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## ay term enrollment hits all-time high

by Ed Gray

news editor

More students attended May session this year than ever before, according to JMU's Office of

Over 3,000 students were enrolled in the threeweek term, and 263 more students attended this year than in 1992.

"I think May and summer sessions are good programs," said Jeff Noble, Assistant to the President. "The facilities are here and the professors are willing to teach the classes."

Senior Rachel Stouffer attended May session and plans to live in Harrisonburg all summer. Though she studied a lot for her May session course, she felt "it was nice to get that class out of the way."

"I didn't take as many courses as I should have

my freshman and sophomore years so I'm really playing catch-up now," Stouffer said. "But I am

determined to graduate next May."

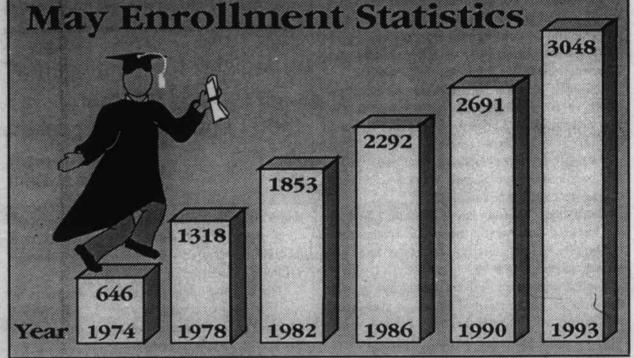
Director of Institutional Research Frank Doherty said the total number of students enrolled for summer courses will not be available until late July or early August. It is too early to determine if this summer's enrollment exceeds last summer's total of 2,464 students.

Combined May and Summer enrollment for the 1992 summer sessions was 4,206, the highest combined total ever.

According to the June 9, 1993 issue of The Chronicle of Higher Education, an increasing number of students are taking summer courses to avoid tuition increases in the fall. Some California community colleges, the issue reports, could have student fee increases of 200 percent this fall.

Though the increases are not so severe at JMU, tuition has risen steadily over the past few years.

Some students remain in Harrisonburg to continue



Fund shortage closes Madison Institute -

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working at jobs they've established during the year, especially out-of-state students who have to pay higher tuition.

Senior Betsy McGrath from New Jersey is spending her second summer in Harrisonburg working and taking classes

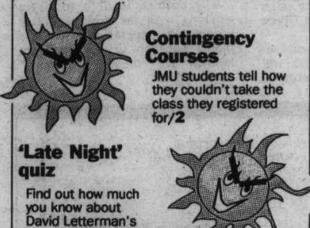
"I am here mainly to take classes, but the fact that I have a job in town made the decision to stay definite," McGrath said.

Other students, such as senior David Allen, are attending because of special circumstances. Allen's parents are currently moving to Chicago, and suggested he take summer classes at JMU.

"It was kind of my parents' decision for me to stay this summer," Allen said, "but I don't mind. It's not bad.'

And for still other students, summer school is simply a way to get away from home.

'The reason I am here is not educationally oriented. One month at home was plenty for me, said senior Derek Anderson, who returned from home but did not attend May Session, "After three months at I'd go crazy. Even though Harrisonburg is boring, at least I can come and go as I please."



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## Women's Studies, Freshman Seminar will continue

#### by Rachel Bunyard staff writer

The Madison Institute, whose funding grant ran out this spring, no longer exists.

The programs it sponsored for the last three years—Freshman Seminar, Women's Studies and the Madison Fellowship-have been taken over by other JMU offices

The Institute, originally located in Hillcrest, was funded in part by a three-year \$150,000 grant from the State Council of Higher Education that ended this May, which was matched by the University. The university has decided to assign the programs to different areas within its infrastructure.
"It's cost effective and more practical," said Vice

President of Academic Affairs Bethany Oberst. "We look at resources to try to make the best allocation of sources, and that sometimes means restructuring

Former director of the Madison Institute Violet

Allain said the restructuring "provides an opportunity to reevaluate and change the focus of the

programs."
Women's Studies, which will continue to be offered as a minor, and Freshman Seminar will now be contained in the College of Letters and Sciences.

"The college is very interested in these programs, and we can absorb them," said Jack Armistead, dean of the College of Letters and Sciences. "We're trying hard to make sure that the functions of the Madison Institute continue.

