major differences are the use of color on the Sunday strips in this latest volume, and the addition of a poem.

The color is wonderful. It brings the boy and his tiger to life more than ever. And as Charles Schulz, creator of another famous cartoon kid, said in his foreword for the book, "Calvin and Hobbes... contains hilarious pictures that cannot be duplicated in other mediums. In short, it is fun to look at, and that is what has made Bill's work such an admirable success."

Indeed, in color or black and white, the antics of Watterson's characters always are fun to watch.

Thanksgiving

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hands around the table," Betts said. "After a moment, the head of the family will squeeze the hand of the person next to him. The squeeze then is passed on to everyone."

Some people don't realize Thanksgiving is solely an American holiday. Chris Gillies, who is originally from England, doesn't celebrate Thanksgiving.

"Thanksgiving means nothing to me — it's just another day," Gillies said.

But Gillies said she does enjoy the vacation from school and looks forward to the clothes sales.

Although 300 years later Americans still are celebrating this day of thanksgiving, several students think the meaning of the holiday has been lost over the years and Thanksgiving has become too commercialized.

The poem is the real treat of the book. Entitled "A Nauseous Nocturne," the 12 pages of full color illustrations and verse are incredible testimonials to Watterson's ability to write and, more than merely draw, to illustrate.

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Some believe Thanksgiving today is a time to eat a big meal rather than give thanks for good fortune as the Pilgrims did.

"With all the hunger in the world, it seems a bit hypocritical to sit down to a disgracefully large meal," Pester said. "I think we purposely tune out the hardships of our ancestors and fellow humans, so we can enjoy the meal."

Doratha Sander said, "Everyone seems to have forgotten that Thanksgiving is a day proclaimed nationally to give thanks."

Rich Williams said, "People think of Thanksgiving as just another holiday. Everyone just goes through the motions. We take everything for granted."

Julie Kramer has a different opinion. "People think about what they have to be thankful for," Kramer said. "The holiday has lost the patriotic meaning to some degree. I don't think much about the Pilgrims' struggles, but rather about what I personally have to be thankful for."

Sarah Melvin said, "Thanksgiving is a time to be with your family. I think people are thankful to have families to come home to for Thanksgiving."

What are students giving thanks for this Thanksgiving? Family, friends and good health were the most frequent answers. Being thankful for the vacation from school was another popular response. Some students said they are thankful for their pets. Others say they are thankful that George Bush won the election.

People celebrate the holiday in many different ways, and each family has its own special Thanksgiving traditions. Much has changed since the times of the Pilgrims, but to most people, Thanksgiving still is a time to gather with family and friends and enjoy the special day.

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It's almost that time of year — again

Vaccination good flu season defense

By Fred Kinsella
Nurse Practitioner

As the winter season draws near, so does flu season.

Flus are caused by either type A or B influenza viruses, which appear to be transmitted by aerosol particles dispersed by sneezing, coughing or talking.

The incubation period is usually one to three days. Person-to-person transmission is rapid, and in local epidemics, the incidence of cases reaches a peak in two to three weeks, persisting for five to six weeks.

Symptoms appear abruptly and may include a three-to-five-day fever of up to 105 degrees. Headache, body aches, tiredness and initially a dry, hacking cough, are the predominant symptoms and may last as long as the fever.

Subsequently, respiratory symptoms — sore throat, nasal discharge, hoarseness and a loose cough — appear as the beginning symptoms wane. Cough and weakness may last for two or more weeks. Viruses do not respond to antibiotics — they must run their course.

To feel better and help prevent the spread of infection, you should rest — do not tire yourself unnecessarily. Maintain a proper diet — be sure to drink plenty of fluids, take acetaminophen (Tylenol) to help keep the fever down and relieve aches and pains, take decongestants for sinus congestion, and cover your mouth and nose when sneezing and coughing. Do not share drinks and utensils.

Complications associated with influenza are primarily respiratory, ranging from mild airway congestion to secondary bacterial pneumonia. The more serious complications are uncommon in healthy young adults.

Patients with labored or difficult breathing, wheezing, bloody or green mucus, a fever persisting more than five days without improvement, dark urine, severe muscle pain and tendenecies have complications that demand prompt medical attention.

