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State honors JMU hiring requests; higher ed job freeze may end soon

by Joelle Bartoe
senior writer

The hiring freeze imposed on the Virginia government has probably gone unnoticed by most JMU students. There seem to be just as many professors and just as many administrators on campus.

The hiring freeze, under which JMU and all Virginia colleges and universities have been operating since Dec. 1, 1994, is part of Gov. George Allen's (R) plan to reduce tuition costs and control the size of administration, according to Robert Lauterberg, director of the Virginia Department of Planning and Budget.

"The governor's trying to encourage restructuring in higher education largely to get control of the increase in tuition," he said.

Colleges and universities must make a written request before they hire someone new, Lauterberg said. Ninety percent of the requests have been granted so far.

"[The freeze] applies to all positions, but we rarely turn down any position in teaching and research," he said.

During the summer of 1995, the commonwealth offered colleges and universities an exemption from the freeze if they agreed to reduce their Maximum Employment Level, Lauterberg said.

MEL is the maximum number of people a college or university can hire, and this number is determined by a variety of factors, including the size of the school.

Mike McDowell, spokesman for the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, said MEL was established by the General Assembly. Agreeing to a reduction in MEL is a permanent decision.

"Once you give up these positions, you can never have them back," he said.

UPDATE ON HIRING FREEZE

General Assembly budget legislation:

The proposal does not support limits on administrative positions.

It exempts colleges and universities from the freeze.

It authorizes the creation of 650 to 700 new positions.

LISA DELANEY/senior artist

Most colleges and universities were reluctant to make the agreement, McDowell said. He said he understood that all the institutions were going to hold together and reject the agreement. However, with no end for the freeze in sight, some of Virginia's schools decided to accept the agreement.

The freeze is scheduled to last until June 30, 1998, under Allen's executive order.

Lauterberg said seven institutions have accepted the offer so far, including Old Dominion University, Radford University, Norfolk State University and Longwood College. Lauterberg believes JMU is also considering the agreement.

"[JMU] has indicated to us that they plan to

sign the agreement, but I'm not certain where that is right now," Lauterberg said.

According to Linwood Rose, JMU executive vice president, he and President Ronald Carrier had decided to sign the agreement until a recent development in the legislative bodies caused them to delay.

The House of Delegates and Senate money committees have rewritten Allen's budget so that the freeze for higher education may soon come to an end. Therefore, Rose said JMU is not going to agree to reducing its MEL until the state budget is final.

"It made political good sense to wait and

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OCS offers on-line internship listing

by Kristin Butke
staff writer

As more college students recognize the competitive nature of the job market, many are securing internships to enhance their résumés and to help network their way to jobs upon graduation.

In response to the increased interest in internships and "real world" experience, the Office of Career Services has expanded the resource opportunities available to JMU students.

The most recent program developed by OCS is an on-line internship listing, which gives information on about 180 internships and companies established through the career services recruiting module.

The new on-line internship program, uploaded daily, is accessible through computer labs in Chandler, Converse, Harrison, Zane Showker and Wampler halls.

According to Barbara Daniel, internship coordinator at OCS, the program is the newest and most accessible service provided through OCS. OCS established the service last October.

"We are trying to create multiple access routes for students looking for internships," she said.

The internship listings are for students of all majors and any academic year, Daniel said.

Anna Lynn Bell, director of OCS, said during the last three years, employers have placed a greater emphasis on students having professional work experience before graduating.

A study at Michigan State University found "47.9 percent of new hires in surveyed organizations during 1994-'95 had completed career-related,



IAN GRAHAM/senior photographer

Junior Wendy Kahler examines listings of open internships in the Office of Career Services Tuesday afternoon.

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Internet service to provide off-campus access

by Cyndy Liedtke
senior writer

It's a familiar scenario — dial up the VAX from the comforts of an off-campus dwelling and come head-to-head with a busy signal.

A new service may mean fewer busy signals for people anxiously trying to check their e-mail from off campus.

JMU and SprintLink will launch a new partnership Feb. 26 to give students, faculty and staff local dial-up Internet access with a direct connection to the JMU network.

"This is full Internet access," said Tom Bonadeo, director of JMU Telecommunications. "There's nothing held back here."

Gary Flynn, JMU network manager, said the university has had problems with busy signals when people try to dial in to the VAX from off campus. By working with SprintLink, the university can help provide more access at faster speeds than current offerings.

"We're hoping heavy users of the Internet from off campus will use the service and free up the modems so the more occasional users won't get busy signals," he said.

SprintLink costs \$13 per month for 50 hours of service. Each additional hour costs 50 cents. Software, including Netscape, costs a one-time fee of \$10 when a student, faculty or staff member signs up for the service. The service runs on a monthly basis and can be canceled at any time. Only people affiliated with the university can sign up for the service.

"JMU felt more and more students were required to use the Internet in the work they do for school. We don't have the resources to provide that for free," Bonadeo said.

The fees give access to the Internet, World Wide Web, newsreaders, file transfer protocol and telnet programs, and the JMU network, including the VAX. Separate e-mail accounts can be obtained from SprintLink for \$2.90 per month.

SprintLink, one of the pioneers in providing access to the Internet, has a contract with the Commonwealth of Virginia to provide Internet access. George Mason University, Virginia Commonwealth University and Old Dominion University are also offering SprintLink, although those schools won't go live until March, according to Bonadeo.

Because the other schools will have the same service, JMU subscribers from Northern Virginia, Richmond and Tidewater will be able to use the service during the summer by dialing in to those schools, Bonadeo said.

The service features support 24 hours a day through a 1-800 number. The service guarantees users will get a busy

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signal no more than five times in every 100 tries to connect to the service.

While other services may be cheaper or offer more service, users may have trouble connecting, according to Cindy Pipes, technical account consultant with SprintLink. "You can get on with SprintLink."

Pipes, a 1981 JMU graduate, said, "Sprint has responded to a need at universities and colleges. We're mutually helping each other. We're happy to provide service with local dial up."

Bonadeo said the service will be faster than most other Internet-access providers. The service uses high-speed software modems and new technology to compress information to deliver it to the screen more quickly than conventional modems and other services.

This service, when used with the most up-to-date equipment, is three times faster than the current off-campus dial-in to the VAX and almost as fast as on-campus Ethernet connections to the Internet, he said.

"In my comparisons, the JMU homepage paints just as fast with this service as it does on campus," Bonadeo said. "It's pretty darn-fast."

SprintLink is connected with the university and is designed for academic use, two more advantages the service has over other Internet-



J. MICHAEL ROGERS/staff photographer

Freshman Arnaud Buursink (l) and sophomore Spencer Pumpelly (r) check out the new SprintLink terminals in the mailroom.

access providers, he said.

SprintLink provided the modem pool and hardware for the service, which is housed in the Telecommunications office in Wilson Hall.

Many schools have the burden of maintaining large modem pools, Pipes said. With this service, SprintLink collaborates with the schools to provide and maintain the modem pool.

According to Bonadeo, as more people join the service, SprintLink

will enlarge the modem pool in Wilson Hall.

Students, faculty and staff need a computer and a modem to take advantage of the service. SprintLink can be used with Macintosh and IBM-compatible computers and most modems.

The fastest service will come from 28.8 modems, which run from \$129 to \$199, according to Tammy Balsler, computer program manager at the JMU bookstore.

Beginning Feb. 26, students,

faculty and staff can sign up for the service at kiosks around campus. Two kiosks in the Warren Hall post office and one in the Zane Showker Hall lobby will take information about the type of computer one has and other relevant information. Payment can be made at the kiosk through MasterCard or Visa.

When payment is made by credit card, the user will receive a receipt immediately redeemable at Dukes Duplicates in Zane Showker or in the bookstore for software and an instruction sheet. The account is active within 24 hours when payment is made by credit card.

Payment for the service can also be made by check, although service will be delayed while the check and software go through the postal service. Students, faculty and staff should be able to sign up for the service through the World Wide Web in the near future, Bonadeo said.

All the money goes to Sprint; JMU does not make a profit off the service, he said. The university provides the link to students, faculty and staff.

According to research, half of off-campus students have computers, Bonadeo said. SprintLink and the university anticipate a great deal of interest in the service.

"We've been waiting a long time for this kind of high-speed access from home," he said.

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see what was going to happen with the House and Senate," he said.

Depending on if and when the acts become final, the freeze for higher education could be over within six weeks, Rose said.

According to Lauterberg, although the new language of the budget may appear to be beneficial to Virginia colleges and universities, the new proposal is quite different than the governor's.

The House and Senate budgets do not support reasonable limits on administrative positions and instead exempts colleges and universities from the freeze. It also authorizes the hiring of individuals for 650 to 700 new positions.

Also, the new language rejects Allen's four-year tuition contract, he said, which would put a ceiling on a rate of increase in tuition during a student's four years of school.

"The reason the governor put the hiring freeze into effect is really to benefit students and families in paying tuition," Lauterberg said.

Under the Allen administration, tuition rate increases have improved dramatically, according to Lauterberg. During the past two years, tuition has gone up no more than 3 percent.

"We believe that students and their families should be somewhat concerned that limits may come off of hiring," he said.

Rose said he does not see any link between eliminating the hiring freeze and the future of tuition rates.

"The freeze itself has no direct connection with tuition at all," he said.

JMU supports Allen's goal of de-emphasizing hiring for administrative and overhead positions, Rose said.

He hopes the new budget, which eliminates the freeze, will pass. JMU's requests for support staff have not been excessive, and having to ask the state for permission to make new hires has added needless paperwork and an unnecessary time delay, he said.

Though Rose said he is pleased requests for faculty and research positions have not been denied, the hiring freeze has proven to be an unnecessary control device.

"If you have a control system that only stops one or two hirings out of 230 to 240 requests, then you would have to come to the conclusion that the control system is excessive," Rose said.

The freeze has inconvenienced several departments at JMU but has not obstructed the hiring process completely.

Windsor Fields, head of the department of economics, said the freeze has not stopped the department from making needed hires. The only way the hiring process has changed has been the addition of excessive paperwork.

"It's a lot of useless effort," Fields said. "We're wasting countless hours."

Peter Hager, acting English department head, also said the paperwork seems needless. However, he has found Richmond to be more collaborative than adversarial in responding to requests.

"Most important positions we've needed, the legislature has been kind enough to fill them," he said.

George Johnson, director of the school of media arts and design, said the commonwealth has fulfilled all hiring requests. Therefore, he said the hiring freeze has not impacted the school directly, but has definitely slowed the process.

"Before it might take maybe a month to fill a position," Johnson said. "Now we're talking about several months."

Student informs about testicular cancer

JMU information campaign raises awareness of disease's dangers, promotes prevention

by Jason Corner
senior writer

If you thought the flu epidemic going around JMU was bad, think again. Males between the ages of 20 and 34 are the primary risk group for testicular cancer.

For Bruce Taylor, a graduate student in health education, this is a problem.

"It's a fairly unknown disease," he said, "one that carries the stigma of fear."

From Feb. 12 through Feb. 29, Taylor has been conducting an awareness campaign, as part of his graduate thesis, to make JMU students more aware of the risks associated with this potentially life-threatening disease. He will complete it at the end of this semester. He has been working on the project since early in the fall semester.

"What I've done is I've tried to put in place a number of places where students could get information [about testicular cancer]," he said.

To that end, Taylor, in conjunction with other JMU health organizations, made information in the form of videos and brochures available at the University Health Center and the Carrier Library Media Center during his Feb. 12-29 campaign. He also set up a World Wide Web page at <http://vax2.jmu.edu/~taylorbw> containing information about the disease and graphics demonstrating how to do a self-examination.

Nancy Grembi, assistant director of the University Health Center, said she was very interested in helping Taylor distribute information through the Health Center. "I was quite willing and agreeable because

[college males are] such a prime target audience," she said.

The Health Center also distributes information on testicular cancer in October, Breast Cancer Awareness Month, as a kind of companion to its programs on breast cancer, Grembi said.

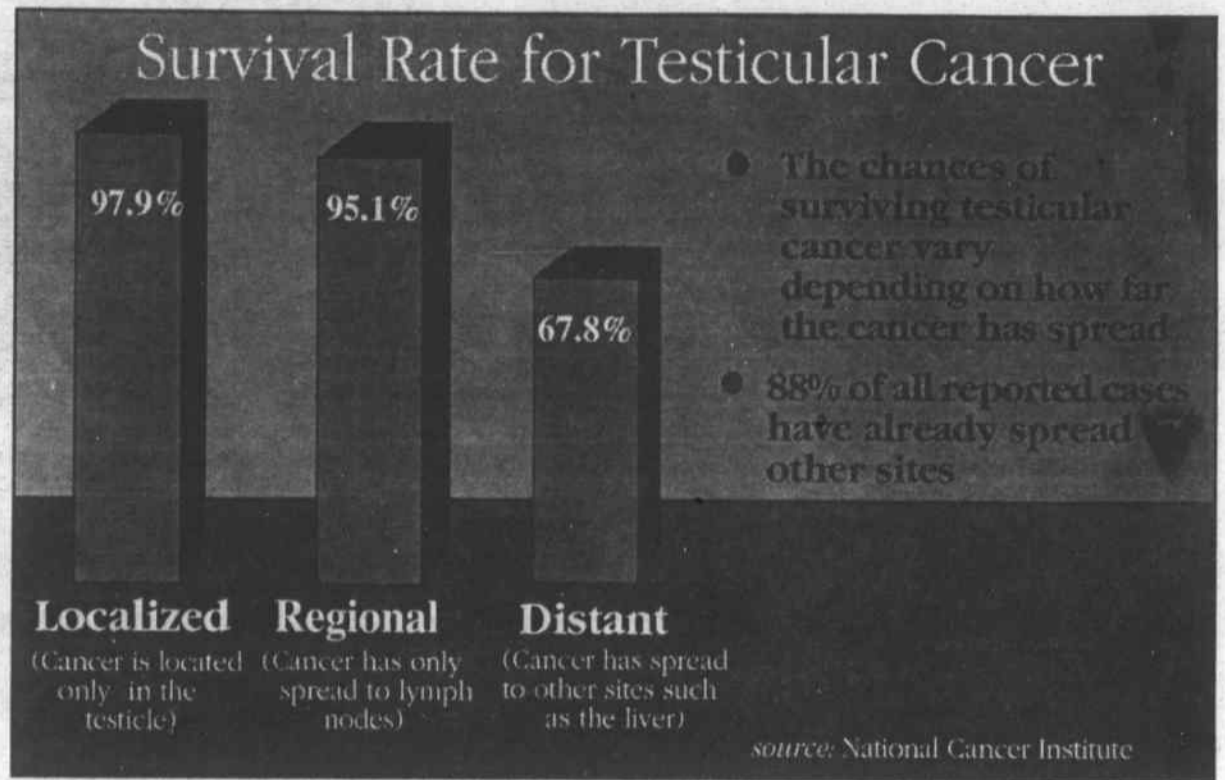
Taylor said he "just happened to chance across this particular disease" last semester while taking a core class for his health education degree. What interested him was how prevalent the disease was compared to how little people generally knew about it.

Terry Wessel, professor of health sciences, who is serving as Taylor's graduate adviser for the project, said she thought the lack of awareness about testicular cancer was an excellent argument for Taylor's idea. "I thought it was a wonderful idea because it's a subject that maybe doesn't get as much attention as it deserves."

Although testicular cancer accounts for only 1 percent of all varieties of cancer, according to *The Wellness Encyclopedia*, it is more prevalent among young males.

