Long lines plague drop/add

By Ken Luzzatto
staff writer

Despite telephone registration and express lines, five-hour waits and frustrated students were still part of Fall semester drop/add, which ended for graduate students Friday.

Undergraduate drop/add ended Sept. 1, said Dr. David Zimmerman, associate vice president of academic affairs.

The telephone system had been available for drop/add from May to late August, Zimmerman said. But registration workers said it was not used by many students.

New this semester was an express line for students who only needed copies of their schedules.

Also, the time period for drop/add was shortened by two days.

Registration center lines began early on each of the three days of undergraduate drop/add. On Aug. 31, some students who wanted appointment cards for registration later that day had camped out overnight at the registration center. Others joined the line at about 4:30 that morning.

Appointment cards were handed out at 7:45 a.m. By that time, the line extended down the stairs in back of Warren Campus Center, down the sidewalk and past Grafton-Stovall Theatre.

Although it was the focus of many students' complaints, the shorter session of drop/add this semester was necessary, said Zimmerman.

"We wanted to get the students into the classes as soon as possible," Zimmerman said. "The teachers will not wait for the incoming students to arrive in their classes. They must begin right away."

Undergraduates were able to add courses without penalty until Sept. 1. After that date, the course addition had to be approved by the instructor and the department head.

Students can withdraw from courses until Oct. 26.

Zimmerman also said that many administrators thought that there would be fewer students going through drop/add because of the availability of the phone system during the summer, so they did not anticipate the lines.

One of the main complaints of many of the students standing in the drop/add line that morning was the fact that the classes they wanted were already full, and that no overrides were being given.

Ninety-four students were turned away from Comm 317 during drop/add. Comm 315 had 107.

Meghan Koontz gets an introduction to JMU's time-honored and time-consuming tradition of drop/add.

Both classes are core courses for a communication major, and only one section of each is being offered this semester.

One communication professor even put a sign on the door to her office that read, "No overrides. Please don't ask."

Two alternatives for the communication requirement in the liberal studies program, Comm 222 and 226, had a combined total of 972 students who were turned away.

In the JMU College of Business, most of the 300-level courses also were full. More than 330 students were turned away from Accounting 375, Finance 345 and Finance 370 had a combined total of 105 students who could not get overrides.

These are required courses for many business majors.

Zimmerman faulted JMU's state-mandated budget for causing the lack of course sections and instructors.

"It would be fantastic if 2,000 students left campus..."
Communication tops priorities of SGA this fall

By Kiran Krishnamurthy
SGA reporter

Communication between senators and students, student opinions on plus/minus grading and changes in the drop/add period will be the top priorities in JMU's student government association this year, SGA President Tracy Humphrey said Monday.

The SGA will begin weekly senate meetings Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in the Warren Campus Center's Highlands room, formerly J. Maddies.

For better communication, the SGA is increasing its public relations committee to about 20 people — twice the size of last year's committee, said Legislative Vice President Alex Gordon.

The group will focus on communication with students and plans to distribute monthly newsletters, conduct telephone surveys and display posters, he said.

"It's imperative that senators communicate with their constituents," Humphrey said. "That's why they're elected. They are the number one link between the student government and the students."

Humphrey said she wants to tell JMU students that the SGA is "a working body, an effective body, and an eclectic body... encompassing all types of people. Liberal, conservative — it doesn't matter."

Lisa Briggs, SGA administrative vice president, said that during elections candidates are highly visible, but often disappear once elected to office.

"I'd like to go back around and let students know who we are again and make ourselves open and available," Briggs said.

But Humphrey added that it is also the students' responsibility to "meet [the SGA] halfway... because we're only as strong as the students make us."

"The burden of involvement is two-fold," she said, but the SGA must encourage students to become involved.

Gordon agreed. "When we enroll at JMU, we automatically become part of the student government," he said.

The SGA also will be concentrating on student concerns about the shortened drop/add period, the plus/minus grading system and campus safety.

"Basically, we are in the information-collecting stage right now to see what the students want," Humphrey said.

The SGA currently is working to bring Virginia gubernatorial candidates L. Douglas Wilder and J. Marshall Coleman to JMU, along with their running mates, Gordon said. They also plan to encourage voter registration among students.

"I think it's important that students decide who will be running this state for the next term," Humphrey said.

The SGA brought Democratic candidate for lieutenant governor Don Beyer to campus earlier this month.

An SGA open house also is planned for late October, according to SGA Treasurer Kevin Hughes. His primary goal is to inform students of the SGA and invite them to participate.

Hughes also said the SGA plans to help campus organizations with fund raising through workshops and publicizing of the SGA's $12,000 contingency fund.

The fund is used to support campus organizations' activities, he said, and the groups must apply for funds.

Humphrey is extremely optimistic about relationships in this year's SGA, she said.

"We are a united front. We have the interests of the student government and the students foremost on our agenda. We don't have hidden personal agendas that are going to supersede what the students want," she said.

Gordon agreed. "I want to bring back the professional attitude that the SGA had in years past. Only if we respect our positions, can they respect their duty to their constituents."

"We are a team, working together," Humphrey said.

Drop/Add

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tomorrow, and we could still operate with the same staff and faculty, but that is not possible. The state only gives us so much money to operate with, and we do our best."

Most faculty members teach about four classes, and do other administrative activities such as advising students or serving on committees, he said.

"The obvious solution is to hire more professors, but our budget does not allow for that," Zimmerman said.

The administration is well aware of the problems with drop/add, and has a few new battle plans on coping with them, he said.

Satellite registration is being considered a possible option for next year. Advisers would have access to computers and would be able to register their students from their office or a nearby location.

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Legacy of the French Revolution begins Fall Arts and Sciences Symposium

By Lisa Crabbs  
staff writer

The spirit of the French Revolution lingers even across a sea and a time barrier of 200 years, a French professor of history, culture and politics said Tuesday night.

Catherine Gaston-Mathe kicked off JMU's 1989 Fall Arts and Sciences Symposium with her lecture. "The legacies from the revolution are still playing an important part in the everyday life of French citizens, as well as citizens around the world," Gaston-Mathe said in her delicate French accent. "There is a continuing struggle to achieve independent freedom and equal treatment for all, and the French Revolution was and still is a great part of this struggle."

Gaston-Mathe, who is a native of Paris, teaches in the Paris center for the JMU Studies Abroad Program. She has taught a variety of courses on socio-political topics in French and American universities.

"The French Revolution is a very controversial topic," Gaston-Mathe said. "The French argue about the reasons it started, when it started, and what part it played in world history."

She reminded the packed audience in Grafton-Stovall Theatre that they "must look at the legacy of the revolution as not only a legacy in France, but as a legacy for the whole world."

"Most of France's political ideas and the symbols that the French identify with stem from the revolution," she said. She gave examples such as the French flag, their national emblem, their motto and their major historical figures.

She also said that the world inherited the revolutionary spirit. "In France, revolution is a romantic myth, and we have completely idealized the concept of revolution. It is very difficult for us to conceive of a 'great war' like the French Revolution, and it is hard to accept the change it brings upon us."

