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JMU opened CAA play with a 71-58 home loss to Drexel University in the Dragons' first-ever game in the conference.

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## Reported crime on campus down drastically

### Crime downturn partially attributed to increased on-campus judicial referrals

BY DAVID CLEMENTSON  
senior writer

As reported crime on JMU's campus falls rapidly, authorities are offering various explanations for this occurrence.

"It's better this year than other years," said Alan MacNutt, director of Public Safety, of the lower number of reported crimes.

Chris Tarbell, Information assistant for the JMU Police Department, said, "Incidents that we've responded to have gone down. Reported crimes seem to be lower this semester than in the past."

For the first time in recent memory, today's issue of *The Breeze* has no Police Log section, which publishes all reported incidents that have occurred

since the last issue. According to MacNutt, no criminal incidents have been reported between early Tuesday morning and Friday afternoon.

Michael Way, director of the Office of Judicial Affairs, said that while crime on campus appears to have fallen, "in fact, judicial referrals on campus have gone up." He attributes higher incidences of judicial referrals to increased alcohol violations in residence halls as students evade the police outdoors.

When police respond to crime reports on campus, they have the discretion to prosecute through the police department or refer the offender to Judicial Affairs for a hearing.

MacNutt denies having sent

more criminal offenses to Judicial Affairs than in the past. "We still pretty much follow the same philosophy" about whether to refer offenses to

“It may be that [students] are aware of being arrested by JMU police while out ...”

— Michael Way  
director of the Office of Judicial Affairs

Judicial Affairs, he said. "I don't see a real change in philosophy

in our department in that area."

Way said he has not observed police choosing to give out more referrals instead of pursuing criminal charges.

At the same time, though, Way said Judicial Affairs has received more violations this semester than last semester. "As of Nov. 30, the total violations seen by this office is 644," he said. "As of this date last semester [this office saw] 578 total violations."

Way said the increase of judicial referrals can be attributed to increased alcohol violations, because theft is down this year, with only six thievery incidents this year compared to 13 by this time last year. Way said so far this semester, there have been 377

alcohol violations, compared to only 326 this time last year. "It may be that [students] are aware of being arrested by JMU police while out, so perhaps they are consuming more in residence halls," Way said.

#### The freshmen possibility

Both Tarbell and MacNutt said the new freshman class might have contributed to the lower crime rates. "The freshmen this year behaved," Tarbell said. "We haven't had as many problems this semester as we've had in the past."

MacNutt said, "You do see trends when different classes come and go."

According to Jim McConnel,

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#### What's taking a bite out of crime at JMU?

Number of crimes reported between Tuesday morning and Friday afternoon: 0

Reported thefts so far this semester: six, down from 13 last semester

Alcohol violations on campus so far this semester: 377, up from 326

Judicial referrals so far this semester: 644, up from 578 at this point last semester

## Alum gives final gift

The College of Education received an \$832,162 donation from a recently deceased alumna.

According to a press release from the JMU Office of Development, Larry Batschelet initially established the Bev and Larry Batschelet Endowment for Excellence in September 2000 to continue his wife Beverly's devotion to education.

“When the fund becomes large enough, it will fund a chair for the School of School Administration.”

— Charles Crosson  
president for Development and Alumni

According to the JMU Office of Development, Beverly Batschelet died in 1995 and was a business and marketing education graduate of JMU in 1955. Following the death of Larry Batschelet on July 5, the university received the sizable estate gift, according to the JMU Office of Development.

"The initial part of the money is to provide a maximum of four full scholarships to those selected by the Colonial Beach, Va., Baptist Church. When the fund becomes large enough, it will fund a chair for the

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## Second-half press frustrates Minutewomen

### Price's 15 second-half points help Dukes overcome first-half deficit

BY DREW WILSON  
assistant sports editor

The JMU women's basketball team rallied from a first-half deficit to top the University of Massachusetts 56-49 Thursday at the Convocation Center. Junior forward Shanna Price's 15 second-half points were key in bringing the Dukes from behind.

Despite an early 7-4 lead, JMU quickly fell behind by as many as 9 points midway through the first half after UMass guard Paige Harris rattled off two consecutive 3-pointers. The Minutewomen's success also was helped by the Dukes' struggles.

JMU went over 10 minutes without a field goal and only scored 3 points on free throws during the drought. However, senior guard Allyson Keener kept the Dukes within range with 5 points in the final minutes of the first half to pull the Dukes to within 2, but Minutewomen forward Siiri Liivandi's two late baskets increased the UMass lead to 24-18 at the half.

The Dukes' struggles in the first half were due to little mistakes and tentative play, according to Keener and Price. "I think a lot of the strug-

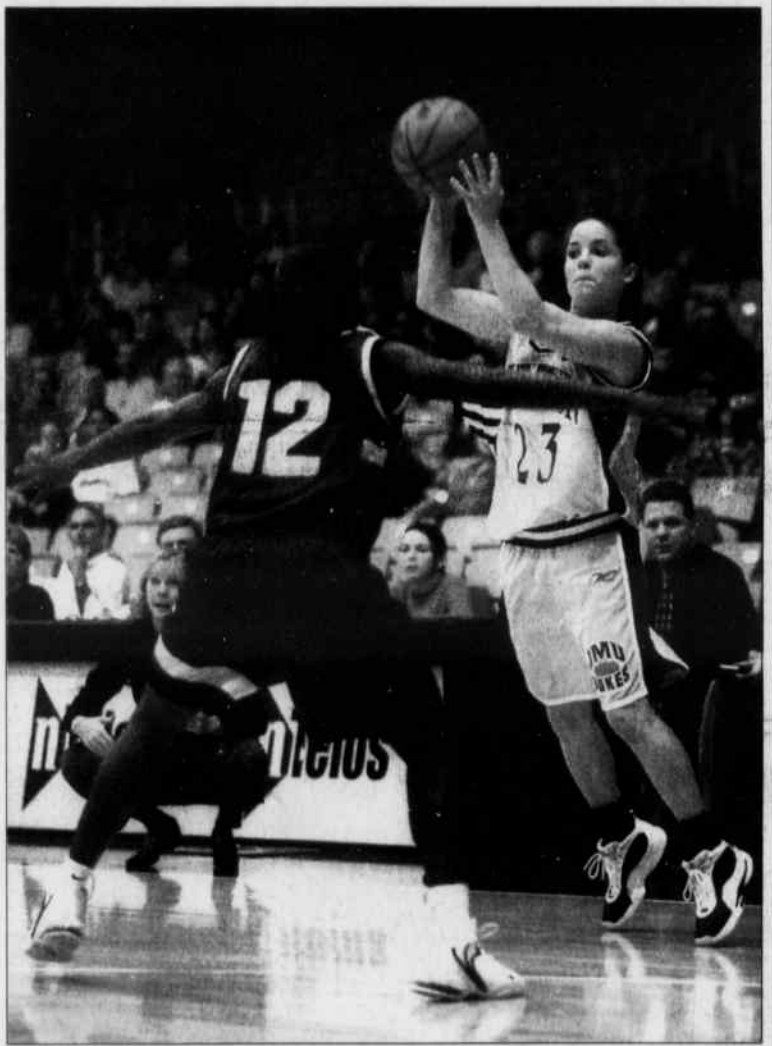
gles were the little mistakes we were making," Keener said. "They were hitting the boards real hard and got a lot of offensive rebounds. Offensively, we weren't running everything as hard as we could."

Price said, "I think we all played tentative in the first half. I think Allyson had a pretty good first half, but we were all tentative. In the first half we tried to come out aggressive and when our shots weren't falling early, we started playing defensive instead of playing to win. That was what we wanted to come out and eliminate in the second half."

In the second half, JMU came out firing. Keener nailed a 3-pointer, followed by a basket by senior center Hollee Franklin and junior guard Jess Cichowicz, giving the Dukes a 25-24 lead.

JMU's second-half success was due to its defensive press that caused UMass trouble, forcing the Minutewomen to

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DAVE KIM/staff photographer

Senior guard Allyson Keener poured in 14 points on Thursday night en route to JMU's 56-49 come-from-behind win over the University of Massachusetts. The Dukes shot just 23 percent from the floor in the first half, forcing a second-half rally.

## Operation Santa Claus launched

BY KATIE LEWIS  
staff writer

The Student Ambassadors Club will kick off the holiday season tonight by collecting unwrapped toys and donations to be distributed to Harrisonburg-area foster children for the upcoming holidays.

The collection project, called Operation Santa Claus, will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Grafton-Stovall Theatre. Those who attend are asked to bring either \$5 or an unwrapped gift to be donated to abused or neglected children.

"Last year, we raised almost \$2,000," said OSC co-committee head, sophomore Hector Salazar. "Our goal this year is to raise as much as we possibly can —

at least \$2,000."

Salazar said that this year's OSC program will feature performances by a cappella groups Exit 245 and the Blues Tones and a viewing of the animated version of the holiday classic "How the Grinch Stole Christmas."

After the program, social workers from the Harrisonburg/Rockingham Social Service Agency will pick up the donated gifts and money to be given later to Harrisonburg-area foster children, according to social worker Celest Williams, who also is involved in the OSC project.

Patty Sensabaugh, a social worker from the Harrisonburg/Rockingham Social Service Agency, said that the agency investigates



allegations of child abuse or neglect and then puts the children into foster families if their biological families can't responsibly take care of them. Presently there are over 100 Harrisonburg/Rockingham-area children in foster care. "Christmas is a really hard time for the kids," Sensabaugh

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## Teaming up to fight terrorism

### GUAM Ambassadors pledge continued support for war on terrorism

BY DAVID CLEMENTSON  
senior writer

Pledging to continue helping the United States in the joint fight against terrorism and pleading for awareness among academia of their nation's plight for security, ambassadors from the nation's of Azerbaijan, Georgia, Ukraine and Moldova spoke on campus Thursday in Grafton-Stovall Theatre.

"The elements of terrorism unfortunately are very well known to our countries," said Tedo Japaridze, ambassador of the Republic of Georgia, who was at ground zero shortly after the World Trade Center attacks. "We are quite unfortunately accustomed to this. That's why we have to be together to fight this."

Ukraine Ambassador Konstantyn Gryshchenko



SARA HERZ/staff photographer

Ukraine Ambassador Konstantyn Gryshchenko speaks on Thursday.

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**Monday, December 3, 2001**  
**DUKE DAYS EVENTS CALENDAR**



**MONDAY, DEC. 3**

- Good Vibe Tribe, "Live Music Club" first meeting, 6 p.m., Harrison A12, for more information, contact Sibby at [sibsonsl](mailto:sibsonsl)
- College Republicans meeting, 8 p.m., Taylor 402

**TUESDAY, DEC. 4**

- Baptist Student Union Hispanic Migrant Ministry, 5:45 p.m., Student Baptist Center at the corner of South Main Street and Cantrell Avenue. Work with Mexican farmers. Ministry includes volleyball, singing, video, testimony, ESL tutoring and friendship building. Speaking Spanish is helpful but not required, contact Archie at 434-6822
- Come join Circle K! Have fun and help your community. Circle K meets every Tuesday at 6 p.m., Taylor 305, for more information, contact Amy at [aktrains@aol.com](mailto:aktrains@aol.com)

**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 5**

- Sock drive for refugees in Greece, sponsored by InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, collection boxes available on resident hall first floors, a booth on the commons will be set up Dec. 5 to 7 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Habitat for Humanity general meeting, 5 p.m., Taylor 306, for more information, contact the Habitat office at x8-6361
- CARE weekly meetings, 7 p.m., Taylor 305, for more information, contact Erin Strine at [erinstrine](mailto:erinstrine)

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No incidents of crime were reported between Nov. 26 and Nov. 30 by JMU Police. Please refer to the story on front page

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Tuesday	Sunny	68	40
Wednesday	Sunny	63	38
Thursday	Partly cloudy	58	32
Friday	Showers	54	28

There is one more issue of  
**The Breeze** left this semester

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Sunday, Dec. 2, 2001

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 10.44 ↑  
 close: 2,807.51

**AMEX**  
 2.61 ↑  
 close: 803.99

**NASDAQ**  
 2.68 ↓  
 close: 1,930.58

**S&P 500**  
 0.75 ↓  
 close: 1,139.45

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*Happy Holidays from everyone in Dining Services!*

*Please join us for a special Holiday Dinner in D-Hall on Thursday, December 6 from 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.*


Menu

Carved Prime Rib  
 Carved Pit Ham  
 Baked Potato  
 Roasted Sweet Potatoes with Brown Sugar  
 Green Beans  
 Rolls and Corn Muffins  
 Waldorf Salad  
 Caesar Salad and Tossed Salad  
 Pecan Pie  
 Bread Pudding  
 Gingerbread with Lemon or Bourbon Sauce  
 Decorate your own cookie!

**Still have Dining Dollars left? Don't know where to use them? Here are all the places on campus that accept Dining Dollars\*:**

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<b>Door 4 Subs</b>	<b>Market One</b>
<b>Festival</b>	<b>Mrs. Greens</b>
<b>Gibbons Hall</b>	<b>PC Dukes</b>
<b>Lakeside Express</b>	<b>TDU Coffee Bar</b>
<b>Let's Go!</b>	<b>UREC Smoothie Bar</b>

\* Hours of acceptance may vary -- please check at each location.



# NEWS

## ■ Psyched out

The psychology department adds courses and sections to help majors register.  
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"We just stepped up to the plate."

NICHOLAS BANKSON  
communication sciences and disorders head  
see below

### Glad to be grad



DAVE KIM/staff photographer

Junior Elizabeth McGinniss seeks information from Diane Riordan, coordinator of the masters of science in accounting, during the JMU Graduate Program Information Fair. Held Nov. 29, information was offered on master's degrees and specialist programs in accounting, adult education/human resource development, art and art history, biology, college student personnel administration, computer science, counseling psychology, health sciences and more.

## Psychology department adds new courses, sections

BY LAUREN HOSPITAL  
contributing writer

Today is the deadline for psychology students to register either for the additional psychology courses added after registration or by using overrides given for existing courses.

The psychology department has added new courses and class sections and given hundreds of overrides for spring semester students trying to fulfill requirements, according to Michael Stoloff, professor and undergraduate psychology director.

The priority right now is the graduating seniors, Stoloff said. "The courses we added were not selected at random."

The psychology department added two additional capstone courses and an additional section of Psych 440 (Counseling Psychology) and Psych 250 (Intro to Abnormal Psychology), a course that health science sophomores need as a prerequisite to higher level courses.

He said it is not completely unusual for this to happen near the close of each semester. The psychology department has a centralized override policy so the department can see the need for particular courses, he said.

"We gave overrides to hundreds of students for the spring," Stoloff said. "Since we offer about 100 classes, it's easy to see how one to three overrides per class adds up to lots of overrides."

"We made the first round of decisions to add classes as soon

as classes filled and we received a sufficient number of override requests," Stoloff said. "It usually takes some time ... but some classes were added as early as 10 days after registration began."

Registrar Sherry Hood said each specific department processes the overrides and schedules the classes as they see the need.

Stoloff said he thinks that the added courses and sections solved all the previous problems.

"I think students are pretty happy with getting the courses they need, just at different times," he said.

"We understand that students feel frustrated that they can't get the courses they need when registering. The problem doesn't go away when you're a senior," Stoloff said.

Senior Dave Moody, a psychology major, said, "There are not enough classes offered to fill the demand. I need a class to graduate [next December] that is only offered once [a semester]." Moody said that the low class offerings make it very difficult to get everything he needs.

Senior Rob Rummel, a psychology major who will graduate in May, said, "It would have been better if they made the classes available earlier [during registration time], but even as a senior, you can't register at the very beginning." Registration started on a Monday and Rummel said he was not able to register until that Wednesday.

Rummel added, "It wasn't a major problem for me. I got classes that were alright for me."

According to Stoloff, he works with overrides and section increases on an individual basis. He takes into account primarily the academic level of the students who need the class relative to their expected graduation time.

“The courses we added were not selected at random.”

—Michael Stoloff  
director of psychology

The psychology department hires new part-time faculty and asks current part-time faculty to take on another section or class to staff the new additions to next semester, according to Stoloff.

There is a need for additional staff and funding across campus, Stoloff said. "[The psychology department] is just a good example of a department that needs more faculty and funding," he said.

The psychology major peaked two years ago with a little over 1,000 students, according to Stoloff. Since then, the psychology department

dropped the psychology minor and added the Interdisciplinary Liberal Studies major, which created a brief and slight decrease in students registering for psychology classes.

Interest in the psychology major has been pretty constant overall in the past four or five years, according to Stoloff.

The typical class size is 35 students, but some classes have as many as 70 students in them, and almost all are 100 percent full every semester, according to Stoloff. The psychology department does not, however, have any plans to increase class size, he said.

After Dec. 3 and through the start of classes, students will be able to register without overrides for classes that have open spaces. "We expect there will be another round of adding and dropping, so again, as school starts, additional students will be able to get into some classes without overrides," Stoloff said.

### Recently added Psychology courses

- Two additional capstone courses
- Additional section of Psych 440
- Additional section of Psych 250

## State council approves first Ph.D. program

BY LAURA COCHRAN  
contributing writer

The State Council of Higher Education for Virginia approved the first Ph.D. program at JMU, a research doctorate in communication sciences and disorders, on Nov. 20.

The nationally ranked department of communication sciences and disorders (CSD) received final permission after six years of team planning, according to the department head.

"Bringing a Ph.D. program to our department evolved from a team effort by the institution," said department head Nicholas Bankson. "JMU invested in the faculty and facilities. We just stepped up to the plate."

Bankson said the approved proposal that was sent to SCHEV one year ago was a response to the establishment of a strong department equipped with the leading CSD program in Virginia and top-notch faculty and facilities.

The graduate speech-language pathology program was ranked 30th by *U.S. News and World Report* and the graduate audiology program was ranked 36th nationally in 2000, according to Bankson.

The new Ph.D. program will join the already existing undergraduate and graduate programs in speech-language pathology and audiology.

### Definitions

According to the American Speech-Language and Hearing association, speech-language pathology is "the study of human communication, its development and its disorders. A speech-language pathologist is a professional who is educated in these areas, and who, by evaluating speech and language skills of children and adults, determines what communication problems exist and the best way to treat them."

Audiology, however, has a more "clinical approach," said graduate student Amy Stone.

She said individuals who pursue audiology concentrate solely on the functions of the ear and how to help prevent hearing loss.

### Academic tracks

The new Ph.D. program has three academic tracks to target the different areas of speech-language pathology and audiology, according to Bankson.

He said students can choose to either take the clinical scientist or research track in the area of audiology or speech-language pathology or the third track which is a clinical practitioner track only offered to students of audiology.

The clinical practitioner in audiology track evolved to qualify skilled clinicians to enter clinical practice in a variety of settings, according to Bankson. Four years of curriculum completed by the individual will equal 129 total semester hours.

The first three years of the program consist of core classes that explore areas of science and math along with aural rehabilitation and clinical research. During the fourth year, students are required to complete a residency.

Approval of the clinical practitioner track was in high demand because in the year 2007, a Ph.D. will be required to practice audiology, according to Bankson. Currently, only a master's degree is required.

"We had to make a change immediately or else we would be forced to drop the program all together," Bankson said. "Now that we chose to develop the Ph.D. program, we are the only active Ph.D. program in Virginia."

Individuals who would like to gain a greater expertise in a specific area should take the research track, according to Bankson.

Bankson said this option is designed to prepare individuals for careers in research and university teaching. The track can either be taken in audiology or speech-language pathology. Both tracks plan to have the same requirements.

Curricula in these two tracks were developed to provide a base of core courses as well as individually tailored curricula that can be created by the student, according to Bankson. He said this allows them to "target their particular interest and areas of desired expertise."

A total of 57 semester hours is met over a period of three years. Most students, however, have four years of undergraduate studies and a masters degree before they pursue their Ph.D.

### Advantages

Stone, who is currently enrolled in the masters program in speech-language pathology, said she expects to finish her degree and begin working in her field before returning back to JMU to get her Ph.D.

She said the determined and positive spirits of the faculty at JMU is one of the key reasons why her experience as a masters student will result in her applying to JMU's Ph.D. program.