"Women's Studies has a home here right now," Armistead said.

But it is not certain how long women's studies will remain in the College of Letters and Sciences, Armistead said.

Offices are being left vacant with the redistribution of these programs but jobs are not

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# Contingency courses working well despite some student frustration

by Ed Gray news editor

This is the second summer in a row JMU has offered courses on a contingency basis, and students and faculty both seem to agree that the program is working well.

Contingency courses differ from regular summer classes in that the enrollment for each contingency course must pay the instructor's salary for that class. If enrollment is not high enough, the instructor cannot be paid, and the class is not offered.

"The aim of contingency courses is to give students the opportunity to take courses that otherwise wouldn't be available,"Jeff Noble said.

University Registrar Sherrill Hood said the Office of Registration and Records has received mostly favorable responses regarding May and summer classes.

"We get very few complaints," she said. "Just a few people have complained about contingency courses which had to be canceled."

Noble said, "Students know when they sign up that the word 'contingency' means that a course may not be offered, but most contingency courses get enough students to be held."

English department head Dr. David Jeffrey said that since professors are paid more than instructors, professors teaching contingency courses must acquire more students to earn their salaries. Consequently, such courses require higher enrollments if they are to be offered.

"I am convinced that [the contingency program] is doing good things for everybody," Jeffrey said. "The students get a fuller pick of courses, and certainly the faculty enjoy the opportunity to make extra money."

Jeffrey said out of the 21 English courses offered

during the May and summer sessions, all six of the contingency courses available were filled. He gave overrides to several students for the survey of British literature class he taught in May, and the enrollment for the class was close to 30 instead of the intended 25.

Dr. Ronald Nelson taught English 398, technical writing, this May. It is a class notoriously difficult to get into during the fall or spring.

"I think [the contingency plan] is a great opportunity for students who have trouble getting

"I register for [contingency class], I pay for it, and then I find out I can't take it."

Lisa Bennett

into a class during the regular year," Nelson said. "Sometimes students cannot take courses because they fill up so rapidly during the year. Technical writing is a case in point.

summer student

"It's a good idea and it gives students an opportunity to take valuable courses," Nelson said. "It seems to work for technical writing. I don't know how it does for other courses."

Other departments reported generally high enrollment in contingency courses offered this May and summer

Both the accounting and economics departments said that the contingency courses they offered this May were easily filled.

The human communication department, on the other hand, reported that one of its public speaking

courses had very low enrollment and could not be offered. Another section of public speaking, scheduled for the second four-week term, may have to be canceled for the same reason.

The psychology department offered five this May, and three of the classes had sufficient enrollment. The contingency courses to be held this summer will probably all contain adequate numbers of students, a department secretary said.

"I would like to see the contingency program continue," economics department head Dr. T. Windsor Fields said. "The more of a selection we can offer students in the summer, the better."

Junior Lisa Bennett said her newswriting class, offered this May on a contingency basis, required a minimum of 14 students. Only nine showed up, and the class was not offered. Fortunately, Bennett was able to get into another class which she needed.

"It annoyed me," Bennett said. "I register for it, I pay for it, and then I find out I can't take it."

Junior Angela Davis said she can empathize with the decision not to hold a course.

"Depending on what type of class it is, there might not be enough people to participate in discussion," Davis said. She was glad that the contingency class she is currently taking had enough students in it to be held.

Senior Tapio Christiansen felt that important courses should be offered regardless of enrollment figures. After all, it is his money that pays for summer school.

"If you need to take a class, then they should have it no matter what. I stayed in town this summer because I had to take classes. I probably could have found other classes," Christiansen said, "but what if I couldn't have?"

Jeffrey said, "I think it's working well for the students, the faculty members, and the university."

## Institute

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being lost.

Allain said restructuring is more cost effective "because you're eliminating an office and all the support that office required."

Armistead said, "Madison Institute had no faculty, it was run by only Dr. Allain, a secretary and a graduate student,"

The secretary quit in June before

the Madison Institute was dismantled. The graduate student and Allain have been reassigned to other positions in their fields.

"Some of the work will be parceled out to other people adding to their responsibilities in their positions," Allain said.

The Madison Fellowship, a program that offers stipends to professors enabling them to enhance their course curriculums, will now be

administered by the Faculty Assistance office in Wilson 215.