The concept of the left and the right in politics was initiated in 1789 during the revolution," she said. "This one legacy continues even today in many countries of the world."

"The idea of the 'motherland' and the 'nation-state' also came from the revolution," Gaston-Mathe said. "It brought about this long-standing idea of dying and fighting for the mother country."

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Black liberation is subject of poet's lecture

By E. Vasha Hunt  
staff writer

Black Americans are losing their culture, the speaker at Wednesday afternoon's session of the 1989 Fall Arts and Sciences Symposium.

Haki Madhubuti, poet and essayist, proclaimed himself "a keeper" of that culture.

Blacks "are not who [they] used to be," he said. They have been "transposed" from their cultural ties. Blacks have been "taught to deny reality," he said. "One of the tragedies of black African-Americans is that too many black people never aquire any sense of their own existence."

Madhubuti's experience has led him to believe two different consciences have developed: a white conscience, one that is developed "from the neck up," and a black conscience, one that is developed "from the neck down."

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Sexual Assault
A drunk male tried to attack several female residents in Dingledine Hall late Sunday afternoon, according to campus police reports.

The suspect, a white, student-age male with blond hair and a medium build, entered a resident's room and crawled into bed with her. He pinned the resident against a wall and kissed her.

The suspect then attempted similar actions with several other Dingledine residents, police said. In all incidents, which occurred between 4:30 and 5 p.m., the suspect asked if he could spend the night.

He was wearing a black tank top, tan shorts, and brown shoes.

Trespassing
• Three female residents in Hillside Hall reported that two uninvited white males stayed in their rooms the morning of Sept. 9.
• According to police reports, the first suspect, a JMU student, had dark, wavy hair and a medium build. He was wearing shorts and a light green polo shirt.

The other suspect, about 6 feet 4 inches tall, was tanned, well-built and had short blond hair.

Petty Larceny
• A fire hose valued at $115, property of the buildings and grounds department, was stolen near White Hall between 5 p.m. and 2 a.m. on Sept. 8. The hose had been used to water the soccer field.

Suspicious Person
A female student returning to Dingledine Hall from the library was approached by a male at 11:17 p.m. Sept. 10, according to police reports.

The student fled the area after the suspect asked for her name.

Police described the white male as in his mid-20s, of medium height and wearing jeans and a blue shirt.

Indecent Exposure
A group of females reported an indecent exposure at the intersection of SAB Drive and Bluestone Drive at 6 p.m. Sept. 10.

Police said the suspect, seated in a blue Ford wagon, was a white male in his late 20s to early 30s and had black curly hair, a bushy mustache and dark wrap-around sunglasses.

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Small fire interrupts dinner at D-Hall
The french fries and chili got a little hotter than usual at Gibbons Dining Hall yesterday evening.

Four fire trucks responded to an electrical fire that started under a steam table in the burger line (Line 4) at 5 p.m. The steam table contains the serving bins for the chili and fries.

But before the firefighters from the Harrisonburg Fire Department could unravel their hoses, a dining hall employee grabbed a fire extinguisher and snuffed out the small flames.

"The fire was put out in just a few seconds," said assistant manager Howard Flanary. The flames were contained in a cabinet underneath the table.

Flanary went to the panel box housing circuit breakers and flipped the switch for the steam table a few times to see if it would work. But the circuit hissed and the fire started.

Campus police and fire officials will examine the steam table to find the exact cause, Flanary said.

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SAT scores still dropping

By Pat Ordovensky
Gannett News Service

Scores on the Scholastic Aptitude Test dropped for the third straight year, but students through the 1980s still made great improvement on the college admissions examination, The College Board said.

The Class of '89 averaged 903 on the SAT out of a perfect 1,600 — down from 904 last year and 906 in 1987. But the 1989 score still is up from the all-time low of 890 in 1980.

All the SAT's gains for the 1980s are in math, which in 1989 stayed at 476 out of 800. The verbal score dropped a point to 427 — its 1979 mark.

"It shows the younger generation doesn't read," said College Board President Donald Stewart. "High schools don't teach reading, Colleges must have more and more remedial classes."

Girls and minority students had mixed results. Blacks' SAT average stayed at 737 this year after gaining 49 points in the 1980s — the most of any ethnic group. But whites were up two points to 937; Asian-Americans up four to 934.

Girls slid two points on the SAT to 875, but boys rose one to 934.

Racial and gender gaps narrowed on the 1989 ACT — blacks stayed at 13.6, whites dropped to 19.4; girls climbed to 18, boys dropped to 19.3.

For the 1980s, whites' SAT scores were up nine points, Asian-Americans up 27, Puerto Ricans up 31, Mexican-Americans up 33.

"I'm not surprised" by the significant gains of minority students in the 1980s, said Thomas Shannon, executive director of the National School Boards Association.

"Intensive college recruitment of minorities," Shannon said, "has blacks thinking about college at an earlier age and better preparing themselves. The [recruitment] programs are starting to work," he said.

But the SAT gap is still wide: The 1989 average for whites was 937, for blacks 737.

Only in four states — Maine, New Hampshire, New Mexico and Hawaii — are black averages within 100 points of the all-student average.

WIRE NEWS

College Board backs the SAT

By Pat Ordovensky
Gannett News Service

Do you need to know the meaning of words like regatta and melodeon to succeed in college?


"As long as such terms are overused on the SAT," critics said, "the exam will continue to unfairly penalize low-income and minority students" unfamiliar with words like regatta, melodeon, heirloom and stockholder.

Wrong, said The College Board, the New York-based organization that conceived, developed and owns the SAT.

"It's reverse racism that holds certain assumptions about a race or a gender and what they should know," said College Board President Donald Stewart, who is black.

The book, Standing Up to the SAT, (Arco, $6.95) was released — coincidentally, its authors say — the day before the SAT and rival American College Test reported national average scores for 1989.

It will intensify debate over the value of the SAT and ACT as tools to predict a student's college ability. More than 90 percent of U.S. colleges require one of the tests for admission.

Blacks and Hispanics historically score far lower than whites and Asians on both tests. And girls score lower than boys in all ethnic groups.

The book is written by John Weiss, Barbara Beckwith and Bob Schaeffer of the National Center for Fair and Open Testing, a privately funded group that calls itself FairTest.

They explain how the SAT is constructed, how it's scored, why it's important to answer first the questions you know and how you can improve your score by guessing at the ones you don't know.

They even offer tips on educated guessing.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Congress tackles two hot issues

Congress tackled two burning issues Tuesday that have divided members along political and geographical lines. The House voted to ban flag-burning. The Senate took up a transportation spending bill that included a smoking ban on all domestic airline flights.

Judge denies bond for Colombian man

An accused cocaine money launderer — the "symbol" of a stepped-up war against Colombian traffickers — was ordered held without bond Monday in Atlanta.