Another reason is related to the facilities and environment surrounding the campus.

"There is a wide range of sites to do research at, including excellent research labs right on campus," Stone said.

Applications for the Ph.D. program will be accepted starting next fall. Bankson said the department expects to have 10 individuals in the clinical practitioner track and 4 students in the clinical research track.

With limited space, "keen competition is to be expected," Bankson said.

He said the pressure starts at the undergraduate level, therefore it is necessary for students to be motivated to "be the very best undergraduate student that they can be."

## Stamp backlash worries Muslims

BY SYLVIA MORENO  
The Washington Post

Less than three months ago, American Muslims celebrated the debut of a U.S. Postal Service stamp commemorating two Islamic holidays as the ultimate sign of acceptance in the United States. Now they're working to ensure that it doesn't become a symbol of rejection.

The Postal Service issued the Eid stamp Sept. 1 as part of its holiday series, capping a five-year lobbying campaign by Muslims, including 10,000 schoolchildren from across the country who sent postcards and submitted their designs.

"I feel like now I'm an American," one of those chil-

dren told Aminah Assilmi, director of the International Union of Muslim Women, when the stamp was introduced at the annual convention of the Islamic Society of North America. Assilmi helped organize the children's letter-writing campaign to the postmaster general and the Postal Service's Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee.

But then Muslim militants attacked the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, fueling anti-Muslim sentiment that some believe has affected the distribution and promotion of the Eid stamp.

Designed by calligrapher Mohamed Zakariya, of Arlington, the stamp displays

the Arabic words *Eid Mubarak*, or "Blessed Feast," with the gold Arabic letters written in Turkish-style calligraphy on a royal blue background. The words "Eid Greetings" also appear on the stamp.

Eid Mubarak, a phrase as common among Muslims as "Merry Christmas" is among Christians, refers to the two major feasts of the Muslim calendar, *eid al-fitr* and *eid al-adha*. The first feast celebrates the end of fasting during the month of Ramadan, which this year started last Saturday and ends at sundown Dec. 15. The second feast marks the end of the annual pilgrimage to Mecca and falls on Feb. 23 in 2002.

Mekeel's and Stamps

*Magazine*, a weekly philatelic newsletter, ran editorials this month and last month against using the Eid stamp, citing the terrorist attacks. The newsletter urged Muslims and others to instead support the United We Stand stamp, which depicts a U.S. flag. Last weekend, the Free Congress Foundation, a conservative policy group, asked Republican congressional leaders to retract the stamp.

"I am writing to suggest that the current stamps be withdrawn, to be overprinted with the image of the Twin Towers and then reissued," foundation President Paul Weyrich wrote in letters to House Speaker Dennis

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JUANA ARIAS/The Washington Post

American Muslims celebrated the debut of the Eid stamp commemorating two Islamic holidays. Now, after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, they're working to ensure that it doesn't become a symbol of rejection.

# Suicide bombers kill 8, injure scores on busy Jerusalem street

BY LEE HOCKSTADER  
Washington Post

A pair of Palestinian suicide bombers carried out a synchronized attack in the heart of Jerusalem late Saturday, blowing themselves to pieces, killing at least eight other people and injuring scores of mostly teenage revelers.

About 20 minutes later, a car bomb was detonated a block away, injuring another dozen people as ambulances and police cars continued to arrive on the scene. Police said the car bomb had apparently been left by the bombers.

The attack was one of the most devastating in the last 14 months of violence here, targeting one of the busiest intersections in the city — and one of the most heavily policed — at its busiest time of the week.

Hundreds of Israeli youngsters, and some Jewish Americans, had converged on Zion Square Saturday night as they do almost every Saturday night after the end of the Jewish Sabbath. They were milling around coffee shops, bagel shops and snack bars when the suicide bombers struck, perhaps 50 yards and seconds apart.

In a flash, a rowdy tableau of flirting, chatting and skateboarding teenagers was trans-

formed into a bloodbath. The bombers' explosives, packed with nails and screws, were designed to inflict the maximum possible damage, according to Israeli police.

“  
I held one teenaged guy whose body was torn apart. He was just a boy, maybe 18, and he was missing one of his arms.”

— Sami  
hospital security guard

“People were screaming, they were running and falling and crying,” said Etti Cohen, 20, an off-duty soldier who was out having fun. “It happened so fast. One minute people were just hanging out, some religious people were playing religious music. Then all of a sudden, boom!”

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon was reportedly planning to cut short a visit to the United

States, meeting with President Bush at the White House on Sunday instead of Monday, so that he could return home soon. Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, who is acting prime minister in Sharon's absence, said: “This is a terrible attack. This attacks the heart of the people.”

The attacks coincided with the arrival of the Bush administration's new Middle East envoy, retired Marine Corps Gen. Anthony Zinni, who is leading Washington's first major drive for peace here in months. On Friday, Zinni condemned the week's previous attacks inside Israel, which he said were aimed at wrecking his mission.

About 170 people were wounded in Saturday's blast and at least 11 were said to be in critical condition, suggesting the death toll may rise. Even if it does not, the attack is one of the bloodiest in months, and ranks with two previous suicide bombings, in Tel Aviv and in Jerusalem, as the worst since the Palestinian uprising began in September 2000.

It was the third major terrorist attack by Palestinians inside Israel in the last week, including a bus bombing Thursday and a shooting Tuesday, both in northern Israel. Together with

Saturday's bombing, at least 13 Israelis have been killed in the attacks, in addition to the Palestinian assailants.

The latest attacks followed Israel's assassination of a top commander from the radical Islamic group Hamas, which vowed to take revenge inside Israel.

No Palestinian group took responsibility immediately for Saturday's bombings, but Israeli officials said they appeared to be the work of militant Islamic Resistance Movement, or Hamas, which has carried out many previous such attacks.

In Gaza City, Abdel Azziz Rantissi, a senior spokesman for Hamas, said: “As you know, we are under (Israeli) occupation, the worst kind of occupation and slavery. The Jews are terrorists, the Jews are killing our children, we are in confrontation with the terrorism of the Jews, so we are defending ourselves.”

Yasser Arafat's Palestinian Authority condemned the attack, saying it was designed to torpedo Zinni's mission.

“The Palestinian Authority forcefully condemns the attacks that were carried out tonight in Jerusalem,” it said in a statement. “The goal of these attacks has been to destroy the American peace efforts. These

attacks cause great damage to our people in international public opinion and the Palestinian Authority will do everything in its power to catch those responsible. It pays its condolences to the Israeli people.”

Israeli Defence Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer convened top security and army officials to consider Israel's response to the bombings. Most past attacks have elicited tough military reprisals, including on two occasions the use of F-16 bombers.

Anticipating Israeli counter-attack, Palestinian security officials ordered the evacuation of offices, police posts and other positions in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

For hours after the blasts, stunned, weeping and angry Israelis wandered through downtown Jerusalem, herded this way and that by police concerned about the possibility of further bombs.

Many pedestrians were trying to call their friends and relatives, to make sure they were still alive, but cell phone networks were crashing and difficult to use. One middle-age woman shouted “Death to the leftists” at no one in particular.

“I heard a sound like a firecracker, a sputtering, then

there was a big boom,” said Nir Ladeni, who is in his 20s. “Then like two seconds later I heard another like that, boom, boom.”

A security guard from a nearby hospital, Bikur Holim, who identified himself as Sami, said he had rushed to Zion Square just minutes after the explosions. “I saw body parts,” he said, still shaking slightly 40 minutes later.

“It smelled like everything was burning,” he said. “I held one teenaged guy whose body was torn to apart. He was just a boy, maybe 18, and he was missing one of his arms.”

As flames shot 15 feet in the air from the car bomb, scores of people raced through the streets, screaming and holding their heads.

But there was also a concerted attempt to rescue and treat the wounded even in the few minutes before the ambulances arrived. In the chill air, young men ripped up their shirts to fashion tourniquets for wounds. One bar owner said he made a tourniquet from the tape of a video cassette. Special Jewish religious volunteers scoured the scene for every scrap of flesh, as is required for a proper Jewish burial.

# Muslim stamp faces challenges after Sept. 11 attacks

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Majority Whip Tom DeLay. “I have no doubt a majority of Americans would find the altered stamps a more appropriate commemoration of Islam than the current celebratory version,” he said.

But anyone who looks at the Arabic script on the Eid stamp and equates that with the terrorist attacks is “really playing into the hands of the terrorists,” said Aly Abuzaakouk, executive director of the Washington-based American Muslim Council.

“Who dares to associate negativity with something that celebrates a religious festival?” he said.

“The Eid has nothing to do with the terrorists, and we thank God that all of those ... suspected to have done this have nothing to do with our community.”

“They were not the known guys of our community. We have nothing to do with that,” he said.

Abuzaakouk's organization, the Council on American-Islamic Relations and the International Union of Muslim Women have had reports from members that some post offices are not carrying the Eid stamp.

They have urged people to forward those complaints to the Postal Service and to

order the stamp online or through a toll-free number.

Postal officials said there has been no attempt to cut back on the stamp's distribution. “As far as we're concerned, it's going to stay on sale and should be in stock at post offices around the country,” said Dave Failor, manager of community relations for the Postal Service.

Another complaint from Muslim activists — that the Postal Service omitted the Eid stamp from its holiday stamp promotional posters — prompted an apology from the agency.

The poster showed stamps commemorating Christmas, Kwanzaa and Hanukah.

“The Postal Service deeply regrets the oversight and is reprinting the holiday posters depicting the Eid stamp image,” Postal Service officials said in a statement.



Seventy-five million Eid stamps were issued Sept. 1 —

fewer than the 90 million Amish quilt stamps issued in August but more than the 32 million James Madison stamps issued in October.

Postal Service spokeswoman Cathy Yarosky characterized the Eid stamp printing as “an average number we would anticipate for a year's sale.”

Postal officials said it is too early to know how well the Eid stamp is selling. But Robert Lamb, executive director of the American Philatelic Society, said anecdotal evidence shows his members are not asking for the stamp much or using it heavily on their correspon-

dence, “and our members use all the stamps.”

Sales figures will determine whether the Eid stamp is reissued next year.

Assilmi, who spearheaded the stamp campaign, said she is determined to see that happen. “A year ago would have made all the difference in the world. Sept. 11 certainly set us back,” she said.

“But I tell you what: the children have already determined that if we don't make the sales because of the post office's failure to display it or people's fears, they'll just start over,” Assilmi said.

“They're not going to give up,” she said.

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# Numerous factors take bite out of crime

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senior director of Residence Life, "This year 57.5 percent of the people living on campus are first-year students," McConnell said there's a negligible difference in the number of freshmen currently living on campus compared to last year. "There's really only a [difference of] 26," McConnell said, since 3,253 freshmen live on campus this year, compared to 3,227 last year.

## The Sept. 11 possibility

MacNutt said he disagrees with the theory that the downturn in reported crime has been

a result of increased safety precautions after Sept. 11, saying JMU simply follows a nationwide pattern that's been progressing for years. "Violent crime has gone down steadily in the last five years nationwide," MacNutt said. "So it isn't just Sept. 11. The FBI announces these stats every year and says that crime has gone down."

## Police team-up possibility

At the beginning of the semester, the Harrisonburg and JMU police departments teamed up, both responding to incidents on and off campus. "For the first

month (of this semester) we had mutual aid," Tarbell said. "We

“*Whatever, or whoever, is making the change needs to keep up the good work.*

— Daniel Bruggemann senior

responded to more calls off campus. More crimes were reported

off campus." This partnership between the two departments ended after the first month of the semester, though. The HPD now solely covers off-campus areas and JMU police cover campus, except during certain activity weekends like Homecoming when the forces also team up. According to Tarbell, there is no correlation between the alliance and the lower crime.

## Other possibilities

MacNutt offered other explanations for the crime downturn. The JMU police department recently added more positions and equip-

ment resources, according to MacNutt. "We have two more patrol officers available to us," MacNutt said. "We have two detectives now that are working hard. They're clearing some big cases. That's what I think may have caused it to go down. We have more coverage in parking lots and dorms. The added number of people has had some effect."

MacNutt said the department has had more success investigating incidents, with possible offenders becoming apprehensive of committing crimes. "The word gets around when you

make arrests," he said.

MacNutt also suggested that policy adherence on Greek Row could be a factor. "We have less alcohol-related problems on Greek Row," he said. "It's mainly policy changes that really affect that."

Senior Daniel Bruggemann said, "Most people recognize that the JMU campus seems safer, with less crimes in dorms and stuff than years past. If in fact crime is dropping, then of course I'm delighted. Whatever, or whoever, is making the change needs to keep up the good work."

# Ambassadors propose unified stand

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said, "We hope that we will find support among the academics. We are trying to have grassroots support, and that's why we're coming here."

Before meeting at JMU Thursday, the ambassadors recently spoke at Harvard University, St. Louis University and Stanford University, according to Almar Mamediar, deputy diplomat of the Democratic Republic of Azerbaijan.

Japaridze said, "We need your support — American support and Western support in general. It's really a great privilege to be here at such an exciting place, your university."

The ambassadors consistently stressed the importance of cooperation between the United States and their countries in countering the terrorism originating from separatist movements in their region. "We're talking about how each country could support the United States," Japaridze said. "We are allies. That's how our presidents define this relationship."

Gryshchenko said, "Our region is in the strategic interest of the United States. Without

friends, the war against terrorism cannot be won."

The four countries represented, plus the Republic of Uzbekistan, comprise an alliance of post-Soviet republics, called GUUAM (Georgia, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Azerbaijan and Moldova). The organization serves as a counterbalance to Russia and the Commonwealth of Independent States. The ambassador from Uzbekistan, Shavkat Khamrakulov, was unable to attend due to his embassy holding constant meetings with the Bush administration, according to Paul Joyal, who moderated the forum. Joyal is the president of Intercon International and editor of *Intercon Daily*, a publication covering activities of the former Soviet Union.

"Sept. 11 changed a lot in the minds of all people around the world," Mamediar said. He said the cooperative relationship between America and GUUAM is very important for national security interests. "This fight against terrorism is not for one diplomat."

The ambassadors explained many benefits that their nations currently give to the United States in the fight

against fundamentalist Muslim terrorism. "We are cooperating in the area of terrorism from extremists," Moldovan Ambassador Celsav Ciobanu said. "The United States is for us a strategic partner. All GUUAM country members have supported President Bush."

“*Our region is in the strategic interest of the United States. Without friends, the war against terrorism cannot be won.*

— Konstantyn Gryshchenko Ukrainian ambassador

According to Ciobanu, Moldova provides the American military "the right to fly and land on our territory." In addition to providing the United States "flight rights" and "experts of strategic thinking," Gryshchenko said that

the Ukraine is "cooperat[ing] very actively in finding the financial support of the terrorist activities."

The nations of Georgia, Ukraine, Azerbaijan and Moldova originally aligned as GUUAM in 1997 as an informal union of post-Soviet republics facing developmental issues as they endeavored to become independent of Russia. According to Mamediar, the Republic of Uzbekistan joined later on April 24, 1999, during a NATO summit in Washington, D.C. This added a second U and extended the organization's name to GUUAM.

"Next year we're going to celebrate the fifth anniversary of GUUAM," Mamediar said. The nations' most recent meetings were in June at Yalta. At that conference, the countries adopted a formal charter espousing Western-oriented policies in their continuing dealings with Russia and the CIS. Japaridze said Russia and the CIS should not have qualms with GUUAM. Thursday's meetings at JMU were not negotiations, said Mamediar, but rather an opportunity to make presentations and hold meetings. As far as the future

of GUUAM, Mamediar said he foresees several goals, like democratic market-oriented reforms, while Ciobanu said he predicts the countries meeting their combined potential by "creating a business council and attracting American investors."

The five nations have historically played an important role in world trade, creating links between Europe and China.

Japaridze said, "We are ancient nations, part of ancient civilizations. Christianity started in this part of the world." He said that while the five nations are "absolutely different," they're unified by "this mutual threat perception. We come from a very unique empire that dissolved 10 years ago, where terror was a very important part."

Terrorism expert and political science professor Stephen Bowers, who heads JMU's William R. Nelson Institute for Public Affairs and Moldovan Ambassador Celsav Ciobanu organized the forum. The Nelson Institute studies political violence and terrorism in the former USSR and Eastern Europe.

# Department of Education receives donation

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# Teaching assistants walk out at U. Illinois

BY STEPHANIE BANCHERO  
Chicago Tribune

Hundreds of graduate teaching assistants at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign walked out of classrooms Wednesday, darkening classrooms across campus and leaving thousands of undergraduate students without teachers.

The work stoppage, which was to have lasted through Thursday, is the most militant action yet by the graduate students who teach many of the university's courses and are seeking recognition by the administration as a bargaining unit.

The teaching assistants, mainly from liberal arts colleges, spent the day marching through the campus Quad, picketing signs in hand, chanting, "No union, no peace. No contract, no peace."

Coming just as final exams approach, the two-day strike

miffed many students.

"We don't deny this is a disruptive action," said Dave Kamper, a teaching assistant in the history department and spokesman for the grad students' organization. "But this is short-term pain for a long-term gain. We've exhausted all of our other choices and we were forced into this action."

Their efforts toward increasing their recognition and compensation mirror a growing national movement.

As colleges and universities have depended more on non-faculty student teachers, the graduate assistants have demanded more recognition, more money and better health benefits. Strikes and work stoppages have become commonplace. Last year, 1,600 graduate assistants at the University of Washington walked out on the last day of classes with final exams left to grade.

"Unfortunately, they leave us no choice but to act militant," said Uma Pimplaskar, a UIUC teaching assistant in media studies, who canceled her class for the day.

"We've tried to meet with the administration to talk things over, but they ignore us. Maybe this will get their attention."

University spokesman Bill Murphy said Chancellor Nancy Cantor stood by the position that teaching assistants should not be able to form a union because they are students first and their employment is secondary.

Cantor has indicated a willingness to talk with graduate students, "but that doesn't mean she is willing to reverse position on the university policy on a union for students. We have been against that," Murphy said.

Organizers said 80 percent to 90 percent of the 500 teaching assistants who work in the Quad

buildings canceled their classes and office hours Wednesday. They estimated that about 10,000 students were affected.

But university administrators disputed those numbers. Associate Provost David Swanson estimated that only about 200 classes were canceled and about 4,000 students affected. Overall, about 3,300 classes are taught each day, and the school has 28,000 undergraduate students. Swanson said most classes went ahead as scheduled.

Some faculty members moved their courses to other buildings so students would not have to cross picket lines.

"The impact was very, very small," Swanson said.

Despite these assertions, the UIUC campus Quad and surrounding buildings were quiet Wednesday. Many classrooms were dark and the hallways, typically filled with students catching up on homework,

were quiet. Parking lots were sparsely filled.

This fall, the growing chorus of teaching assistants seeking union recognition has gained momentum at public and private universities nationwide.

At the University of Washington, school officials and graduate students met in negotiations about the terms of a potential bargaining agreement that would allow for a graduate student union at the university.

The unionization drive at Brown University in Providence, R.I., recently was bolstered when a National Labor Relations Board decision set the guidelines for a union election Dec. 6 and 7.

Though the election will be held, the university has not decided whether to appeal the decision, said Mark Nickel, director of the news service at Brown.

In Philadelphia, the gradu-

ate students association at Temple University, a public college, won recognition as a collective bargaining unit in late September.

The Urbana strike did not affect classes at the University of Illinois at Chicago. But in solidarity with the strike in Urbana, about 20 graduate students at UIC staged a sit-in and rally outside their chancellor's office in University Hall.

About 40 other students and local union representatives rallied outside University Hall.

"We think it's going to have more influence on the university if they see that the two campuses are working together and have the same goals," said Kat McLellan, co-president of the Graduate Employee's Organization at UIC.

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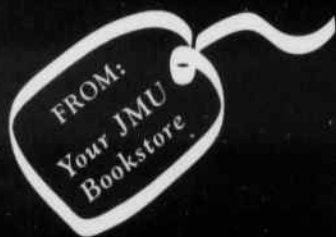


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# GOP Chairman Gilmore submits resignation

BY MARK Z. BARABAK  
Los Angeles Times

GOP Chairman James C. Gilmore said Friday he plans to quit after a year in the post, following two key Republican losses last month and White House political operatives have already taken over more of his work.