Money that was previously allocated to the Madison Institute will be redistributed to laboratory science courses in the Liberal Studies major and new instructional methods, Oberst said.

The College of Letters and Sciences and the Faculty Assistance office will receive funding from the university to support the new programs.

"The Madison Institute disappeared, but the functions haven't, and the dollars have followed the functions," Armistead said.

The college is able to begin working with the new programs because the "operations money is there," but there is "no permanent money for those programs," Armistead said.



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# News

# Clinton still in favor of lifting gay ban

WASHINGTON—President Clinton on Tuesday reaffirmed his commitment to lifting the ban on gays in the military, but did not reject a proposal from a leaked Pentagon document calling for a compromise that would discharge gays if they acknowledge their homosexuality.

Asked Tuesday if he had changed his mind on what he would like to see, Clinton said, "No, I haven't." The president, now just three weeks from a final decision on the issue, said he wanted to withhold further comment until he receives a final report from Defense Secretary Les Aspin, who is reviewing the ban and consulting with military officials about its effect.

The Pentagon on Tuesday distanced itself from the leaked document, a draft memorandum that defense officials insisted Aspin had not seen before it began circulating. But defense officials said Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga., a leading supporter of the ban, was briefed last Friday on the contents of the memo. Nunn declared Tuesday that "there has been no official sign-off on it by anyone, including the secretary, or the president, or anyone else."

The document, which sources said was drafted by a military working group advising Aspin on the issue, recommended discontinuing the practice of asking incoming service members their sexual orientation. Once in, however, those who openly acknowledged their homosexuality would continue to be put out of the service.

The memo recommended discharges for homosexual conduct, which was defined as "engaging in homosexual acts; stating they are homosexual; or marrying or attempting to marry persons of the same sex."

In addition, the June 17 memorandum adopts as a "general principle" that "homosexuality is incompatible with military service."

The newspaper said the memo had been drafted by Aspin, a claim Aspin spokesman Vernon Guidry called "flatly wrong." But Pentagon officials did not dispute that the memorandum exists or that it represents one of the final products of the monthslong review.

One senior defense official said the memo is being used as the standard by which Pentagon officials are judging likely congressional and military response to a Clinton proposal.

"This is the body of work to which people are reacting one way or another," said the official. "We are trying to find the position that a sufficient number of people can hold to put together a coalition of people that'll work."

# Cigarette manufacturers file suit against EPA

WASHINGTON—The cigarette industry, reeling from a fast-spreading campaign to ban smoking in public places, fought back Tuesday by asking a federal judge to erase the government's conclusion that second-hand smoke causes cancer in non-smokers.

In an unusual legal claim, the industry demanded that the Environmental Protection Agency be ordered to take back what it said in January, when it found that other peoples' cigarette smoke is so poisonous that there is no safe level of exposure to it.

The EPA's conclusion, according to the lawsuit filed in Greensboro, N.C., is being translated all across the country into tight new restrictions on smoking, including a total ban in 40,000 post office buildings.

Claiming that EPA skewed science to reach a biased finding three tobacco manufacturers, two industry groups and one cigarette vending company said that the new restrictions are causing "decreased sales and use of cigarettes."

John F. Banzhaf III, an antismoking activist and law professor here, described the lawsuit as "an unprecedented act of desperation." He said EPA has done nothing but issue a report, and thus has taken no action a court could pass upon. The lawsuit, he predicted, "is going to be thrown out." But, he conceded, the mere filing of the suit might help the industry to go to county and city governments from coast to coast, and tell them to avoid acting on new restrictions because EPA's finding—the basis of many new anti-smoking rules—is under review in court.

EPA Administrator Carol Browner said "we stand by" the conclusion that passive smoking causes cancer, and argued that "16 independent scientists" had endorsed that finding.

The Cleveland Lawyer who will be the lead attorney for the industry in the case, Robert C. Webber, said the suit was "a straightforward challenge" to EPA's action in labeling "environmental tobacco smoke" as a cancer-causing source of the worst kind

The industry's suit charges the EPA with manipulating the data it studied, picking and choosing among research techniques to support predetermined conclusions, and deviating sharply from accepted scientific standards and techniques.

When EPA's work is analyzed, the suit contends, the link that the agency found between second-hand smoke and cancer can be explained as being the result of chance, bias, or factors such as diet, past medical history, choice of lifestyle, job conditions, or the weather and other environmental factors.