Treatment begins with prevention.
Reducing contact with those who are infected helps, but is impractical because of the closeness of the university community. Two other methods of controlling influenza are the influenza vaccine, an inactivated vaccine and therapy with the antiviral drug amantadine.

If you run a high risk of developing complications, the single most important measure to reduce the impact of influenza before the season starts is getting a vaccination. It protects against both type A and type B influenza.

Amantadine is effective only against type A and benefits those who seek attention shortly after the abrupt onset of symptoms. It may reduce the severity and duration of illness, but is not a cure. It is useful to those who have not been vaccinated or whose vaccines have not yet taken effect.

According to the American Lung Association, groups at the greatest risk of developing influenza-related complications are healthy people over 65 years of age and those people with chronic respiratory or heart disease.

Residents and caretakers of nursing homes and other chronic care facilities, patients being discharged from a hospital, adults and children who have a history of heart, lung or kidney problems or diabetes, and physicians, nurses and other health care personnel have extensive contact with high risk persons are increasingly vunerable.

If you fall into one of these high-risk categories, you should consider obtaining a flu vaccine from your family physician or health department. For more information regarding the flu vaccine you also may contact The American Lung Association of Virginia at 1-800-345-LUNG.

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Hokies subdue fiery Dukes

By John R. Craig  
staff writer

BLACKSBURG — Though the final 27-6 score may not reflect it, Saturday's football game between Virginia Tech and JMU was anything but a one-sided affair.

"You've got to give JMU some credit," Virginia Tech head coach Beamer said. "They came in here and were well prepared, played hard, and that was some problems in the first half.

"I was concerned, they played well in the first half and were stuffing our running game pretty well," Beamer said. "In the second half, it was just stronger running and better blocking that proved the difference.

The Hokies' win in front of 18,753 fans ended their year at 3-8. JMU left Lane Stadium and the season with a 5-6 record.

JMU head coach Purzycki was pleased at how hard his team played against their larger and more skilled foes.

"They were very strong up front and wore us down defensively," Purzycki said. "We had some great individual performances and I felt the entire went out and played as hard a they could. In some ways we can build on this because Tech is a very good football team. They lost eight games to teams that won 81 percent of their games."

On the opening series of the game, Virginia Tech used a 35-yard kickoff return by Jeff Roberts and a couple of short runs to reach JMU's 37-yard line.

On fourth-and-one, Beamer chose to go for it. But running back John Jeffries was stopped in the backfield by Dan Kobosko to give JMU the ball and the first emotional lift of the contest. Later in the half, the Hokies again were unsuccessful on another fourth-and-one as John Gutter made the stop.

"Those plays did wonders for our whole team," Purzycki said. "In the first half we were able to control the line of scrimmage pretty well.

JMU's first break in the game came on the first play of Virginia Tech's third possession when Furrer fumbled the snap and Paul Formadl recovered at Hokies nine yard line. But JMU was unable to capitalize on the miscue and had to settle for a 20-yard field goal by Chris Kinzer.

After another Garrity field goal increased the JMU advantage to 6-0, the Hokies got on the scoreboard with 7:53 remaining in the half on a 41-yard field goal by Chris Kinzer.

Early in the Dukes' drive, a scuffle broke out that resulted in offsetting personal fouls and the ejection of JMU offensive lineman Brian Rees and Hokies' defensive end Jimmy Whittem.

Following a JMU punt, Virginia Tech scored again on the leg of Kinzer, who drilled a 33-yard field goal to try the score at 6-6. The drive was aided by a 15-yard unsportsmanlike penalty against the Dukes.

Second half miscues quell JMU upset bid

By Dean Hybl  
staff writer

BLACKSBURG — After Saturday's football game against Virginia Tech, the Dukes just might have found out the difference between Division I-A and Division I-AA football — at least in the second half.

"Look, we're realists," said JMU head coach Joe Purzycki. "We knew we had to go out and play them again. We knew we had to take the win.

"Offensively, JMU was just stuffing us and tackling us and we weren't executing real well," said Virginia Tech head coach Frank Beamer. "I think it's a combination of us not doing things real well, panicking a little bit . . . and a good job by them."

In the first half, the Dukes stopped the Hokies twice on fourth down. On the opening series, Virginia Tech was faced with fourth-and-two and lost a yard. Even though the Dukes did not earn points as a direct result, they did gain confidence.