Gilmore, whose term as governor of Virginia also is ending, said he would leave the helm of the Republican National Committee in January to reduce the burden that travel placed on his family. Others said clashes with White House political counselor Karl Rove influenced his decision.

Gilmore increasingly had become a target of criticism within GOP ranks as attention turns to the 2002 campaign. With control of the Senate, House and 36 governorships — including those in California, Florida, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Texas and New York — at stake, senior Republicans were growing concerned that Gilmore was not suited for the key party job.

President Bush placed Gilmore in the RNC job last January. Gilmore, 52, called Bush Thursday night to tell him he would be quitting. White House press secretary Ari Fleischer said Friday, and the president did not try to talk him into staying.

"He understood the governor's reasons and was disappointed to hear that he was leaving, because he thinks he's done a very good job at the Republican National Committee," Fleischer said.

Among Republicans, former Montana Gov. Marc Racicot was mentioned widely as a likely replacement if, as one acquaintance put it, he can tie up some business commitments.

Other prospects include Rep. J.C. Watts of Oklahoma, Rep. Henry Bonilla of Texas, former Rep. Bill Paxton of New York, and Mary Matalin, Vice President Dick Cheney's top political aide.

The job of party chairman is an amalgam of chores: fund raiser, arbiter of party disputes, chief spokesman on political

matters. And, perhaps most important, the chairman is one of those who decides how the party will allocate its money in election battles.

Complicating Gilmore's tenure was the party's troubled performance in November's off-year elections. Democrats took the governorships of New Jersey and Gilmore's own state. "When you have the White House bragging about winning the Pennsylvania state Supreme Court, that's pathetic," said one Republican campaign operative.

The focus now is on next November — reflected by the heated GOP response Friday to a Democratic ad planned for a handful of House districts. It chastises Republicans for supporting corporate tax cuts when "working Americans are hurting, thousands of soldiers are defending our country and we are all being asked to sacrifice."

Rep. Tom Davis of Virginia, who directs the GOP's House campaign committee, said, "It

is wrong to question patriotism and to take advantage of an economic downturn caused by the Sept. 11 tragedy, for partisan gain."

With the White House starting to plot strategy for the 2002 elections, Gilmore "was pushed toward the end of the board and decided to jump rather than fight his way back onto the ship," said one Republican insider.

Another Republican, who like the others spoke on the condition of anonymity to avoid possible ill-will with the White House, said Gilmore's tenure had been marked by tensions with Rove, Bush's longtime political adviser.

Rove was described as determined to run party operations from his office in the White House West Wing, with deputy RNC chairman Jack Oliver running day-to-day operations at the party offices near the Capitol.

By this account, tensions grew over the summer and boiled over after Nov. 6, Election Day.



President George W. Bush walks with Virginia Gov. Jim Gilmore Oct. 2, after Bush announced the reopening of Reagan National Airport with new security measures.

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# Santa comes to JMU for under-privileged kids

SANTA, from page 1

said. "All the children have been abused or neglected or have very severe family problems that make it impossible to live with them. It really makes workers feel better when they know community members are there to take care of children in need."

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Salazar said the OSC com-

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As an extra incentive to attract students, Salazar said the OSC committee has solicited donations for raffle prizes to be won at the event from local businesses like Bath and Body Works, Victoria's Secret, Video Max and B. Dalton Bookseller.

Junior Mike Navarrete, co-committee head for OSC, said "Just seeing the reactions of the social services employees when they come to pick up the toys and finding out later how many children we had [helped] in the community is worth it."

OSC committee member junior Lisa Cecchini said, "The

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freshman  
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## JONATHAN KELLY BREEZE READER'S VIEW Continuing terrorism struggle progresses

As we survey the considerable progress achieved during the past month in America's war against terrorism in Afghanistan, we might be inclined to ponder the next phase of the current struggle against organized global terrorism.

Before we can speculate on this thorny query, we must first recognize that the Afghan campaign is far from over. Despite our proud accomplishments, much remains unresolved in Afghanistan. The Taliban and the Al-Qaeda still are putting up resistance in the south and our military is in for a prodigious fight to finish them off. In addition, the various Afghan tribes who have opposed the Taliban regime must reconcile their many differences if they are to forge a stable, democratic government in Afghanistan. Then and only then will Afghanistan cease to be a haven for terrorism.

As these matters are sorted out in Afghanistan, we can only hypothesize what new course the war on terrorism will take. As President George W. Bush has consistently reminded us, the war to prevent further massacres will extend across the globe, wherever terrorists may hide, and it will last for an indefinite period of time. The possibilities of the next focal point of the war are many, and the threats they pose must be taken seriously.

Iraq has been mentioned by many observers as one of the most likely future targets of American anti-terror warfare. For many years, Iraq has been one of the most aggressive state supporters of terrorism in the world. According to Heritage Foundation research fellow James Phillips in an Oct. 2 essay from *heritage.org*, Iraq has a long history of using terrorism as a foreign policy tool, such as attempting terrorist attacks on America during the 1991 Gulf War. Columnist Richard Cohen agrees, pointing out in the Nov. 30 issue of *The Washington Post* that Saddam Hussein has carried out such diabolical massacres as the use of chemical weapons against Kurdish civilians. Finally, columnist William F. Buckley Jr. emphasizes in a Sept. 17 column from *townhall.com* Hussein's relentless pursuit of nuclear, chemical and biological weaponry, a deeply fearful prospect given that we are speaking of a man

who has gassed his Kurdish citizens. The Associated Press also reported on Nov. 29 that world experts are certain that Iraq has an active biological weapons program right now.

The stated points of Iraq's irrefutable menace to the world are glaring warning signs that the war against terrorism cannot be complete without the ultimate removal of Hussein from power. He must then be replaced with a peaceful, cooperative and democratic government. The question is not whether or not we should confront Iraq; the question is when we should confront Iraq and overthrow Hussein. The correct time remains to be seen, but that time must come for the sake of people everywhere.

Iraq is not the only grave threat to international harmony, for there are other nations engaging in terrorist activity as well. One of the chief countries among them is Iran, ruled by an extremely brutal brand of Islamic Shiite mullahs called Ayatollahs. According to the State Department in an April 30 report from *usinfo.state.gov*, Iran was the most active state sponsor of terrorism in 2000 and is particularly opposed to peace between Israel and Palestine. Although the Iranian people have elected reformist officials, the government is still in the hands of the hard-line Ayatollahs because they control the judiciary and law enforcement.

Iran is becoming a very serious threat in particular because it is actively pursuing nuclear weapons. According to Israeli newspaper *Ha'aretz* on Nov. 20, the Iranian government is working quickly to produce a nuclear bomb. Iran has also been buying many of the resources for its nuclear program from Russia, according to an April 5 essay by Ariel Cohen and James Phillips of the Heritage Foundation, found at *heritage.org*. Given Iran's history in terrorism, this is not a favorable development. In 1979, after the present government took power, the Iranians kidnapped our diplomats. In 1983, the terrorist group Hezbollah, aggressively supported by Iran, bombed the American marine barracks in Lebanon, killing 241 marines. These are but a few instances of Iranian terrorism.

see TERRORISM, page 10

## HOUSE EDITORIAL

### Tradition plagues Greek system

There is no doubt that traditions are important. Long-standing customs set precedents for the future, values that families, groups and countries continue to honor throughout the ages. They are a standard of learning and culturization and a means of passing down tried and tested practices. Some traditions, however, are better left in the past — hazing is one of them.

Plaguing JMU once again, two members of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity were arrested and charged last week with six counts each of alleged hazing. In mid-October, two social sororities and one fraternity were found guilty by the Inter-Fraternity Council and Panhellenic Judicial Council for hazing.

These most recent arrests are far more serious than the mid-October charges and could result in expulsion from JMU and serious legal ramifications following their court date today at 8 a.m.

Opinions seem to differ about how seriously hazing

violations should be taken. To a certain extent, many view hazing as harmless pranks and games akin to the '70s movie "Animal House." In reference to fraternities in particular, there is a "boys will be boys" mentality that lets us brush off hazing activities as "OK" because it has always been done.

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Proving you can hack it as a brother in a fraternity, a member of some sports team or as an equal to others in a military setting, hazing has been a way to make pledges experience a hardship so they learn to rely on the group for support and family. As alcohol and more dangerous activities became

more a part of the equation, universities and states' legal systems began cracking down on hazing to protect students from harm.

According to a Web site on hazing education, *www.stophazing.org*, hazing has been the cause of 50 deaths in college fraternities, which is just the beginning of the list of negative ramifications of hazing. Regardless of whether these recent SAE charges resulted from dangerous, harmful or controversial activities, it is not difficult to see why state laws and JMU policies are so strict about consequences for those caught hazing.

An old tradition, it has become too risky to even attempt. The possible punishments do not necessarily reflect the specific hazing activities at hand. And while traditions are important, the consequences are so high that one has to ask, "What's the point?" There must be ways to form bonds of brotherhood and kinship in an organization without putting others at risk or taking part in activities that qualify

as hazing according to the university or state.

On that same Web site, pro-hazing sources point out that few challenges can add up to the courage it takes to make it through "hell week" or the rewards of that accomplishment.

Successfully bonding groups for decades, these are age-old practices and many claim that you never learn more about yourself and what can do than when you go through hazing practices and succeed.

But is it worth it? The risks of being caught aren't new. JMU and the state have had hazing policies for a number of years. You'd think groups would have learned by now that it's just a bad idea. Over time, some things must change.

Change is slow. Fraternities are reluctant to ditch tradition. Legal issues gradually are catching up with even the most traditional of fraternities and things are changing to end dangerous practices. The Greek system is involuntarily suppressing itself through tradition.

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### Dart...

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### Pat...

A "thanks-for-showing-me-the-meaning-of-true-brotherhood" pat to my fraternity brother who insisted that he take me to the emergency room last Thursday when he noticed how sick I was.

From a grateful brother who is glad that they caught the pneumonia before it got even worse and is extremely proud to be called a brother of the Delta Chi fraternity.

### Dart...

A "why-don't-you-just-calm-down" dart to my jealous roommate who freaks when I take his girlfriend out on dates.

From a guy who is just trying to get some play.

### Pat...

A "thanks-for-being-Santa's-little-culinary-helpers" to our friends whose company and cuisine warmed our holiday party.

From four ladies in Stone Gate who are glad there were no "bah-humbug" attitudes so close to finals to ruin a fantastic time.

### Dart...

A "do-you-want-some-cheese-with-that-whine" dart to the COB brat for complaining about paying 10 cents to print something while art majors pay thousands for supplies and have to stay extra semesters due to lack of facilities.

From some peeved art majors that suggest business majors buy stock in the Studio Art store.



"A helper monkey."

**Andy Urben**  
freshman, psychology



"Speakers for my computer."

**Ernie Melanson**  
sophomore, sports management



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"Not to sleep through my finals."

**Sean Lambert**  
freshman, undeclared



"To be with my grandparents."

**Karen Olson**  
freshman, social work

**Topic: What do you want for the holidays?**

**Terrorism still international issue**

*TERRORISM, from page 9*

According to President Bush's anti-terrorism doctrine, nations intent on producing weapons of mass destruction to terrorize the world qualify as terrorist nations and are accountable to justice like Afghanistan. Under the doctrine, Iraq and Iran and many other countries, like the Taliban, are prime candidates

in the president's search for justice. Since they pose such an unacceptable danger to the world, America must eventually take the war to them. To root out terrorists, we must remove the roofs over their heads, which are the nations that grant them sanctuary and support.

Speculation of terrorism makes us focus on the Middle East, but not all terrorism origi-

nates in the Middle East. The horror of terrorism we face today is a malicious evil intent on dominating much of the world. We must send nations harboring terrorists a simple message: nations involved in terrorist activity shall no longer be permitted to exist on this planet.

*Jonathan Kelly is a freshman political science major.*

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**EVAN WILLIAMS** **FROM THE WIRE**  
**Abercrombie fits the mold**

When my brother was in high school, he wasn't pretty.

He had little glasses, shaggy long hair down to his chin, oversized-ragged jeans that he wore with his beautiful underwear hanging out, and he walked like Igor because the crotch of his pants was down at his knees.

Yup, my brother was the pimp. After high school, he went to college, made the dean's list and by the time he was done with his degree, only Polo could touch his body.

So, let's get this straight. In high school, my brother wore pants with a 38-inch waist. He started lifting weights in college and bulked up a little (which includes gaining a little weight), and now he wears a 32 inch waist.

Now, he is a manager at Abercrombie and Fitch. Which leads me to my next point. Since he's manager, I was lucky enough to get a job with him over the winter break.

After refusing to wear their clothes for so long, I broke down. I'm a traitor to nonconformity, I know, but I needed the job and I had a connection — it literally fell in my lap, along with a pair of jeans and two shirts.

I am now an employee of Abercrombie and Fitch, the store where the hottest of the hot go and buy clothes that are sizes too small for them.

To work there, clothes must be bought-to-fit so we can show off the latest styles, strut our stuff, flip back our hair and smile wicked, sexy smiles to everyone we look at, especially when we're bending over to pick something up off the floor.

The problem with being new at a store like this is, well, when the employees have to dress with the latest fashions, and the people shopping in the store wear the latest fashions, it's hard to keep track of who's working and who's shopping.

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 While folding shirts,  
 one of my co-workers  
 asked if he could help  
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 We don't get those cool shirts  
 like Old Navy that say “staff.”  
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“Uhh,” I said. I wasn't sure  
 what to tell him, because appar-  
 ently he had the same problem I  
 did. “No, I'm doing alright.” I  
 told him and walked away with  
 a pile of shirts and continued to

fold at another table.

I finally realized who worked at the store that Friday when the same people were in the store with me for five hours.

Then after I got bored folding shambled piles of shirts, I decided to work the changing room and stand and herd preteen girls in and out of the dressing room with hoochie clothes.

Before I worked, I had to read the employee handbook. It said that Abercrombie liked to see individuality in their employees when it came to grooming, as long as it stayed steadfast to the look of Abercrombie.

Individuality? I've never worked at a place where you couldn't tell the difference between the customers or the employees.

Standing my ground by the dressing rooms during the Friday after Thanksgiving shopping apocalypse, the district manager apparently came into the store for a little chit-chat about numbers and saw my non-traditional hair.

So much for individuality, I had to wear a hat over my dyed red hair. But at least the techno music thumping in the background, foreground, inner ear and inside my chest has a good beat, especially when it breaks 120,000 decibels.

This column appeared in the Nov. 30 edition of Ball State University's Daily News.

**STAFF EDITORIAL** **FROM THE WIRE**  
**Could we be playing God?**

For many, Monday's news that scientists have successfully managed to clone a human embryo conjured up images of Aldous Huxley's "Brave New World." Thoughts swirled of a society in the not-too-distant future in which the human race is entirely comprised of clones who are subliminally conditioned into their respective social classes from birth. A society where the few remaining breeders are rounded up and confined to camps out in Arizona. A society that is cold, heartless, robotic — wait a second, isn't this getting a little bit unrealistic?

Perhaps, but that seems to be what conservative politicians and religious sects (not to mention a great deal of the public) are afraid of. The White House and Vatican have both denounced the experiment as "immoral," and Congress is looking to outlaw all human cloning. The National Right to Life Committee even went so far as to speak of "embryo farms opening for business soon."

Meanwhile, the biotechnology company responsible for all the hubub — Advanced Cell Technology, Inc., from

Worcester, Mass. — has no plans to create some massive army of clones, or even to create a full fledged human being. Their aim is to extract stem cells that can be used in the treatment of diseases, ranging from Parkinson's to juvenile diabetes.

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So what we've got on the table, underneath it all, are two legitimate concerns. One side says that these technological/scientific advances are tampering with the core of humanity, and could grow to have disastrous results, and the other side wants to use said advances to actually help humanity.

It's a difficult issue to tackle, but it's not one that we should

blow out of proportion. Think about it; the use of stem cells could help terminally ill people, easing or even curing their suffering. It could advance medical technology by leaps and bounds. And this is supposed to be a bad thing?

It's risky, yes. It's a little strange, but it isn't anything we should be afraid of.

At the same time, the medical labs undertaking this practice have to make sure they keep themselves in check. If they don't keep cloning limited to disease treatment, if they allow the technology to grow and reach less positive ends — specifically, actual human replication — then that's a little scary.

But when it comes down to it, the job currently working on the project has no motive but to help humankind and cure disease, and that's just something we can't argue with. So until we see a disturbing jump in the number of blond hair, blue-eyed people out on the street, there's no need to worry.

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## HOROSCOPES

**Today's Birthday** — A separation may be in order. You'll know when the time is right. It would involve something or someone you've simply outgrown. Assess your situation and do the homework. Don't try to skip a grade, but if you've learned the lesson, graduate.

**Daily rating:** 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

### Aries (March 21-April 19)

Today is a 7 - Some things are changing so fast, it's hard to keep track. Is it your imagination, or is fantasy now over in the reality column? What's going on here? Hunker down and wait until the dust clears to find out.

### Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Today is a 6 - Others may have laughed at you in the past for being so careful with your money. But with the current conditions, you may do quite well. Your frugal approach could give you the last laugh.

### Gemini (May 21-June 21)

Today is a 7 - You could find an amazing treasure, and it's nearby. If you don't watch where you're going, you could trip over it. It could be a gift, but more likely a trade.

### Cancer (June 22-July 22)

Today is a 6 - You can make somebody feel better, and you always enjoy doing that. You might even make yourself feel better in the process. This isn't a job you'll get done overnight. Commit to the long haul.

### Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Today is a 7 - New information is coming to light all the time, so don't worry if something still doesn't make sense. You may be missing an important piece of the puzzle. Wait, watch and listen.

### Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Today is a 6 - Yours could be the deciding vote, so think things over carefully before lending your weight to one side or the other. Of course, you won't think of what's best for you. You'll choose what's best for all.

### Libra (Sept. 23-Oct 22)

Today is a 7 - Odds are good you won't get through on the first try with something you're sending or something you're trying to say. Travel could be complicated, too, but not blocked completely. Persevere.

### Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Today is a 7 - Don't count your chickens before they've hatched. Don't spend the check before it clears the bank, either. Although you're good at calculating the odds, all is not as it appears to be.

### Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Today is a 7 - Somebody's getting downright irritating. You may not be able to put up with this kind of behavior any longer. You want to be fair about this, but go ahead and lay down the law.

### Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Today is a 5 - Evaluate the way you're doing your job. There may be something you can fine-tune - something you've been doing for years that doesn't need to be done at all anymore. Your worst enemy or critic could be a big help here.

### Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Today is a 7 - You have the technical expertise and a talent for solving problems. Your friends have enthusiasm, wit and humor. Combined, the brainpower is staggering. You'll make short work of a tough job.

### Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

Today is a 7 - The conflict is between an older person and a younger one, but does it really involve you? Maybe you'd be wise to not take sides. Teach them about love through your example.