# Gene doctors aim to give glimpse at future health

By the end of the decade, gene doctors promise to offer a kind of voyage into the future.

Their "time machine" will be blood tests that will screen you for dozens of genes and provide a statistical peek at your health. Want to know the probability of getting certain diseases, from Alzheimer's to colon cancer to alcoholism? They will tell you.

Scientists have touted such genetic information as a powerful tool. Armed with such knowledge, you could change your eating habits to reduce the risk of getting cancer or heart disease. Or you could begin regular checkups that might lead to an early diagnosis of life-threatening illnesses.

But that information might also carry troublesome side effects. Insurers might deny you health, life or disability coverage because of genetic tests. That's already happening in some isolated cases; the trend could accelerate as such tests become more common.

And some people might have emotional problems from learning they have untreatable, fatal diseases. Such problems could even cause a backlash against genetic testing. At John's Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, for example, many people prone to Huntington's disease

—a fatal, untreatable disorder of the nervous system that strikes during middle age — are forgoing a sest the hospital offers.

Cases of discrimination based on genetic testing are likely to increase with the explosion of medical research expected in the next five to 10 years. As scientists decipher the body's complex genetic code, a new gene is discovered almost monthly.

Congress and several states have considered laws to limit or prohibit insurers' access to information about genetic testing. Wisconsin and Arizona have passed such laws.

A recent report by a National Institutes of Health task force recommends a moratorium on the use of results of genetic testing by health insurers. It recommends that health care reforms prohibit denying anyone basic health coverage because of results of a genetic test. In addition, it says that a person shouldn't be required to take a test or to give an insurer the results before getting insurance.

Health care reform is likely to solve the problem, many doctors and genetecists believe, if a basic level of care is offered to everyone, including those with pre-existing conditions. But other doctors say that if health insurers have any access to such information, they will

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## Planetarium director ill, facility closed to public

by Ed Gray news editor

The director of JMU's John C. Wells planetarium is recovering from a cerebral hemorrhage suffered May

Charles Ferguson, 37, was found unconscious and unresponsive in the planetarium, where he had been resting after complaining of a severe migraine.

"We were very lucky we found him when we did," said the senior secretary of the physics department, Kim Emerson.

About two hours elapsed between

the time Ferguson first complained of the headache and when he was found unconscious, Emerson said.

Ferguson was transported to Rockingham Memorial Hospital and then to the University of Virginia Medical Center for further treatment. He is currently at The Patricia Neal

He is currently at The Patricia Neal Rehabilitation Center in Knoxville, TN, where his rehabilitation will continue for about six more weeks. Ferguson then will return to UVa for an operation.

Emerson said Ferguson's health has improved a great deal since the incident

The doctors don't think he has

suffered as much damage as they first thought," Emerson said.

"Each day he remembers more and

Emerson said former planetarium director and physics department head John Wells has agreed to return to JMU to operate the shows for freshman orientation. The e planetarium will be closed indefinitely to the public.

No plans have been made regarding the fall semester. Emerson said it is too early to tell whether Ferguson will return so soon.

"We're really just praying that he is going to be fine," Emerson said.



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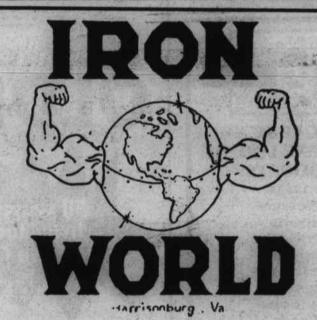
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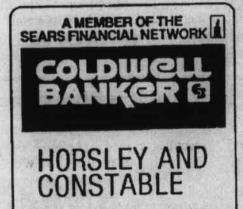
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# **JMU Sports Update**

JMU tied for fourth among 74 teams at the Intercollegiate Association of Amateur Athletes of America Championships held May 21-23 in Williamsburg, Va. Senior Jerry Roney won the 110meter hurdles (13.71 seconds) and the 400-meter hurdles (51.42 seconds). Freshman Brad Meade finished third in the 400-meter run (47.12) and the Dukes' 4x400-meter relay team of Meade, Roney, senior Rob Hoadley, and junior Kelly Hawkins was third in 3:10.28.