Eduardo Martinez Romero, 36, was indicted in March as part of "Operation Polar Cap" — a probe federal officials say uncovered an operation that laundered about $15 billion in cocaine profits.

F.D.A questions safety of generics

Food and Drug Administration inspectors have found evidence of sloppy manufacturing and possible cheating at 10 of the first 12 generic drug companies to be investigated, they told Congress Monday. The evidence raises new questions about the safety and effectiveness of generics, and involves drugs used for serious illnesses such as heart failure, cancer, epilepsy and asthma.

Smithsonian agrees to return tribal skeletal remains

The Smithsonian Institution and American Indian leaders announced Tuesday an agreement to return some of the museum's thousands of skeletal remains and funeral objects to tribes for reburyal. The pact calls for the Smithsonian to honor requests to return any remains from its collection of more than 18,000 bodies that can be identified as culturally related to a tribe.

Lawmakers tackle funding of artists

Art and politics clash this week in a congressional battle. Lawmakers must decide whether to require standards for art subsidized by the public. The House on Wednesday appoints Rep. Sidney Yates, D-III., and 10 others to a House-Senate committee to decide whether to punish the National Endowment for the Arts for funding two artists whose work angered most members of Congress.

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Perhaps it is only natural for some Harrisonburg residents to resent thousands of young, newly independent, and often wild and troublesome strangers in their hometown, but JMU has so much to offer the community.

We admit students are sometimes irresponsible — running around drunk, having noisy parties and other such things that college students sometimes are known to do, but the university and the students help the community in many ways also.

JMU is good for Harrisonburg for economic, cultural, and community service reasons.

For more than half the year, Harrisonburg has more than 10,000 extra people to spend money at area businesses. Each fall, stores welcome students with open arms. And several times a year, such as Parents' Weekend, Homecoming and graduation, many of those 10,000 people bring in even more people each. These weekends are big moneymakers for many businesses, especially restaurants and hotels.

Not only does JMU help boost the economy, but it is the cultural center of Harrisonburg. Not a day goes by at JMU without a movie, concert, art exhibit, speaker or play — all of which are open to the public.

Many students, through classes, student organizations or on their own, volunteer their time, money and talents to the community.

The Center for Service-Learning alone has student volunteers working with such programs as Friendship Industries, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, child-care services, aging services, literacy, hospice and projects for the homeless. Some classes require students to volunteer a certain number of hours, and many individuals make time between studying and having a little fun to visit the elderly, be a friend to a child or help during an emergency.

The benefits the university and the students bring to Harrisonburg don't excuse the problems some students cause, but they should make us welcome. And the more productive and less destructive we all strive to be, the more the community will appreciate JMU.

PC Dukes' unsolved mist-eries

(Picture this: a mysterious, invisible film descends upon passersby, transforming them into grimacing, stunned and tacky messes; a lurking menace, even in the heat of summer, slickens a stairwell faster and more insidiously than a February frost. As you enter a dimension beyond light, sound and clean, dry air, forget wooden or metallic retaining walls — even umbrellas — for you have entered The Grease Zone.)

Well, at least the mist billowing from the back of PC Dukes looks, smells, and above all feels like grease. Even Food Services Director R. Davis Griffin said, "It's grease, and it's the cloud from the fans." But Director of Maintenance Phillip Deane was equally unequivocal: "It is water — pure H2O — and [the mist] is a direct result of the blower dispersing water into the air." If it were grease, he said, the stairwell "would be very, very slippery." The stairwell is very slippery. People have slipped and fallen on it.

So no matter what the mist is or isn't, it's definitely uncomfortable and potentially a serious hazard. Instead of exhaust dissipating vertically into the sky like other fast-food places, Griffin said, the mist "shoots out at ground level." He and Contract Dining Director Hank Moody said the problem has existed since Dukes opened in October 1985, but Moody said he was unaware of any problem except the smoke which used to "kill the grass" and "make everyone in the library hungry." Shutting Dukes down and correcting the vents was scheduled for last summer, but will be postponed at least another year for upcoming D-Hall renovations.

Students have the option of boycotting PC Dukes until something is done. Other JMU and off-campus eateries will be happy to serve them in facilities where customers won't lose their appetites or footing before entering or lose their paychecks before exiting (but bigger prices and smaller portions are another issue).

Now, Dukes is a convenient, well-run, aesthetically pleasing place to eat. And that's just the point: Students go there to eat greasy food, not to wear it or to slide down the stairs on it. The real mystery, then, is not what the mist is, but why year after year it continues to exist at all. The answer still seems to be blowing in the wind.

Students are assets, not asses, to Harrisonburg revenue, locals

To the editor:

As a transfer student this fall at JMU, I have faced many new situations, but there have been no experiences like the one I soon faced after arriving: student discrimination. I am sure all commuter students understand perfectly what I am referring to, but for those of you who do not venture out into Harrisonburg often, I will give you a couple of examples.

As a transfer student, one must find off-campus housing, so I began to scan the classifieds. Imagine the shock and horror of finding that because I am a student I was not allowed to rent many of the apartments listed. Once I did convince a landlord I would not have a beer keg as part of my permanent furnishings and would not blast Led Zeppelin until 4 a.m., I then had to have my utilities connected.

A typical line of questioning from each utility company went as follows: "What is your address?... What is your permanent address?... What is your permanent address?... What are your Mommy and Daddy's addresses?... Where can we send the bill, student (a.k.a. deadbeat)?... to make sure it is paid?... Even when I tried to get a membership at a local video store I was treated with disdain and contempt.

From this experience, I have come to the following conclusions. When leaving the JMU campus at any time, students should think of themselves as representatives of the student body. They truly do hold our reputation in their hands and, if they ever decide to move off campus, their activities may come back to haunt them. And as for the businesses, JMU provides not only more traffic but such assets as revenue and tourism. They should not be so quick to place all students in the same category.

Carol Dillon

sophomore history

'Conservative Democrat' Wilder really 'extreme left-wing radical'

To the editor:

I was amazed to discover, in the Sept. 11 Breeze, that the Young Democrats apparently know less about their own candidate for governor than we College Republicans know. In the spirit of clearing up any misconceptions, I offer the following information.

YD President David Conger describes Doug Wilder as "a conservative Democrat, who is pro-death penalty." What a joke! Here's the record: In 1977, Wilder was one of only two members of the entire Virginia Senate to vote against the reinstatement of the death penalty. That same year, he was the only senator to vote against imposing the death penalty for the killing of a police officer. In addition, Wilder voted against applying the death penalty to mass murderers in both 1980 and 1981.

Hopefully, this information will clear up for David any misconception of Doug Wilder as a "conservative Democrat." The College Republicans fight such extreme left-wing radicals every Monday at 8 p.m. in the Piedmont Room. Come out and help continue Virginia's tradition of conservative, sensible government.

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Fight power of all discrimination by 'common ground,' not blame

To the editor:

This letter is written with regard to the various letters appearing in the Sept. 7 issue of The Breeze and the editorial that also appeared in said issue that dealt with racial tensions on JMU's campus and the riots which took place in Virginia Beach.