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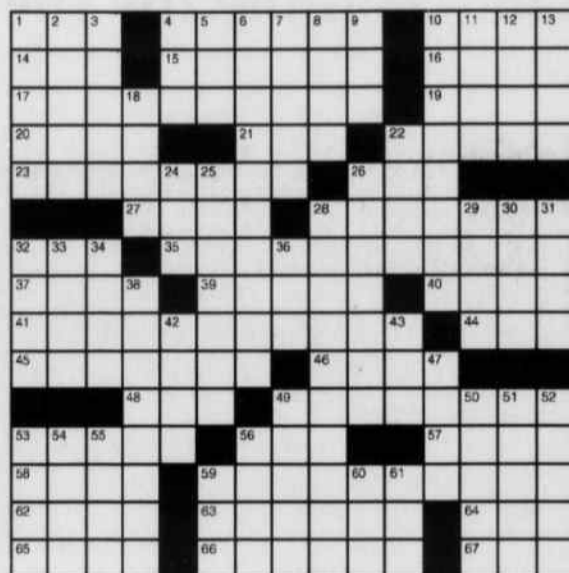
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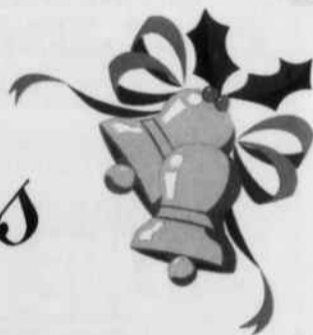
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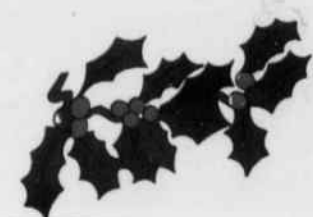
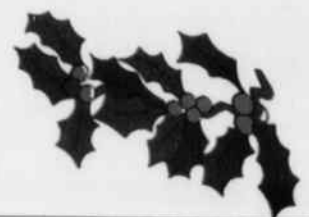
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## BEHIND the BRANCHES

BY JULIE SPROESSER  
senior writer

**W**ednesday morning, 8 a.m., confirmed sources spotted a crew of Facilities Management personnel hoisting a 25-foot evergreen tree into a stand on the Quad. Last night, students, faculty and others joined together as the decorated tree became electrified in a blaze of lights, a JMU tradition that repeats each year around this time. And like many traditions, the roots of the holiday tree tradition are probably as deep as this year's season on the Quad, but no one seems to know how they began.

"We've had one here as long as I can remember," said just about everyone questioned whether they'd been at JMU for 30 years or four. So why do we have a tree on the Quad every year?

Bill Posey, director of the concert and support services and organizer of the tree lighting ceremony, "It's the traditional signal that the season is upon us all."

Posey said he starts organizing in September each year so the ceremony goes off without a hitch, but said the process of getting a tree and organizing the event is fairly formulaic now.

According to Posey, the chain of events begins with a work order he submits to Facilities Management to request the tree. From there, Facilities Management seeks donations from area farmers and residents.

"It's usually a local farmer, but sometimes people even have a big tree on their property that they want to get rid of and they'll donate it," said Mike Davis, director of Facilities Management.

Davis said his department retrieves the tree and hauls it to JMU. They then use a back hoe to hoist the tree in to place and attach wires from each side to balance the tree in the stand. Once they've adorned the tree with lights, little maintenance is required. The lights run on an automatic timer so the tree stays lit for the season, Davis said. With the tree prepared, the process goes back to Posey, the Student Government Association and others who help make the tradition a reality.

Complete with an assortment of holiday carols, hot chocolate and cookies provided by the president's office, the tree lighting ceremony directly follows "Holidayfest," an annual musical event held in Wilson Hall performed by the JMU Brass Ensemble and a variety of other musical groups.

"It seemed appropriate to pair these two events together," Posey said. "People leave the concert and then the tree lighting takes place right there in front of Wilson."

Marking the official start of the season, the ceremony becomes more official as JMU presidents traditionally welcome guests to the tree lighting and offer a holiday message. Posey said the presidents' involvement began when former JMU president, Chancellor Ronald Carrier, decided to be more visible on campus. During Carrier's presidency the tree's placement migrated from

the lawn at Hillcrest House to the Warren Campus Center and then to the Quad, where it remains today.

JMU President Linwood Rose commenced this year's tree lighting with an address on the Quad. This marked Rose's first time speaking at the ceremony. For the past three years, the ceremony fell on the same date as an important conference, according to his assistant Donna Burch.

Following a performance by the Contemporary Gospel singers and a round of carols sung by all the attendants, Rose spoke about the approaching holiday season and the holiday tree. "It's become our tradition to gather together and light our tree," he said. "Whatever our religion or beliefs, we come together because it's a season of hope."

Rose urged the crowd to think of those affected by the events of Sept. 11 and the losses that came as a result. "As we illuminate our tree tonight, let it be a symbol of hope," he said.

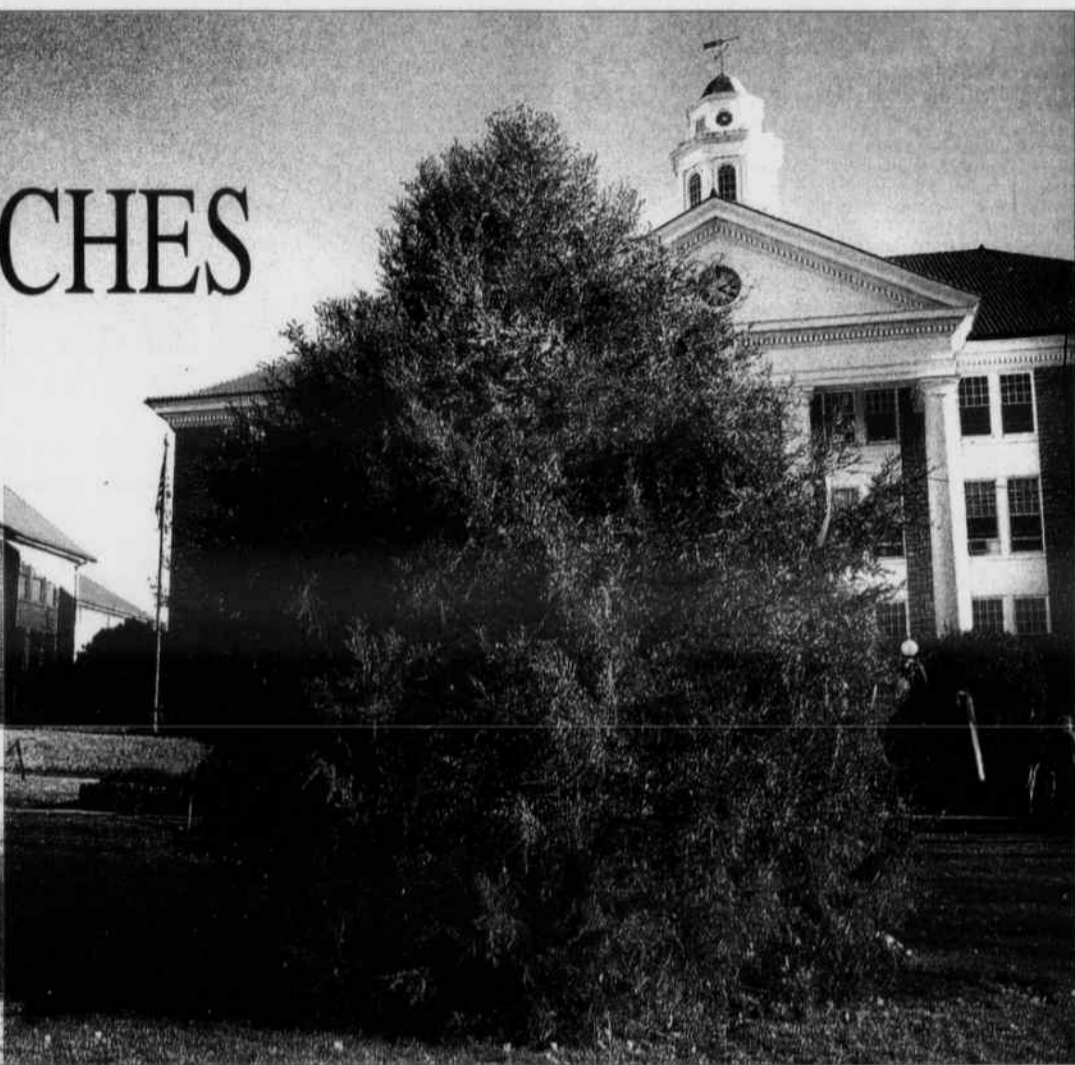
Presidential involvement doesn't end there. SGA President David Mills spoke and emceed the tree lighting ceremony. SGA is an integral part the organizational and promotional aspects of the ceremony, according to Posey and SGA Chairperson Pro-Tempore senior Stephen Davis. The SGA Buildings and Grounds Committee work with Posey and other JMU organizations to secure decorations beyond the lights, and to promote the event beforehand, Davis said. They also coordinate volunteers to pass out lyrics for caroling and to distribute hot chocolate and cookies.

Unsolved mystery aside, it seems to be a joyful tradition, a mark of the holiday season. About 200 people attended last night's tree lighting and think that having the tree is an important tradition here.

"I think it is important, especially this year, because it is something stable, it brings us back together," said senior Keli Rhodes. "I think every school should have one; it's a bonding experience."

Freshman Nicole Thomas agreed that the tree and ceremony are a way to bring people together. "You see it on the way to

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IRENE WAZGOWSKA/contributing photographer

## TREE KNOW-HOW

Finding and caring for the perfect Christmas tree can be difficult if you don't know what to look for. Here are a few tips to make this year's tree the perfect holiday treat.

Art by staff artist Erin Henry



**Consider freshness**  
Always ask the vendor where the tree came from and how long ago it was cut. Try to buy a locally grown tree because if not, the tree could have been trucked a considerable distance, which would cut down on its freshness.



**Inspect your prospective purchase**  
Does it appear green and healthy with a fragrant smell and moist, flexible needles, or is there evidence of drying or browning? Avoid any trees with broken branches or damaged bark. Also, try shaking the tree. If needles rain down, you would be wise to look around a little more.



**Finding the perfect size**  
Make sure the tree you buy will fit comfortably in the room and location you have chosen. Use a tape measure if necessary. Cut an inch off the bottom before mounting the tree. This will help water absorption and ensure your tree lasts as long as possible.



**Caring for your tree**  
Replenish the water in your Christmas tree stand frequently. A tree should never be mounted dry. Also, position the tree away from open flames or heat sources which may dry it out prematurely.



**Disposing of your tree**  
Generally speaking, a Christmas tree should be kept for a maximum of 10 days. The most popular way of discarding a tree is to leave it with the garbage for pick-up. Alternatives to discarding your tree are to have it chipped for mulch or standing it in your backyard for use as a bird feeder.

# JMU lights holiday tree

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class and and it makes you feel like home no matter what religion or culture you're from," she said.

Not all people in the JMU community agree that the tree is an appropriate holiday symbol for this campus. *Breeze* Letters to the Editor in December 1993 featured messages condemning Carrier and the JMU administration for putting up what the letter-writers considered representative of Christmas, a Christian holiday.

Other readers claimed it was once a Pagan symbol now embraced by most of society, and others claimed it was too religious and exclusive of a holiday symbol. Two letter-writers found the whole situation a bit silly and submitted a

poem titled, "A Seuss-like poetic rebuttal, to the big Christmas scuffle."

The controversial issues regarding the tree have come about again this year as a few students in Eagle Hall have complained that the tree embraces a Christian holiday.

"I don't think it really represents Christmas. It's a symbol of celebration, not religion," freshman Jon Altizer said.

Besides creating religious debate, the tree caused a stir in the same '93 *Breeze* issues when one letter-writer urged that people stop killing trees unnecessarily and said that turning the tree into mulch when the season ends was not a reasonable justification for destroying nature. The tree on the Quad is

ground in to mulch for distribution on campus grounds, according to Davis of Facilities Management.

Despite religious and environmental concerns, the tree is a long-standing tradition with few signs of halting. JMU's tradition follows national trends to celebrate the holiday season by decorating a tree, a tradition that more Americans embrace each year. The National Christmas Tree Association at [www.realchristmastrees.org](http://www.realchristmastrees.org), expects Americans to purchase 32.3 million trees this holiday season, an increase of 200,000 from last year's sales.

Online research shows that the holiday tree mystery is not just a JMU mystery either. Thousands of

Web sites are devoted to Christmas tree history, care and other information.

Each site offers answers to the question of how the tree became a holiday staple in America. Some trace the tree tradition back to the Romans, others to the Feast of Adam and Eve on Dec. 24 and still others to German settlers in Eastern Pennsylvania.

Whatever the true mystery is we may never know, but the tree will continue to appear on the Quad each December as the Wilson Hall bells ring with Christmas carols and passers-by on South Main Street glance up the Quad to see the holiday tree.

"It's a nice symbol of the holiday," said freshman Iesha Leonard, "It makes me feel like home."

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# STYLE

## Point and Click

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"... you have complete control over what you're playing and you get to expose people to new bands."

JUSTIN BRIDGEWATER  
sophomore  
See story below



ROBERT NATT/senior photographer

Sophomore Dan Jensen, a WXJM deejay, gets busy on the air with his radio show every Saturday from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

## wxjm Radio heads

BY BRENNAL WALTON  
staff writer  
This is the second in a series of articles on WXJM.

"You think you know, but you have no idea" — this is the diary of a WXJM deejay.

Or at least a glimpse into the lives of those who spend countless hours inside that hidden place in Anthony-Seeger Hall, where posters and album covers of every genre imaginable cover the walls and anything from hip-hop to bluegrass is blasting from the little room in the back.

Ah, that little room in the back — where it all happens. This is where the deejays of WXJM broadcast their shows during designated time slots, sending their favorite songs out over the airwaves to the extended Harrisonburg area.

Many deejays at the station use WXJM as an outlet for their own love of music with the hopes of influencing others to open up to different genres.

"It's music not selected by a playlist on a computer, but by real people," said non-student country and blues deejay Jes Rosenberg. "If people can listen to the station with an open mind, I think they could appreciate it." Rosenberg's show, on Fridays from 2 to 4 p.m., features country and blues from the '30s and '40s to the present with the Carter family and the North Mississippi All-Stars among his favorites.

Others say the station has served as a place for their own musical inspiration due to the wide variety of music the station offers.

"Being a deejay exposes me to a lot more music than I normally would because of all the CDs the station carries," said senior Erika Shernoff,

whose show, Mondays from 6:30 to 8 p.m., follows a progressive rock format including local talent.

In order to become a deejay, one must first earn a certain amount of "points" that can be earned by volunteering for the station. A minimum of 10 points must be earned to become eligible for a deejay position.

guidelines the station must follow as well as familiarizing them with the "philosophy" of the station in terms of what they can and cannot play.

The deejay board also is in charge of helping new deejays learn the soundboard and the basic workings of the show studio. New deejays also sit in on a more experienced deejay's show for last-minute, hands-on



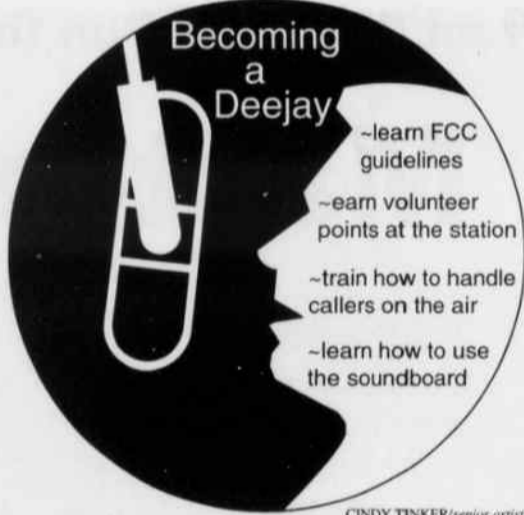
the y like. "The best thing is you have complete control over what you're playing and you get to expose people to new bands," sophomore Justin Bridgewater said. "It's also very personal because you're putting out your personal taste and influencing and exposing others to what they might not have been had you not done that." Bridgewater hosts a progressive rock show on Thursdays from 4 to 6 p.m. that features anything from pop-punk to loud rock.

Although most do not want to pursue deejaying as a profession beyond college for various reasons such as "the inevitable death of FM radio," several are pretty sure they at least want to be a part of the music industry.

Above all, deejaying is all about fun and what they're getting out of it now. Sophomore Terika Grooms, whose show follows an urban format that includes hip-hop, reggae, go-go and Baltimore house, and who also spins at parties and clubs, said, "I like people to be excited about the music. I love when I'm at a party and people are like, 'That's my song!'"

Rosenberg added, "I just love music and this is the place to be on campus if you love music."

For more information on becoming involved, go to the WXJM Web site at [www.jmu.edu/wxjm](http://www.jmu.edu/wxjm) or call x8-6878.



CINDY TINKER/senior artist

These points are used when the time comes to choose time slots for shows; the person with the most points chooses first. Once the schedule is set up, deejay training begins.

WXJM has a deejay board, comprised of those in charge of training new deejays. The board has a training manual for prospective deejays. The manual covers Federal Communications Commission

experience before they finally get to try it on their own.

Deejays also are introduced to the typical duties of working at a radio station, such as reading public service announcements and taking phone calls from listeners.

Currently, there are approximately 70 deejays at WXJM. Student deejays enjoy the freedom to exercise control over the format of their shows and the satisfaction of playing the music

## The Jersey trilogy

The legend that begins with 'Clerks' unravels at Grafton-Stovall

BY RYAN GRAY  
contributing writer

A long time ago, in a galaxy far, far away — wait that's a different story all together. This story begins in a small suburb on the Jersey shore with a couple of store clerks, some mall rats, a lesbian, demons, angels and Jay and Silent Bob. This is the infamous tale of the Jersey Trilogy.

This week, Grafton-Stovall Theatre will be showing all five of indie filmmaker Kevin Smith's movies. All five films, "Mallrats," "Clerks," "Chasing Amy," "Dogma" and "Jay & Silent Bob Strike Back," are intertwined in a web of over-the-top situations and storylines.

In 1994, Kevin Smith dropped out of film school and decided to make a movie. With a meager budget and a cast of his friends and neighborhood pals, Smith began his brainchild with "Clerks." It is a poorly acted, black-and-white story of two store clerks and their day's antics and crazy customers.

The unique story presents a humorous side to the everyday situations that many overlook and take for granted. "Clerks" introduces two characters who appear in all Smith films, one of which he plays himself and the other played by Smith's long-time cohort Jason Mewes. These characters provide each film with its most memorable and important lines. These two hooligans are Jay and Silent Bob. "Clerks" received much acclaim at the Sundance Film Festival, and Smith was offered a shot to make another film. Equipped with a bigger budget, more cameras and color, he spawned his second film, "Mallrats" in 1995. Being that "Clerks" was so popular among underground actors and filmmakers, naturally many jumped at the chance to act in "Mallrats."

Currently well-known actors, although obscure at the time, Shannen Doherty, Jason Lee, Jeremy London and Joey Lauren Adams joined Smith's friend Ben Affleck in the indie cast. "Mallrats" is, on the surface, a cheesy love story about two guys who just need to find motivation in their relationships, so they go to the mall. While one half of the duo sorts out his unfulfilled and pathetic lifestyle, the other desperately attempts to rekindle his old flame.

Complete with everything from a cheesy love game show to a personal appearance by the comic book illustrator Stan Lee, "Mallrats" shows the deeper meaning of fulfilling potential. Although many view it as a funny movie with great one-liners, it has depth and validity. The simple truths and commonly overlooked routine conversations become comedic genius at Smith's creative disposal in this film.

Although the hype was big, the film was not. "Mallrats" flopped and erased any name "Clerks" had established. Not distraught, however, Smith decided he needed to finish his uncompleted story by making one more film.

Now here is where they all tie together. The first three films ("Clerks," "Mallrats" and "Chasing Amy") are known as

While rich with Smith's patented humorous and provocative dialogue, it was his first dramatic effort. "Chasing Amy" tells the tale of Holden McNeil (Affleck) and Banky Edwards (Lee), two creators of the cult comic "Bluntman and Chronic" that one day fall upon another comic artisan, Alyssa Jones (Adams).

Holden desperately falls for Alyssa at first sight, but she has other plans. It turns out that Alyssa is a lesbian. Although this crush to the ego pauses Holden in his pursuit, he nevertheless offers friendship, and the two become very close. The only problem is that Holden is having a tough time being friends when he feels so much more for Alyssa. Although unknown to him, as the friendship progresses, Alyssa's feelings for Holden also deepen.

Their relationship turns into one big, complicated mess. So "Chasing Amy" recovered what "Mallrats" lost for Smith's reputation in the industry and placed him back on the acclaimed-directors list.

With confidence back on his shoulders, Smith decided to create a movie on a touchy topic religion. Smith's 1999 release "Dogma" pokes fun at people's seriousness about religion today. Smith proceeded with caution and a delicate hand in making this controversial film. Smith offers disclaimers at the beginning of the movie in an attempt to avoid offending many viewers.