Taylor said cancer of the testicles is the most common cause of death by cancer for college-aged men and accounts for 3 percent of total deaths among males ages 20 to 34. According to a brochure from the American Cancer Society, there are approximately 5,500 cases and 400 deaths from this disease each year. Although the disease is generally not fatal when restricted to the testicles, it kills by spreading to other areas like the liver or lungs.

It can also lead to infertility in one testicle, but this will not prevent the afflicted male from reproducing,



ANTHONY RING/contributing artist

since the disease only attacks a single testicle.

The rate of the disease has risen dramatically in the past four years, particularly among white males. Some researchers have speculated on the causes, according to Taylor.

"The research seems to indicate that there may be environmental causes," Taylor said. Some biologists believe women who take birth control pills containing estrogen while pregnant may cause their male children to have a greater risk.

Taylor said this would also explain the rise of testicular cancer

incidence among whites as opposed to blacks, Asians and Hispanics because of the connection between use of birth control and socioeconomic factors.

Taylor's work on the project up to this point mostly involved researching the disease and studying different marketing techniques for spreading health education.

After finishing his campaign on Feb. 29, Taylor plans to conduct a survey to see if the information led to students making behavioral changes, like performing regular self-examinations.

According to Grembi, many students at the Health Center took the time to look at the brochures that are available there.

Taylor also said many students showed an interest in the program. "I've had a lot of response on the World Wide Web page, a lot of response on e-mail and to the brochures," he said.

Wessel said she was very impressed with the interest taken in Taylor's campaign. "I wasn't sure he'd get a lot of response, and the initial response has been very encouraging."

POLICE LOG

by Paula Finkelstein
police reporter

Campus police report the following:

Trespassing
• Non-student Shane Shifflett, of Mt. Solon, was arrested and charged with trespassing when officers reportedly observed him entering the Coolio concert at 8 p.m. Feb. 18.

Unsafe Practices
• Campus police removed a banner from the Interstate 81 overpass at the request of Virginia State Police at 8:23 a.m. Feb. 18.

Confiscated Prohibited Items
• A beer keg, homemade nun-chucks and a couch from another residence hall were confiscated from a suite during a fire drill safety check in Garber Hall at 8:45 p.m. Feb. 19.

Destruction of Public Property
• Unidentified individuals allegedly threw an open can of paint on the carpet and furniture in the television lounge of Wine-Price Hall between 5 p.m. Feb. 15 and 9:41 a.m. Feb. 16. The lounge is being remodeled.

Destruction of Public Property/Petty Larceny
• Unidentified individuals allegedly unplugged, tilted, removed card readers and stole items from vending machines in Eagle

Hall between 5 p.m. Feb. 16 and 8 a.m. Feb. 19.

The individuals reportedly tore a telephone off the wall, tore down ceiling tiles and a smoke detector, kicked in the men's bathroom door beyond repair, damaged a paper towel dispenser and removed ceiling panels from an elevator car.

Destruction of Private Property/Petty Larceny
• Unidentified individuals allegedly broke out the driver's side window of a car and stole a Jansport bookbag, four compact discs, a Philco CD player, model No. 877K, a tape adapter, a cigarette lighter adapter, two bottles of prescription medication, Prozac and Tomezan, and \$20 cash from a vehicle in B-lot between 12:01 a.m. and 2:15 a.m. Feb. 16.

Petty Larceny
• Unidentified individuals allegedly stole a rear license plate, Virginia registration JMUBABS, from a vehicle in Z-lot between 8 p.m. Feb. 7 and 4 p.m. Feb. 17.

Fire Alarm
• Cigarette smoke in the party room activated the fire alarm in the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity house at 10:19 p.m. Feb. 16.

Number of drunk in public charges since Jan. 11: 17
Number of parking tickets issued between Feb. 13 and Feb. 19: 737

Lecture probes obstacles blacks face in academia

by Sally Clarke
contributing writer

Arriving at college is a time of unique challenges and uncertainties for every student. When that student is a minority, those challenges can be more difficult and even damaging.

A lecture yesterday by graduate student Tim Burkhalter of the Association for Graduate Students of African Descent addressed obstacles black students sometimes face at the college level, and gave guidance toward overcoming them. The lecture, which took place in Hillcrest House, was part of the Honor Program's Brown Bag Lecture series.

About 15 students and faculty members attended the discussion-oriented presentation.

Reginald - Ryder, president of the JMU chapter of AGSAD and JMU graduate student in college student personnel administration and, senior Keesha Barrows assisted Burkhalter. All three said they wanted the discussion to focus on the positive, proactive aspects of racial issues.

"There has been enough negativity. . . Let's focus on the successes and what they mean," Burkhalter said. He went on to outline some

techniques that any student, particularly a minority, can use to get ahead in the university setting.

These included having a positive self-concept, being prepared to deal with racism, gaining leadership experience and doing community service to help others who may be experiencing similar difficulties.

A foundation to all the techniques was establishing contacts and a support system in any environment, Burkhalter said. Others at the lecture echoed this point.

Ryder said his "catalyst has always been my family and finding a group of people who support me and know what they're doing."

Barrows said while she was in high school she had strong role models in her parents and teachers. "When I got to college, I didn't recognize that void, the need I had for a mentor. . . who had shared my [cultural] experience."

Tim Burkhalter
graduate student

Elizabeth Garbrah-Aidoo, assistant professor of political science, gave advice on how to thrive as a member of a minority group. "In Ghana, where I am from, we have a motto, 'be first or with the first.' I have lived by that. I am five minorities in

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Information Meeting Schedule

Feb 27	1:30pm	McGraw-Long
Feb 27	6:00pm	Eagle TV
Feb 28	1:30pm	Huffman TV
Feb 28	6:00pm	Wampler TV
Feb 29	1:30pm	Taylor 306
Feb 29	6:00pm	Huffman TV

AAUP discusses benefits of membership, state meeting

by Kristen Heiss
staff writer

Members of the JMU chapter of American Association of University Professors met Monday in Taylor Hall to formulate ways to increase participation, interest and membership in JMU's AAUP chapter.

"This is a very informal meeting in which we need to talk about where we want to go with JMU's chapter of the AAUP and current issues," President Terry Wessel said.

The meeting began with a presentation by Phil Riley, who discussed why he remains active in AAUP.

"Where insurance protects our loved ones from financial crisis, AAUP protects our freedom to teach what we want to teach," he said.

Jesse Liles, executive committee member of the AAUP state chapter, reinforced Riley's sentiments by explaining the benefits of AAUP concerning legal counsel.

"A part of our [state executive committee meetings] are devoted to cases dealing with legal counsel," he said.

AAUP has a separate fund for legal matters, according to Liles. This fund is used specifically for AAUP members needing money for legal counsel in cases dealing with their institutions.

If an AAUP member needs a loan from this fund, the individual must apply through the state AAUP chapter.

After the professor applies for the funding, the state executive

committee makes a recommendation as to whether the request should be granted. If the recommendation is favorable, funds are given for a retainer for legal counsel. If the AAUP member is awarded any money at the close of the case, he or she repays the loan to the AAUP state chapter. If no money is awarded the member at the close of the case, the loan is "written off as a bad debt," Liles said.

"These are cases pertaining to academic freedom and tenure," he said. "We're going to have to learn to use the law on our side."

Later in the meeting, members discussed a state meeting planned for March 30 at JMU involving AAUP chapters and Faculty Senate chapters from around the state.

JMU AAUP members are searching for a speaker to discuss searches and appointments of academic administrators, Liles said.

In response to a question inquiring whether JMU President Ronald Carrier, an AAUP member, will attend the state meeting, Liles said, "He might show up, but I have my doubts about that."

In an interview after the meeting, Wessel said Carrier is an AAUP member, as are "quite a few [other] administrators."

"Often their membership is a formality," she said. "But I always make an effort to invite them to all [AAUP] events."

The next item at the meeting was discussion over whether the JMU chapter of AAUP should publish a newsletter. All but one member voted in favor of creating a newsletter.

"The role of the newsletter is so that we can exercise our freedom of expression rights almost constantly," Liles said. "There are many faculties in public schools who don't use their freedom of expression rights."

Members decided the newsletter would be distributed to the mailboxes of all faculty and staff and posted on the electronic bulletin board under faculty/staff and academic issues.

Wessel suggested the newsletter be distributed soon after spring break.

Gordon Fisher, professor emeritus, will be responsible for producing the first newsletter. Articles from any interested contributors should be sent to him.

Liles said after circulation of a few newsletter editions, JMU AAUP could apply to the AAUP state chapter for funding for the newsletter. Funding for the year's newsletters could range from \$200 to \$300 per semester, beginning next fall, he said.

At the meeting, members also discussed issues of concern AAUP may want to investigate next year.

Riley suggested inviting certain administrators to speak at the meetings. "At one time, they felt flattered to come and speak."

Carter Lyons suggested examining searches for administrative positions. "It seems to me we should be concerned about very high-level administrators with very limited searches for their positions."

He added, "We've also elevated faculty to administrative positions and lost faculty positions."

Student senate debates leaders' salaries, stipends

by Brad Jenkins
SGA reporter

Discussion centered on the salaries for the director of class government and the class presidents at Tuesday's Student Government Association meeting in the Warren Hall Highlands Room.

The discussion was sparked by a bill with eight constitutional amendments presented by At-Large Sen. Max Finazzo. The bill would define the newly formed director of class government's role.

Debate was divided into the eight sections, so each section of the bill could be discussed separately. The bill is a constitutional amendment, so it requires a two-thirds vote of senators present.

Senators primarily discussed two sections, one setting the stipend for the director of class government and another setting stipends for class presidents.

The amendment originally set the stipend for the director of class government at \$1,300. The current stipend is \$1,000. Sen. Nancy Sabados, senior class president, began the debate by introducing an amendment which would increase the stipend to \$1,700.

Commuter Sen. Moira McCaffrey questioned the increased stipend. "Why should the stipend go up next year? Will the work load be doubled?" she said.

Commuter Sen. Ron Rose agreed, saying a stipend is given for workload and should only be increased if the workload increases.

Rose's comments stemmed from questions about why the director of class government will receive a stipend and not a scholarship of one-half in-state tuition, as do other

Executive Council members. Rose explained because the position will be appointed next year, it cannot be considered a leadership scholarship.

Rep. Justin Voshell clarified the differences between a stipend and a scholarship. A scholarship is for executive members who are elected by the student body. A stipend is for the amount of work involved, he said.

Sen. Ann Marie Phillips, McGraw-Long Hall, added a friendly amendment to Sabados' amendment to include a scholarship of one-half in-state tuition for the director of class governments, as well as a stipend of \$600. Phillips said this would equal the amount the secretary receives now.

Sen. Richard Jenkins, Frederikson Hall, disagreed with Phillips' amendment. "Everyone does a lot of work," Jenkins said. "This is extremely extravagant. We're trying to make this an Executive Council position, but it's not," he said. The amendment to the amendment failed.

The original amendment to give the director of class government a \$1,300 stipend passed.

The debate on stipends for class presidents focused on the amount of work class presidents do. The original amendment provided a \$150 stipend for class presidents.

Sen. Matthew Montgomery, Ashby Hall, introduced an amendment to increase the stipend to \$250.

Rose responded, saying, "This is greedy. Chairmen are elected, and they have additional responsibilities but don't get paid."

Sen. April Roberts, sophomore class president, a supporter of the amendment, said, "We're not getting the



KYLE BUSS/senior photographer

Two members of the Tuskegee Airmen present their experiences in WWII to students Monday evening in Warren Hall.

Tuskegee Airmen present 'missing page' in history

by Mike White
contributing writer

Two men representing the Tuskegee Airmen, the first group of black pilots to fly for the U.S. armed forces, descended on the Warren Hall Highlands Room Monday to tell their story.

Retired Lt. Col. Frances L. Horne, one of the original Tuskegee airmen, and retired Lt. Col. Ivar F. Browne, who entered the Air Force after it was integrated, spoke during the presentation, sponsored by the Center for Multicultural Student Services.

The two came as part of the Tuskegee Airmen, Incorporated. The organization provides assistance for youth of all races and strives to supply a "missing page" of history, Horne said.

The presentation began with a two-hour movie about the Tuskegee Airmen, produced by HBO. After the movie, the two men spoke.

Before the Tuskegee Airmen succeeded, people thought it was impossible for blacks to become military pilots, Horne said. A prevailing perception at the time was that blacks were not designed for certain tasks, he said.

The success of the Tuskegee airmen in World War II led directly to the integration of the armed forces in 1948. "They fought and died so that we may have a better life," he said.

Horne said movies he watched as a child inspired him to be a pilot. When he tried to take a pilot's exam in Florida, he was forced to take it in a hallway apart from the white students and was harassed during the exam.

Horne was told he didn't pass the test, but a white student recommended he take the test again in Tuskegee, Alabama.

When he arrived in Tuskegee, Horne took his place in an extremely long line of people waiting to take the test. After a period of waiting, he changed his mind and decided to pursue mechanics instead, becoming a mechanics helper.

Later, Horne became part of an experiment to see if blacks could learn physics to be radio mechanics and if they had rhythm to use Morse code.

He succeeded in the experiment and became a sergeant of airplane radio mechanics. During training for the Korean War, he finished third in a class on guided missiles and radar.

An especially memorable time for Horne was when he was at an international meeting in Korea, and a Korean general referred to him as an American.

He said he was used to being referred to as a member of a racial group, not a member of a nationality.

"It means something to be called an American," he said.

Horne expressed his surprise at the changes in opportunities for blacks over the years but said, "We've come a long way, but we're still going on."

Horne introduced Browne as a speaker by saying that he never thought he would see blacks with the opportunities to do the things Browne has done.

Browne started his career as a

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Applications are available for SGA and Honor Council spots

Applications for the positions of Student Government Association president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary and Honor Council president and vice president can be picked up from the SGA office beginning Feb. 23.

The applications are due by 5 p.m., March 13.

Very Special Arts Festival is searching for volunteers

The 1996 Very Special Arts Festival will be held March 22 in Harrisonburg.

Anyone interested in volunteering should attend an informational meeting Feb. 27 or Feb. 28, 6 p.m., in Duke Hall, rm. A103.

Call Lisa Russo at 434-6484 with questions.

Newsfile

Fourth-annual Black History Banquet held at Sugar Grove

The contributions of African-American women in the armed forces will be the focus of the fourth-annual Black History Banquet, Feb. 24, 6 p.m., in the Community Center at Naval Security Group Activity, Sugar Grove, W.Va.

Joanne Gabbin and Gerald Hudson, both JMU faculty members, will be guest speakers.