Sophomore Mike Marshall set a JMU school record by placing fourth in the 3,000 meter steeplechase in 8:59.43. Junior Matt Holthaus finished fifth in the 1,500-meter run in 3:42.44 and junior Paul Moye was seventh in the 400-meter hurdles in 54.08 seconds. Hawkins finished seventh in the 200-meters in 21.65 seconds.

Sophomore Tiombè Hurd placed second in the triple jump at the George Mason Last Chance Invitational held on May 26. She jumped 41'3". Senior Susan Ferrel set a school record in the shot put, where she finished second with a distance of 40'11 3/4". Ferrel's mark erased Denise Klaugh's record of 40'8" which has stood since 1983.

Ferrel also placed second in the discus throw with a distance of 136'3", her best throw of the season.

Senior Andy Puckett just missed making the East Team for the 1993 U.S. Olympic Festival. Puckett placed fifth in the men's division at the East Trials, held May 29-30 at JMU, and only the first four finishers were named to the team. Puckett shot a 1,176 out of a possible 1,440. The third- and fourthplace finishers scored 1,177, and 1,176, respectively.

#### MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD

Several JMU athletes received honors at the NCAA National Championships in New Orleans held June 3-5.

On the men's team, junior Matt Holthaus placed seventh in the 1,500-meter run, and senior Jerry Roney finished eighth in the 100-meter hurdles. Holthaus ran a career-best 3-minutes, 41.73 seconds in the finals. Roney has placed in the NCAA meet the last four seasons.

On the women's side, sophomore Tiombè Hurd earned All-America honors with an eighth-place finish in the triple jump. Her best jump of the competition was 42'2 3/4". Hurd's JMU-record 42foot, 6 3/4-inch jump at the USA/Mobil Track and Field Championships in Eugene, Ore. on June 17 earned her another eighth-place finish at the event, and a spot on the East Team for the 1993 U.S. Olympic Festival.

Hurd and senior teammate Erica Bates were named the Most Outstanding Athletes on the 1993 team. Bates set a scool record in the indoor 500meter dash (1:14.80) and was a member of the Dukes' record-setting outdoor 3,200-meter and indoor distance medley relay teams.

#### LACROSSE

JMU lacrosse coaches Nora Maguire and Susan Stuart and senior lacrosse player Diane Hallowell have been named to the U.S. Lacrosse Squad.

The squad members are among those eligible for selection to the 1993 U.S. World Cup Team, according to JMU lacrosse coach Dee McDonough, the chairman of the U.S. Women's Lacrosse Association selection committee

#### ATHLETES HONORED

Four JMU athletes are members of the 1992-93 Academic All-State Team, named by the Virginia Sports Information Directors.

Junior cross country and track team member Matt Holthaus was named to the first team. Cross country and track team member Amy Taylor was a second team selection. Sophomore gymnast Todd Mercer and senior fencer Elaine Schoka earned honorable mentions.

## Take the 'Late Night' viewer challenge

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  - Elliott Gould b.
  - c. Bob Elliott d. Chris Elliott
- "Late Night" bandleader Paul Shaffer is from:
- a. Tupelo, Miss.
  b. Thunder Bay, Ontario
  c. New York, N.Y. (a town so nice they named it twice)
- d. Indianapolis
- 7. Who drove the Golf Cart of Death?
- a. Golf legend Jack Nicklaus
- b. Stage manager Biff Henderson
- c. Racing legend Hal Gurtner d. Indy 500 champ Bobby Rahal
- Who was Dave's first guest on his first show?
  - Larry "Bud" Melman
- b. Margaret Ray c. Bill Murray
- d. Johnny Carson
- 9. Dave once did a show from his office, because it was "too hot" to work in the studio. What did he talk guest Teri Garr into doing at the end
- a. Taking a shower (alone) in Dave's bathroom
- b. Taking a shower (with Dave)
- Fixing his shower
- d. Hosting a baby shower in the
- 10. Which guest, on the air, called Dave a nasty name referring to his
- a. Richard Simmons b. Elizabeth Taylor c. Michael Jackson