It amazes me that at a campus that professes diversity and intellectual equality we have such a wide variety of ignorance. On the one hand we have a selected white population uttering grade school racial slurs and on the other hand, we have a selected black population discarding any education they might have received to participate in meaningless looting and destruction.

The question we must ask ourselves is, "Who is at fault?" The answer is, we all are. When we begin to point fingers, we lose sight of the goal we all are inherently striving for.

Often around campus, a cry of white racial discrimination can be heard. Last semester, the proof that reverse discrimination lives at JMU relied on the need to find a common ground from which we can all "fight the power" of discrimination. Once we stop trying to find blame, we can begin to fight the root of the problem.

Amber Daniels

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religion/philosophy

Now is time to be revolutionary on campus in 'freedom struggle'

To the editor:

The 1989-90 school year has just begun, and already there have been two racially motivated incidents: one on Greek Row, one in Shorts Hall, and both unnecessary. Racism is a reality few seem to acknowledge or want to acknowledge, but it does exist.

How do we stop it? As a realist, it's fair to say the existence of racism cannot be discredited. As a black man, however, it is more than fair to say we blacks won't try to change the situation. Some say college is where we attain our education, and only after we graduate can we make a change. This mindset is as foolish as it is self-righteous. The time is now—not four years from now, not after you graduate, but now!

Organization is the key to successfully laying the wreath that racism is. Violence may seem to be the right alternative at the moment of conflict, but there is a penalty to pay. We need more revolutionaries involved in SGA legislative committees. A revolutionary doesn't wait for things to happen, he/she makes things happen. Be a revolutionary. Let's get together and do this, because if we don't support our own cause, how can we expect others to help us out? Divided we are conquered, together we can conquer. Aluta continua (the struggle continues). Peace and guidance.

Chris Pryor

freshman

art/history

Va. Beach police, Guard acted with restraint, didn't start riots

To the editor:

As a resident of Virginia Beach, I was disturbed by the events that took place over Labor Day weekend. But I was even more upset to find that people were blaming the local government and police for the violence, as if there had forced tens of thousands of people to break into over 100 stores and steal millions of dollars in merchandise.

People such as Virginia NAACP President Jack Gravely and JMU NAACP President Freda Burns blame the police and National Guard for the riots. Yet the weekend ran smoothly for the most part until the crowds were left unsupervised. Only after the police had moved up the Strip to check on a disturbance did the looting begin. The National Guard was not called in until a few hours later. It was obviously not a case of intimidation by the police. Freda Burns incorrectly stated that on any given night at the beach you will find that immense kind of crowd. There are never that many people on the Strip and they have never caused riots.

Even after the riots began, police exercised a great deal of restraint. They were cursed at, spit on and pelted with bottles, yet they never fired their guns nor did they use tear gas.

If you think that it was a racial problem, then you are right. The blacks that participated in the riot felt they should get back at the whites who were trying to maintain law and order. They felt it was necessary to "fight the power," even though the power was those interested in keeping Virginia Beach safe.

It is safe to say that race relations have taken a big step back, but not because of the innocent Greekfest participants or the Virginia Beach police. It's because of those who boycott and those who can only point their fingers, rather than realizing it was their fault all along.

Andy Wiley

freshman

undeclared

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***RAINDATE-SUNDAY, SEPT. 17***
China, JMU united by student activism

During early June, I watched with amazement as tens of thousands of college students paraded their cause for freedom in front of the Shanghai No. 1 department store.

Business slammed to a halt that day or, actually, the night before, when the city streets flooded with what the Chinese government later called rumor mongers and other would-be criminals who had learned about the massacre to the north, just hours earlier.

So, nobody working for the government showed up at work that day, which included the employees of the Shanghai No. 1, who have the curious requirement that they be identified by wearing numbered pins on their polyester uniforms where a name-tag should hang.

I approached the crowd, which swelled with discontented masses. Most foreigners had disappeared the week before, making me more conspicuous among people with identical coal-black hair and tanned skin.

With a bit of encouragement and after having been reassured that the army wasn't nearby, I climbed onto one of the electric buses, which were backed up for blocks and occupied by students, and waved nervously as they roared in approval of my courage to remain.

With the familiar voice of an unknown RA reading reports over short-wave radio in Chinese.

I didn't have an answer for them because the news was as new to me as it was to them, the difference being that it wouldn't fade from their minds after they resumed work the next week as quickly as it would from the seven o'clock news over here.

They appealed to me to support their democracy drive. I smiled and nodded in sympathy, because moral support was all I had to offer.

**GUEST COLUMNIST**

Jeff Brauer

The closest I ever had approached the concept of fighting for democracy was ninth grade history class, I'm ashamed to say, because newspaper news, which places half of a story on page 24, always seems so remote.

What I witnessed in China seemed almost surreal and I still struggle to believe that the people I met and talked with there are now either locked up or dead.

They were punished for having done what I would have done, having been caged like dogs for 40 years.

Since leaving China and passing through Hong Kong, I have been trying to put these experiences into perspective. Those Chinese students have left an indelible mark on history, almost changing it outright.

Most of them were about 20 years old. I'm 20. I've never had a brush with history and, I suppose, I should be grateful I haven't needed to.

There are more Chinese people sharing this earth than Americans.

The dormitory intercom buzzed on the other day with the familiar voice of an unknown RA reading some events scheduled for this month.

The other guys were in reach of their doors, which slammed shut about two sentences into the announcement. Mine stayed open long enough to hear that the SGA is conducting hall senator elections.

The potential strength of students, and the SGA in particular, had never occurred to me. Somehow, the SGA seemed absorbed in tasks like suggesting placement for a new sidewalk or allotting money to the drama club for its Spring musical.

I became actively involved with the SGA before I went abroad, working to promote politics at JMU, but the underlying sensation that some colleagues were participating to satisfy their egos and fill space on resumes haunted our meetings like ghosts.

I'll work with the SGA again this year, in some capacity.

And, to be honest, I'm sure the proceedings will still be entangled with new sidewalk proposals and lingering ghosts.

But, after having watched the death of democracy across the Pacific on television or the top of a bus, we can all lay claim to a renewed appreciation of our responsibilities as students.

Jeff Brauer is a junior economics major.
Home Sweet Home
Housekeeping crews work to give campus living the comforts of home

By Gayle Cohen
staff writer

They come, do their jobs and go quietly without much notice. No one seems to question where the trash goes or how things get so clean.

Although the students are generally unaware of it, they depend on those quiet, unobtrusive workers that make up the housekeeping staff at JMU.

And although they may often go unnoticed, they make up a large portion of the JMU community. The staff, consisting of 128 permanent positions and 42 temporary ones, is headed by Clifford Poiriot, senior housekeeping manager, and Madeleine Long, housekeeping manager.

Throughout campus, the staff assumes a sort of "mother" role for the students, and just as mothers often feel unappreciated for their work, Lori Downing, one of the crew members, says "some of the kids don't respect us."