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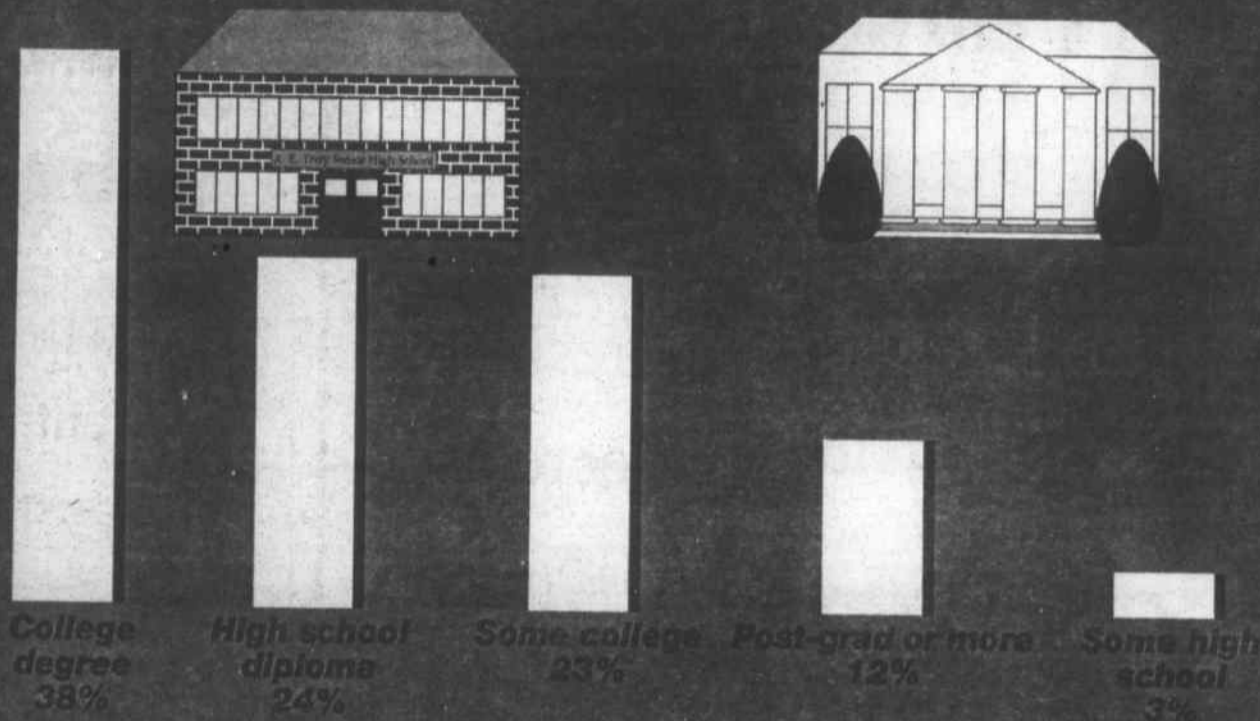
Alastor accepts submissions for its next publication

Alastor, a student journal of literary arts, is accepting submissions for publication in its spring journal.

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Send Newsfile or Weekly Events information in writing to Asst. News Editor, The Breeze, Anthony-Seeger Hall, drop it off at The Breeze office or fax it to 568-6736. Information is run on a space-available basis.

Entrepreneurs' education level



ANGELA TERRY/graphics editor

WEEKLY EVENTS

Thursday

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- Washington Semester informational meeting, Maury Hall, rm. 210, 4:30 p.m.
- EARTH meeting, Taylor Hall, rm. 404, 5-6:30 p.m.
- Baptist Student Union Thursday Night Fever, BSU House, 5:30-7 p.m.
- "Is There a God?" presented by Jamie Fowler, BSU House, 5:30 p.m.
- Muslim Coalition meeting, Taylor Hall, rm. 311, 5:30-7 p.m.
- Fellowship dinner at the Wesley Foundation, JMU Methodists, 6 p.m., and the New Life Singers Rehearsal, Wesley Foundation, 6:45-7:45 p.m. Call 434-3490.
- BOND meeting, Warren Hall Piedmont Room, 6 p.m.
- "Grease II," sponsored by UPB, Grafton-Stovall Theatre, 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., \$1.50.
- Alpha Epsilon Delta presents speaker Dr. Diane Pappas to speak about pediatrics, Taylor Hall, rm. 306, 7 p.m.
- Soul Food Dinner featuring "Spending the Night with Dramatis," Chandler Hall Shenandoah Room, 7 p.m.
- Asian-American Association meeting, Taylor Hall, rm. 404, 7 p.m.
- Campus Crusade for Christ, "Prime Time," Miller Hall, rm. 101, 8 p.m.
- JMU Chamber Orchestra, Wilson Hall Auditorium, 8 p.m., free.

Friday

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- Baptist Student Union Bible study, BSU House, 7 p.m.
- Nursing home visit sponsored by Baptist Student Union, meet at BSU House, 4 p.m.
- "Pulp Fiction," sponsored by UPB, Grafton-Stovall Theatre, 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., \$1.50.

Saturday

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- JMU Wind Symphony, Wilson Hall Auditorium, 2 p.m., free.
- "Pulp Fiction," sponsored by UPB, Grafton-Stovall Theatre, 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., \$1.50.

Sunday

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- NAACP University Sunday Church Service, Warren Hall Highlands Room, 11 a.m.
- JMU faculty organ recital, Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 3 p.m., free.
- Presbyterian Campus Ministry sponsors "Sunday Celebration" worship service, PCM Center, 5-6:30 p.m.
- "Raging Bull," sponsored by UPB, Grafton-Stovall Theatre, 7:30 p.m., free.

International News

High-ranking defectors receive pardons from Iraq's Saddam

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The general who ran Iraq's secret military program and another senior Iraqi defector returned home Tuesday, six months after fleeing across the border to Jordan with their wives, both daughters of President Saddam Hussein.

Saddam pardoned the two defectors, a spokesman for the Revolutionary Command Council said, adding, "The march of great Iraq is bigger than all false aspirations and bigger than traitors and those who make mistakes."

A convoy of limousines provided by Jordan's royal palace whisked Lt. Gen. Hussein Kamel Hassan Majeed and his brother Saddam Kamel Hassan Majeed and their families to the Iraqi checkpoint, where they were received by a large delegation, witnesses said.

National News

Bankers charged in scheme to fund 1990 Clinton campaign

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Two small-town Arkansas bankers who played significant roles in financing Bill Clinton's 1990 race for governor were indicted yesterday on bank fraud and conspiracy charges in connection with their handling of funds that went into the Clinton campaign.

The two men, who owned the rural Perry County Bank and were appointed to state posts by Clinton, were accused by Whitewater independent counsel Kenneth E. Starr of submitting phony expense vouchers to obtain about \$12,000 in bank funds. The money was then used to make political contributions to Clinton's fifth race for governor, the indictment charges. One of the bankers, Robert M. Hill, who was named by Clinton in 1991 to the state bank board, personally delivered about \$7,000 of those funds to Clinton at a Dec. 14, 1990, meeting, according to the indictment.

— L.A. Times/Washington Post news service

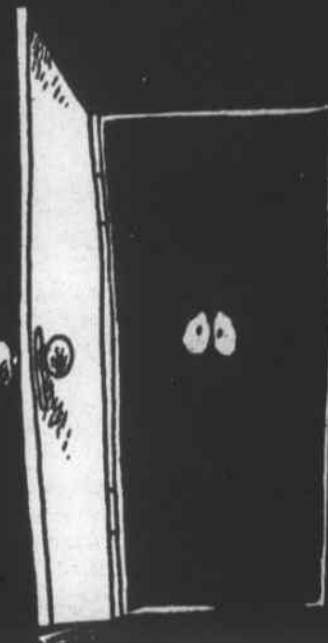


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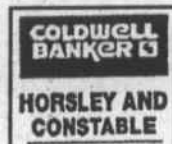
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Salaries

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money this year. You don't know what we do. I wasn't sure how much I was getting into until I started it."

Jenkins responded to Roberts by saying money shouldn't be a consideration for a job. "You're not in this for the money, are you?" he asked. "This is ridiculous. No one runs for the money. Do [the job] because you want to."

Roberts said class presidents are not paid this year, but were paid \$50 last year.

After the amendment to the section failed, At-Large Sen. Jeremy Schottler introduced an amendment to decrease the stipend to \$0. Debate was postponed on the amendment until the Feb. 28 meeting because quorum was not met, as senators had left during the meeting.

Earlier in the evening, however, senators passed other parts of Finazzo's bill.

SGA approved the process of selecting the director of class government through appointment. The position will be filled by appointment by current Executive Council and Executive Council-elect.

The senate also approved a section that would permanently make the director of class government a "non-voting consultant to the Executive Council."

SGA approved a section that would allow the director of class government to "come up with bylaws for the class governments." The original amendment also said the bylaws must be approved by a majority of class officers.

Sen. Aaron Lawlor, Garber Hall, introduced an amendment to change the requirement to a majority of the class governments, as well as a

majority of the SGA senate.

Director of Class Government David Baker pointed out the bylaws do not affect SGA and are rules, rather than bylaws. Lawlor withdrew his amendment, and Commuter Sen. Christine Galbraith introduced an amendment to change the word "bylaws" to "rules" as a clarification. Her amendment to the section passed, as did the entire section.

The other section of Finazzo's proposal stated class officers would be removed by a majority vote of the officers in the class, as well as one officer from each of the other classes. Currently, the constitution allows for a majority vote of all class officers in impeachment hearings.

Most debate on this section centered around whether all 15 class officers would be knowledgeable enough about the circumstances or if six could do that job.

Voshell asked how the members of the other classes would be selected in an objective manner, and Finazzo responded by proposing an amendment that the other three officers would be of the same position of the person being impeached. His amendment passed, but Phillips proposed another amendment.

Phillips' amendment would set the number at a majority of the 15 officers.

Sen. Kim Wilson, junior class president, said her experience at impeachment hearings makes her believe 15 members is too many. "I felt like I didn't know what they were talking about, and we got off the subject. Six is enough." Phillips then withdrew her amendment.

The section of Finazzo's amendment passed, with the number being a majority of the class officers in the person's class, as well as the three other people of the same position in the other classes.

Also at the meeting:

- Phillips, Campus Elections Committee member, announced the deadlines for elections applications. Applications are available for the positions of SGA president, vice president, treasurer and secretary, and Honor Council president and vice president. Applications are available beginning Feb. 23 and are due March 13 at 5 p.m. Campaigning begins March 17.

- SGA passed a bill to fund itself \$1,200 from its reserve account to defray costs of a pig roast for seniors.

- Roberts announced the Student Services Committee has been discussing the possibility of 24-hour library hours during final exams. According to Roberts, financing may be a problem.



DEREK ROGERS/staff photographer
Sen. Max Finazzo read a bill to amend SGA's constitution at its Tuesday night meeting.

Airmen

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maintenance officer and later moved into weapons systems sales as one of the first blacks in that field, he said.

Browne said he got where he was by going through doors that others had kicked down before him. He challenged the audience to take advantage of the opportunities they have so no doors would be kicked down in vain.

"You are your own limiting factor," Browne said.

After the speeches, the two veterans answered questions from the audience. One question was about the accuracy of the HBO movie.

Horne said Eleanor Roosevelt flew in a plane with a civilian at Tuskegee and not an officer, as depicted in the movie.

He also said no airmen committed suicide as was shown in the movie.

Obstacles

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one [person], but I can't let that stop me from being where I want to be, or being an example [for others]."

Sophomore political science major Erica Wrenn said although coming to JMU turned out to be a much harder transition than she expected it, being involved in campus activities and talking to people in the Center for Multicultural Student Services helped her feel more comfortable.

"I had to understand that I really do belong here," Wrenn said.

Burkhalter talked about the "stereotype vulnerability" black students face at school.

"If they are expected to perform poorly, to not excel... it can be a self-fulfilling prophecy," he said.

Other parts of the movie, however, were accurate, Horne said.

Students who attended said they enjoyed the experience for different reasons.

"It gave me a new perception about the movie and the actual events that occurred," sophomore Andre Mattingly said.

Graduate student Reginald Ryder said he came to the presentation to pay homage to and support those who fought for the United States but didn't get much recognition. He said it's "just my way of saying thank you."

Junior Pamela Mallard said, "I thought it was quite informative and inspiring."

"It's a really good feeling to see people who have broken down racial barriers," she said.

Burrows and Ryder shared some of the experiences that discouraged them in the past, such as hearing racial slurs in class and not knowing how to respond, having to defend their viewpoints and being expected to respond to any question concerning race issues.

Many students and faculty who attended the lecture said they found the discussion portion of the event productive and encouraging.

Barrows said students can discover how more can be done to succeed as a minority student by being a role model and by assuming a proactive role by asking, "What do I want to do?" instead of waiting for negative situations to present themselves.

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EDITORIAL



Dart...

A racist-twit dart to the ignoramuses who ridiculed "The Killer" at Grafton-Stovall Theatre Saturday night. You just don't do that kind of thing at a John Woo flick.

Sent in by someone who would have preferred you stayed at home if you didn't know how to act.

Pat...

An I'm-glad-there-are-still-people-like-you pat to the faculty and staff members who have generously donated to help support CARE.

Sent in by thankful CARE members who want to ensure anonymous donations get the recognition they deserve.

Dart...

A just-what-we-need dart to whoever decided we need another \$100,000-a-year vice president. Why is it we cannot make any of our hard-working, so-called temporary staff members full-time with benefits? Some of these "temps" have been here 10 or 15 years, working and hoping for full-time designation.

Sent in by someone who believes staff members work harder and are more cost-effective than expensive vice presidents.

Pat...

A pat to the great women of Logan Hall for being so nice.

Sent in by Beulah, the housekeeper.

Dart...

A pissed-off-Jersey-driver-dart to those Virginians who don't know how to park without conserving enough space for others. If you park closer than 5 feet from those cars next to you, there will be enough space in Anthony-Seeger's gravel lot for us all. We will all be much happier when you learn not to stiff those of us who don't have 8 a.m. classes.

Sent in by someone whose anger is just building up after starting off too many days on a bad note.

Pat...

An appreciative-gooly-gooly pat to the folks at Outriggers. Thanks for a sum sum time!

Sent in by Pi Sigma Epsilon.

Assess more important things

Every February, students rejoice at the prospect of having a day off from classes to relax, study, maybe even hang out. For most students across the country, the day of rest comes because the nation is celebrating its presidents. At JMU, the day comes in honor of... test taking.

Assessment Day is a holiday of sorts, especially for the thousands of students who have no examination to endure. But for the chosen few, sophomores and some seniors, the day represents a few more hours of testing, probing for the secrets of the typical JMU student's mind.

The assessment system at JMU is inherently flawed. Few people know the real purpose of assessments — even fewer ever know the results. Test results are used to "improve the liberal studies curriculum and student affairs programs," according to an article in the Feb. 19 *Breeze*. But the results are never made public.

Students are forced to take tests of which they will never know the results or their impact. Assessment no-shows have holds put on their records, barring them from registering or graduating until they take the test.

What do these tests measure? They are not part of a student's permanent academic record. Why put forth your best effort on a test that doesn't seem to count for anything? More than a handful of students probably fill in the computerized bubbles as quickly as possible and leave, which would skew any results.

Many of the tests aren't even academic. College life definitely has an impact on students' lives in a nonacademic way. But the bottom line is that students and their parents pay thousands of dollars to JMU for an education, the primary goal being the gain of

academic knowledge. The university should primarily test knowledge, not feelings, morals or values.

Morals and values are a personal thing and are not the university's business. Besides, for those who take moral and value assessment tests at freshman orientation and again sophomore year, how much do they change in such a short period of time?

"Few people know the real purpose of assessments — even fewer ever know the results."

If JMU wants to measure students' progress, it should look at students' grades and activities through time, not test them on things they may never have studied. If tests are necessary, test people on what they were supposed to learn in the classes they took, especially the more popular liberal studies classes. Administer those tests during class time.

For a school that had to make up every snow and flood day by using Saturdays and Reading Day, it's strange the university has no problem dispensing with a day of classes for assessments.

Assessment tests should have a standard format. Some students have to write essays while others answer questions about their thoughts and feelings. Not all seniors, whose major department administers their assessments, even have to take them. For the seniors who do take the tests, some have an exam, while others have a discussion group or turn in a portfolio.