The series after JMU had capitalized on a fumble to take a 3-0 lead on Tim Garrity's 20-yard field goal. Virginia Tech gained fourth down the Hokies lost one yard and the Dukes took over at the Virginia Tech 41.

Those two plays seemed to raise the level of play for JMU and stymie those wearing Virginia Tech colors.

"I was worried to death," Beamer said. "I've been on the other side. I've been at Murray State that upset Louisville twice and tied Memphis State once. I know how you get up for them and I know how you play and I was scared to death."

"Ninety-five bodies as compared to 70," Purzycki said. "The level of competition was a little bit greater. They're used to playing Florida State, West Virginia, South Carolina and in that second half they wore us down a little bit."

JMU needed to put two complete halves of football together and for 30 minutes the Dukes played competitively, as they had at Annapolis, but that second half was the juggernaut.

"I don't think that they're better than us," said outside linebacker Steve Bates after the game. "The [Virginia Tech] defense wasn't better than the [JMU] offense. I say they weren't better than us. I'd go out and play them again right now. We were about even."
Wrestlers grapple with youth, inexperience

By Stephanie Swaim
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staff writer

This year’s men’s wrestling coach and his team have a lot in common — youth.

Jeff Bowyer is in his first year as head coach for the Dukes, having just graduated from JMU last spring. Bowyer was the team’s mat coach last season as a fifth-year senior and wrestled at JMU for four years. But he isn’t worried about the age factor in himself or his team.

“I feel pretty confident myself,” Bowyer said. “I think I’m capable of handling it, and obviously Mr. Ehlers and the administration felt I was capable of handling it or they wouldn’t have given me the position.

“There are some people who are still a little skeptical,” he said. “This year is a tough year to come in because we lost a real good core last year. I think we have a good core to build around. Right now we have a lot of talent; they’re just not very experienced — they’re very young.”

This year’s roster shows no seniors and just six juniors after six of the wrestlers who made up the nucleus of last year’s team graduated. The Dukes now lack the strong core of leadership it had last season in Jon Blauvelt, Pat Smith, John Durso and All-American Brian Kurlander, according to Bowyer.

He now will rely on captain Rob Milavsky (167) and returning wrestlers John McColgan (142), Greg Rogers (158), Rob Lutz (134) and G.J. Sucher (177), among others, to take up the slack.

“We lost six starters last year out of 10, that’s 60 percent of our team,” Bowyer said. “I didn’t think that we would feel it as quickly as we did. That was a great core that we lost. That was a lot of experience, they were all seniors, they’d all been around, and they all a good bit of talent. But I think if the guys are willing to work hard and to learn, then when they get their experience, I think they can come out here and be as good as those that left us last year.”

Keith Taylor is the team’s tentative starter in the 118-pound weight class, while Kevin Gast (126) returns to the team after seeing limited time last year. Transfer Eric Major, sophomore Andy Beckwith and Townley Hedrick will be fighting for the starting position in the 150-pound class. At 190, last year’s starter Dave Mitchell will be trying to hold his spot against freshman Jack Thompson and sophomore John Furbrother.

Three recruits who could have immediate impact are Mike Smith at 167 pounds, Chris Janish at 134 pounds and Rodney Huffman at heavyweight. Smith currently is injured, though, and will be out for some time.

The team ended with a 14-7 record last season in a competitive schedule that included several top 20 teams. This year’s schedule looks to be just as difficult.

“We wrestle some pretty top notch programs, some of which are probably ranked in the top 20,” Bowyer said.

“We do wrestle teams within the state and we can definitely be competitive with them and I’m hoping that we can beat all those teams. In the past we have, and I plan to continue to do so.”

Despite a plague of injuries that has haunted the Dukes, Bowyer feels that when the team is at full force, it can be competitive despite its youth.

“We have a young team, but we do have some talent,” Bowyer said. “I think barring injuries, we can still have a competitive year. In the beginning of the year, we had a lot of depth. Injuries have really hampered that. It’s difficult for me to predict how we’ll do in the conference this year, but I’m hoping that the guys who are hurt will get healthy quick. We’re still very competitive within the state.”

With an influx of younger wrestlers, Bowyer predictably is looking towards the future and what they can do when they get more experience.