Downing is part of the crew responsible for the Huffman, Garber and Dingleton residence halls. She is on a crew of four, headed by crew leader Gloria Shifflett.

Shifflett says the kids make quite a mess but that last year, Ikenberry, for which her crew is no longer responsible, was the worst.

Working Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Shifflett says she and her staff do "a little bit of everything," including scrubbing bathrooms, stairs, walls and entrance ways.

Often they can be found performing little extra tasks, such as simple appliance repairs.

Still, Downing says that it is not an easy job and some students make the simplest jobs difficult.

She gives examples of some residents not speaking or responding to crew members when they are trying to be friendly. Some barely dressed males, she says, like to proceed into the bathrooms while they are being cleaned — using the facilities as if no one was there.

Despite the hard work and the occasional lack of respect, Downing says, "we enjoy the kids."

She smiles then as several students pass by, and a few stop to talk to the crew. Spraying one of them with a garden hose, she laughs along with the "victim" and says, "The kids make our job."

The crew's affection for the residents is obvious, but what is also apparent is their admiration for Shifflett, their leader.

"She is a great working crew leader," one says, and they all nod and add their praise.

Shifflett herself tells little and remains busy as she speaks. Just after revealing how many years she has been employed at JMU, she looks stern and advises, "Don't you tell people that!"

She admits, however, that she's been a part of the staff since before most of the freshmen were born. Everyone agrees that if you need anything, go to "Gloria."

Like every staff member at JMU, the housekeeping staff is an influential part of every student's college life. And for the majority who are miles away from their families, it's the housekeepers who make the campus home away from home.

Pregame talk: Playing it safe with sex

Hello boys and girls. We are going to learn a new game. It's called "Play it Safe."

We are in an institution of higher education — adults able to make our own decisions and experiment with who we are. Naturally, part of the experiment is with sex.

Two things occur with high frequency on college campuses. One is mass consumption of alcohol, and the second is a lot of experimental sex. These are two ingredients that, despite common belief, are not a good mixture. Although alcohol and other drugs do not directly spread disease, the effects may impair your judgment and reduce your ability to make wise decisions.

From now on we are going to "Play it Safe," so here are the rules of the game.

Rule 1: Always, always use a condom. Like the American Express Card, don't leave home without it!

This means you too, girls.

Rule 2: Think now about the consequences and all that's involved with sex. Never forget it, and never rationalize that it won't happen to you.

Rule 3: Decide now. Decide now on what you want, when you want it and if you want it at all. Abstinence is a very normal and healthy approach.

Rule 4: Take action. Be responsible for your body. Don't do anything you feel uneasy about. Remember this if nothing else — it only takes once. One time to get pregnant, one time to catch AIDS and one time to catch a lifelong sentence of herpes.

Playing it safe doesn't have to mean eliminating intimacy from your life. It does mean being the smart individual you are and staying healthy. It's enjoying sex to the fullest without giving or getting sexual diseases. Sounds simple, doesn't it? Well, let's huddle up for the pregame talk.

STDs are sexually transmitted diseases. They are transmitted from one infected partner to another through intimate contact involving exchange of bodily fluids. These bacteria and viruses travel in body fluids like blood, semen, saliva, feces and vaginal secretions.
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The Abyss (PG-13) — Valley Mall Loews Theatres, 1:30 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:40 p.m.
Uncle Buck (PG) — Loews Theatres, 7 p.m., 9:30 p.m.
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Review

Rude, crude and funny — 'Ubu Roi'

By Jay Clarke

"By my green snot," says Pere Ubu — this repulsive, disgustingly and absolutely filthy statement opens "Ubu Roi."

What kind of travesty is this play, with its fat, ugly, extremely smelly lead character and his insufferable hag of a wife — not to mention the lewd language? Combine these elements with the exaggerated costumes, rudimentary set, excellent acting, the burlesque slapstick-like scenes and hilarious personal touches, and you realize "Ubu Roi" isn't a joke — it's great.

"Ubu Roi" depicts the trials and tribulations of the want-to-be King of Poland Pere Ubu, played by Mike Keel. Pere Ubu’s wife, Mere Ubu (Virginia Hamilton), convinces him to kill King Venceslas of Poland, taking his crown and riches.

But Pere Ubu proves to be an unscrupulous tightwad, and his luck turns on him. The cowardly Ubu is beset by war from all sides and is forced to do battle with the czar of Russia.

Throughout the story, the audience is kept amused by Pere Ubu’s ravings, his melees with his unfortunate subjects.

From spewing spaghetti from his mouth across the stage to pulling out of the hair, shoving in a piece of wood in the ears, extraction of the brains by the heels,” is typical of what he yells at his wife and unfortunate subjects.

The cast enhances the play with touches of its own, such as using an uzi in battle or having an "ugly mug." Keel is unforgettable. Opposite Keel, Hamilton as Mere Ubu is every man’s nightmare — not to mention extremely funny.

Alfred Jarry, author of "Ubu Roi," meant for Pere Ubu to be portrayed as the most disgusting, repulsive character imaginable to the audience. Keel portrays Pere Ubu better, more repulsive and disgusting than the audience ever could imagine.

From spewing spaghetti from his mouth all over Mere Ubu to killing one noble for having “an ugly mug,” Keel is unforgettable. Opposite Keel, Hamilton as Mere Ubu is every man’s nightmare — an insufferable, horrifyingly ugly woman who does nothing but berate and assault her husband. To his credit, Pere Ubu insults and beats his wife a good share also.

Stephen Barney gives another memorable performance as King Venceslas, the Czar of Russia and various other bit characters. Although his Czar character is a bit two-dimensional, his portrayal of his other characters is quite good.

In fact, with the exceptions of Keel, Hamilton and Terence Ward, who plays the silent artist Rousseau, all the actors in "Ubu Roi" assumed several roles. They portrayed their different characters so well that it took nothing away from the play.

Although the acting is superb, the play itself is a bit hard to follow at times. Occasionally a character will appear to be obviously dead, only to appear alive later. Also, the reason for Russia attacking Pere Ubu's domain is never clarified. But the acting and excellent dialogue overcome these problems.

Though the acting is excellent, Jarry’s dialogue makes the actors memorable. In very few plays, especially those from the 19th century, are characters heard threatening to remove the brains of their wives. Pere Ubu's line, "I'm only just beginning — twisting of the nose, pulling out of the hair, snaking of the small bit of wood in the ears, extraction of the brains by the heels," is typical of what he yells at his wife and unfortunate subjects.

Imagine all this performed in a comical manner and the essence of "Ubu Roi" becomes apparent. The play is rude, crude, lewd and socially unacceptable — not to mention extremely funny.

Ubu Roi is experimental, modern theater in its most experimental form. If the costumes seem a bit rough or over exaggerated, or the scenery comes across as a little rudimentary, that's the way Jarry wanted it to be.