Students would be more likely to care about an exam if they knew it would have an impact later. Students and faculty should clearly understand why they take the time for these tests, rather than thinking they are just taking another day off from classes.

The house editorial reflects the opinion of the editorial board which consists of the editor, managing editor and the opinion editors.

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The opinions in this section do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the newspaper, this staff, or James Madison University.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Inclusion of crude song disappointing; PIKA does not want to be associated

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to the Feb. 15 *Breeze* article, "Song book distribution rattles fraternity." Speaking for myself and the brothers of Pi Kappa Alpha, we were generally pleased with the content of the article. We were, however, disappointed with the inclusion of one of the songs at the end of the article.

Throughout the report, many representatives from the Greek community were interviewed concerning the contents of the song book. Any individual reading the article could easily understand the songs contained sexually explicit material which were aimed at the degradation of women and of the Greek system.

Although much of the article was aimed at professing Pi Kappa Alpha's innocence, the inclusion of an actual song leaves the reader with the association between the song book and our fraternity.

I don't believe the editors of *The Breeze* took into consideration the effects the printed song would have when identified with the fraternity.

Whoever is responsible for this song book must be smiling right now because *The Breeze* became his or her own publicist.

By printing that song, *The Breeze* essentially distributed the explicit material to each student's mail box, an obvious goal of whoever is responsible. In the future, *The Breeze* may want to spend a little more time considering the effects its articles will have on the parties involved.

Chad Fulmor
PIKA president

Environmental intentions applauded; fallacies about polystyrene in letter

To the Editor:

A recent letter proposed eliminating Styrofoam (polystyrene foam) as a means of saving money and improving the environment.

While I applaud both goals, some statements about polystyrene foam were incorrect in the letter.



First, CFCs, the chemicals implicated in global warming, are no longer used as foaming agents in the production of polystyrene foam.

Second, while the letter's author was correct in stating that polystyrene is not biodegradable, that is not a problem here. The reason is that all trash from Harrisonburg and JMU is sent not to a landfill, but to the city's Resource Recovery Center located just across I-81 from the campus.

There, a high-temperature incinerator burns all combustible trash, including polystyrene. This process is a useful source of

energy, as it produces steam that provides heat for a number of buildings on the JMU campus.

Lastly, I should note that Harrisonburg has a very active recycling program. Glass jars, metal cans and newspapers, as well as two of the most widely used types of plastic packaging, are collected on a weekly basis throughout the city.

Robert C. Atkins
professor
chemistry

Club Latino's clarification appreciated; suggestions for UPB always welcome

To the Editor:

In response to the Feb. 5 *Breeze* letter, "Diversification attempts recognized; Club Latino fills need for community," the University Program Board would like to thank Chris Diaz for clarifying his comments.

The UPB believes in providing diverse cultural programs and welcomes ideas and suggestions from the JMU student body regarding educational and entertaining programs.

Students are invited to drop their suggestions in the program board's suggestion box, located just outside of Taylor Hall, rm. 233. We also invite anyone interested to come in and talk to an executive board member about any concerns, ideas, or comments.

Manisha Sethi
public relations executive
UPB

The 'Super-Hero Syndrome'

'The problem starts when certain guys, like me, feel moved to "save" their girlfriends from their past experiences with other, less honorable men, whom we assume must be categorically evil...'

Sometimes you have to smile at life's little ironies. I was all set to pay one of my increasingly irregular visits to *The Breeze* office to write a column, at the behest of my editor, about a certain peculiar fault—an Achilles heel, if you will—that I have in my dealings with women.

I formulated some solid ideas about what I wanted to say, combed over my journal to collect some of my previous experiences in this area, and even read a bit of feminist theory to help me understand the ways I inadvertently oppress women.



Snake
Oil

— Chris Klimek

My plan was to head back to the office right after the required weekly movie for my Major Directors class was over. That was a Bad Idea.

My topic is what I refer to as the "Super-Hero Syndrome," which basically means I am often attracted to women who have problems I think I can help them with, or who need my protection.

I am at least cognizant enough to realize this makes me among the most dangerous sort of putz, the poor kid who thought he was going to marry his fourth-grade girlfriend.

The movie that evening turned out to be Hitchcock's "Vertigo," in which that lovable dope Jimmy Stewart plays a detective who falls for the woman he is dispatched to spy on, foolishly believing he can help her with her psychological problems.

As a public service, I am obligated to remind all you eligible young women out there that at the end of "Vertigo," Kim Novak—the woman Stewart is supposed to be

protecting—leaps to her death from the steeple of a church.

The road to hell is said to be paved with good intentions, and whenever I enter into a dating relationship with a young woman, or any relationship with anyone for that matter, my intentions are among the best.

I try to be a consummate gentleman, opening doors for my date and all that jazz. I do not do this because I believe women are inherently weaker or less capable than men, but because in that situation, I want my date to feel I am affording them some special attention I do not give to everyone, as a means of expressing my affection for them.

I should also mention here that I often open doors for my friends of both genders, and for people I do not even know. It's just a thing I do, and as liberal as I think my views are regarding sex roles, nothing makes me angrier than having sexual politics dragged into what I see as something nice I do for friends.

A while back I broke up with a woman I had dated for more than three years. Throughout the course of our relationship, I always prided myself on the knowledge I treated her better than any of my female friends were being treated by their boyfriends, and better than any of my male friends treated their girlfriends.

Since I can already hear some of the readers who so deplore Matt Bondurant's irreverent "He Said" column cocking their guns, I will clarify that when I refer to the way I "treated" my girlfriend, I imply no sort of stewardship between us. I just mean I showed respect and concern for her in everything I did; never lied to her, shouted at her only twice in three years, and never told her to do anything—only asked.

This seems to me the way every man should interact with every woman. The problem starts when certain guys, like me, feel moved to "save" their girlfriends from their past experiences with other, less honorable men, whom we assume must all be categorically evil and not just confused like we are. If a woman really has been abused somehow, we are moved by a fierce determination to prove to them that Men Are Not All Bad (which is good), and we have the bonus of being able to rationalize our jealousy as righteous anger (which is bad).

In the year-and-a-half or so following my ex-girlfriend's mother's death in a car accident, I came to accept quickly a lot of responsibility for her emotional well-being. Once again, we come to an actual, real-life situation that may rile theorists—the assertion that any person can take responsibility for another. But I'm just telling it the way it was.

Feminists will rightly point out that this sort of relationship necessarily has a dominant and a submissive partner. Here I submit the not-at-all politically-correct idea that it is impossible to avoid this dichotomy in any human relationship.

However, I believe that in any relationship of true mutual respect, the dominant role will shift back and forth from person to person over time in response to daily circumstances in one another's lives.

That sort of self-reliant, yet inter-dependent, mutually sympathetic partnership seems to me the most practical definition of gender equality.

In time, my ex concluded her period of mourning for her mother and was no longer the submissive half of the relationship.

In the years since then, there have been many occasions when I have required her assistance, and she has always been there for me. In the final analysis, this sort of take-what-you-need and give-all-you-can is really not subjugation at all. It's friendship.

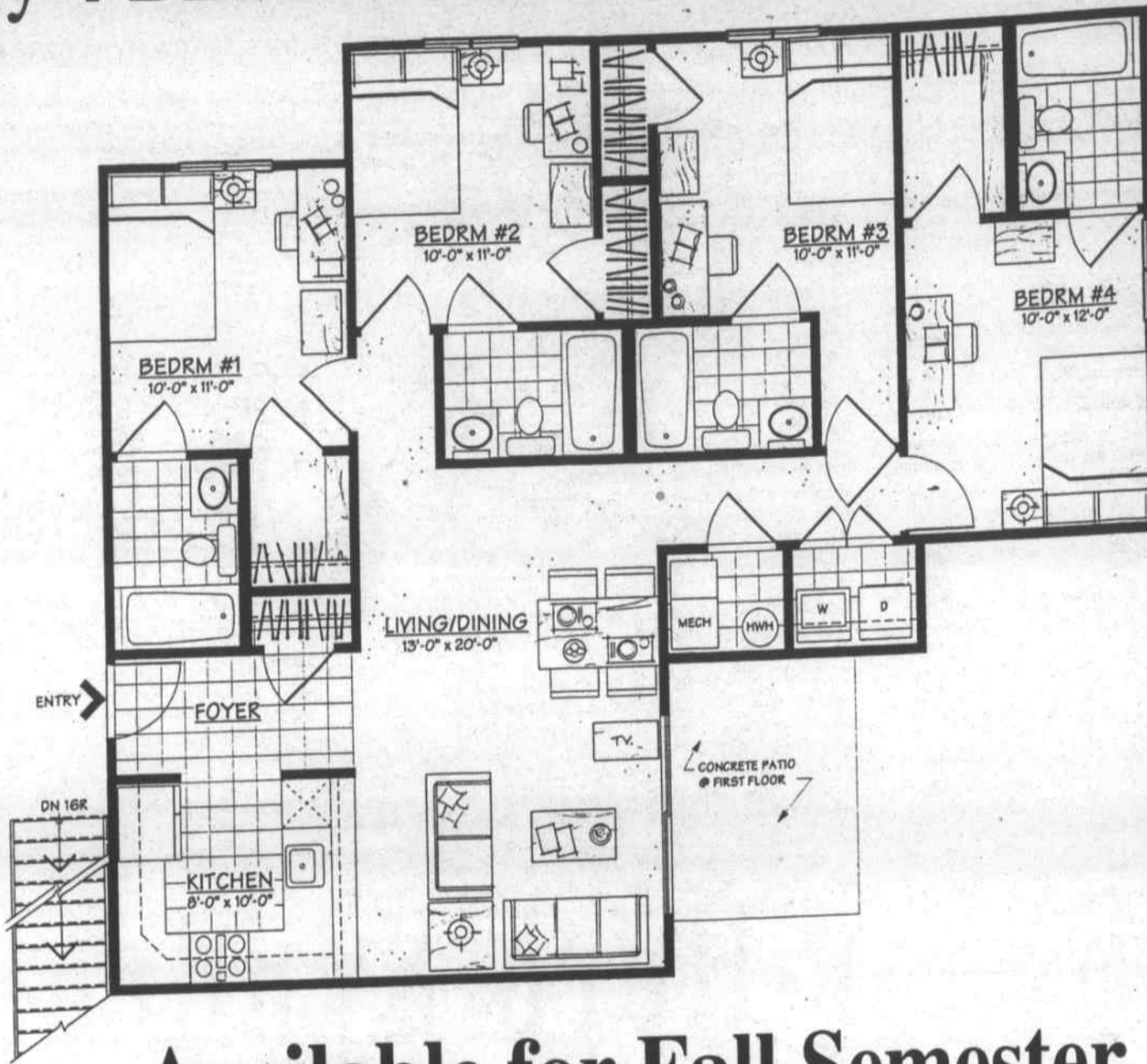
This is all very well, but it will not save the legions of vulnerable women out there from all us good-hearted, idiotic, do-gooder guys who find their personal problems so irresistible.

Remember the lesson of the Crusades! Do-gooders are responsible for the bulk of human misery. We make promises we are woefully unprepared to keep, and our hubris is matched only by our sincerity.

If you are dating somebody like this, my advice to you is to usher them aside, shake their hand, and wish them a speedy recovery from adolescence.

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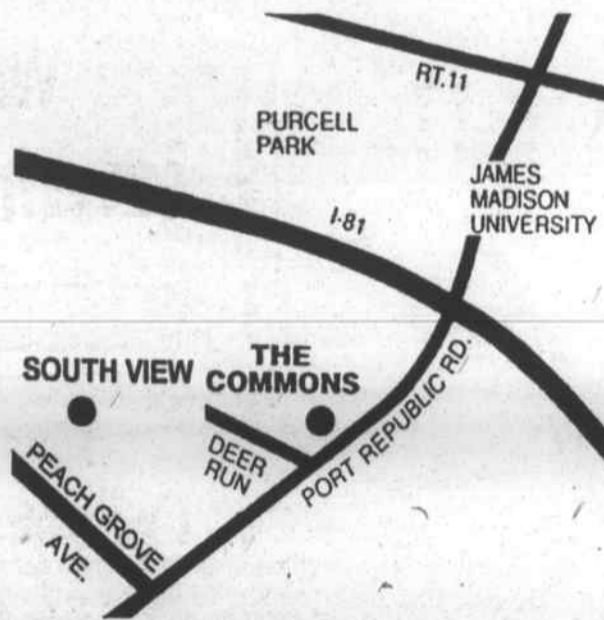
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Insomnia leaves many 'Sleepless in Harrisonburg'

'... beckoning sleep is like waiting for a phone call — it doesn't usually come until you quit waiting for it.'

It's gripping our bodily clocks and tearing the gears to shreds. It's the reason so many of us are finding ourselves restless at night and zombies during the day. Insomnia, my friends, is one of our chief enemies, and there has got to be a way to stop it.



Repose

— Laura Wade

As college students, we have probably all adopted some habits we would like to eradicate. For some, it's overeating, for others it's drinking... and for many, it's not sleeping. Just look at our lifestyles.

It is not hard to understand why so many college students exhibit symptoms of insomnia. We work day and night on assignments. We attend classes five, and lately six, days a week. Many of us hold down a job on top of school, and some of us attempt to have a social life. Where exactly does sleep fall into this picture?

Gallup surveys have shown that as many as 49 percent of Americans suffer from problems that impede our sleep. These problems are directly reflected in stress and work habits, and some even say rotten sex lives.

Whether caused by problems academically, socially or personally, insomnia often leaves many of us "Sleepless in Harrisonburg."

Usually, if you can't sleep, there is something on your mind. Counting sheep doesn't always work, and non-prescription sleep aides have been found to be largely ineffective, consisting mostly of antihistamines, according to a Pennsylvania State University study. Students must also take into account how safe these types of aides are. Troubling

questions were raised about their safety in the same study.

First, let's examine stress management. Most of us know our limits. We know how much we can take before we become stressed-out wrecks. Stress is healthy, but too much stress causes problems like grouchiness, an epidemic found all over campus lately. It also contributes to insomnia, a condition that seems to be getting more and more popular, especially in light of the amount of illuminated resident hall rooms at 4 and 5 a.m.

Regulating stress can be as easy as keeping a daily planner or taking time out to exercise at Godwin or to shoot pool in The Corner Pocket.

All work and no play has never been a highly regarded philosophy in my book.

Often when we are having trouble finding sleep, we turn to devices that seem to attract sleep. Some students drink a couple of beers or take a couple of shots of alcohol to entice sleep.

They may believe by reaching a comfortable oblivion, sleep will be more likely to overcome them, as if sleep is picky. I've never known sleep to be so selective, choosing only those who are intoxicated.

While this approach may work on a "sometimes" basis, the results of repeated uses are apparent — alcoholism. Thus, it is probably better to avoid it.

Another sleep-tempter some students use is pills. "Nytol will help you get your Zs," but only if you aren't using prescription drugs, and you don't have heart problems, and your eyes are blue.

Pills are only an answer for a small number of sufferers. Plus, addiction to these over-the-counter answers can occur. It almost seems contradictory when you can walk down a medicine aisle in a store and see sleeping aides and sleep deterrents sitting blissfully beside one another.

Second, we should take a look at sleeping habits in general. There is a big difference between insomnia and screwy sleeping patterns. Taking numerous daytime naps can make bedtime a little elusive.

Naps even contradict the idea of insomnia in the first place. "Nap" connotes sleep, and if you're an insomniac, then sleep is not your friend.