“We have a good core now,” Bowyer said. “I don’t want to say in a few years down the road we’re going to be national champions, but if the guys keep improving, year to year, and barring injuries, there is a good possibility that this team could be of top-20 caliber.

“We have a good core to build around, but we need to get some recruits in. In the future, I see us winning the region a couple of times. I don’t know about this year, I haven’t seen the other teams. But if we get healthy we could definitely be a contender. And if we’re not, I think our time is coming. But we’re young,” he said.

This season may be a learning experience for the team, but the time will be valuable in the long run, Bowyer said.

The Dukes opened their season Saturday at the 11th annual Navy Classic Wrestling tournament in Annapolis, Md. Milavsky was the only JMU wrestler to place, finishing third in the 177-pound weight class. The team’s inexperience showed as they placed ninth. Navy won the tournament with 188.4 points.

“The guys have been working hard and the attitude in the room has been exceptional,” he said. “They’re doing everything that they need to be doing to be successful. Some things they don’t have control over, like inexperience. It’s just going to take some time. But I think in time, they can keep working as hard as they’ve been, and keep the attitude that they have, it’ll be a good next couple years for us.”
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In the second half, the Hokies quickly showed their superiority. They stopped JMU's offense on four plays and then marched down the field for the game's first touchdown on a 44-yard pass from Furrier to Myron Richardson.

Purzycki said the true turning point of the contest might have come right after that touchdown. Gutter returned the kickoff 26 yards to the JMU 43 yard line. Greg Medley then ran 24 yards on the first play to give JMU the ball at Virginia Tech's 33 yard line. Following a 3-yard run, Lancaster's pass was intercepted in the endzone by safety Wil Gowin.

"The play I regret most was the long interception," Purzycki said. "We move right down the field on the kickoff return, get a long run, and then throw an interception."

"If I think that if we could have gotten something on that drive it would have given us some confidence and kept us in the game a little longer. We thought that Thornton could beat their backs one on one, but it just wasn't there."

The Hokies soon took control of the game with two fourth quarter touchdowns to put the game out of reach and keep JMU from realizing its goal of a winning season. However, Purzycki was not disappointed completely and said the future for JMU football looks very bright.

"We may be a 5-6 team, but we're not 5-6 people. That's something to remember and we'll be better next year because of the experiences we've had this year."

Sports Watch
(upcoming events in JMU sports)

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Saturday — Boston College at JMU [Convocation Center], 7:30 p.m.

On Saturday, JMU lost a narrow 121-120 meet at Virginia Tech, sending its record to 1-5. Paul Harris won the 50-yard freestyle race in 21.76. Diver Guy Sandin was first in the 1-meter and 3-meter events.

Gymnasts fifth in Metro Open

In its opening meet of the season, the JMU men's gymnastics team placed a solid fifth in the seven-team Metro Open at Navy.

The Dukes were paced by junior Dave Cvercko who led all JMU performers in the pommel horse (6.9), rings (7.85), parallel bars (7.6) and the all-around competition (44.70). Sophomore Larry McDonald placed first for the Dukes in the floor exercise (8.5) and the vault (8.7), while freshman Stefan Benedict finished first among JMU members in the high bar (7.55).

Swimmers lose to Tech by one

The men's swimming and diving team defeated UNC-Charlotte Friday 146-72. Bill Brackman and Brad Miller were double winners for JMU, as Brackman won the 1000-yard freestyle (9:57.91) and the 200-yard fly (1:57.10) and Miller won the 200-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:09.44 before claiming the 200-yard breaststroke in 2:30.48.

Women now 2-3 after weekend

The JMU women's swimming and diving team's two-meet winning streak came to an abrupt end Saturday with a 188-109 loss to Virginia Tech in Blacksburg. The loss drops the Dukes' record to 2-3.

JMU won only two events in the meet, both provided by the Dukes' Ray Asbridge. Asbridge won the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:09.44 before claiming the 200-yard breaststroke in 2:30.48.

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Education, hobby result in patent for senior

By Laurel Wissinger
assistant business editor

JMU senior Derek Sprague was looking for a way to improve his golf game.

What he wound up with was a U.S. government patent for his Puttin' Pal invention and some practical experience in business that went beyond anything he could have learned in a classroom," Sprague said.