The cast enhances the play with touches of its own, such as using an uzi in battle or having a character glance at her watch, to make the play even more irreverent. This disregard, combined with the great dialogue and good acting, overcome the confusion and make "Ubu Roi" a play well worth seeing.

"Ubu Roi" opens tonight at 8 p.m. at Theatre II and runs through Sunday. Performances are Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m.
They are exchanged by genital contact, oral-genital contact, anal-genital contact and sharing of contaminated needles and syringes. Even needles used to inject steroids may be dangerous if they are shared. No sexually transmitted disease, including AIDS, can be spread through casual contact such as handshaking, talking, sitting on toilet seats or living in the same rooms with the infected persons.

A few of the most prevalent STDs are listed below. For more information, go to the Health Center or library and inquire within. Don't be bashful. If you are, call x6177 for anonymous information.

Chlamydia is a bacterial infection. It's the most common STD in the United States, with an estimated 3 to 5 million new cases each year. It can be treated with antibiotics.

Gonorrhea is caused by a bacteria that infects the genital area or the mouth and throat. Often times those infected with gonorrhea also have a chlamydial infection.

Genital Herpes is caused by a virus. There is no cure. About a half million new cases occur in the United States annually.

Genital Warts also is caused by a virus and is typically spread by direct contact with a wart from an infected sexual partner. It can be treated.

AIDS is a virus that damages the body's natural immune defenses against disease. No one with AIDS has ever recovered the lost immune function. Sexually active homosexual and bisexual men account for 64 percent of reported cases. Treatment is still in experimental stages.

Condoms greatly reduce the chance of spreading disease, and although they do not provide 100 percent protection, they are highly effective if used properly. Latex condoms are the most efficient and protective, while animal skin condoms do not protect against viruses.

To be effective, a condom has to stay in one piece and be put on and removed correctly. Remember to use only new condoms — new laws require the package to be dated.

Put it on during foreplay because pre-ejaculatory fluid can transmit STDs and sperm. Use the right lubricant. Only use waterbased lubricants like K-Y Jelly. Vaseline, lotions and baby oil weaken condoms.

Research shows that alcohol, marijuana, amphetamines (speed) and amyl nitrite (poppers) may damage the immune system, leaving you open to diseases that you otherwise might be able to fight off. Research also suggests that these drugs may leave you more susceptible to the AIDS virus.

Let's not forget pregnancy prevention. Girls and guys, if you think you're going to be sexually active it would be smart to use some approved method of birth control. "The pill" is 97 percent effective and is more hassle-free than other methods.

The diaphragm and pill are prescription methods available through the Health Center or your gynecologist.

Other options are the sponge, condoms and vaginal spermicides. Don't leave home without them.

The rhythm method and the withdrawal techniques are NOT recommended. These are not reliable, and they cause undue stress and lot of prayer (which, by the way, doesn't work). Remember, it only takes once.

The Health Center offers a class called "Choices" on contraception methods. These classes are free. The center also carries very useful and informative pamphlets on all the subjects mentioned here. Please don't hesitate to go pick some up. Also, they offer testing for all STDs and related concerns for a minimal fee. Results are confidential.

So now that you know the rules and the basic fundamentals of the game, let's get out there and have a successful season!

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Inexperience plagues JMU volleyball team as Dukes open 0-4

By Paul Ziebarth
staff writer

The women's volleyball team is a young one, but it got a little older Monday night. In a 2 1/2-hour match in Godwin gym, the Dukes dropped a hard-fought decision to Fresno Pacific College, 11-15, 15-6, 17-15, 11-15, 7-15, to bring their early season record to 0-5. JMU played its first home game of the season Monday, after finishing 14-17 a year ago. Going into the game the main question was whether the team could offset its relative inexperience with toughness on the court.

"We have quick, strong athletes, but some of them are very young and some are very inexperienced," second-year head coach Catherine Milligan said of her young 1989 team, which features only one senior, 5-foot-11 Pat Murphy. Milligan will be looking to her youngsters to replace four starters lost to graduation, including four-year starter, 1988 JMU MVP, and three-time Colonial All-Tournament Team selection Chrissie Penas and two-time All-Conference selection Dina Thomas.

Freshmen Alison Harris, Patty Bucaria and Wendi Miller will all be looked to this season, as will sophomores Molly Ball, Aimee Kozlowski, Kim Huggins, Elizabeth Dean and Lorraine Kelly. Ball was a starter as a freshman last season.

Milligan has characterized her team as "versatile" and "tenacious on defense," a description that proved true Monday night. Although the Dukes fell behind 10-3 in the first game, they stormed back to give the Californians a tough fight before falling 15-11. In the second game, the Dukes surged ahead 8-0, with six straight points by Ball, and held on to win 15-6. They then took the third game in a tie-breaker, 17-15. Again, Ball played a key role, as she set Fresno's serve and was effective at the serving line.

Murphy then blocked a Fresno spike to give the Dukes the momentum that carried them to the win. Led by Ball, Kozlowski, Dean, junior Christy Glover and Murphy, the Dukes hung tough against a larger, more experienced Fresno team which featured three six-footers and four seniors. Throughout the match, Kozlowski, Glover, Murphy and Dean stuffed attempted spikes back into the Fresno front court. Ball provided solid digging on the spikes that got past the Duke front line and was effective from the serving line as well.

But the Dukes' inexperience showed in the fourth game. JMU jumped out to a quick 9-2 lead behind the serving, spiking and blocking of Kozlowski, but then faltered. Fresno's Debbie Guck ripped off six straight points to bring the score to 9-8. JMU's serve was broken twice without scoring, while Fresno picked up the slack, winning 9 of 11 points to pull into a 15-15 tie. Fresno's Jarmin, Sevi Berryman and Jessica Bennett scored more easily than in previous games as Fresno coasted to the win.

JMU travels to Athens, Ohio this weekend to take part in the Ohio University Round Robin tournament, and returns home Sept. 19 against Virginia Tech.

Dukes win in come-from-behind fashion

By Greg Abel
staff writer

The JMU field hockey team returned home hungry from Michigan last weekend. They played consistently strong according to head coach Dee McDonough, but had to settle for ties at Michigan State and Central Michigan.

The Dukes opened their home season against ECAC conference rival Richmond Tuesday night at JMU Stadium and finally tasted victory with a 2-1 come-from-behind win.

Cross country team returns depth

By Maurice Jones
staff writer

With the return of six of its top seven runners from last year's squad, the men's cross country team appears ready again to compete for the top spot in the Colonial Athletic Association. The team placed third in the CAA championships last year and is looking to improve on that finish this season.

"We feel we have a strong chance to finish higher this year, after we only finished fifth last season," head coach Bill Walton said. "One of our yearly goals is to be in a position to contend for the conference championship," Walton said. "Of course we would like to win, but as long as we are running up to our potential then I can live with that."

Another goal of the team is to do well at the IC4A championships in November. If the Dukes finish in the top three they would earn a bid to the NCAA tournament.