"Dogma" is a fantasy tale about two fallen angels (Affleck and Matt Damon) who desperately want to return to heaven, but must first deal with a star-studded cast of religious gurus such as Chris Rock, Linda Fiorentino, Salma Hayek, Alan Rickman and Jay and Silent Bob. The complicated story takes much effort to follow without missing any important parts, so pay attention.

The final installment involves the gruesome Jersey twosome, Jay and Silent Bob. With a cast including many old favorites from earlier Smith movies, "Jay & Silent Bob Strike Back," is a whacked-out, slapstick comedy about its title characters. Jay and Silent Bob discover that a movie is being made based on a comic book called "Blutman & Chronic."

This book was based upon two characters that the illustrators knew, Jay and Silent Bob. Seeing as these two were the basis, they have certain rights to the book. However, Banky Edwards ("Chasing Amy") decides to sell the book to Miramax studios to make a movie about the comic. Shocked by this knowledge and slandered on the Internet, Jay and Silent Bob take action and travel cross country to stop the film from being made. Of course their journey is not an easy, nor bland one, and they fall into some situations during the trip that show just how pervasive the duo is.

Now here is where they all tie together. The first three films ("Clerks," "Mallrats" and "Chasing Amy") are known as

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## Harrison fans say farewell

BY JENNIFER SIKORSKI  
senior writer

George Harrison was the "Quiet One," standing slightly off to the side, never seeking the spotlight. When the Beatles first burst onto the American scene in 1964, he was a skinny, mop-topped kid, only 20 years old. During the Beatles' reign in the '60s, Harrison was not the most visible band member, but his contributions were essential.

When he passed away last Thursday afternoon at the age of 58, the loss was intangible. John, Paul, Ringo and George were four men of such immense talent, popularity and influence that they seemed untouchable, bigger than life itself. The world went into collective shock when John Lennon was gunned down

in 1980, unable to comprehend that someone who stood for love and preached about giving peace a chance was murdered. Harrison's death is less shocking but no less upsetting. His body finally succumbed to the cancer he had been battling against for years.

The staggering genius of Lennon and McCartney overshadowed Harrison's talent at times. A gifted guitar player, he also played the Indian sitar on several tracks. Harrison developed into a thoughtful and articulate songwriter, penning some of the Beatles most introspective songs, including "Something," "While My Guitar Gently Weeps," "Within You, Without You" and the light "Here Comes the Sun." But the

Lennon/McCartney team dominated the Beatles' albums, leaving little room for Harrison's contributions. His frustrations mounted, and when the rest of the world was devastated by the Beatles' breakup, it freed Harrison to pursue a solo career.

Finally free to explore his own talents, Harrison released several albums to critical acclaim. He grouped with Bob Dylan, Tom Petty, Eric Clapton and other classic rock icons to form the Traveling Wilburys in the '80s. He also organized a large benefit concert for the children of Bangladesh, featuring such talent as Dylan and Clapton.

In his later years, Harrison drifted from music, devoting

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## 'Not Another' sneak preview:



Chris Evans, who plays the "popular jock" in "Not Another Teen Movie," attempts to seduce Chyler Leigh, playing the role of the "pretty ugly girl."

The University Program Board will show a free sneak preview of "Not Another Teen Movie" Wednesday at 11:30 p.m. The film parodies the conventions and clichés of the teen genre, giving a twist on classic teen characters. "Not Another Teen Movie" opens nationwide Dec. 14.

# War flick falls into 'Enemy' territory

**"BEHIND ENEMY LINES"**  
**STARRING:**  
**GENE HACKMAN**  
**AND OWEN WILSON**  
**RATED: PG-13**  
**RUNNING TIME:**  
**105 MINUTES**  
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debut movie features Owen Wilson ("Meet the Parents") as Lieutenant Chris Burnett, a naval aviator who is shot down over enemy territory after documenting genocide. After losing his partner, Burnett must fight to survive the troops chasing him. With little time left, he looks to his commanding officer, played by Gene Hackman, to rescue him.

The sequences that follow are simply the opposing troops chasing Burnett and repeatedly firing and missing him. Their bad aim becomes the subject of many tiresome scenes.

Hackman's character, Admiral Reigart, far outshines Wilson's Lieutenant Burnett. Although it seems appropriate for the audience to cheer on Burnett's efforts, it is difficult because his character is unlikeable. The arrogant Burnett brings misfortune on himself giving the audience the feeling that he is getting what he deserves. The determination of Admiral Reigart helps bring the crowd back on

Burnett's side. The suspenseful plot and Hackman's acting saves "Behind Enemy Lines" from completely flopping. The repetitive nature and lack of originality, however, keep the movie from distinguishing itself from other war films.

**Movie review key**

- \*\*\* Go directly to the theater and see this masterpiece
- \*\* Great movie. Worth the crazy ticket price.
- \* Wait for this one to play at Grafton-Stovall.
- Should have been released straight to video.
- Who approved the making of this film?

BY CAROLINE CONTI  
*contributing writer*

By feeding on patriotism and filling its plot with action-packed sequences, "Behind Enemy Lines" desperately tries to hold its own with other recent war movies. Unfortunately, it falls short.

Director John Moore's

The high point of the movie is an action sequence in which Lieutenant Burnett's plane is chased by missiles and eventually shot down, leaving him in enemy territory. Although this is only one of many action scenes, it stands out as being the most

# Just mousin' around

BY STE GRAINER  
*senior writer*

[www.howstuffworks.com](http://www.howstuffworks.com)

If you find yourself constantly wondering how things work or what makes even the most mundane items function, then *HowStuffWorks.com* is just the site to satisfy your curiosity. The topics range from practical processes and inventions (such as how beer is brewed and how glow sticks work) to more cultural and even hypothetical questions (such as how the traditions of Christmas came about and how aliens might be different from people).

Usefulness: 5/5  
 Entertainment: 4/5  
 Appearance: 4/5  
 Ease of use: 4/5

[www.shotgunrules.com](http://www.shotgunrules.com)

"Shotgun!" The first person to call this upon exiting a building gets the honorary privilege of riding in the front passenger seat of the car. Did you know that there are a lot of other rules governing this solemn practice? For example, what if someone sits in the shotgun seat before anyone calls shotgun? What if the person who called shotgun lifts the door handle as the car is being unlocked, forcing the driver to unlock the door again? These and other situations are covered in the official Shotgun Rules Web site.

Usefulness: 5/5  
 Entertainment: 3/5  
 Appearance: 2/5  
 Ease of use: 4/5

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Usefulness: 5/5  
 Entertainment: 4/5  
 Appearance: 5/5  
 Ease of use: 4/5

[www.furnitureporn.com](http://www.furnitureporn.com)

If you think the Web is 90 percent porn, you might actually be right. But not all alleged porn sites are necessarily bad — *furnitureporn.com* mocks the entire online porn industry. The satire is poured on strong at this site, so those with weak constitution might consider skipping this link. Note: Not to be confused with real pornography. This site merely presents furniture in compromising situations.

Usefulness: 0/5  
 Entertainment: 4/5  
 Appearance: 2/5  
 Ease of use: 4/5

[www.pythonline.com](http://www.pythonline.com)

True fans of the British comedy group Monty Python should prepare for something completely different at this Web site. Actually, there's really not much here, considering it's the official site for the group. There are a few noteworthy features that might bring fans back though, including an a discussion forum, online store containing nearly every Monty Python-related item a fan could ever want, and an abuse e-mailer which allows fans to send entertainingly abusive e-mails to friends and family easily.

Usefulness: 1/5  
 Entertainment: 3/5  
 Appearance: 4/5  
 Ease of use: 3/5

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Usefulness: 4/5  
 Entertainment: 5/5  
 Appearance: 3/5  
 Ease of use: 3/5

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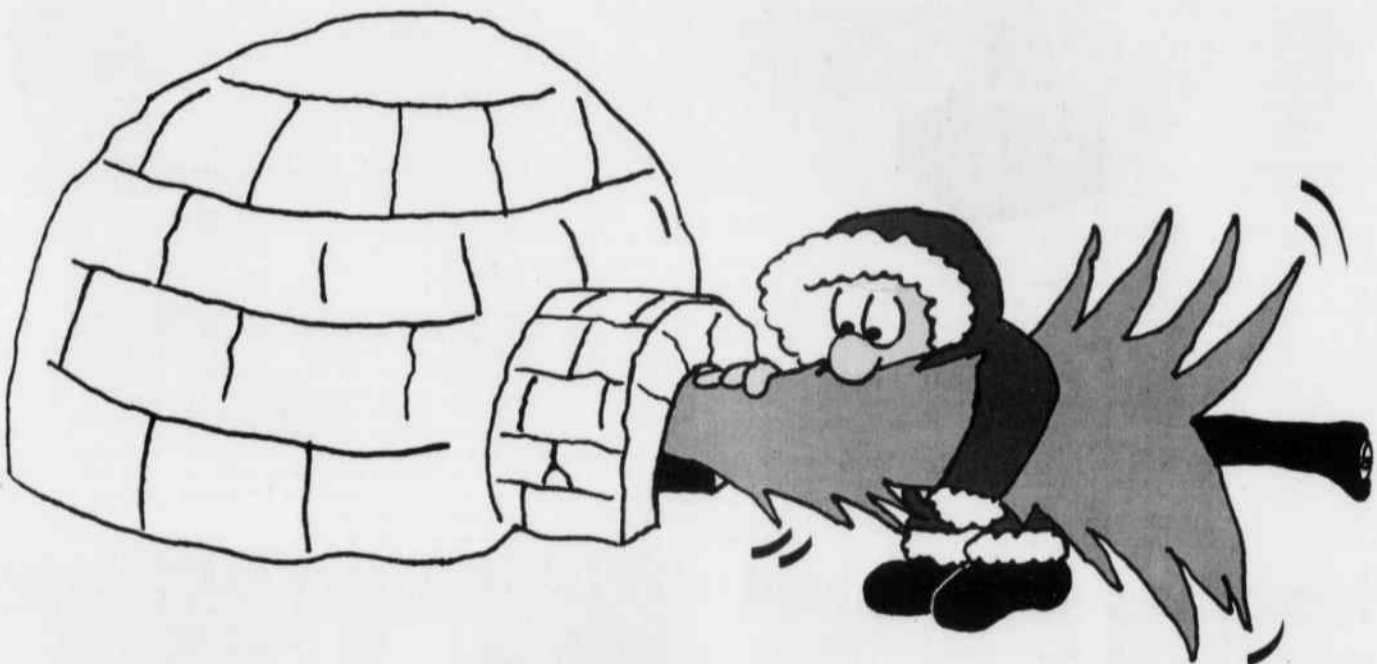
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# Current events put 'Reality' TV in perspective

BY SCOTT KING  
senior writer

The economy is shaky. There is a war in progress. American flags hang from highway overpasses and from car antennas. National safety and security issues have been brought to the forefront. Many Americans are seeking comfort wherever they can find it — including on television.

Out with the new and in with the old seems to be the strong theme this fall on television. Last season's dying "Friends" is now back on top and according to Entertainment Weekly Online, [www.ew.com](http://www.ew.com), through October and the beginning of November it has averaged a 28.4 million in ratings for a five-week span. Other long-running shows like "Frasier," "Everybody Loves Raymond" and "ER" also are enjoying rating boosts.

Reality TV shows currently are earning poor ratings. Ratings are nowhere near where they were last spring. "Survivor: Africa" pulled 23.8 million viewers in its most recent season premier, drastically lower than the 41.3 million viewers that "Survivor: The Australian Outback" enjoyed at the end of last season.

"When I watch 'Friends,' I'm not worried about one of the cast members getting kicked off the show for good nor am I worried about Monica and Chandler getting in a fight that they won't make up about," sophomore Amanda Buckley said. "Reality shows are the other way around. The endings are loose and aren't always tied up in a bow. It is just more comforting spending time with 'Friends.'"

“ I think calling these shows 'reality' is now a misnomer. ”

— Jeff Gaspin  
NBC vice president of alternative series

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Unsuccessful shows aren't sticking around. After just a few episodes, ABC yanked "The Mole II: The Next Betrayal" while NBC gave "Lost" the axe.

CBS's "The Amazing Race," which had some of the best pre-season buzz of any

new show this season, has lost viewers every week since its Sept. 5 debut. "The Amazing Race" premiered with 11.8 million viewers, and the next week it was down to 10, dwindling to 8.6 million viewers its third week.

"I really watch the show 'The Amazing Race,'" theatre professor Andy Leech said. "I'm totally, totally addicted to it, and yet after the first five weeks, I read this — the ratings were down. The show was so positive so they started trying to re-edit it to make some of the characters nastier to draw more people in."

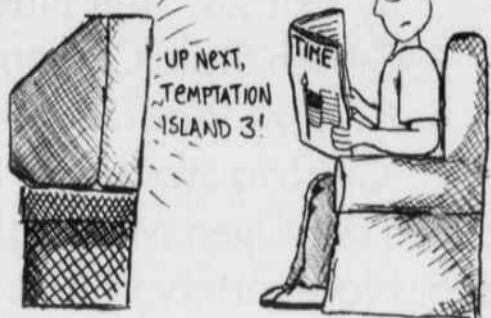
The current trouble with reality shows is that reality has changed and some people are finding it impossible to watch "so-called reality TV shows" in light of the terrorist attacks and other current events. To some, "Survivor" once seemed realistic and gritty, like when Michael burned himself last season. But now, the material presented in reality TV seems ridiculous and tasteless to some viewers. "I don't think reality is as popular now," freshman Johnalex Golden said. "[Its former popularity] was because it was kind of an escapism thing for people. It was a way for people to not

deal with their own real lives by watching others. But because of everything that happened in New York and D.C., people have become sick and tired of watching everyone else's lives. Instead, the news has become the new reality TV."

Jeff Gaspin, NBC executive vice president of alternative series told *Entertainment Weekly* in September, "I think calling these shows 'reality' is now a misnomer. What we saw [during the attacks] last week was reality TV, unfortunately. Eating bugs is gross, but what we saw is a terrible tragedy. There's no comparison to me."

Reality TV causes audiences to take a closer look

at the fuzzy line between entertainment and reality. Then come questions of political correctness. Is it politically correct to watch a show about people trapped in the desert while we are at war? The networks face the challenge of convincing viewers to sympathize with contestants whose actions now may seem more annoying than intriguing. Some think that the novelty of reality programming already was running out with too many reality shows on air, aside from the current events. Perhaps the reality TV craze is a dying fad.



ANDREW WERNER/staff artist

# Former Beatle dies at 58

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much of his time to exploring his deep faith and gardening. His fascination with Indian culture and religion began back in his Beatles days.

After hearing of Harrison's death, his fans gathered outside the Abbey Road Studio in London and in front of Lennon's Strawberry Fields memorial in New York. Harrison's family released a statement, saying he "left this world as he lived in it, conscious of God, fearless of death, and at peace ... he often said, 'Everything else can wait but the search for God cannot wait, and love one another.'" Harrison was a thoughtful, pensive man, full of love and concern for others. His songs and messages are timeless and will continue to inspire, comfort and entertain.

*Little darling, the smiles returning to their faces/ Little darling it seems like years since it's been here/ Here comes the sun and I say/ It's alright.*  
— George Harrison

# Series of related Smith flicks invades Grafton-Stovall

**GRAFTON-STOVALL THEATRE**

Wednesday  
Clerks - 7 p.m., 9:30 p.m.

Thursday  
Mallrats - 7 p.m., 9:30 p.m.

Friday  
Jay and Silent Bob - 7 p.m., 9:30 p.m.  
Chasing Amy - Midnight

Saturday  
Jay and Silent Bob - 7 p.m., 9:30 p.m.  
Dogma - Midnight

NATE THARP/staff artist

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"The Jersey Trilogy" because they all occur in New Jersey, Smith's home. Events in each movie interact with characters and stories in others. Even though "Clerks" was the first release, "Mallrats" occurs one day before "Clerks" in the "Jersey" timeline of events. Subtle references create the link, so we won't ruin it for you. "Chasing Amy" is Alyssa has ties to characters in "Clerks" and "Mallrats." Jay and Silent Bob appear in all Smith movies, a sort of token that Smith adds for good measure. However, they are not just sidekicks to the story. Jay and Silent Bob directly or indirectly aid characters in realizing their mistakes, chal-

lenges and problems and what they need to do to resolve them. Turns out they are the all-knowing team. They bring knowledge and reality to everyone they interact with and although at times their role is small, the most minuscule scene may pull the plot together.

The appropriate order of the films is: "Mallrats," "Clerks," "Chasing Amy," "Dogma" and "JASBSB" (the "Jersey" time frames of the last two are not specified).

"Dogma" and "JASBSB" both include blatant references to the other films, but are not encompassed into the trilogy. "JASBSB" concludes the long and exasperated story of the New Jersey crew. However, there is no assur-

ance it will be the last film for the duo.

The showings at Grafton-Stovall will not follow the Smith time sequence, but remember the hints given and pay close attention — you may pick up on things you didn't notice before. Arrive early to purchase tickets; don't underestimate the staggering drawing power of the Garden State.

"Clerks" is showing Wednesday at 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. "Mallrats" is showing Thursday at 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. "JASBSB" is showing Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. with midnight showings of "Chasing Amy" on Friday and "Dogma" on Saturday. All tickets are \$2 with a JAC card.

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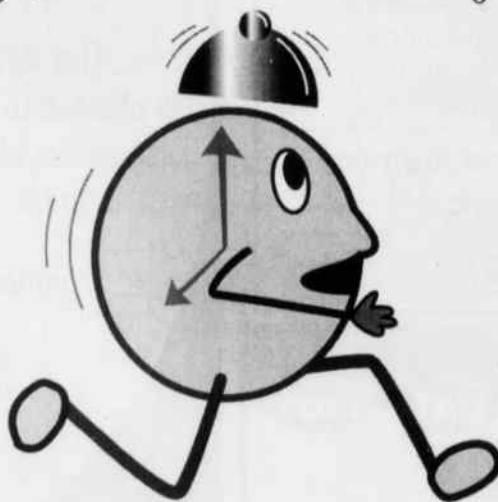
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## Real coaches

Dr. Jack Ramsay and Larry Brown are two examples of true teachers on and off the court  
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"We need to find that balance on both sides of the court. We need to take the pressure off our perimeter guys and start scoring inside."

SHERMAN DILLARD  
men's basketball coach  
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## MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Dukes fall in conference opener

Drexel downs JMU in first Colonial Athletic Association matchup since move from America East



Junior guard David Fanning scores on a layup during Saturday's 71-58 loss to Drexel University. Fanning finished with a team-high 20 points in JMU's conference opener.

CHRIS LABZDA/staff photographer

BY AARON GRAY  
staff writer

The conference opener for the Dukes didn't go as planned. The squad met up with an unfamiliar Drexel University team in its CAA debut Saturday night.

Poor shooting left the Dukes faithful scratching their heads and looking for answers as the Dragons (2-3 overall, 1-0 CAA) escaped the Convocation Center with a 71-58 victory.

"We wanted to take advantage of the conference opener at home. It's a simple game, they made shots and we couldn't make shots. They just weren't dropping for us," coach Sherman Dillard said. The dismal shooting night featured the Dukes knocking down only 30 percent of their shots.

Throughout the night, Dillard shuffled big men down low to create a dominant presence under the boards. The main goal was to slow down Dragon center Robert Battle, who came into the game averaging 14 points and nine rebounds per game this season.

Junior forward Pat Mitchell controlled the defensive boards and fought in the trenches for eight rebounds before halftime.

"We knew we had to put a body on [Battle]. We knew what we had to do coming into this game; it was just a matter of stopping him. They

were a good shooting team; we just didn't take it to them," Mitchell said. Mitchell finished with 12 points.

"This wasn't an education tonight. We knew we were going to run into some big guys here. They played aggressive down low and it was a hard-fought game," Drexel coach James "Bruiser" Flint said.

Early in the contest, Drexel jumped out to a 13-7 lead. Sophomore forward Dwayne Broyles knocked down consecutive 3-pointers to tie the game and spark the offense. Senior forward Tim Lyle converted a 3-pointer later in the half to help the Dukes climb back into the game.