Of course, if you've completed the transition from normal sleepy time to a graveyard shift, as it seems many JMU students have, it may be easier said than done to change your schedule around.

Insomnia shouldn't be regarded as entirely bad, though. Consider the time spent awake as useful.

When suffering from insomnia, it's best to get up and do something. Write letters to friends or family, do your laundry, gather your other insomniac friends and swap stories.

Laying in bed beckoning sleep is like waiting for a phone call — it doesn't usually come until you quit waiting for it.

Insomnia has definitely become more prominent. Students aren't as afraid to admit they have this problem as they seem to be with other problems.

Most like to blame it on professors or living situations. Scientists like to blame melatonin.

Perhaps JMU should create an insomniac hot line to comfort those who suffer... 1-800-LULLABY. Personally, I'd like to see a support group called SNORE (Students Not Often Resting Effectively).

Laura Wade is a freshman mass communication major and assistant opinion editor. She hasn't had a lot of sleep lately.



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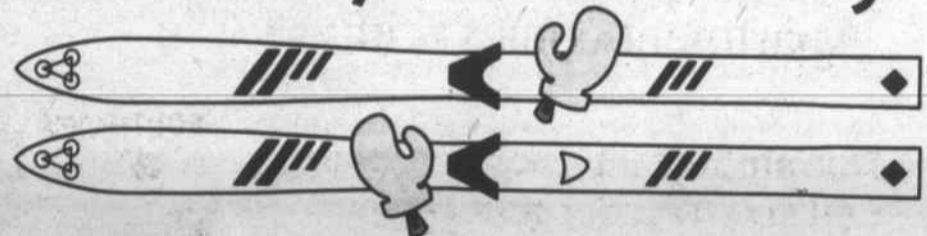
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Keeping up the students' quarters

Housekeeping can involve nasty duties, like cleaning up after students' parties and pranks, but residence hall housekeepers say knowing students makes their jobs worthwhile

story by Jill Stolarik

photos by Jennifer Baker



Housekeeper Mary Campbell cleans a mirror on her Tuesday shift. She said she feels lucky she cleans an all-female dorm.

You rub the sleep out of your half-open eyes, yawn, and stumble into the bathroom of your residence hall. Like a mother who never neglects her child, a housekeeper is there cleaning your dirty bathroom, as she does many mornings. You probably see her most mornings, mumble some type of greeting and go on with your business. Have you ever given thought to what she or other housekeepers do all day?

Residence hall housekeepers are professionals. They start their eight-hour days at 7:30 a.m. and clean until 4 p.m.

"Not everyone can clean; it takes a certain person to clean," said Linda Lutz, housekeeping supervisor of the Village residence halls. "Seeing how we can take something so filthy and make it sparkle is one of the best parts of the job."

The 56 housekeepers work in crews of four headed by a crew leader. Crews usually have three buildings to clean, experiencing new smells and sights along the way.

Part of housekeepers' jobs is concern for students' welfare. They try to make the students' surroundings better.



BRYAN KNIGHT/staff artist

"The JMU students are important to us," Lutz said.

Proper attire protects housekeepers from blood-borne diseases found in vomit. When hazardous waste is suspected, it must be placed into special red bags and taken to Rockingham Memorial Hospital, according to Lutz.

Housekeeper Grace Fishback said the worst days to clean are the first and last days of school. The trash room fills up to the brim with boxes.

Lutz said the housekeepers have to take the boxes to the dumpsters, which is extremely tiring.

However, some housekeepers do not mind cleaning for the first day of school because it just means the start of another year with JMU students, which is 10 times better than the approach of a gruesome summer, Village crew leader Bonnie Comer said.

Working in the summer is no bowl of cherries. With temperatures of 105-110 degrees in some residence halls, housekeepers "get grouchy, and everyone bites everyone's heads off," Comer said.

The summer schedule includes preparing for freshman orientation and summer camps, such

as basketball and soccer. "Cleaning the dorms is like running a hotel," Fishback said. Dealing with dirt and filth, putting new linen on the beds, and cleaning rooms and bathrooms frequently is what summer duty entails.

Once the fall semester begins, daily duties can include some messy situations. JMU students don't wear halos; accidents happen. Most of these accidents occur sometime during the weekends. Housekeepers are on call from 4 p.m. Friday to 10:30 p.m. Sunday to clean up "fun messes," Comer said.

Lutz said 27 housekeepers are involved in this on-call process, each assigned two weeks in the year. Housekeepers called in for this duty are senior workers, supervisors and crew leaders.

Dave Sanders, manager of auxiliary services, said senior workers have more responsibilities and some administrative duties. This level is usually a promotion, since housekeepers, the lowest paid JMU employees, get \$5.40 an hour. Crew leaders head crews and decide the priority of cleaning duties.

Comer remembers a weekend when she was called to remove dead skunks hanging in a women's bathroom. Lutz said when a pipe breaks or another plumbing problem occurs, the plumbers get called, and then the housekeepers are notified to clean up the mess.

Comer said other unnecessary circumstances requiring weekend-shift housekeepers to trek back to JMU have been vomit in a washing machine and toilet overflows resulting from attempts to flush nonflushable objects or substances, Comer said.

Many housekeepers see such behavior as disrespectful. "You would not do it in your own home, so why do it here?" Comer said.

Housekeeper Audrey McCray said she gets perturbed when students act up, but she simply shrugs it off with her philosophy that they are only kids enjoying freedom for the first time, and one day they will grow up and not act so disrespectfully.

Although students may act up from time to time, housekeepers still admit interacting with the JMU students is their favorite part of the job. "I just love getting to know the students," Comer said.

Housekeeper Sherri Hensley said she likes her residents so much, she set out Valentine's Day candy for them.

The housekeepers meet more

students each day and find vacation times disheartening and quiet. "Christmas break is very lonesome," Hensley said.

Some JMU students feel much the same toward their housekeepers. "I have never encountered a housekeeper who is unpleasant or not friendly," sophomore Christine Imhof said. "I am so thankful for all of their hard work."

When students express gratitude toward housekeepers, it gives the housekeepers a lift. Comer remembers receiving a cake from the hall director in one of the residence halls she worked in.

Hensley said it feels great walking into a bathroom and seeing thank you notes on the wall.

Many housekeepers said the most appreciative residents they encounter are men. Fishback said this may be because men's bathrooms are messier to begin with, and it is obvious when the housekeeper has been there.

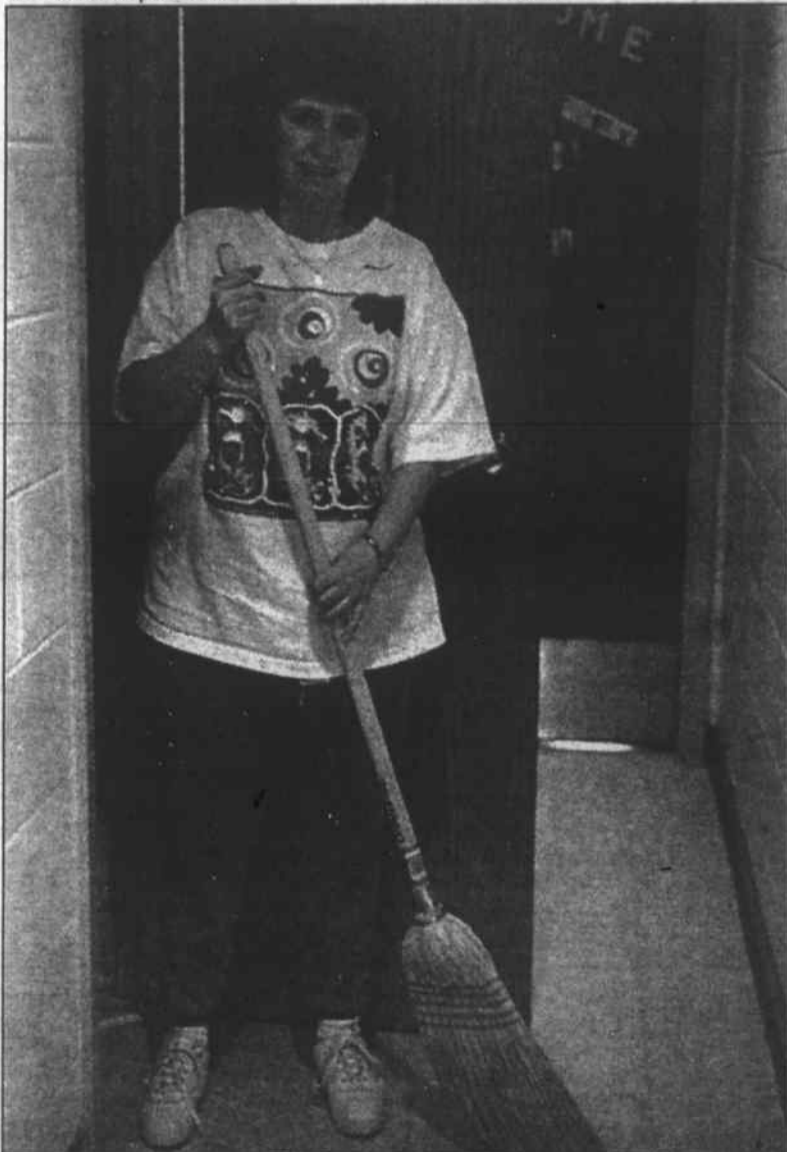
Many housekeepers admitted sheepishly that they hated their jobs at first. Going home each day weary, haggard and smelly is not exactly one of life's greatest pleasures. Nevertheless, Comer said she likes her job better than being cooped up in an office.

Hensley said she likes her job and doesn't have anything to complain about, except when she vowed to quit after she spotted a "big ol' spider."

Fishback said housekeepers get in a routine; they make friends, get accustomed to leaving work at 4 p.m. and get money built up for retirement.

Their relationships with each other reach beyond JMU. Many housekeepers are friends and go out and celebrate each others' birthdays and other special occasions.

Lutz said there is a real sense of teamwork and closeness among fellow housekeepers that would be hard to leave.



Housekeeper Star Dofflemyer makes her rounds Tuesday

sun moon planets

BEYOND THE STARS

story by Erin Callaghan graphic by Drew Bansemer

Some students turn to the sky to determine their astrological signs, predict their future and find out about their daily habits based on the alignment of the stars

"Hey baby, what's your sign?" The line is overused and has probably never once worked. Very few will openly admit the stars guide their lives. Though many may read their horoscopes, the complexity of the field of astrology is not widely known. Avid followers believe astrology can not only predict day-to-day events, but also believe it is a method of self discovery and a way of understanding the soul.

Astrology is a science, dating back more than 5,000 years. Ancient philosophers developed the Hermetic theory, which states man, nature and the universe are linked by a system of correlations. Thus, the position of the sun, moon, planets and stars at the time of people's births shape their mind, body and emotions, according to Joanna Martine Woolfolk's *The Only Astrology Book You'll Ever Need*.

A birth chart can record the position of the sun, moon and planets in relation to the 12 signs of the zodiac. The zodiac is a circle of 12

constellations divided into equal regions or houses. According to Woolfolk's book, in the early days of astrology, the 30 degrees given to each house also contained the constellation for which the house was named. For example, when the sun was in the house of Taurus, it was also in the constellation Taurus. Due to the earth's shift in relation to the stars over time, this does not hold true today, according to Woolfolk's book.

The position of the sun on the day of birth determines the sun sign. If the sun lies, for example, in the house of Sagittarius, the person is a Sagittarius and will be a seeker of new ideas and challenges, and be generous and energetic as well. The sun sign is the dominant sign and has the most influence on personal characteristics. This is what horoscopes are based on, according to Woolfolk's book.

The position of the moon, planets and the sign on the eastern horizon at the time of birth, called the rising

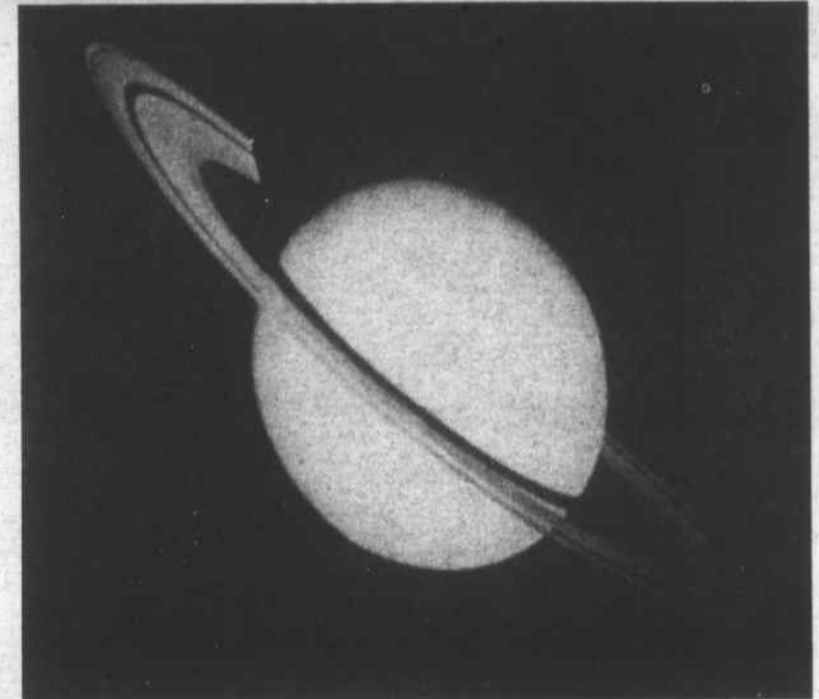
sign or ascendant, also influence the way a person acts and feels.

Freshman Katie Bureman said she feels her sun sign and her rising sign relate to her. "It's a very accurate depiction of my character," she said. "As a Cancer, I'm unpredictable, complex and fragile. I am devoted to my home and family. My ascendant, Aries, makes me people-oriented with a reputation as a troublemaker."

According to Woolfolk's book, if the sun is entering or leaving a house, the person is said to be born on a cusp and may have traits from both signs. However, the sign in which the person was actually born will usually dominate. Many times the positions of the moon and planets are ignored, but they all work together in correspondence to the human being.

Different paths exist to help people understand their behavior through astrology. The most common is the horoscope found in many newspapers and magazines.

After writing horoscopes for her high school newspaper, freshman



ROGER WOLLENBERG/photo editor

A view of Saturn in space from the John C. Wells Planetarium.

Kim Sheades, an Aries, said she found more "truth" in astrology. "It was so easy to write. I'd compare about six horoscope columns in newspapers or magazines, and what they said for each sign would always be similar throughout."

Experiences of horoscopes proving true can also lead others to become believers. Sophomore Robin Rossing, a Libra, became a strong believer after receiving an unexpected phone call from a distant friend when her horoscope predicted this would happen.

Rossing started reading her horoscope religiously, but only in the evenings to see if it predicted the day's events. "I don't live my day by my horoscope; I let my horoscope live my day," she said.

Others throw caution to the wind and scan the newspaper first thing each morning. "Every time I read my horoscope, I do what it says," sophomore Erin Barth, a Virgo, said. "If it says it's a good shopping day, I'll go shopping." Ironically, this is not typical behavior of a Virgo — they tend to resist these impulses and watch their money, Woolfolk's book stated.

On the other hand, sophomore Donna Brown, a Leo, chooses only to read her horoscope sporadically. "I look at the ones in the magazines at the beginning and end of each month to see if it's true. It usually is because you can stretch it to be." Her attitude is typical of the exuberant and creative Leo who has a tendency to stretch ideas to her liking, according to Woolfolk's book.