"Because we have so many returning runners we feel we can finish in the top ten at the IC4As and possibly qualify for the NCAA championships," Walton said. See PREVIEW page 18.
made some changes, and I don't know that we ever really felt good about how they were playing as a group. But tonight there were some things on defense that we worked on that they did very well... because it was working I didn't want to take a chance and change it."

For a time though, it appeared as if the Dukes might have been turned away by visiting Spiders. Although JMU visibly dominated the first half it trailed at the break by a score of 1-0. Richmond's goal came on a corner shot seven minutes to play in the first half. After goalkeeper Laura Knapp saved an initial shot, the Spider's Sue Hewes was there for the rebound and eluded Knapp to put Richmond on the board.

After the first half, JMU held the shots on goal advantage 11-3, and had four corner opportunities to Richmond's one. The Dukes came out a bit flat in the second half as Richmond dominated possession for the half's first ten minutes. Knapp made two excellent saves at the goal mouth during that stretch to keep the Dukes close.

JMU finally got on the board with 15 minutes gone by in the second half as they capitalized on a corner opportunity. After Richmond goalie Lori Miller rebounded sophomore halfback Melissa Myers' initial shot, sophomore forward Megan Hoke was there to knock it in to knot the score.

McDonough gave a lot of credit to her defense for playing well under pressure in the second half.

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**Preview**

Injuries have plagued the team so far this season. Two of the top seven runners currently are injured. Senior Brian Schmidt has had problems with his hip since the latter part of the summer and Jeff Fritz, also a senior, injured his hip flexor while working out with weights over the summer.

Schmidt and Fritz were the number three and four runners at most of last year's tournaments. Although their injuries may have an effect on the early part of the season, they will be back for the most important events, the CAA and IC4As championships.

Walton is expecting a couple of returning players and transfers to pick up the slack early in the season.

"There are several runners we are looking at to build on last year's performances," Walton said. "Dave Smith and Claude Gibson are ready to step in and contribute."

"We also have a junior college All-American transfer in Jeff Breen, who could start to make a major contribution by midseason," Walton said.

Back again this season is the team's number one runner, senior Pete Weilenmann. Weilenmann is a two-time NCAA qualifier who has had injury problems each time the NCAAAs have rolled around. For the past two championship tournaments Weilenmann has had to run with stress fractures that slowed him down.

Coach Walton has implemented a less strenuous workout program for Weilenmann to lessen the chances of the stress fractures recurring.

"We have felt for the past couple of years that Pete is one of the top twenty-five runners in the country and in order to strengthen his chances [at the NCAAAs] we've made his workouts less strenuous," Walton explained. "He has been on the verge of All-America for the past two years and anything less than competing in the NCAAAs will disappoint him."

According to Walton the team possesses a mixture of experience in Weilenmann, Schmidt and Breen, and potential in freshmen Phil Dickenson and Chris Straub.

"We never really place high expectations on our freshmen. If they are able to contribute then that's great," Walton said. "We finally have a chance to break them in slowly."

This mixture has given the Dukes good reason to look forward to the upcoming season and has once again made a first place finish in the CAA championships and a strong showing at the IC4As realistic goals.
ACTIVITIES —

SOFTBALL HOME RUN DERBY — Sign-up deadline for the Softball Home Run Derby is Sept. 20 by noon in Godwin 213.

FACULTY/STAFF FAMILY FUN DAY — There will be a games and activities day Sept. 23 for all faculty, staff, spouses and children from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Godwin gym. Please return completed forms to register for the activities.

HORSESHOES — Sign-up deadline for the intramural horseshoes tournament is Sept. 27 by noon in Godwin 213.

ROLLER SKATING — There will be a roller skate night at Skatetown USA Thursday, Sept. 21 from 7:30 to 10 p.m. Admission is free with a JMU ID. Skate rentals are available.

All activities are open to students, faculty and staff.

The Richmond Spiders used to have JMU entangled in their web, winning the first four times the teams met. But JMU has managed to reverse that trend over the past two seasons, winning 41-3 at home in 1987 and 25-13 in Richmond last season. JMU will look to continue its upswing this weekend when the teams meet in JMU Stadium.

Richmond has started slow this season, dropping its first two games at home. They were shut out in the second half of last week's home match-up with Rhode Island, as the Rams outgained the Spiders 421-203 yards. After the teams battled to a 14-14 tie, Rhode Island scored 31 straight points, allowing just nine Spider first downs on the afternoon.

While Richmond's offense allows for an open-air attack, quarterback Kyle Horner, a Tennessee transfer, completed just seven of 24 attempts for 98 yards.

Freshmen have been a big part of the Spiders' roster this season. Wide receiver Sterling Brown, a true freshman, has six receptions on the year for 84 yards. On its two-deep pregame roster for Saturday's game, Richmond has seven redshirt freshmen and six players in their first year.

Offensively, All-American candidate Eric Hopkins is Richmond's top ground-gainer. The tailback has accounted for 174 all-purpose yards in the two games in rushing, receiving and kick returns. Flanker Curtis Jefferson, who burned JMU last year to open the scoring on a 56-yard pass play, is back as well. He hasn't posted great numbers, averaging just nine yards on seven receptions this season.

Linebacker Keith Wilson and free safety James Smith anchor the defensive unit. Wilson has a team-high 19 tackles, and Smith, who registered 16 tackles including seven unassisted this season, has two interceptions. But the team has sacked opposing quarterbacks only twice.

Head coach Jim Marshall is in his first year as a collegiate coach after Dal Shcalcy resigned the position in December to become the executive vice president of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.
Polish prognosticator Matt Wasniewski, aided by his prophetic Appalachian State prediction, yet again staved off the pack of panelists with a 7-3 record. Panicking after last week’s poor showing, Stephanie Swaim put in a call to Jimmy the Greek and Pete Axthelm. Both men told Swaim to do her own predictions. She did and finished 6-4. Dave Washburn, who delivers his picks to the sports desk in hermetically sealed envelopes — so Swaim won’t peek — also finished 6-4. John Craig, almost banished from the predictions staff for life in light of his atrocious 3-6 debut, was reportedly seen doing the Giant’s “52-yard field goal rally dance” on the quad Monday Night. The ploy worked and Craig turned in a much-improved 6-4 record. Last week’s guest predictor, Tracy Humphrey, finished with a respectable 6-4 performance. This week’s guest is assistant sports information director Curt Dudley.
Ashby Crossing plans finishing touches

**BUSINESS**

By Meghan Johnson  
**business editor**

Last month as most JMU students were busily moving their belongings into residence halls or apartments around Harrisonburg, some students were reluctantly checking into a motel for a three-week stay.

Students who were signed up to live on two buildings in the Ashby Crossing apartment complex were delayed due to construction delays to take up residence in the Regency Motor Inn off Port Republic Road, near I-81.

Residents for five apartments were delayed from moving in for three weeks, and twelve more units were delayed two weeks. Students leasing another 12 apartments were delayed one week in moving in.