It wasn't until the late stages of the first half when the Dukes started to nibble at a then 24-20 Drexel lead. After another Mitchell defensive board, sophomore point guard Chris Williams streaked down the court where he kicked it back to Mitchell down low. Battle was out of position and could only foul Mitchell during his shot. Mitchell got the layin and converted on the foul shot that ignited the crowd. The Dukes went into the locker room trailing by a basket, 25-23.

In the second half, junior center Kenny Whitehead was called to action with the task of defending Battle. With 14:41 left to play, Whitehead tallied two consecutive blocks on Battle.

A Broyles 3-pointer from the corner sparked a 10-0 Duke run with eight minutes remaining. Junior guard David Fanning, who

finished with 20 points and five rebounds, started the attack with a jumper from the top of the key.

Mitchell converted another layup underneath while he fouled. The Broyles 3-pointer set up a Fanning steal in the backcourt resulting in another layin.

With the crowd back in the game, Flint was forced to call a time-out. Drexel led the Dukes 47-43 with seven minutes remaining.

"We were hyped up and the crowd was in it. They called a time-out and after that, we lost it," Mitchell said.

Poor free throw shooting down the stretch killed the Dukes offense. They finished shooting 14-26 from the charity stripe.

Fanning and Broyles, who scored 10 points, converted on critical shots but the turnovers late in the game sealed the deal for the Dragons.

"We had some early shots that didn't fall for us. Our offense tightened up. The inability to convert from the free-throw line hurt us the most," Dillard said.

"We need to find that balance on both sides of the court. We need to take the pressure off our perimeter guys and start scoring inside."

For Drexel, forward Tim Whitworth scored a team-high 20 points. Guard Jeremiah King added 14 points while Battle finished with 12 points and four blocks.

JMU will take on Big East opponent West Virginia University Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Convocation Center.

## Jesse and Bud to battle it out before House

BY THOMAS BAGWELL  
The Washington Post

Next Thursday, Commissioner of Baseball Bud Selig, Gov. Jesse Ventura of Minnesota and, perhaps, someone from the players' union will testify before the House Judiciary Committee.

Please, let's not waste this golden opportunity! Throw out the desks, the chairs and the microphones. Empty the congressional hearing room and bring in a wrestling cage.

Then stick Selig, the owners' mouthpiece, and whomever the union chooses to do its talking in the cage with The Body Politic.

Lock the door and don't open it until Jesse, the former pro wrestler, has straightened out a few things.

Jesse, they're all yours. Don't let them out until they agree to leave the Twins in Minnesota, move the Expos to Washington and sign a new labor contract.

Why give the job to Jesse? Because that's the only way it will get done. A hammerlock and a flying turnbuckle body slam might be the only solution to baseball's current silliness. Baseball has always understood a choke hold better than a slap on the back.

In a string of inanities since Selig became commissioner, baseball has had few periods of counterproductive bumbling that can match the three weeks since the World Series.

Selig came out of an owners' meeting two days after the Series and dropped a bomb. The owners had voted unanimously to "contract" — eliminate two teams before next season. This was announced as a brilliant fait accompli. A done deal.

Details? Like which teams would die? What the union might think about the idea? What lawsuits might complicate matters?

Whether Congress might get mad enough to review baseball's antitrust exemption and drag Bud up to Capitol Hill to testify?

Don't worry. That would all be worked out.

Right. At the moment, contraction — at least by next season — is already on the rocks. It's not quite DOA, but close. Selig says otherwise, but the whole idea has collapsed of its own pompous weight and poor planning.

What has been accomplished by this contraction gambit?

First, the union is furious. After six years of public sweet talk about how the strike of 1994 taught everybody a lesson, the owners appear to have been planning to play hardball all along.

Some hitters can be intimidated by a knockdown pitch. Others, such as Frank Robinson, get out of the dirt, stand even closer to the plate and rip the next pitch over the fence. Of such players, it is said, "Let him sleep."

The players' union was napping nicely. Now it is wide awake and crowding the plate. Grievances are flying. Arbitrators have been mobilized. Somebody alert the National Labor Relations Board.

"This ensures that negotiations get off to a terrible start," said one baseball insider who is a friend of Selig's. "Maybe that's what they want."

Oh, no, not that battle plan again. It would be 1994 all over again? Anger the union. Claim publicly (as the owners are doing) that they won't lock the players out. Then, in this hostile atmosphere, declare an impasse, impose new work rules and, in essence, dare the union to strike. Been there, done that.

"If you said they threw a dead mackerel in our face, that would be pretty close to

the truth," a union source said Thursday. "It's possible their strategy is the same (as '94). But the scarier question is, 'Do they have a strategy at all?' Or are they just playing it day by day?"

It's not just the union that's angry. Lawsuits and temporary restraining orders in Minnesota have reached a point at which it's virtually certain the Twins will stay put for another year. The Twins are having a terrible time getting out of their lease. Why? Because, on Sept. 26, they blundered by signing an option to play the '02 season in the Metrodome. That's just six weeks before the contraction bomb. Maybe baseball's right hand really doesn't know what its left hand is doing.

“Why give the job to Jesse? Because that's the only way it will get done. A hammerlock and a flying turnbuckle body slam might be the only solution to baseball's current silliness.”

Congress is stirred up, too. There's a bill now to kill baseball's antitrust exemption as it pertains to relocations and contraction. In essence, it would cause a land rush to put a team here. Hence, Selig's appearance next week to explain himself and his Boyz.

"Unilateral contraction, coupled with refusing to look

at relocation (to Washington), certainly looks like an abuse of the antitrust exemption," said a former big league executive Thursday. "They're bringing a lot of attention to a touchy subject."

With George W. Bush, a former owner, occupying the White House, it's unlikely baseball would lose its antitrust exemption. Baseball's owners seem to be banking on it — blatantly.

To top off the fiasco, the owners met again this week and extended Selig's contract for three years to 2006. On one hand, they were showing support for a leader who was under fire coast to coast. On the other hand, at his news conference, Selig named three owners who would put his name forward. They were the three owners that the union considers most hard line.

All of this, especially the owners' horrific timing, has left the baseball world stunned. Within two days of perhaps the greatest Series ever, Selig and his owners managed to do enormous damage to the image of the game and the commissioner-ship. And the stink has gotten stronger.

So what's probably going to happen?

There will be no contraction in 2002. Free agent Jason Giambi will sign with somebody for \$125 million. Negotiations on a new labor contract will drag on until this time next year. The union is content with the status quo.

And Washington's chances of getting a team are now slightly worse and surely somewhat delayed.

Next week, when baseball comes to Washington to pitch its case to Congress, listen carefully. Decide for yourself whether this game pays more attention to pleasantries or to power.

## Contraction talk stalls business in major leagues

BY JACK O'CONNELL  
Hartford Courant

Despite all the headlines about the Yankees' and Cardinals' pursuit of free agent first baseman Jason Giambi and the Athletics' attempts to retain him, the off-season business of ballclubs has been stalled by the issue of contraction, the dissolving of two so-far unspecified franchises. General managers are a week away from gathering at the winter meetings in Boston with a great sense of uncertainty about how to proceed in reworking their rosters for 2002.

Even the idea of a 2002 season remains cloudy with the owners and players association at odds over contraction, which could be a great threat to any chance of peaceful negotiations toward a new basic agreement to replace the one that expired Oct. 31. Here and in Boston, there are matters pertaining to ownership that will affect the way the Mets and the Red Sox do business this winter.

Mets co-owners Nelson Doubleday and Fred Wilpon are once again in conflict, this time over a selling price for Wilpon to buy out Doubleday's half interest in the franchise. The debate is over whether the Mets' value, estimated at \$500 million last summer when Cablevision's Charles Dolan made such an offer, has gone down since the events of Sept. 11 made it very unlikely that New York City could afford to subsidize any part of a new ballpark to replace Shea Stadium.

The Red Sox accepted bids for the controlling 53-percent interest in their franchise last week. How they proceed toward shaping the team for next seasons depends greatly on which bidder takes over the

Sox's ownership.

Those are more traditional stumbling blocks for teams. Contraction, however, is brand new, at least since 1899, the last time it occurred with the folding of four National League organizations, including the original Baltimore Orioles. Commissioner Bud Selig's announcement three weeks ago that two teams, presumably the Expos and Twins, would disappear was met with strong disapproval by the union, some congressional leaders and a district court judge in Minneapolis.

The latter's ruling that the Twins must play next season at the Metrodome to fulfill the final year of their lease has put contraction on the shelf for the time being, unless Selig and his crew decide to lop off another franchise instead of the Twins. The Marlins and the A's are considered possibilities.

But with contraction lingering in the courts, the idea of a dispersal draft initially slated for Dec. 15 is a mere pipe dream, and that is what is affecting some teams' movement on players. If a team had the chance to pick up Doug Mientkiewicz in a dispersal draft, it would not have to consider a free agent such as Tino Martinez at a much higher price.

The Yankees are above this. Barring a trade, the Yankees wouldn't pick any higher than 27th in a dispersal draft, so they feel no constraint in going after Giambi or Moises Alou. The one area where the Yankees would be affected by contraction is if the Marlins are one of the teams. Then a player such as Cliff Floyd would not be available because he would be part of the dispersal draft.



Wednesday, Dec. 5

- Men's basketball hosts West Virginia University at 7 p.m. at the Convocation Center.

Thursday, Dec. 6

- Wrestling faces Drexel University in its home opener at 7 p.m. in Sinclair Gym in Godwin Hall.

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# Press sparks JMU comeback

## Dukes' defense key in second half turn-around against Minutewomen

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commit 12 second-half turnovers.

"Our press worked well for us," Cichowicz said. "We got some steals out of that and made them weary when they were passing the ball and that forced more turnovers."

Cichowicz was a main cause for those 12 UMass turnovers, as she had five of her six steals in the second half.

"She was reading their eyes beautifully, and I thought she made some really key plays defensively," JMU coach Bud Childers said of the point guard.

Another benefit of the press was Price, who scored 15 of her 16 points in the second half to spark the Dukes.

"Shanna's that type of player," Keener said. "She always provides a little spark and when she gets going, she gets us going. [Thursday] she really did that."

Although JMU found its offense in the second half, UMass loomed within a few points with less than four minutes to play. Minutewomen center Jennifer Butler hit a layup with 1:35 to go to pull UMass to within 49-47. Two free throws by Cichowicz put JMU up by 4, but Butler retaliated with a layup to pull UMass back to within 2 points with 23 seconds to play.

With JMU ahead 51-49, Price was fouled with 15 seconds on the clock. She sank both free throws to increase the lead back to 4 points. Another free throw and a layup by Price in the final seconds iced the comeback win for the Dukes.

"Even though I thought we didn't play particularly well early, I saw us really dig down deep and play with some heart and some passion. That was the key to the win," Childers said.

Keener, who played all 40 minutes, finished with 14 points and Franklin with 10 points and nine rebounds. Price added 11 boards along with her 16 points to give her a double-double. Cichowicz finished with 10 assists in addition to her 6 points and six steals.

Price said, "Even though I had a big game, I thought tonight was a total team effort. It just felt good playing together as a team. I think this is the first game (this season) that we have had some sort of chemistry and I hope we continue to build on that."

For the Minutewomen, Butler ended with 12 points and 13 rebounds. However, Butler was held to only 4 points in the second half thanks to the Dukes' defense.



DAVE KIM/staff photographer

Junior guard Jess Cichowicz had 10 assists in JMU's win over the University of Massachusetts.

"We said that if we wanted to win the game, [Butler] had to be contained," Childers said.

According to Childers, through the first five games, the team has been searching for the level of intensity it displayed in the second half.

"I thought our team showed some of the characteristics that we came to see and appreciate last year," Childers said. "That's the first time this year I've seen that."

Sunday, the Dukes faced No. 3 Vanderbilt University in

Nashville, Tenn. The nationally ranked Commodores defeated JMU 90-44.

Price led the Dukes with 15 points in the loss.

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# Ramsay and Brown epitomize term 'real coach'

BY DICK JERARDI  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

College basketball coaches said recently that they would like to be called "teacher-coaches." Coach, of course, is just a label. Teacher has real meaning.

Anybody can call himself a coach. The real coaches are separated from the frauds by why they teach, what they teach and how they teach it.

Dr. Jack Ramsay was elected to the Basketball Hall of Fame because he was a teacher, first and foremost. Larry Brown will someday be enshrined in Springfield for the very same reason.

Between them, the two men have coached teams that have won more than 2,000 games. Talk to them about their chosen profession, however, and you never hear anything about winning.

Ramsay helped change a sport when he coached at Saint Joseph's in the 1950s and '60s. Hardly any teams pressed. Ramsay's Hawks pressed. They often overcame impossible deficits. They were sound in every facet of the game. Teamwork was essential.

When Dr. Jack went from college to the NBA, he eventually got the team of his dreams, the 1976-'77 Portland Trailblazers. Those NBA champion Blazers displayed the teamwork of Ramsay's St. Joe's teams from the previous generation. The same funda-

mentals that worked in the '50s worked in the '70s. They still work in the '00s.

"To see players improve, that's the carrot for all teachers — in the classroom or on the athletic field," Ramsay said. "When you see people improve their skills or their knowledge and to see them acknowledge the improvement, that's what keeps the teachers working at it."

Like Ramsay, Brown has been successful at every level. He won an NCAA championship with Kansas in 1988. Ask anybody who knows anything about college basketball and they will tell you there has never been a better coaching job done by anyone in the history of the NCAA Tournament.

Ask anybody who knows anything about the NBA and they might tell you they've never seen a better coaching job than Brown's with the 76ers last season. Eras may change, but Brown never goes out of style.

"Games are painful for me," Brown said. "I enjoy the competition a lot, but the fact that I may send a guy out to play that's not prepared for what happens or our team's not prepared, it's kind of difficult. But I love the practices because I feel like if I'm responsible enough, I can get guys to understand the difference between teaching and criticism."

Ramsay knows today's NBA as well as anyone alive. During

the course of a season, his dual roles as color analyst for Miami Heat games and NBA commentator for ESPN bring him in contact with virtually every player in the league.

"If I see something that I think they can do better, I tell them about it," Ramsay said. "They all listen."

In fact, he showed the league's most dominant player something during the playoffs that he went out and used immediately.

“*To see players improve, that's the carrot for all teachers — in the classroom or on the athletic field.*”

— Dr. Jack Ramsay  
former NBA coach

"I talked to Shaq about his overall game," Ramsay said. "I said I think you could take a step out from the low post because you get all jammed up."

With more room, Ramsay figured Shaquille O'Neal could turn and face, put the ball on the floor and take it to the basket. Shaq made a "clicking" motion up by his head as if to say, "I got that locked in."

The first play of the game, he did exactly what Ramsay suggested, and he scored.

Ramsay still coaches some players on the side. He traveled to Boston for several days in October, where he spent time during training camp helping Jim O'Brien, his son-in-law, who coaches the Celtics.

Allen Iverson was the ultimate teaching challenge. Brown originally was reluctant to take the Sixers' job because his view from afar was that Iverson was not reachable. For a few years after, he often thought the same way.

"I have issues with Allen and that will always be," Brown said. "I've said to Allen numerous times with him winning the MVP in the All-Star game and the MVP in the league and having such an incredible year and such a positive effect on our team and the game, it's helped coaches everywhere."

The message is simple. If a player with Iverson's talent can take the time to learn more about the game and how to play it right, why can't you?

Teachers, Ramsay said, have to adapt. The fundamentals never change, but what worked in 1950 was not going to work in 1990. The game and the athletes who played it evolve.

"You're always looking for new ways of teaching," Ramsay said. "When I was

coaching in high school, nobody dribbled between his legs, at least not for profit."

Between the legs arrived in the '60s. The crossover dribble at high speed appeared in the '90s. The basket, however, is still 10 feet off the floor. The court dimensions are unchanged. So, really does the satisfaction of a teacher watching the student grasp the lessons and maybe even go on to teach them himself.

When asked for one of his players that improved the most, Ramsay thought of Jimmy Lynam from his freshman to his sophomore seasons at Saint Joe's. As a sophomore point guard for the Hawks in 1961, Lynam dribbled out the clock against Wake Forest University to send his school to its only Final Four. And over the next 40 years, Lynam himself has become one of the renowned teachers of the game.

Brown learned from Dean Smith at the University of North Carolina. To this day, the man Brown calls "Coach Smith" remains his greatest professional influence.

"I find that everything I share with other people seem to be coming from things he talked to me about when I was a player and his freshman coach and almost daily since then," Brown said. "When I lost my dad early on, coaches took a personal interest in me so I'd be coach-

ing basketball, football, baseball, anything with a ball. I've always been exposed to guys that cared about teaching. When I look back, I was going to be a high school coach and a history teacher."

Brown was diverted. He is still a teacher. His pupils, like their teacher, have chosen basketball as a profession.

Many coaches say they like practice more than the games. Most are lying. Brown is not.

Brown is very proud of two players who are no longer on his team. Nazr Mohammed and Todd MacCulloch became very rich men this summer because of what they learned in Brown's gym.

When you come to Brown's gym, you are coming to his classroom. And it doesn't matter to him if you are all pro or a rookie filling out a training camp roster. If you are willing to learn, he will teach you the right way.

If Ramsay and Brown have not changed their basic beliefs, some of the players have. "I think they get caught up in not respecting the game enough," Brown said.

If you talk basketball with Dr. Jack Ramsay or Larry Brown, you first respect them. Then, you respect their knowledge. And you know that they respect the game.

These two men embody the concept of "teacher-coach." In fact, they are the very definition of it.

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**Editor's note**

Dear reader,

*Vanity Fair* magazine just called me to tell me that they have hired me to be the newest member of their editorial staff. They have offered me a six-figure salary and a great title. I was so psyched to receive this great offer right out of college.

Then I woke up and it was just a dream.

When I was younger, people would ask about my dreams with the question: "What do you want to be when you grow up?"

I would always answer, "I want to marry rich and be a philanthropist and give a lot of money to the Kennedy Center."

When people ask me the same question now, I still answer the same way because in all honesty, I have no idea where I am going after graduation.

With graduation less than six months away, I am in the same boat as other seniors. No matter what I am doing, the question "where am I going to be professionally a year from now?" still haunts me. The looming thoughts

on finding a job can seem pretty overwhelming at times and it can be easy to get lost in all the confusion.

The need for direction prompted this career guide. As we all look at the road ahead, we must arm ourselves with knowledge as not to be left behind and unemployed.



I am not going to lie to you. It is a pretty scary world out there. In her article, Lindsay Marti examines the current economic situation that faces 2002 graduates. The job market is not what it was two or three years ago.

Many students are afraid of stepping out into the real world. In her article, Robyn Gerstenslager confronts those fears.

To combat this fear and uncertain job market, we have Career Services. Lynette Diaz shares the career resources we have on campus with her piece.

For further inspiration, Katie Lewis and Kristen Bertram look at past graduates and how they have fared.

Now that you are inspired, be sure to look at Emily Koch's article on recruiters. You definitely need to know what they are looking for.

Jeff Cretz discusses another possible stepping stone to success: interning.

While Jeff discusses beginnings, Brenna Walton shares the stories of JMU grads who are at the top of their fields.

Laura Lindsey rounds out our career guide with helpful resume and interview tips.

I hope these stories help you as you make your first step into life after JMU.

Most of all, just remember one little thing. My mantra is "things will always end up better than OK." So, remember that everything is going to be better than OK.

Good luck,

*James David*  
James David

# Economy hinders graduate journey

by Lindsay Marti

Graduating seniors will encounter greater obstacles in job searches than those in the last few years, as the economic recession narrows job market options.

"So far, this is nowhere near being the worst economic slump that we have ever seen," Economics professor Barkley Rosser said.

"Fear of flying and a more generally disturbed consumer confidence, aggravated by a more sharply fallen stock market, will be the main factors in the decline, although higher

costs to cover extra security will also be a factor," Rosser said.

The stock market plunge following the four-day standstill of American trade after the Sept. 11 events contributed to an economic slowdown.

Economists cite the tragedy as a catalyst to an already tumbling economy that will strongly influence the job market.