Horoscopes in publications aren't the only source for predictions. 1-900 numbers and the Internet offer more in-depth readings. However, these options are not as economically sound. Many popular women's magazines advertise 1-900 astrology numbers as costing between \$2.99 and \$3.99 per minute.

Some new services, such as the Astrological Society of America, offer club memberships at about \$10 a month. Included with the membership is a free three-minute call each month, a newsletter, free gifts and contests, according to the summary report from ASA.

According to a survey prepared for the society by Marketing Insights, the average member is under 30 years old, not married, has young children, has little education beyond high school and an income under \$30,000. Half of the members are unemployed.

Other services offer a voice mailbox with daily or weekly horoscopes. Some of these 1-900 numbers also offer free readings for first-time callers. However, due to a 1-900 block, this medium cannot be accessed from any on-campus phone.

The Internet may seem a less expensive medium for accessing information, but in reality, subscribing to a weekly or monthly horoscope can turn out to be costly. The Astrological Adventures homepage on the World Wide Web offers to send a one-time horoscope reading and birth chart for \$28.

People can subscribe to these services easily through e-mail. The horoscope is sent through e-mail, but other services, such as a birth chart, are sent through the postal service.

Though many do not consider it a real science, astrology is not ignored. Many people turn to astrology frequently or only once in a while to better understand themselves or to see what the future holds.

As sophomore Brad Christianson, a Libra, put it, "If my horoscope says something bad, I ignore it. If it's something good, I think it's gonna come true."

Astrology may be an unattractive source for a pick-up line, but it can be used as a guide, a source of hope or just for fun.

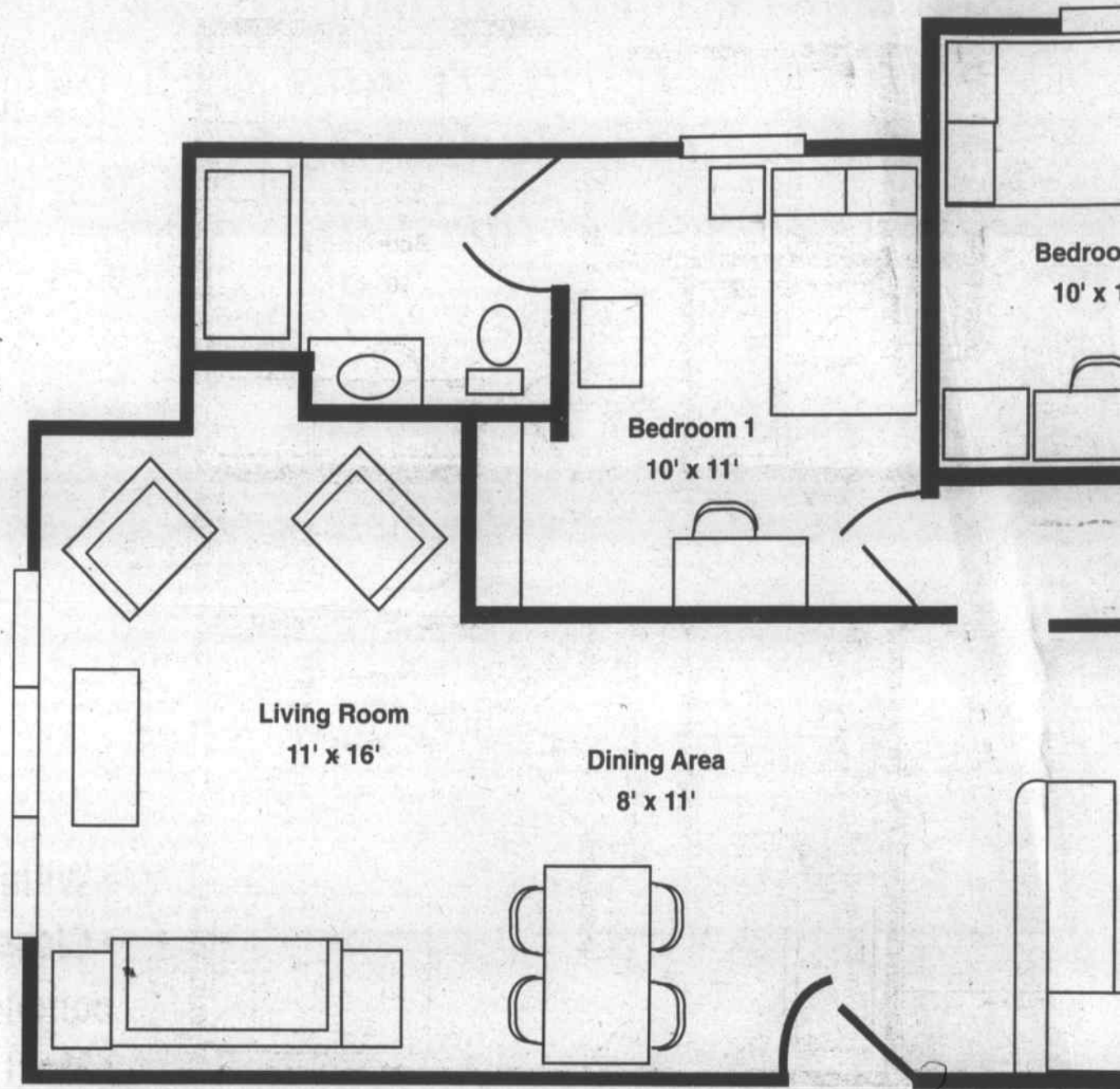
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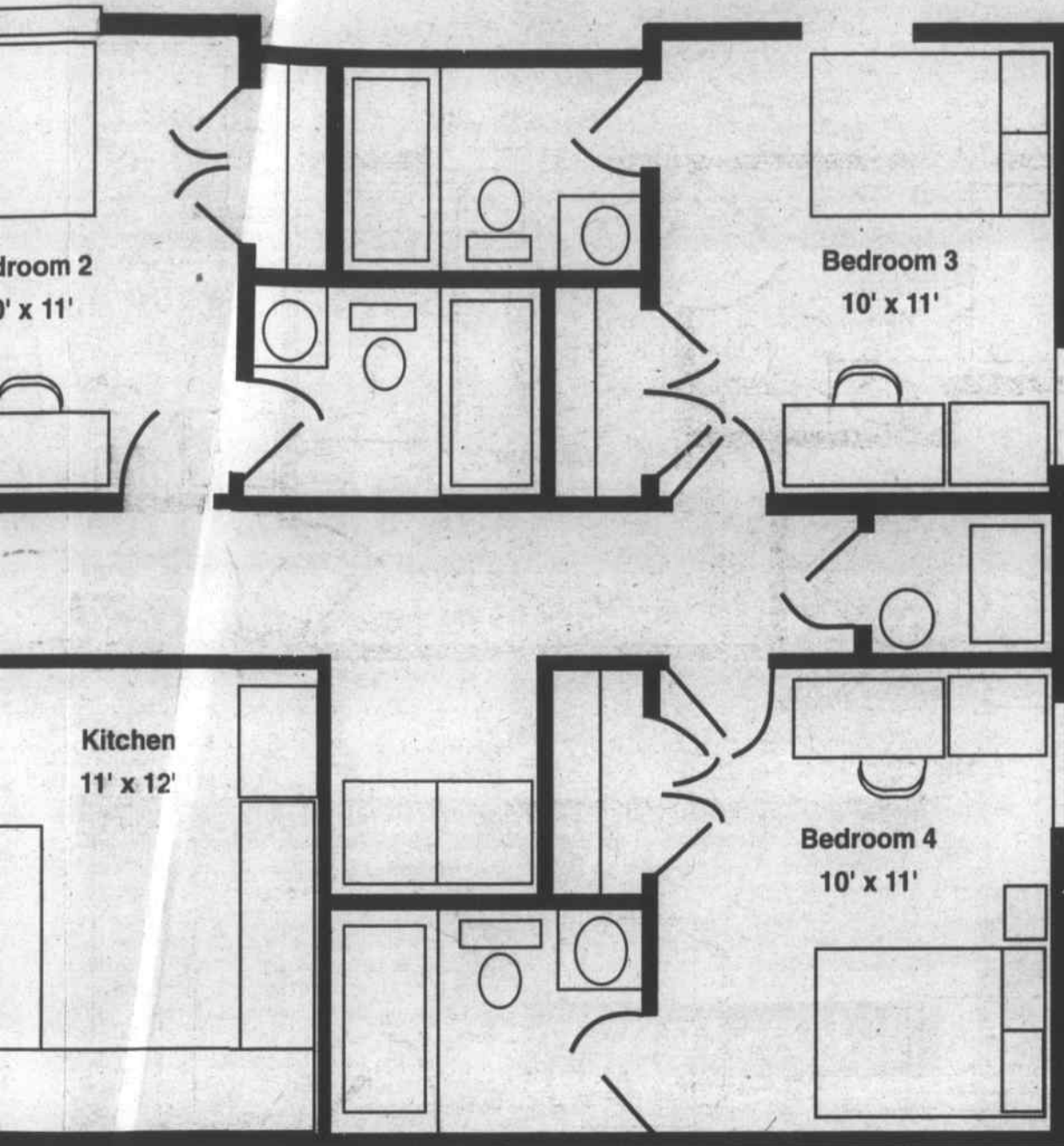
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After promising to take fans on a 'Fantastic Voyage,' the energy in Coolio's performance lasted about '1-2-3-4' seconds. Fortunately for the audience, The Roots 'Proceed'ed to make the crowd go crazy.

by Rachel Woodall

Although Artis Ivey, the artist known as Coolio, may think he is "too hot," he took the JMU crowd at the Convocation Center on something that was far less than a "fantastic voyage."

REVIEW

The search for Coolio began early Sunday evening. He was supposed to meet and greet fans who had won contests through several radio stations in Harrisonburg. Instead, the man everyone wanted to meet had gone bowling.

Rumors flew that he would show up eventually, that he was walking around Main Street and that he would return before the concert. This was just the beginning of the disappointment Coolio would inflict on JMU.

Because Coolio was nowhere to be found, the opening band The Roots took center spotlight. The band formed in Philadelphia, where the group's lyricist, Tariq Trotter (known as Black Thought) and drummer Ahmir-Khalib Thompson (known as B.R.O. the R.) were schoolmates at the Philadelphia High School for Creative and Performing Arts.

They pulled in the bass talents of Leonard Hubbard and rhymer Malik Abdul-Basit in 1987 to form the jazz-meets-hip-hop sound they call their own. Hubbard (or Hub, as he likes to be called) said their group is full of talented musicians.

"The bass is slammin'," he said with a laugh. "You're not going to see anything or hear anything like that in the world!"

Hub said the group started playing with

Coolio this year and has started performing with him at colleges such as George Washington University and Ithaca College.

"It's cool, and all the crowds are receptive, plus the fact that we're from the Philadelphia area. It's a close run to home so we don't have to be out on tour," Hub said. "We can just come out for the weekends."

When The Roots finally took the stage, the anxious crowd went crazy. The crowd listened to the first couple of songs as it tried to figure out what The Roots were all about. The third song, "Proceed," took the audience's energy level up a notch. It was the chorus of the song that made the crowd stand up and listen.

The Roots also came to "educate and entertain" about classic rap songs by such artists as Mona Lisa, Dougie Fresh, Run DMC, and Tribe Called Quest. They took the old songs and threw in their own lyrics to give their music the funky style for which they are known.

They were not afraid to mix it up a bit and threw in a few freestyle harmonized human beat-box moments with a drum solo by B.R.O. the R. that made the crowd even more enthused.

Unfortunately, Coolio did not seem as exciting. His mixer, DJ Fatbox, started things off while the 40 Thevz, Coolio's posse, took control of the crowd.

Coolio ran onto stage and rapped "It's Alright," a laid-back song that got the crowd into the groove of Coolio's Compton sound, a rap style originated by L.A. groups like N.W.A. He played up to the crowd, throwing water onto the floor and dancing around the stage.





(Clockwise from top left): Coolio brings his West Coast flavor to the Convocation Center crowd Sunday night; Coolio tosses water onto the floor crowd while talking about safe sex; Coolio pauses for a moment while one of his 40 Theyz takes over on vocals; The Roots, Coolio's opening act, excite the concert-goers with an old school medley; 'Coolio with the flow' under the spotlight on center stage.

His newest release, called "1-2-3-4," called for the men to "get your women on the floor." This song, although gaining popularity among the hip-hop scene, was horribly performed. Coolio was too laid-back, and there was just no energy.

He ended another of his newest releases, "Too Hot" by giving statistics about HIV.

"One out of every 33 black men in the United States is infected with the HIV virus. One out of every 57 Latino men is infected with HIV virus, and one out of every 127 white men in the United States is infected with the HIV virus . . . so homeboys, you better protect your motherfuckin' nuts!

"And ladies . . . if he ain't got no condom, then he don't get none," Coolio warned.

The song originally was done by Kool and the Gang, whose voices create the background to Coolio's new lyrics dealing with safe sex in the age of AIDS.

Many of Coolio's other songs contain lyrics dealing with smoking marijuana. In one song, Coolio "hit the mic like a blunt and passed it around," calling for emcees in the audience to go up on stage and rap.

In another instance, Coolio promised to get thousands of cases of beer and a "big-ass bag of weed" for everyone to smoke.

"We gonna roll up a big-ass joint and put it on top of the motherfuckin' police station, and every time we wanna get high, we gonna climb up on top with a big-ass lighter and take a big hit," Coolio claimed.

We'll call that the John Madison Campus Community Joint. Wait a minute. Who the fuck is James Madison? Wait, I know . . . he used to sell nickel bags in the projects."

Second-year University of Virginia student Steve Turner said he drove here from Charlottesville just to see Coolio in concert.

"Coolio was awesome, and overall, the concert was really good," he said.

After his story-telling was finished, Coolio performed his debut hit "Fantastic Voyage" off his platinum album *It Takes a Thief*. This was definitely the best song of Coolio's set, but in no way lived up to the expectations for the night.

Dressed in a choir robe and "getting it up like church in here," Coolio finished up his show with "Gangsta's Paradise" off the *Dangerous Minds* soundtrack.

"I thought it [the show] was pretty good, but he could have played more old stuff and for a lot longer," said sophomore music major Alan Johnson. "The Roots were awesome, though."

Once Coolio left the stage, after a one-hour performance, that was it. No encore. No one more song. Just DJ Fatbox left standing at the mixing table to clean up. Before he left, Coolio gave one final thought to JMU students.

"You all know how to keep it real. Let me explain something to you all. When you hear motherfuckers say 'I'm just tryin' to keep it real homeboy,' then you know he ain't real. If you gotta try and keep it real, you don't know what real is. There is only two things. There's real and there's fake, ain't nothing in the middle."

Sunday night, Coolio obviously did not know what the word "real" meant.

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Love in the '90s

Actors can convincingly portray life of gay couple; musical handles heavy subjects with comedy

by Liz Sinunu
contributing writer

The buzz on campus is that "Falsettos," a musical running this week at Theatre II, is about homosexuality, and with the opening number, "Four Jews in a Room Bitching," I wasn't exactly sure what I had gotten myself into. But the play is really about the love between two people.

REVIEW

Director Melanie L. Neergaard, a senior theatre major, said she discovered the show four years ago in a book of sheet music and loved it. Although she realized the subject matter was controversial, she thought it would go over well on campus.

"I think students will enjoy it because it is different from most musicals you would see," Neergaard said.