- 11. Whilde doing a week of shows in Las Vegas, Dave met an unemployed man who became a regular phone in correspondent for the show. He was:
  - a. James the Rearranger
  - b. James the Drifter
  - James the Moocher
  - d. James the Duke of Windsor
- 12. Name the meat-packing plant employee who was a phone correspondent for a while:
  - a. Arnie Barnes
  - b. Andrew Barnes
- c. Barney Andrews
  d. Barney Fife
  13. When Johnny Carson appeared as
  a guest on "Late Night," what did he bring with him?
  - a. A bottle of wine
  - b. A basket of California fruit
  - A picture of Ed McMahon
- d. A fold-out desk to sit behind
- Dave on the Loose 14. When Dave couldn't get a light bulb at a store called Just Shades, to
- which store did he go?
- a. Just Bulbs
- K mart b.
- c. The GE Bulb Store
- d. Tiffany's
- 15. As a show of goodwill to General Electric when it bought NBC, Dave took a fruit basket to the GE Building. What happened? a. The door was locked
- b. The company president invited him to brunch
- c. He was told to leave
- d. Larry "Bud" Melman jumped out of the basket
  - 16. Dave has destroyed several

- objects just for the fun of it. Which of these methods did he use?
- a. He threw them off a five-story tower
- b. He crushed them in a hydraulic press
- c. He ran over them with a locomotive
- d. All of the above
- 17. Dave was not in the studio for most of one show, because he had to wait at home for whom?
  - a. Margaret Ray
  - b. The cable installer
  - c. A plumber d. Al Roker
- 18. Dave did his show on a flight from New York to...
- a. Tampa
- b. Miami
- Orlando
- d. Paris
- 19. When Dave did a week of shows in Chicago, what movable set piece appeared in the background?
- a. Al Capone
- b. Geraldo Rivera inside Al Capone's vault
  - c. An El train
  - d. Da Bears Dave Miscellany

ANSWERS: 1c; 2d; 3d; 4a; 5d; 6b; 7b; 8c; 9a; 10d; 11b; 12a; 13d; 14a; 15c; 16d; 17b; 18b; 19c;

SCORING: 0-4 correct, you were asleep; 5-10, you were half asleep; 11-15, you're an insomniac; 16-19, get a life!

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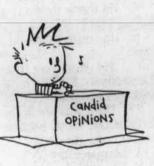
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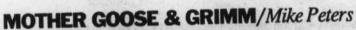




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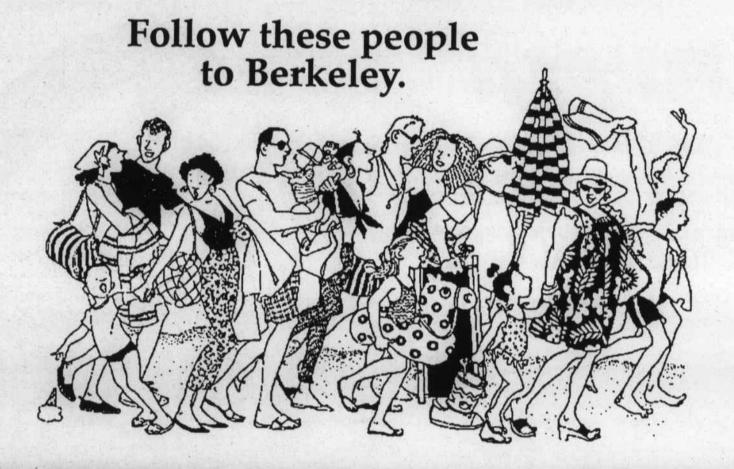






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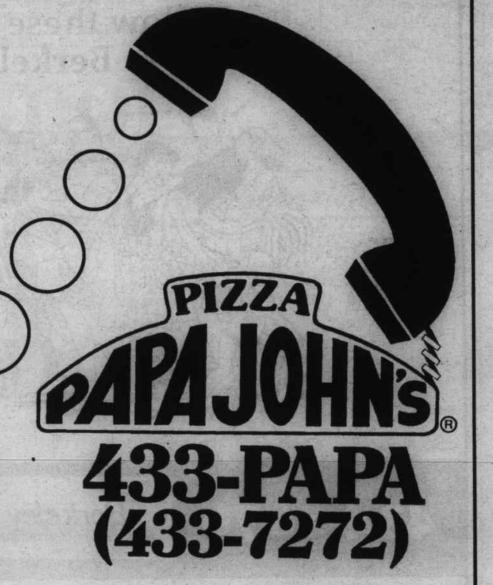
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