The U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics reported Nov. 2 that there has been a steady pattern of increased unemployment in areas such as manufacturing, travel-related industries (hotels and auto services), retail trade and transportation.

The Bureau also reported on areas seemingly unscathed

by a recession. Job growth continues in health services, educational and social services, and finance, insurance and real estate, according to the Bureau.

Referring to the months that mark JMU graduations, Rosser commented on the economic condition for students who may be

*"The impact of economic uncertainty continues through this fall semester."*

**Kathy Shuler**  
coordinator,  
on-campus  
interviewing program

looking for jobs in these areas. "The economy will certainly be in worse shape in December than now. Whether it will turn around by May is very uncertain, but quite possible," he said.

Kathy Shuler, coordinator of the On-Campus Interviewing

Program, said the significant change in the job market during the past year has impacted college recruitment efforts.

During fall 2000, 196 employers recruited on campus, which is the most ever, according to Shuler. For spring 2001, there were one-third fewer interviews scheduled than the previous semester, Shuler said.

"The impact of economic uncertainty continues through this fall semester," Shuler said.

She said the number of employers recruiting on campus this fall as compared to last fall has fallen by 49 percent.

"A number of employers that had scheduled interviews ear-

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# CAUTION: Economic road block lies ahead

## CAUTION, from page 2.

-lier in the year for the fall semester canceled during the past few months, citing economic considerations, business declines and already having enough hires to meet anticipated needs," Shuler said.

She said that types of employers most affected have been consulting firms, telecommunications and financial firms. Hiring by government agencies, nonprofits and accounting firms remain strong, Shuler said.

Rosser said, "The obvious major that will be the hardest hit for December and may still be not so hot in May is hospitality [and tourism] management. Majors that can be linked to security or defense areas are looking better."

*"... it is scary enough going out into ... the 'real world' ..."*

**Emily Obriot  
senior**

JMU seniors are wary of the economic recession, but plan to continue seeking career opportunities despite a tougher job market.

"This all means less people will be traveling for pleasure and business, which means it will be a little harder to find good jobs in the hospitality industry," senior hospitality and tourism management major Mandy Monaghan said.

"People are not taking as many lavish trips, and companies are trying to cut back on expenses," she said.

Another student said the recession will cause him to change his approach to starting a business.

"I want to be an entrepreneur, and in a difficult economic time, starting one's own business becomes even more challenging," senior ISAT major Peter Denbigh said.

"However, it will force me to be economical and efficient, which in the long run, when the economy does rebound, will lead way to higher profit margins, better operations, et cetera," he said.

A student expressed her fear of the effects of the economy on the job market.

"I feel that it is scary enough to finally be going out into that place known as the 'real world,' let alone into an economy that is on shaky ground right now," senior social science major Emily Obriot said.

Some students' job searches will not be affected by the recession.

"I'm really not anticipating any change in my job search because of the current economy. I am going to be a teacher and, luckily for me, there is always a need for teachers," senior interdisciplinary liberal studies major Kim Johnson said.

Associate Director of Academic Advising and Career Development Renee Herrell listed job search techniques to use regardless of the type of job a graduate is looking for and whether or not there is a recession.

She said students should identify their skills, interests and values, and research career areas to identify the two or three types of work that fit them best.

Herrell added that students

should also identify and research the organizations working in their field of interest.

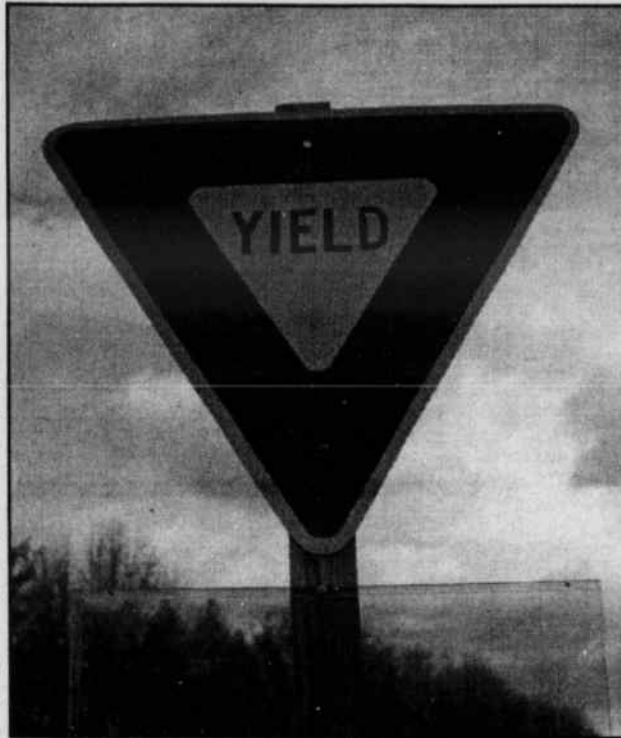


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Students should look for job openings by using the Internet, classified ads and networking through family, friends and alumni, according to Herrell.

*"A slower economy turns the tables in favor of the employer."*

**Kathy Shuler  
coordinator,  
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Nina Stensby-Hurst, Program Coordinator of Academic Advising and Career Development, said employers in fields such as public relations, advertising, social work and editing do not typically participate in on-campus inter-

viewing or career fairs.

She said students should use job search methods such as networking, internships, professional associations, job listings and the Internet for these career fields.

Herrell said sophomores and juniors should work to identify their strengths, research career fields and obtain internships in order to prepare for graduation.

She added that there are a tremendous amount of job search resources on campus.

The Major and Career Decisions Program helps students identify and develop career goals as well as choosing a major, according to Herrell.

Academic Advising and Career Development provides resumé workshops and critiques, helps students develop job search strategies for their particular fields of interest and provides career counseling, Herrell said.

The On-Campus Interviewing program brings employers on campus to interview students for jobs upon graduation and conducts mock interviews for students to practice interviewing techniques, Herrell said.

Shuler and Herrell stressed that students must use multiple resources to increase their chances of finding a job.

"A slower economy turns the job market tables in favor of the employer," Shuler said.

"Those who are focused and flexible, use a variety of resources and coordinate their job search efforts will be in a good position to get a job," Herrell said.

## Job search tips

- Identify and research organizations in your field of interest

- Look for openings using the Internet and classified ads

- Network with friends, family and alumni

- Attend career fairs

# It's their turn to drive solo

*Seniors' fears mount as they prepare to graduate, begin new jobs in 'real world'*

by Robyn  
Gerstenslager

As graduation nears, seniors are looking confused and asking themselves, "Am I ready for this?"

Graduation can be a time for celebrating, parties and the relief of finally finishing school. It also can present some challenging decisions. Where will that first job be? How much money will they make? What kind of benefits will be included? Will the job offer the graduate any opportunity to move up in the company?

All of these life-altering decisions can make a college student's last year the most stressful.

Most seniors started to prepare for one of the most important days of their young lives this semester. Some began preparing as early as last year by doing summer internships. A September career fair gave students another opportunity to expand their job search.

Some JMU students said they aren't scared of what lies beyond graduation and have found ways to "de-stress" about entering the real world.

"If I get nervous about not being able to find a job, I get on [www.WashingtonPost.com](http://www.WashingtonPost.com) because there are [approximately] 60 listings for my job," said senior sociology major Aby Fite. She said she plans to work as a paralegal after graduation before going to law school.

Senior history major Cammie Ward said that exercising helps her to calm her fears because it is the one thing that she can control.

Having some experience in their preferred professions also diminishes students' fears.

Fite, who has been working at a Harrisonburg law firm for over a year and at an international law firm for part of the summer,

said she has gained experience that she would not have gotten in the classroom.

Senior business marketing major Tara Crickenberger said that hands-on experience is a better way to learn. She interned in the marketing department of a Fredericksburg worldwide relocation company during the summer.

"Definitely do the internship," she said. "It's the best thing. It's the easiest way to learn. You never really learn the stuff that's in the textbooks. The best way to learn is to just go out there and do it, get involved."

*"It's the first time in your life your decision is going to affect you and everything you do."*

**Cammie Ward  
Senior**

Ward said she doesn't feel prepared to go into the real world because she hasn't had much teaching experience.

"After I student teach (in the spring) I'll feel like I'm more prepared. I feel like money-wise I'm not prepared ... because it's going to be pretty tough living on a teacher's salary," Ward said. "On top of that, not wanting to live at my parents' house is going to make it even more difficult because there's no way in Hell I'm moving home."

Crickenberger said she isn't concerned about finding a job, but finding one that makes her happy.

"I'm worried about finding a job that's interesting, not just one that pays well," she said. "I have to be constantly doing

something, or it's not going to be worth the money."

Crickenberger expressed some concern about the effect of the recent tragedies on her job search. "I'm a little scared. I got an e-mail today from the marketing people in [Zane] Showker about how with the economy tightening down because of the Sept. 11 tragedies, lots of companies that were on the Career Connections page have backed out," she said.

Crickenberger said that College of Business advisors are telling seniors that they need to perfect their resumé's, cover letters and interview skills because their job search is going to be more competitive now that there are fewer jobs available.

Fite isn't worried about the Sept. 11 events having an impact on her job search. "Law is never going to go away," she said. "If anything, security will be increased. I think the criminal justice system is more on alert, as is the whole country, so I really don't think it will affect me negatively."

Ward said, "I don't think [the Sept. 11 events] will have an effect on whether I get a job or not. But I do think that my interviews will relate a lot to the recent tragedies and how I will talk to the students, and handle students when particular tragedies happen."

Senior sociology major Matt Maltman said his biggest fear is whether or not he will graduate. His other fears include being able to support himself and being happy with what he is doing in six months. However, he has found a way to make the transition from college to the workplace a little easier.

"I have goals set up for after graduation; just little tiny goals that I've set up with other people," Maltman said. "Just so that I will always be having something to look forward to, having something to try and do."

## The Top Ten Signs of 'Graduation Anxiety'

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9. You hold "mock interview" sessions with your self in the bathroom.
8. You try to market your skills to random strangers and then demand that they hire you.
7. You feel like you are on the verge of an emotional breakdown every second of every day.
6. You automatically begin your response to every question with "I think I'd be a great addition to your company because ..."
5. You have nightmares that your dog eats your clothes and makes you late for your first day on the job.
4. Your parents call and ask if you have found a place to live yet, and you say, "I thought I could, umm, maybe live with you guys for awhile ... Mommy?"
3. The night before an interview you get dressed before you go to bed to make sure that you won't be late.
2. You slowly start to pilfer from your roommate's rare coin collection and begin taking cash donations
1. You are in immediate denial of the fact that you are scared of the real world, and anyone who suggests otherwise is the Devil.

— by Robyn Gerstenslager

Maltman said he isn't concerned yet about a lack of jobs within the music industry and offers this analogy:

"The music industry is like the egg in the woman's womb, and I am the sperm coming up to enter into the music industry, and there are so many paths I can take. I think that the opportunities are out there. You just have to find them."

He said the music industry is all about what kind of and how many connections you have made. He said he has been able to make connections with people in the industry through his

involvement with the University Program Board.

Ward said she feels like everyone is starting to have the same fears about making the transition from college to a full-time job. It's going to be hard for everyone because it's about finding your place in the world all over again, she said.

"It's the first time in your life your decision is going to affect you and everything you do ... it's just not an easy decision. I don't feel alone because everybody's going through it, but ... you do feel alone because this affects you, and you alone."

# Getting a head start

*Academic help, career advice on hand for students to use to achieve success*

by Lynette Diaz

From resumé clinics to mock interviews, the Academic Advising and Career Development Center offers students many opportunities to improve their job marketability while helping them maintain a strong academic record.

Located on the third floor of Wilson Hall, the resource center guides students through four developmental processes important for their success at the university and afterwards:

- Introduction to academic programs and course requirements.
- Developing an academic plan and choosing a major.
- Formulating career goals and exploring career interests.
- Successfully preparing for the transition from college to professional employment or graduate school.

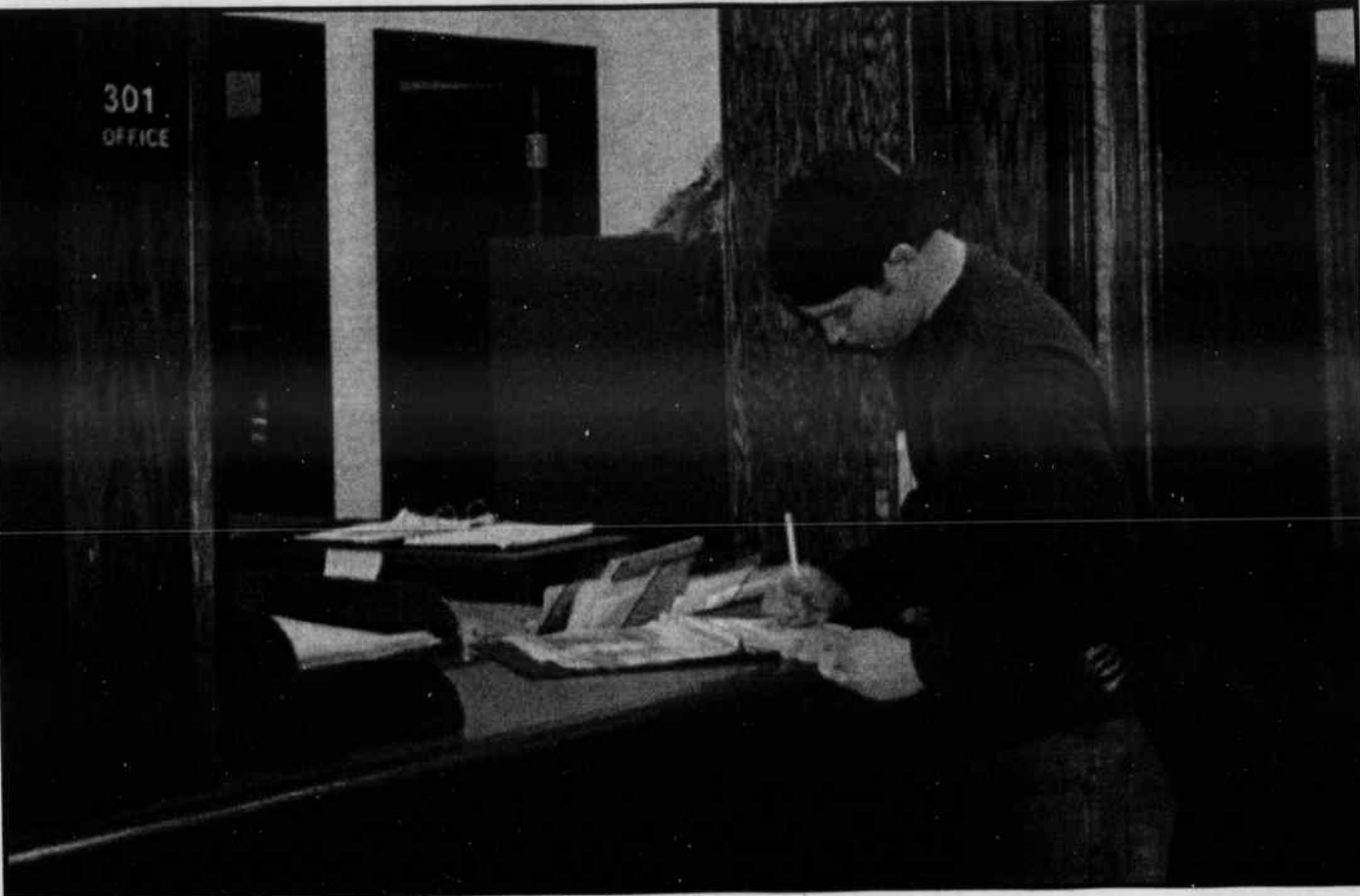
"It's very important that colleges and universities take an active role in the academic and career success of their students," Anna Lynn Bell, director of the program, said. "We offer many resources for students to take advantage of to make their goals and achievements easier to attain."

According to the AACD Web site [www.jmu.edu/career](http://www.jmu.edu/career), emphasis is placed on teaching students the knowledge, skills and behaviors necessary to independently choose satisfying majors and careers. Students also can take advantage of the many different opportunities available to interact directly with potential employers and graduate school representatives.

## For underclassmen

The center offers personality tests that match the student to a major or career that coordinates with their interests and strengths.

"I had a hall mate [freshman] year who was very indecisive



• A student visits the Academic Advising and Career Development Center. Students can utilize the plethora of information available to help them flourish academically and professionally. The center is located on the third floor of Wilson Hall. AACD is one of many resources for students. •

Photo by Patrick Moran

about what she wanted to study," junior Megan Thornton said. "She ended up going to the center and took a personality test that matched her with careers in event planning."

For those students who are

*"We offer many resources for students to take advantage of ..."*

**Anna Lynn Bell**  
Director

unsure of how to determine their grade point average, the AACD Web site has a JMU GPA calculator.

## Career fair

The center arranges an annual career fair that provides

opportunities for juniors and seniors to find a summer internship or post-graduation job. Held in the Convocation Center, the fair lines up companies and organizations looking for eager students.

Students are expected to dress in business attire and have their resumé ready. Many times interview appointments and resumé considerations are taken on the spot, helping students get a foot in the door.

The career development office also offers an on-campus interview center in Sonner Hall.

Professionals assist students by conducting mock interviews and coaching them with ways to answer questions from real employers. Specialists can advise how to make a resumé stand out.

## Workshops

The center also provides workshops for students who

need help with academic recovery. These workshops are offered in September, December, January and May for all academically suspended students and is designed to explain the university's probation/suspension policy, including GPA requirements, how to figure GPA and the repeat-forgive option.

Study tips and information about student support resources on campus are also presented. Each student works with an advisor to create an academic plan, including transcript evaluation and major/minor assessment.

"It's important for all students to know that we are here to assist them," Bell said. "Finding a job after graduation and even maintaining a strong academic record are not easy things to accomplish. We don't want anyone to hesitate coming and visiting us," she said.

## Four developmental processes important for student success at the university and afterward

1. Introduction to academic programs and course requirements.
2. Developing an academic plan and choosing a major.
3. Formulating career goals and exploring career interests.
4. Successfully preparing for the transition from college to professional employment or graduate school.

# Hats off to JMU grad



**Name:** Ron Bolen  
**Year graduated:** 1994  
**Major:** Nursing

**Current job:** Flight Nurse for Duke University Hospital's Transport Team. Transport patients in Fixed Wing (Planes), Rotor Wing (Helicopter), and Critical Care Ambulances.

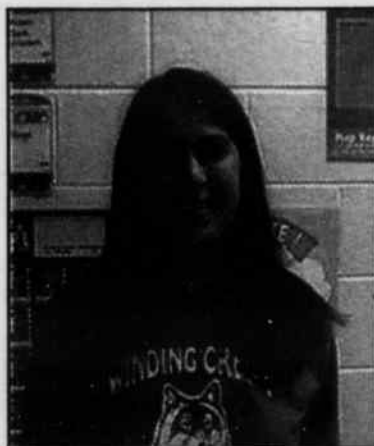
**Describe the best part about your job:** "Being able to make

a difference in peoples' lives at their most dire time of need." **What is the most important thing JMU taught you?** "Diversity is the key to success." **What suggestion would you give to JMU students?** "Make yourself marketable by being a diverse asset. By being experienced in multiple things, you will bring more into your life and the business you wish to work for than someone who is limited only in that specific field."

**Additional information:**

— Featured in the Discovery Channel's "Hospital" TV Series  
— Authored a chapter in new DOT Air Medical Crew Guidelines  
— Won national award for producing video for helicopter safety

**Current salary:** \$53,000/year



**Name:** Cari Vickey  
**Year graduated:** Undergraduate 1992 Masters 1996  
**Major:** Early Childhood Education  
**Current job:** Third grade teacher in Stafford County Public Schools

**Describe the best part about your job:** "I think there is no greater joy in the world than spending the day with children. They make me laugh several

times a day and there is a certain feeling of accomplishment at helping to stretch the minds of children to a new dimension." **What suggestion would you give to JMU students?** "My suggestion would be to go where you can get the best experience, not necessarily the best pay. I started teaching in a small country school. Had I chosen a larger school system in or near a bigger city, I would have missed out on

## Examining Class of 2000 statisti

by Katie Lewis

Ever wonder where your friends from the Class of 2000 are today? How much are they making? Do they even have a job? Are they living in their parents' basement?