Senior social work major Kristin Tyson, the play's assistant director, said "Falsettos" is about changing family values and relationships, but not in the traditional sense.

"I realize that it is controversial, but the subject matter still needs to be addressed," Tyson said.

Junior sociology major Johmaalya Hicks, who plays Charlotte, one of "the lesbians from next door," said the play is about reality and really

puts things in perspective.

"In real life, you never know who has what," she said. "I tried to channel into my character how it would feel to be on the brink."

The cast members are able to convey their characters' tension effectively.

Many times I had to check myself and realize I was in a college theatre and not watching a bunch of professional actors.

The way the actors really got into their role and made the scene and their emotions believable was impressive.

Junior theatre major Michael Raybould and senior history major Jim Moye, who play Marvin and Whizzer, a homosexual couple, were particularly impressive. To be able to play homosexual lovers convincingly is a feat not easily achieved by professional heterosexual actors, but Raybould and Moye succeeded. The chemistry between the two actors added to the play's effect.

"I tried not to focus so much on the homosexuality of it," Raybould said. "It's about what you want and that you can't have everything."

He said he approached the role by speaking with homosexuals to get their perspective, but mainly he based his interpretations on relationships in general, both gay and straight.

Moye said societal ignorance made the play more compelling. Originally, the first and second act of

"Falsettos" were two different plays. The first act was written in the early 1980s, and the second act was written in the 1990s.

The information available on AIDS and the family structure in regard to homosexuality was much different in the 1980s than now, and this is evident in the play.

Blake Cooper, a Harrisonburg resident, plays the couple's 13-year-old son, Jason. I was impressed by the maturity of Cooper's singing and his ability to play a difficult character. His character has to deal with his father divorcing his mother for a man.

The way Cooper portrayed Jason's inner turmoil about how to deal with such a situation and his overriding fear of being gay like his father was incredible.

Cooper said he really didn't do any research for the role. "[I] tried to think what I would do if I were in that situation," he said.

Because the play deals with heavy subjects such as AIDS, homosexuality and changing family values, one would think it would just be too much for an audience to handle emotionally, but there is a lot of comic relief.

Senior music major Jim Sluder, who plays Mendel, was very funny in his role of the family psychiatrist.

Sluder said when he first began rehearsing for the part, it was hard for him to develop his character because he was doing a lot of illegal

things as a doctor, but at the same time, he had to be a likable guy.

He achieved his goal perfectly. At first I wasn't sure what his role was going to be in the whole scheme of things, but he ingrained himself seamlessly into the story. His facial expressions and dancing were priceless, and this made his character extremely likable.

The band, appropriately named "The Teeny Tiny Band," was amazing.

Sophomore music major William Johnson, who plays piano, senior

music major Ryan Benton, synthesizer, and senior English major Renee Kingan, who plays alto saxophone, flute and clarinet, were able to carry the entire play themselves and added another level of emotion to the play through the music.

Johnson said, "It was an intense rehearsal period, but with a dedicated cast, we were able to pull it off."

"Falsettos" will run at Theatre II at 8 p.m. through Feb. 24, and there will be a midnight show Feb. 23. Admission is \$4.



JEN BAKER/staff photographer

Senior Jim Sluder experiences an emotional moment during 'Falsettos,' a musical depicting homosexual family life. The musical is showing at Theatre II through Feb. 24.

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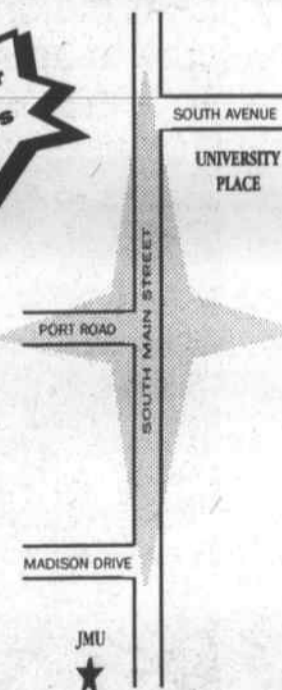
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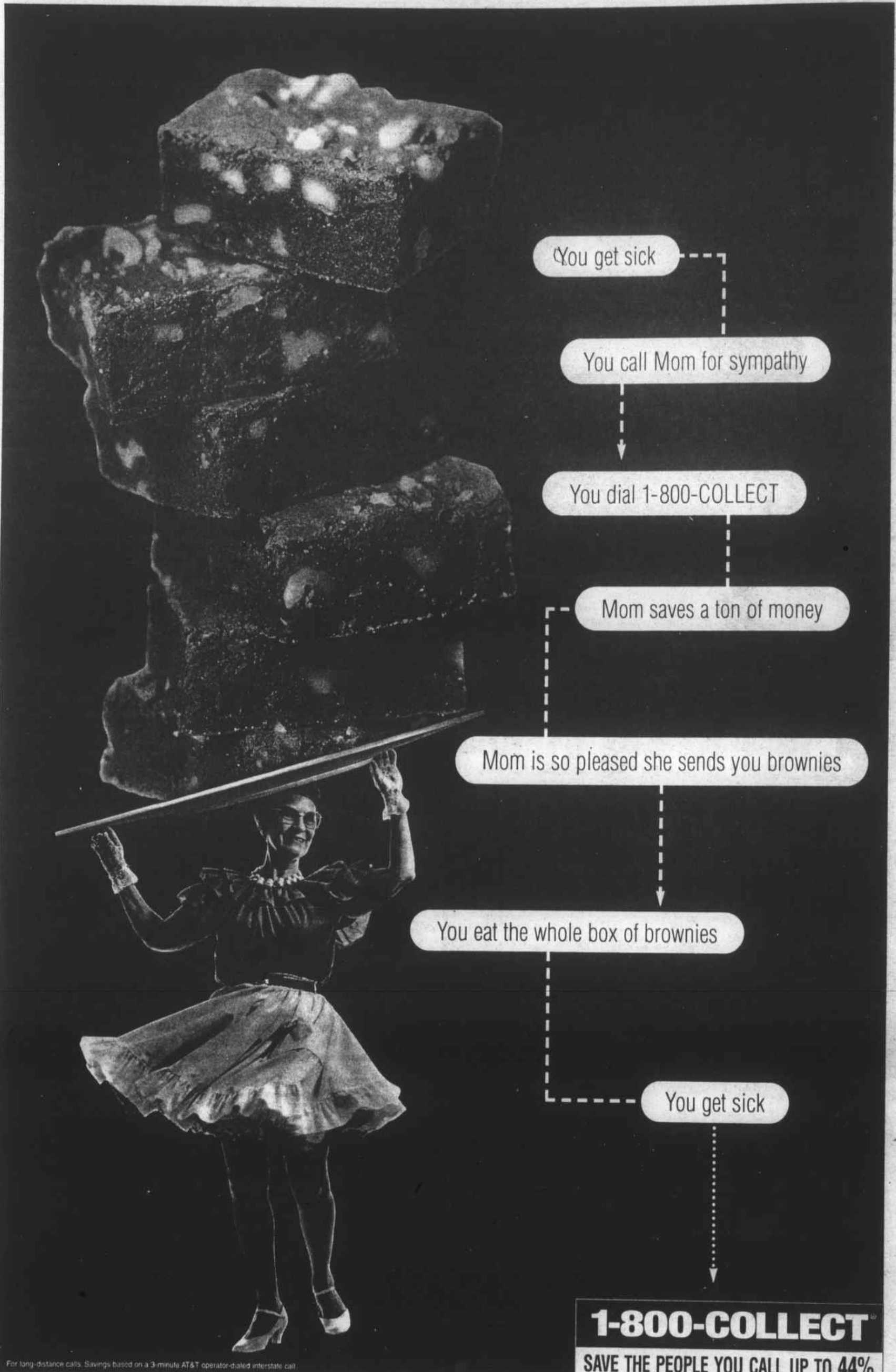
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1996 JMU BASEBALL PREVIEW

Dukes hope to top tough CAA

by Matthew Provence
& John M. Taylor
senior writers

Although spring remains noticeably far away, baseball will be in full bloom this weekend.

Starting with a home doubleheader against Villanova University Saturday, the JMU baseball team begins what it hopes will be another successful season.

Last year, the Dukes finished with the second-highest win total in JMU history, compiling a 42-17 record and receiving a bid to the NCAA South Regionals.

In addition, the Dukes won the regular season Colonial Athletic Association crown with a 14-4 conference mark.

Despite all the success of the 1995 season, JMU still has some unfinished business, as the program has never won the CAA tournament.

"It is always the goal of the team that you want to win a championship," sophomore pitcher/infielder Greg White said. "It's always a goal, and it is one of the goals that we have set forth for our program. It's definitely a thing we're keeping in the back of our minds."

Competition in the conference looks like it will be tough for 1996, as several of the teams expect to hang in the race until the end.

"I think the conference is well-balanced this year. It's probably the strongest team-for-team as far as equal abilities," JMU head coach Kevin Anderson said. "From top to bottom — one through eight — you could almost draw the numbers out of a hat. It's going to be very good."

Various polls have the Dukes ranked anywhere from 24th to 51st in the nation, but some prognosticators have predicted George Mason University to edge out JMU atop the CAA.

"GMU is picked to be the best



AMY SANDLIN/senior photographer

Kevin Anderson applauds as he looks on at practice Wednesday. Anderson has an 82-36-1 record in his two years as JMU skipper.

team in the CAA, but we are tough to beat at home — tough to beat anywhere," senior reliever Casey Brookens said. "So they are going to have their hands full."

The Dukes have suffered key losses to both their pitching staff and lineup. Gone from last year's squad are starter Brian McNichol (8-2, 3.08 ERA), who led the staff in wins; reliever Mike Venafro (6-2, 2.37 ERA, 5 saves), who led the CAA in saves; second baseman Kevin Nehring (.354, 14 HR, 62 RBI), who led JMU in virtually every offensive category; first baseman Chad Ginder (.363, 1 HR, 29 RBI), who was fourth in the CAA in batting average; and shortstop Donny Burks (.271, 1

HR, 22 RBI), a solid defensive player who led the team in stolen bases (20).

But whereas Anderson has recognized the significance of the departures, he said he has confidence in the players who will fill the vacancies.

"The key for this year is for guys who have been role players in the past to step up and take a marquee-type position," he said. "Talent-wise, we're very capable of doing that."

Junior outfielder Macey Brooks said, "We're a little younger. A few guys are a little inexperienced; they haven't played many games, and they're going to be stuck in a starting position pretty quick."

Along with the new starters who have shown promise during limited roles in the past, the team should get a boost from a highly touted freshman class.

"We've lost a lot of key seniors, but we have a lot of very, very, very talented freshmen, guys who are old enough to step up and be leaders on this team," senior outfielder Juan Dorsey said.

One freshman who Anderson will call upon to make an immediate impact is outfielder Kevin Razler, who is penciled in as the starting centerfielder and leadoff hitter.

"Razler is a good leadoff guy with good wheels and a strong arm," Brookens said. "I think he'll be a big improvement for this year's team."

The strength of this squad should rest in the pitching. Despite the aforementioned losses, the Dukes have plenty of depth in both the starting staff and the relief corps.

"This year, I think we compare favorably to last year," White said. "We've got another strong pitching staff. As a staff as a whole, I think we'll be very strong."

Anderson referred to the depth and flexibility of the staff as an advantage over other competitors.

"We're very lucky to have, what we feel, about 11 pitchers we could

put out there right now and could win at this level," he said. "We have a number of quality arms, and we're deep in that position."

After finishing just fourth in the CAA in team offense and losing clean-up hitter Nehring, the Dukes' hitting enters the season as a bit of a question mark for the club.

JMU will rely on senior infielder Jay Johnson (.333, 3 HR, 54 RBI), senior jack-of-all-trades Bart Close (.311, 5 HR, 25 RBI), Dorsey (.287, 18 RBI) and Brooks (.266, 5 HR, 27 RBI) to fill the heart of the lineup.

"Losing Nehring and Ginder was big, but I definitely think that some people, if maybe two people to that one Nehring, can pick up the slack," Brooks said.

Anderson added, "It will be interesting to see who comes to the forefront as being our main contributor offensively. Somebody's going to do it. I'm anxious to see who it is."

"We have the ability for a few guys to supply some power," he said.

Significant production could come from White, a dual-position player who could be in the everyday lineup after being limited to pitching duties last year.

The Dukes were among the CAA's best in stealing bases a year ago. Despite the losses of Burks, Ginder (16 SB) and Bobby Rubin (17 SB), look for JMU to keep opposing catchers busy.

"We're not going to change our philosophy; we feel we have very good overall team speed," Anderson said. "We'll pick our spots with different types of techniques in stealing and still play aggressively."

Along with the pitching staff, Anderson listed the Dukes' defense as a strong suit. This comes as a surprise, considering the team lost all of last season's starters up the middle.

"We like our defensive club, and it's very true that we're new at short, second and center, which is very difficult to replace all in one year," Anderson said. "The good thing about it is we are starting with Corey Hoch at short and Rusty Lowery at second. They have been in our system and they know what's going on."

White said defense is a priority for the team and that it has looked strong overall.

Aside from the Dukes' play on the field, there are other characteristics that could set the team apart from its competition.

The program appears to be in good hands with Anderson. In just two years at the helm, Anderson has a career record of 82-36-1 and has led JMU to back-to-back 40-win seasons for only the second time in school history.

And, according to Anderson, the players have the mental make-up needed for a successful season.

"I like the frame of mind, the mind-set, these young men have," he said. "I like the cohesiveness that we have — they pull for each other even when they're not playing."

"They're great people, they've worked their butts off, they deserve to win."



CAA Conference

(In order of 1995 finish)

Coach Anderson says . . .



1. JMU Dukes
'95: 42-17, 14-4

"We have numerous options. A lot of times in baseball, if you miss one player, the team falls by the wayside. We're not in that mode because of the numerous quality players in our program."



2. UNCW Seahawks
30-25, 11-7

"UNCW has the most dominating left-handed pitcher in the league in Jason Ramsey [6-4, 2.11], and Bryan Britt [3.04, 12 HR] is probably the most legit power threat in the CAA."



3. Richmond Spiders
43-17, 11-7

"UR has a very good left-handed power hitter in J.P. McCrory [3.06], and they have some pretty good returning players."



4. George Mason Patriots
31-25, 11-7

"GMU has the majority of their team returning. They really came on strong at the end of the year and have some very talented players."



5. Old Dominion Monarchs
39-20, 9-9*

"ODU probably has the best position player in the conference in Matt Quatraro [C, .371-13-62], and an outstanding dual-position player in Ron Walker [6-2, 3.15, .314]. They'll be very good."

*won 1995 CAA Tournament



6. East Carolina Pirates
29-26, 5-13

"ECU will have a number of quality transfers coming in, plus they have an outstanding right-handed pitcher in Patrick Dunham [7-5, 3.28]."