Ashby Crossing, located on Port Republic Road past Hunters Ridge, was advertised last spring as the perfect community for "student un-rest." Students who signed leases at that time expected to be able to move into their new apartments just in time for the fall semester.

Problems that delayed the construction schedule of complex arose during the summer. Thavan Corporation, a construction and development firm from Blacksburg, is behind the project.

Attempts were made to contact Thavan representatives but were not successful.

Ashby Crossing, a new apartment complex on Port Republic Road, will be finished soon.

Snyder Hunt, a management company also based in Blacksburg, is handling management for Thavan.

In a written statement from Snyder Hunt, property manager Kyle Short said the major cause of the delay was bad weather. The heavy rain put the construction schedule off by 44 working days, he said.

Students who rented apartments in buildings 1210, 1230 and 1250 were notified this summer that their buildings were not completed.

Junior Mark Hynes said he and his three roommates were notified about two weeks before they planned to return to Harrisonburg that their building was one of the three affected by the delay.

Hynes said at first they were told they would be able to move into their apartment around Sept. 8, but that date was then moved to Sept. 13. Hynes said he now expects to be able to move in tomorrow, making it a full three-week stay at the Regency.

It began with promises last year," Hynes said, adding that since his apartment mates are transfer students, he's been the one in contact with the management.

"It's been hellacious. I asked them on numerous occasions [this summer] and they gave me their solemn assurance [that the building would be finished]."

"All the promises they gave are just dead," Hynes said, mentioning the

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Flex Accounts expand use for student IDs

By Len Cooper  
**staff writer**

JMU students now can expand the use of their ID card by participating in the Flex Account, a new variation on the campus debit card system. This account is available to any JMU student and can be used in food service locations, the bookstore, the post office, Mr. Chips and Duke's Duplicates.

Sheryl Tonini, business manager of administrative services, said this pilot project is being welcomed with much enthusiasm from all of the participating services.

By using their JMU student IDs, students with the Flex Account now will be able to make most on-campus purchases without having to carry cash or write checks. Students won't be able to overdraft, and they can be notified at each transaction of their new balance.

JMU is the first school in Virginia to offer this type of debit system. Similar programs have been instituted at North Carolina State and Duke universities.

The new debit account is similar to the current Food from Home accounts. Students would deposit money into their account, and any purchases are subtracted from the funds deposited.

Student reactions to the new debit system have been varied. Some wonder if it might hurt pocketbooks in the long run.

"I have mixed feelings," said senior Amanda Dellinger. "It would be very convenient, but I can see it getting a lot of students in financial trouble."

Sophomore Eric Barccl disagrees. "I think it's fine. I heard some people worry about frivolous spending, but with this system, a person has a choice. If a person spends frivolously, it's his or her problem; no one else is affected. This might also help people to learn how to manage money."

JMU Food Services Director R. Davis Griffin led in initiating the Food from Home accounts, and has played a key role in implementing the Flex Account as well. Griffin said the further expansion of the ID card's uses is a possibility. The IDs someday may be used to gain admittance to parking lots with control gates and as a credit system.

Those who use Valu-Cards at copying machines, washers and dryers may at some point be able to transfer money from their Flex Accounts into their Valu-Card accounts by using their ID cards, but for now the two systems are entirely separate of one another. However, the ID cards probably will never be used directly in vending machines due to incompatible hardware.

Although the Flex Account will offer similar services provided by Food from Home, the Food from Home system will continue to exist separately.

After this semester, however, students no longer will be able to use that service at Mr. Chips. Griffin explained parents were concerned that Food from Home accounts were not being used for food.

With both the Food from Home account and the Flex account, students will receive discounts of 20 percent at fixed-price locations such as Gibbons Dining Hall, Mrs. Green's, Top Dog and the Steak House. Ten percent discounts will be available at PC Dukes, Duke's Duplicates and other cash locations where prices vary.

While Food from Home accounts are not charged sales tax on purchases, sales tax will be added to purchases made with Flex Accounts.

Students can set up a flex account to begin any time, at Entrance 3 of D-Hall. For this semester only, Flex Accounts can be opened with a minimum deposit of $25. After this semester, the minimum opening deposit will be $50. Money in Food from Home accounts can be transferred into Flex Accounts until Dec. 15.
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"Not one African-American can sell of relatives in Africa," he said, but many Chinese-Americans can "eloquently" describe the setting and situations of the Chinese Revolution.

Madhubuti is most upset by blacks' lack of ancestry, he said. He believes the lack of ancestry has lead to a lack of self-knowledge, which in turn has contributed to the lack of self-confidence in younger blacks.

This lacking has left black teens with two choices: to live poorly and in servitude, or to take the "entrepreneur's" route into the drug world, which he called "capitalism in the black community."

Madhubuti also told of the fear blacks must live with, describing blacks as "being terrorized," because they often "don't understand what's going on."

He also described the hardships of the black person in today's world. Blacks could attain better living and working conditions if they work for them with pride and unity.

The color black has negative connotations, he said. It has been used to describe the days of stock market crashes and other catastrophes.

These problems have been magnified by media attention, he said. "Every day, books, magazines and newspaper articles are published with information detailing the decline of the black family. Black misery has always made good copy."

But "the problem is the content and the context the answers are presented in," he said. "The truth hurts."

"We are people who, by and large, have been taught to deny a reality," he said. "Many people are unwilling to resist."

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university bus service students were promised when they signed leases in spring. They've since been told there will be no such bus service.

Hynes and another student, who asked not to be named, said they heard the delay was caused by a zoning complication, not by bad weather as the company claims. He said the lease he signed contained a disclaimer for delays caused by weather, but that a zoning delay could constitute a breach of contract.

Short said, "It is important to note that Snyder Hunt has applied tremendous pressure to not only the Thavan Corporation, but many of the sub-contractors to try and speed up the completion of construction."

Some of the students displaced to the Regency have been able to move into their designated units. Building 1230 is now complete, and when building 1210 is complete on Friday, the last of the displaced students will move out of the motel.

Ashby Crossing residents were required to pay a deposit and their first month's rent when they signed their leases. Hynes said September's rent will be pro-rated and applied to remaining months' rent. Displaced students' motel fees are being paid by the company.

Ashby Crossing resident Karen Bridgett, a junior, was able to move into her building Aug. 24, a week after she and her roommates planned to come back to school. The first week's rent was deducted from the first month's rent, she said.

She said when she first arrived, there were no window blinds, a fixture promised with furnished apartments. They were also without telephone service and hot water. Hot water was hooked up the following day, but the telephones were not hooked up until later in the first week of classes.

"Our apartment is really nice, and everybody feels that way," Bridgett said. "But we're just tired of the run-around they've gotten on issues like the bus service and cable service, which still hasn't been installed."

He added that the delay with blinds and drapes was the fault of the manufacturer.

"We have been very concerned about the delays, and have done everything we can to speed things along," he said. "We have even taken on the responsibilities of the construction company to minimize delays to our residents."

Short said delays in cable service, phones and blinds were "completely out of our control."

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