Sprague, a former member of the varsity golf team at JMU who recently turned pro, suffered from the common error which plagues many golfers. "When [a golfer] pulls the putter back, he isn't focusing on the ball, which is where his eyes should be," Sprague said. "Instead he's watching the movement of the putter."

Such a habit results in golfers losing their concentration and making bad shots, he said. Sprague came up with the concept for his invention in the fall of 1986. The resulting Puttin' Pal was designed to block a golfer's view of the putter and emphasize keeping a close eye on the ball.

Sprague termed his invention a form of "subliminal training" rather than a more direct teaching technique. The Puttin' Pal emphasizes coordination between the brain and muscles, and Sprague believes its simple three-piece design allows it to be used by anyone capable of picking up a golf club.

"Everything I'd ever seen before to help golfers was by and large more mechanical in nature," he said. "Either it attached to the putter or hooked onto the golf ball."

But his creation requires virtually no instructions or previous experience, he said.

Sprague worked summer jobs at the Malone Golf Club in his hometown of Malone, N.Y. Using his prototype design in the golf classes he taught, as well as training extensively with it himself, made him realize he was "onto something," he said. "I saw how well it really did work."

After using his invention for a while, Sprague modified his original prototype into two slightly different models, one for professional golfers and the other for "the average weekend player," he said.

Professionals wanted a more durable, heavy-duty model, but Sprague still saw a market for both models.

So Sprague combined his entrepreneurial sense with the marketing skills he learned at school and decided to seek a patent on his invention.

Receiving a patent is a long and sometimes tedious process, not to mention expensive. For Sprague, the funds weren't the biggest issue. "I had money left over from my summer job," he said.

But the complexity and legality involved posed a problem. "There's a lot more to [the process] than I had realized," Sprague said. "I didn't understand some of the more technical aspects."

Rather than try to undertake the process alone, Sprague decided to hire a McLean attorney to handle details such as a patent search.

"Hiring a lawyer costs money, but you know it's going to get done right," Sprague said.

The first step in applying for a patent is making sure the product already isn't patented by someone else. Sprague's search uncovered four other similar — but not the same — inventions. One of those was "almost identical in design" to his, Sprague said, except the other was transparent and his is green to blend in with the grass.

Once someone officially has filed for a patent, that person is given what is known as a patent pending designation. It is in this phase of the process that much of what Sprague called "wheeling and dealing" takes place.

"I had to keep my invention pretty much hush-hush," he said. "Someone else could come in and say they filed [for a patent] one day earlier, pull some strings or something, and receive the patent instead of me."

The hardest part for Sprague was enduring the 17-month wait between the time he filed and when he was authorized a patent in January 1988. After investing an estimated $2,000-$2,500 in lawyer fees alone, Sprague was worried he would be denied and his investment would be wasted. "You put all that money into something without any kind of guarantee, and that's scary," he said.

Sprague was rejected once by the Patent Office due to a small technicality in wording, but he reapplied after rewriting the application. [Being turned down once] isn't unusual," he said. "Ninety-five percent of all applications get rejected the first time."

But once he received the patent, the trouble wasn't over yet.

"When I looked into getting [the Puttin' Pal] manufactured, I had a hard time finding a company willing to work on a small scale," he said.

"Most places don't get too many 21-year-olds knocking on their door wanting to do a small run," Sprague said. "They're looking for established accounts."

Sprague settled on two local companies to manufacture his invention, Excel Steel Works in Harrisonburg and Alpha Industries in Grottoes. "They both were very receptive to the idea of a small-scale business like mine," he said. His first production run was for 100 Puttin' Pals.

So far, including manufacturing costs and lawyer fees, Sprague estimates he has put $4,000-$5,000 into this invention," he said.

Sprague believes it is too early to see how well he will do financially with the product. That time will come after the Professional Golf Association's trade show in January.

"Last year I had a prototype that didn't have any track record," he said. "This year I have an international distributor and an actual product to sell."

But far more valuable than any monetary returns Sprague may receive is the learning experience he has gained, Sprague said.

"I don't look to make millions," Sprague said. "If I break even... that would be nice, sure."

"But I got the chance to learn about the real world of business," he said. "Not theory in the classroom, but actually seeing a product go from an idea to a reality."

Sprague looks at his money not as just capital put into a product, but as an investment into himself.

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