7. W&M Tribe
24-29, 2-16

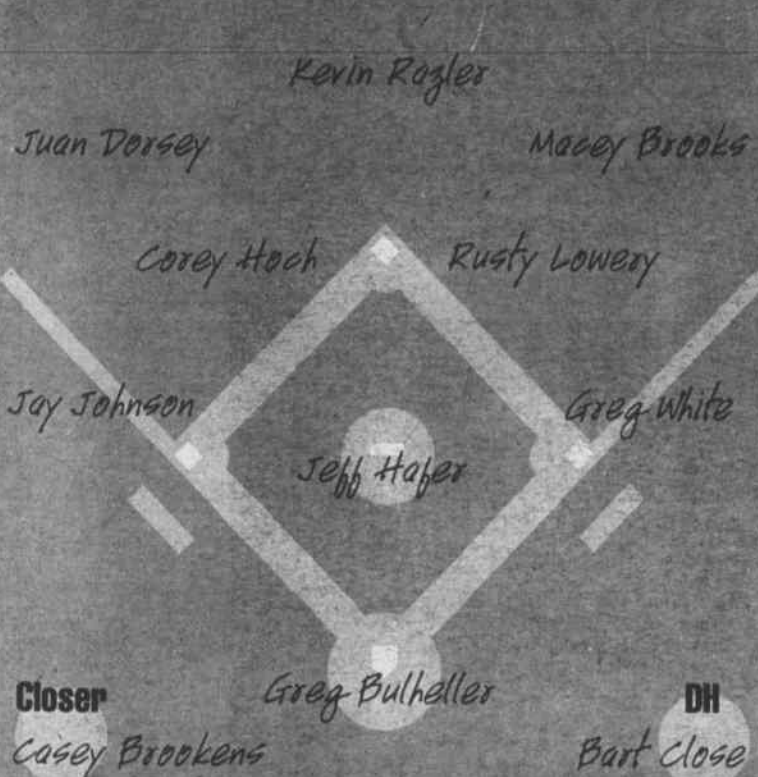
"William & Mary should be much better than they have in the past."



VCU Rams
1st year in CAA

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1996 JMU BASEBALL PREVIEW

JMU players to watch in 1996

Bart Close, 1B/C/DH

Close has basically been a utility player/designated hitter throughout his JMU career after transferring from University of Michigan three years ago. This year, much will be expected of the senior. Last season, he put up respectable power numbers in limited at-bats, finishing second on the team with five home runs. His .538 slugging percentage from last season is the highest among returners.

Kevin Razler, CF

Most baseball players start out their collegiate careers by taking a red-shirt year. Razler is being thrown into a starting role in centerfield as a true freshman. He will also be expected to hit leadoff. Both of those positions are very visible and filled with pressure, especially batting at the top of the order. It will be interesting to see how he handles the expectations thrust upon him.

Casey Brookens, RP

Brookens, one of the team's three captains, will be the Dukes' closer this season. This is a position he has been in before; the senior has been both a starter and reliever during his career, and he collected three saves last year. But he has never started out the year as the closer designed, and he already has to battle back from a shoulder injury that will cause him to miss at least the first week of the season.

Greg White, P/1B

White spent his freshman year doing nothing but pitching, making six appearances and getting a win. Now he will have many more responsibilities, as he will serve as a dual-position player — a rarity at this level of baseball. He last played the field as a high school senior, batting .475 with six home runs. He is the opening-day starter at first base, and when he pitches, he will also likely DH.

Macey Brooks, OF

Brooks came to JMU as a star, a two-sport athlete drafted in the second round by the San Francisco Giants in 1993. Brooks chose not to sign — the highest draftee not to do so. However, Brooks has yet to meet his expectations on the diamond and saw his average drop to .266 last season while striking out once every 3.9 at-bats. Now, as a junior, he'll be counted on to play with more consistency and will be looked to for power and run production in the fourth spot.

Derrick Cook, P

Cook, a 10th round draft choice of the Cleveland Indians in 1993, is being hailed by Coach Anderson as having "one of the best arms in the country." The junior has developed pitches other than his powerful fastball and is currently listed as the Dukes' third starter and possible closer. He slipped a little last year, but his walks were down and his strikeouts were up. This could be the year he puts it all together.

Johnson's work ethic key to his success

by Scott Graham
senior writer

In a sports world full of greedy, self-centered money-mongers (see Derrick Coleman and Deion Sanders), there still exists a sparse collection of unselfish, loyal, hard-working and humble athletes.

A member of this elite, and often overlooked, club will be returning to Long Field/Mauck Stadium Feb. 24. To find him, look no farther than JMU senior infielder Jay Johnson.

Johnson, a starter since the opening day of his freshman season, is JMU's silent leader whose blue-collar workmanship is the backbone of the 1996 Dukes.

"Jay's a guy who comes to play hard every day," JMU head coach Kevin Anderson said. "He's an intense competitor who's loyal to this program and to the team."

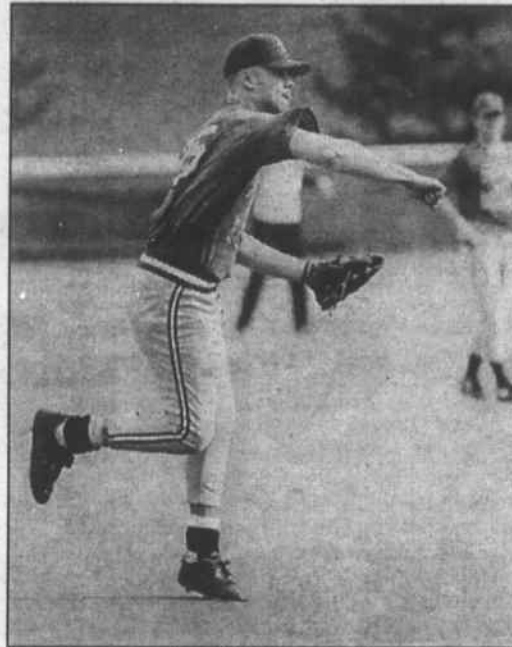
Having worked on his uncle's farm in Fauquier County since the age of 9, Johnson learned the value of hard work, discipline and responsibility. Each day he had to wake up at 6 a.m. and help with the farm chores, which included bailing hay and milking the cows.

Johnson believes the experience helped him become a better player, not to mention a better person.

"It taught me that it doesn't matter what you do in life," Johnson said, "as long as you put forth the effort and concentration necessary to be successful."

Johnson returns for his senior year not to inflate his statistics and pile up personal accolades, but rather, to do what he feels is most important.

"The main reason I'm here is to help this team win," Johnson said. "As far as that goes, I prefer to lead by my actions more than verbally getting guys ready to play."



AMY SANDLIN/senior photographer

Senior Jay Johnson fires a shot across the diamond during practice Wednesday.

Johnson lives by his words. Last year he led JMU with three triples and was second on the team in slugging percentage (.465) and doubles (13). Johnson's 71 hits placed him 11th in the Colonial Athletic Association, and his 54 RBI were good enough for sixth in the conference. He finished the season hitting .333, improving his JMU career batting average to .319.

In the field, he committed only 11 errors for a .967 fielding percentage.

For his efforts, Johnson earned first-team All-CAA and honorable mention All-State honors.

"As long as we win, it doesn't matter to me what awards I get," Johnson said.

Even so, Johnson's teammates are also keenly aware of his consistent play and well-rounded skills.

Senior reliever Casey Brookens said Johnson is one of the team's most versatile players who works well under pressure and has excellent fielding abilities. Johnson is also one of the team's hardest workers, Brookens said.

"In his spare time, Jay's always taking extra hits or having guys knock ground balls at him," Brookens said. "He's always trying to make himself better."

As much as Johnson may downplay his personal success and impressive statistics, he needs to play just as well, if not better, for this year's Dukes to win 40 games for their third-straight season and make another NCAA tournament appearance.

"Jay's a huge role-player for us," Anderson said. "He'll bat in a position in the order that he's going to have to drive in runs for us to be successful."

Last year, Johnson had no problem at the plate with teammates on base, going 40-102 in those situations. More importantly, he owned a team-best .420 batting average with runners in scoring position.

Johnson's coach said he will bat anywhere from third to sixth in the order this season.

Although Johnson is not viewed as one of the Dukes' most flamboyant players, Anderson characterizes his fourth-year starter as one who quietly wins ball games.

"If you watch for one game, Jay's not gonna stand out," Anderson said. "But if you watch for a week or two weeks, you'll see a steady, consistent player who gets big hits and makes good defensive plays."

"He's the type of guy that wins championships."

Pitching could be Dukes' edge over CAA foes

by Jerry Niedlialek
staff writer

There's an old saying in the baseball world that good pitching beats good hitting. If that holds true, the JMU baseball team should have a very successful year.

With 11 capable pitchers to put out on the mound, the Dukes can feel confident about this year's staff and the upcoming season.

"Our pitching and defense will definitely be the main focus of the ball club," head coach Kevin Anderson said.

The 1995 staff finished third in the Colonial Athletic Association in team pitching, allowing 3.66 earned runs a game. However, JMU suffered two major losses after last season.

The ace, starter Brian McNichol, who finished with a team-high eight wins, left JMU after being drafted by the Chicago Cubs in the second round of the 1995 draft. Closer Mike Venafro, who picked up six wins, five saves and a team-best 2.37 ERA, graduated. Despite the losses, the group appears strong.

"We feel we have a number of quality arms, and we want to be in position at all times where the pitcher is better or of equal ability to anyone we play," Anderson said. "And we think with the arms we have, we can do just that."

Senior co-captains Casey Brookens and Jeff Hafer return and are looking to have fine seasons.

Brookens emerged as a dependable arm out of the bullpen and will step in as the closer this year. He has proven he can handle pressure situations, compiling a 7-2 mark with three saves in '95. Nineteen of his 20 appearances were from the pen.



PETER HAGGARTY/senior photographer

Coach Anderson and a group of pitchers look on during practice.

Hafer will be the guy Anderson looks to for "must-win games." He started every series opener last year, finishing with a 6-2 record and a 2.75 ERA, and will toss the season opener again this year.

"Jeff is a senior who had a fine record last year," Anderson said. "He deserves to have the ball."

Although the critics expect JMU to be less successful than last year's team, Hafer has high hopes for the 1996 squad.

"We want to win the conference tournament this year for the first time," he said. "We are not getting the respect we deserve and have something to prove. We are the best team in the conference and are ready to prove it."

Junior Andrew Gordon will again team up with Hafer to get CAA starting assignments this year.

The right-hander started 10 games in 1995 and showed that he had the

ability to emerge as one of the aces of the staff, despite going just 3-3 with 4.15 ERA.

Anderson said he expects more out of junior Derrick Cook. After having an impressive freshman year where he went 6-2, the right-hander picked up only one win last spring.

Cook has tremendous potential, according to Anderson, and just needed time to develop. He has a strong arm and has been clocked throwing more than 90 miles per hour.

"Derrick has one of the best arms in the country," Anderson said. "He has made some great strides and we look for him to have a fine year."

Junior right-hander Tim Bouch is yet another force opponents will have to face this season.

Bouch pitched the third most innings on the team, but most of his appearances were relief efforts. This year, Anderson will look to him for

more starts and to remain consistent.

Bouch's 4-1 record and 2.52 ERA last year shows he has what it takes to make the transition from a middle-reliever to a consistent starter.

"We have some relief pitchers coming into starting roles and a few young ones that will step up into more prominent roles," Anderson said. "They've just got to try to pick their right spots and are going to have to meet the challenge when they get the ball in their hands."

Sophomore right-handers Travis Harper and Greg White are two young pitchers who will need to meet the challenge of becoming reliable starters.

"Consistency is the key for this year," Harper said. "We need to keep the team in the ball game and give our offense a chance to win the ball game. My goal is to build upon last season and keep improving."

White said he is ready to take on the challenge of the upcoming year and is eager to get started.

"I'm looking forward to this year," he said. "We need to concentrate on out-pitching the other team, and the offense will take care of itself."

JMU has also added a few new players to the staff. Transfers Eric Parker (Jr.) and Mike Whiteman (So.) will add depth, while red-shirt freshmen Aaron Sams and Jason White will likely gain experience after a year of development.

"On paper, the strength of the team appears to be our pitching, but a game's never been won on paper, that's for sure," Anderson said, "unless you're doing rotisserie league."

"But we will always try to have strong pitching — that's key."

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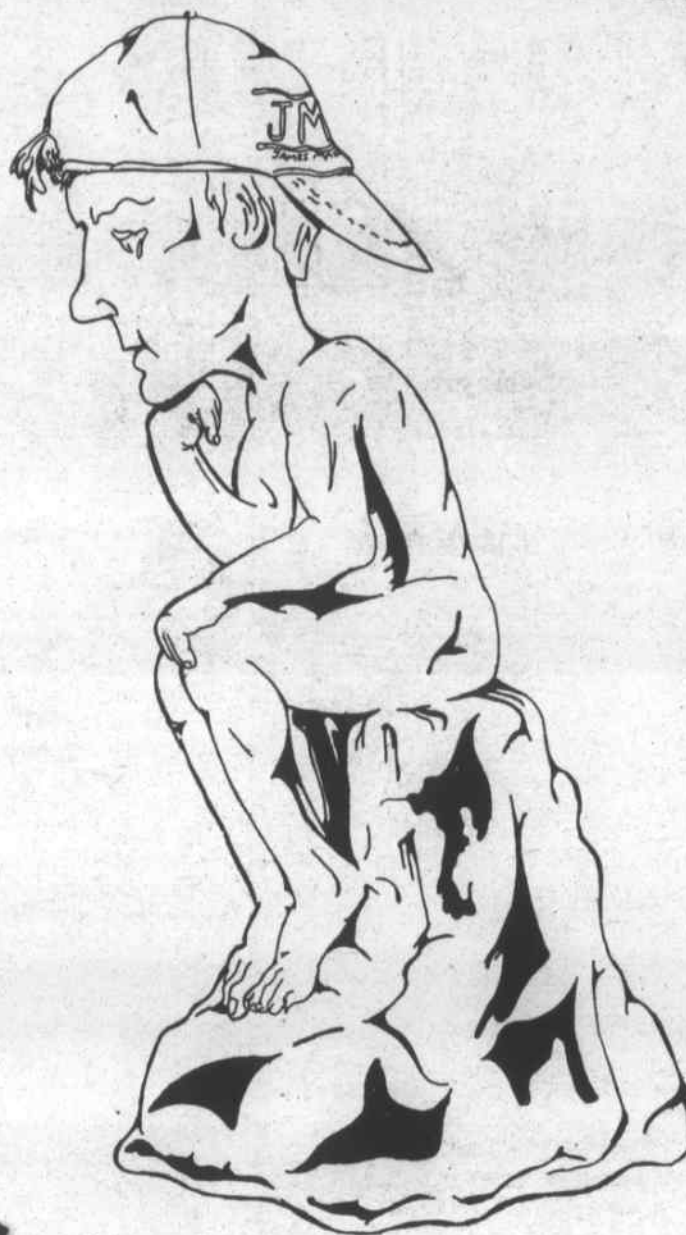
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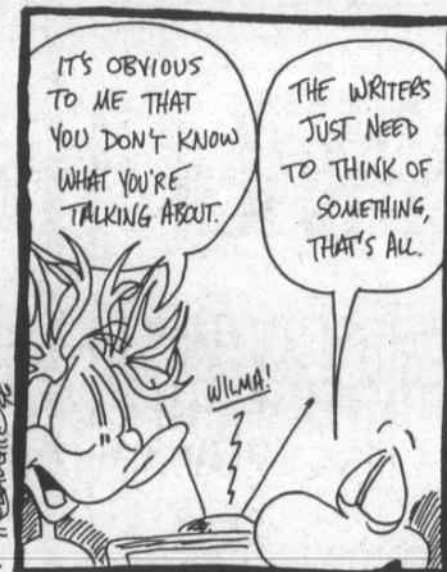
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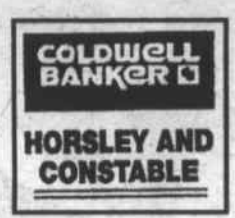


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