To find answers to all these questions and, more importantly, to see how other graduates of your major are making it in the real world, check out the results of the Class of 2000 Employment Survey, distributed by the Academic Advising and Career Development Center.

The survey's mission statement describes the survey as "a comprehensive follow-up of JMU graduates including information on the employment and graduate school pursuits during their first year following graduation."

Surveys are mailed to May and August graduates and December graduates of the previ-

ous year a month after graduation. Students are surveyed over the phone to make sure the information given is as accurate as possible.

The Class of 2000 had a total of 2,983 graduates earning bachelor's degrees. Fifty-seven percent, 1,692 students, responded to the survey. Many of the students who did not respond could not be contacted due to incorrect mailing addresses.

A total of 71 percent of the Class of 2000 respondents said they were employed, 95 percent of them full-time. Five percent were involved in one or more part time positions.

Sixty percent of respondents of the Class of 2000 obtained employment in Virginia, while forty percent were employed out-of-state. The majority of students not working in Virginia were employed along the East Coast with seven percent working in Washington,

D.C., eight percent in Maryland and five percent in New York.

The rundown of each school at JMU and their majors are as follows:

**College of Arts and Letters**

- 70 percent employed
- 13 percent in graduate school
- ten percent seeking employment
- two percent not seeking employment
- five percent student teaching

Average salaries for each major:

- English- \$30,756/year
- School of Media Arts and Design- \$30,106/year
- School of Speech Communication- \$29,250/year
- Political Science- \$29,629/year

Average salary for College of



**Name:** Shannon Hummel  
**Year graduated:** 1996  
**Major:** Dance

**Current job:** Choreographer and Director of CORA, a New York City based contemporary modern dance company.

**Describe the best part about your job:** "Seeing something you made have a life of its own. I love when the process of making a dance gets to the point where you forget it belongs to you and it then

belongs to the performers." **How did you get this job?** "Creating a dance company is initially a pretty 'self-propelled' endeavor. You know you like to make dances, but how do you make that your career? I feel like it became a 'job' when I realized that I wanted to take on all the responsibilities — creative, financial, administrative — that it takes to build a dance company." **What suggestion would you give to JMU students when looking for a job?** "In dance or in any field really... it's different no matter where you go, but I think if you can't find a space out there that you fit into, carve out your own space. Life is too short to do something that doesn't make you happy no matter what it pays you... so take a risk!"

**Current salary:** about \$10,000-30,000/year



**Name:** Beatriz Mejia-Krumbein  
**Year graduated:** 1996  
**Major:** Master of Fine Arts  
**Current job:** Associate Professor of Art at La Sierra University, Riverside, Calif.

**Describe the best part of your job:** "Interaction with students and audience. Having support and opportunities to get involved in-research."

**What is the most important**

**thing JMU taught you?** "To keep being myself. To keep growing and developing as a person and as an artist without limitations. To be free in my expression. To truly become a communicator with a visual universal language."

**What suggestion would you give to JMU students?** "Do not fear. Do not adhere to myths. Be confident in what you can do and in who you are."

**S** These graduates sat in the very seat you are in now, took the same classes and earned a degree in your major. Now see where they are: From New York to California and even here in Harrisonburg, JMU grads give us a peek inside their careers and reflect back on what they learned here at JMU.

one of the richest experiences of my life. Because I was in a smaller school system, I was able to become a leader very early in my career. Additionally, I was able to fulfill my own desire to work with at-risk children."

**Additional information:**  
2001 Virginia Teacher of the Year

**Current salary:** \$39,000/year



**Name:** Michael Yankey  
**Year graduated:** BBA in 1990 and MBA in 1998  
**Major:** Undergraduate — Management, Graduate School — Business Administration  
**Current job:** JMU College of Business — marketing instructor

**Describe the best part about your job?** "Interacting with the students."

**How did you get this job?** "I

taught part-time in spring semester '99 and really enjoyed it. When a full-time opening became available, I applied for it and got it."

**Where do you see yourself in the future?** "I think I have found a home. I have always loved JMU and would very much like to continue teaching here."

**What suggestion would you give to JMU students?** "Look

for something that you will enjoy doing rather than just focusing on pay. I think that to be truly happy, we must like our jobs. As an undergrad here, I never considered teaching. Yet here I am and I absolutely love my job. I think that this is one more way JMU helped to broaden my thinking and make me a more rounded person."

**Current salary:** \$41,000/year

## ics according to earnings, major

Arts and Letters graduate: \$29,000/year

### College of Business

— 88 percent employed  
— four percent in graduate school  
— seven percent seeking employment

**Average salaries for each major:**

Accounting- \$40,128/year  
Computer Information Systems- \$44,240/year  
Finance- \$40,946/year  
Marketing- \$35,414/year

**Average salary for College of Business graduate:** \$39,000/year

### College of Education and Psychology

— 54 percent employed  
— 30 percent in graduate school

— six percent seeking employment  
— two percent not seeking employment  
— eight percent student teaching

**Average salaries for each major:**

Kinesiology- \$23,416/year  
Psychology- \$28,272/year

**Average salary for College of Education and Psychology graduate:** \$27,420/year

### College of Integrated Science and Technology

— 66 percent employed  
— 25 percent in graduate school  
— seven percent seeking employment  
— two percent not seeking employment

**Average salaries for each major:**  
Computer Science- \$45,153/year

Dietetics- \$28,294/year  
Nursing- \$34,862/year  
Integrated Science and Technology- \$41,655/year

**Average salary for College of Integrated Science and Technology graduate:** \$36,900/year

### College of Science and Mathematics

— 56 percent employed  
— 36 percent in graduate school  
— six percent seeking employment  
— two percent student teaching

**Average salaries for each major:**

Biology- \$28,000/year  
Mathematics- \$39,680/year

**Average salary for College of Science and Mathematics:** \$32,544/year



**Name:** Dylan Boucherle  
**Year graduated:** May 2001  
**Major:** SMAD  
**Current employer:** NBC in New York

**Describe your job:** "I just finished up as an associate producer/production assistant for a NBC primetime show called *LOST*. Last week I started with NBC Olympics as a production assistant. During the time leading up to Salt Lake City, we are doing a weekly Olympic show and cutting profiles about the

various athletes who will be showcased at the games."

**Describe the best part about your job:** "I love being a part of something that is so big like the Olympics or *LOST*; working on a show that millions of people will see is very rewarding."

**How did you get this job?** "I got both of these jobs through connections that I made working/interning in New York last summer."

**Where do you see yourself in the future?** "Well, both of the jobs I have had so far have been freelance, in the sense that I am hired to do a particular project and then once that's over, it's off to another job. When I first graduated, the lack of stability kind of scared me, but now I see it as an opportunity. Freelance allows you to constantly be moving upward and pursuing what you like, and it helps you not to be trapped in the same job not necessarily doing what you like."

**Current salary:** \$30,000-40,000/year

Work hard and keep growing."

**Additional information:** "As an immigrant, I am very aware of multicultural and social issues and try to convey them through my art. I see myself as a communicator that uses a visual language to raise a voice for those in disadvantage, for the dignity of humanity."

**Current salary:** \$45,000/year



**Name:** Andrew Leleck  
**Year graduated:** May 2001  
**Major:** Quantitative Finance  
**Minors:** Mathematics and Economics

**Current job:** Quantitative analysis and math modeling at Standard and Poor's in New York City

**What is the best part about your job?** "The people that work here and the freedom that I have to explore new ideas."

**Where do you see yourself in the future?** "Working hard now so I can retire young."

**What is the most important thing JMU taught you?** "Your

most important lessons are learned outside the classroom."

**What suggestion would you give to JMU students when looking for a job?** "Explore many different career paths because you never know what may fit you best."

**Current salary:** \$50,000/year +

# Recruiters value experience, volunteer work, internships in future employees

by Emily Koch

As graduation day and the real world edge closer, you may anxiously await meeting with employers, interviewing and, most importantly, selling yourself to a future boss. Are you qualified? Do you have enough experience?

Put your mind at ease. Recruiters actually look for a variety of characteristics when interviewing job candidates.

## What recruiters look for

Academic major and internship experience on a resume attract an employer's attention first, followed by leadership experience, grade point average, basic computer skills and technical computer skills, according to the Class of 2000 Employment Survey, compiled by the Academic Advising and Career Development Center.

Cheron Smalls, EG&G Technological Services recruiter said, "I look for people with really good communication skills, [and] people with a solid background."

Smalls, who came to JMU to recruit this fall, is also quick to point out that her company continuously looks for a wide variety of employ-

ees with diverse backgrounds and experiences.

Recruiter Mike Duke of Virginia's Department of Correctional Education looks for students with enthusiasm and passion for education.

Kathy Shuler, coordinator for the On-Campus Internship Program, said that recruiters look for "well-rounded individuals," especially those who show leadership and communication abilities, including writing and presenting skills.

Shuler said the ability to work well in a team environment is also important and thinks that JMU prepares students well for this skill.

Smalls said that either classroom or internship experience is sufficient, but that "extracurricular activities are not that important unless it applies to the position we have open."

"If you're a good student, that kind of evens out any [bearing on] extracurricular activities you've had," said Duke, stressing that volunteer work in the field rather than anything else might give someone an edge over other candidates.

Leslie Kelly, Valley Health System senior employment recruiter, said previous experience through internships,



Photo by Patrick Moran

• This fall Academic Advising and Career Development sponsored the Career Fair. •

volunteer work or a part-time job may make an applicant more competitive, but that none are necessary to obtain a position.

"Being in that environment might have given you insight into the actual workload," Kelly said.

## How to contact recruiters

The Academic Advising and Career Development Center offers a variety of programs that prepares students to meet with recruiters.

AACD sponsors a mock interview program three times a semester to ready students to meet with recruiters. AACD also coordinates a resume round-up, which brings employers to campus to review students' resumes and help them to prepare better applications.

AACD also coordinates presentations and workshops that companies hold on campus, puts together a teacher recruitment day specifically for education students to get acquainted with different school systems, and holds career fairs.

## Tips on career fairs

Recruiters themselves have few expectations for students when coming to a career fair, with the exception of bring-

ing a resume. However, recruiters offer some suggestions for those who want to go above and beyond.

"Be prepared to ask questions about our facilities and check us out on the Web," said Duke. He said students should "fine tune what they really want to do" before meeting a recruiter.

idea of what company they want to target." She also suggests that students work out "a couple of one-line openers" so that when they approach a recruiter they have something to say.

Smalls said that she doesn't expect a student to know a great deal about the company they approach at a career fair.

Smalls, Duke and Kelly



Photo by Patrick Moran

• A recruiter talks about her company at the Career Fair. •

"Being prepared with questions will help them maximize their time with the recruiter," Kelly said.

Smalls said that students browse through the book on the specific career fair that AACD provides in order to "have an

said that over the last few years not much has changed in what they look for in candidates for employment. For the most part, some kind of experience in the field, no matter how small, is the biggest selling point.

## Skills of the future for new graduates

• Higher level of computer proficiency, particularly the ability to use languages such as JAVA and other Web-based technologies.

• Understanding of the concepts of e-commerce and the interface between business and technology.

• Critical thinking and problem solving, the ability to analyze situations, integrate information, weigh alternatives and make appropriate decisions.

• Presentation skills, including the ability to deliver engaging and effective presentations, respond to and clarify questions, and accept feedback.

• Customer service - the ability to identify customer needs and the demeanor to resolve customer concerns in a positive and productive manner.

Information obtained from the James Madison University 2000 Employment Survey



# Internships give taste of the corporate world

by Jeffrey Cretz

In a matter of months, thousands of students will graduate and ask, "What do I do now?" For those of you not ready for the full-time corporate job, an internship might provide the perfect stepping-stone experience.

Maury Hanigan, president of Hanigan Consulting Group, said, "If you want to get a job after college, get an internship. It's the most bankable credential you can put on your resumé."

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Hanigan  
Consulting Group**

Josh Daynard, a current employee of Accenture's (formerly Arthur Andersen Consulting) Reston, Va. office, said he interned with Hewlett Packard's California office in 1996. "It is very risky for employers to hire someone without the experience," he said.

It is important for those seeking internships to start months in advance researching firms they would be interested in working for, according to [www.careerbuilder.com](http://www.careerbuilder.com). Contacting the human resources office will

provide a voice that can answer questions.

Before a student approaches a particular firm, it is wise to know of any specific requirements. When prospective firms have been decided, a firm's Web site will provide the necessary information with regard to the application process.

During the interview process, clear up any potential ambiguities with the employer that may exist.

Senior ISAT major Eric Tewalt interned at Lyotropic Therapeutic, a biotechnology firm, the summer before his senior year.

"Because it was a start-up company, we were doing a lot of their (the scientists') work," Tewalt said. Tewalt however, said he did not know that the work he was involved in was only going to be patented to the scientists. Tewalt said he was upset to learn that midway through his internship, he could not discuss his work with future employers.

In a corporate world growing harder to break into, knowing the right people is important. "I got my internship through connections," Daynard said. "A friend of my mom's in California asked me to send him a resumé."

Many employers, according to Daynard, expect someone looking for an internship to be just as competent as a regular employee. It is important to know up front, before you start applying, whether the internship is paid or not.

Daynard said he knew that as an intern, he was not just some kid hanging around making friends at the water cooler. "I proved myself to be just as competent as the full-



Photo by Patrick Moran

• Junior Jay Bayer searches for summer internship opportunities. •

time regular employees and I was expected to perform as such," Daynard said.

Senior Kelly Lynch, an ISAT major, said she interned at General Electric for three years. She was assigned to the human resources division of the company.

"I wish I had asked more about what the job would entail. I thought I would be doing computer work within human resources, but I ended up doing work that had nothing to do with my major," Lynch said.

On campus, valuable resources await the graduating senior. The Academic Advising and Career Development office in Wilson Hall is a great place to start. The office has put together a Web site with a

tremendous amount of information, such as resume writing techniques, interviewing suggestions and job search strategies. The site is located at [www.jmu.edu/career](http://www.jmu.edu/career).

During the internship, according to the [careerbuilder.com](http://careerbuilder.com) site, establish good working relationships with colleagues. Allow senior members to provide you with constructive criticism. Ask questions and seem interested in your work.

As the internship comes to an end, be sure to provide employers with your business card and contact information. As a courtesy, thank those who helped make the internship possible. Daynard said, "Perhaps the hard work performed during the internship will lead to a full-time position with them in the future."

When prospective employees apply for full-time positions, employers are interested in the internships completed. Employers are also interested in skills learned during the internship and how they will be useful.

Senior interdisciplinary liberal studies major Carly Hassinger interned at a real estate development office.

"At the end of the internship, I wrote my supervisor a letter thanking him for giving me the opportunity to work with him and learn about the business," Hassinger said. "I think if I wanted to apply for full-time job with that company, I'd be in a better boat than others."

At the very least, an internship will provide an idea of what to expect in the future.

# 'If my friends could see me now': Alumni achieve fame in all fields

by Brenna Walton

Countless college students across the country often daydream about the day that their names will appear in lights or when their faces will be the one smiling from the cover of a magazine.

They may imagine themselves as curing cancer, patenting a new invention or starring in a Hollywood blockbuster.

JMU students are no exception when it comes to these types of scenarios except for one simple fact: there have been instances of JMU graduates turning their dreams into reality by climbing to the top of their respective fields for decades.

These success stories range from that of a Broadway star to a peace negotiator in the Middle East to one of *Time* magazine's 25 Most Influential People. Before any of these people went on to have successful careers and achieve noteworthy honors, they all started off at the same place.

Dr. Marcia Angell ('60) was named one of *Time*'s 25 Most Influential People in 1998. As executive editor of the *New England Journal of Medicine* and a medical and media spokeswoman, she has been an integral part of scientific research regarding topics such as the safety of breast implants

and the legitimacy of holistic medicine. She also determines the content of the journal and is a published author.

According to Dr. Angell, in a winter 1998 interview with JMU alumni magazine *Montpelier*, Dr. Angell said her time at JMU was terrific because of the level of attention the school offered.

Regarding her distinction with *Time*, Dr. Angell modestly describes it as a "happy accident," according to *Montpelier*.

"I don't think many women in my position would have mapped out [the recognition in *Time*]," she said. "It's not the kind of position you can get to with a plan. I think my life was even more disorganized than most and it was a matter of seizing the moments when they came," she said.

The medical world is not the only one with JMU alumni at its forefront. Palestinian peace negotiator and JMU graduate Nabil Abuznaid ('79) is a major figure behind the scenes on the international political front.

As a personal advisor to Palestinian Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat, Abuznaid was a key figure in the monumental turning point in United States-Middle East relations when Arafat and President Bill Clinton shook hands on the White House lawn.

This gesture officially changed the status of the Palestinian leader from potential terrorist to recognized peace advocate in the United States.

As a native of Palestine, Abuznaid said he came to JMU to experience a different kind of life while receiving a quality education.

Later in his career, his experience contributed to being chosen as Arafat's peace advisor due to his familiarity with the American people.

He has since returned to JMU to give lectures about Palestine and the situation there, as well as to speak of his own experiences living and

working in such an intense political atmosphere.

"I loved my Madison experiences. JMU was a huge step, which changed my life," said Abuznaid in a summer 2000 interview with *Montpelier*. "I traveled thousands of miles across the ocean to sit in a classroom and study a new culture. And JMU showed me what real freedom felt like. I



Courtesy of *Montpelier*  
Karen McCullah Lutz with Reese Witherspoon.

*Karen McCullah Lutz says she used her sorority experiences as inspiration for certain scenes in Legally Blonde.*



Courtesy of *Bluestone*  
Karen in 1987.

wondered why it couldn't be like this at home. I decided I needed to educate others about the Palestinians' struggle for peace and nationality."

JMU has also contributed some of its former talent to the entertainment industry.

Trey Ellett ('92) landed the lead role in the Broadway musical *RENT* after a long period of struggling to make it in New York City. While Ellett took his time getting involved with the theatre department at JMU, he eventually met assistant pro-

fessor and choreographer William Feigh, who became the mentor that would continue to guide him through his toughest times.

"I would meet with William, poor, depressed, and we would talk and he'd pick me up and send me back out there," said Ellett, in a winter 2001 interview with *Montpelier*.

Besides the Broadway stage, JMU alumni have also broken into the world of a cable television enterprise.

Francine Tolliver ('91) and Mocha Lee ('92) have their own cable shows on Black Entertainment Television.

Wes Mallette ('93), Vonya Alleyne ('93), Lamont Wright ('91-'93) and Nikki Black ('90) have taken on important roles on the corporate side of the network. The alumni recounted the positive influences of their JMU professors.

Mocha Lee said of former business professor Kent Zimmerman in the fall 2000 *Montpelier*, "He was very significant in the learning process; he had a creative management type class where he helped you think outside the box."

Rounding out JMU's show business credits as one of the currently most sought-after screenwriters in Hollywood, Karen McCullah Lutz, ('88) wrote the screenplays for *10 Things I Hate About You* and *Legally Blonde*.

A former sister of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority who earned a degree in marketing, Lutz picked up a book about screenwriting one day and five years later, was discussing scripts with Robert de Niro.

"When I graduated from JMU, I didn't even know you could be a screenwriter," Lutz said in the fall 2001 *Montpelier*. "It never occurred to me. It was the '80s, all business and corporate America. I wouldn't change a thing, though. I had a great time at JMU."

Last but not least, graduates



Courtesy of *Montpelier*  
Nabil Abuznaid with Yasser Arafat.

*Nabil Abuznaid was chosen as Yasser Arafat's personal advisor due to the American experience he received at JMU.*



Courtesy of *Bluestone*  
Abuznaid in 1977.

and former members of JMU's sports teams have also achieved success in the sports industry.

The Cincinnati Bengals recruited running back Curtis Keaton ('00) in the fourth round of the NFL draft in April 2000. JMU alumnus Lorenzo Bundy ('81) was also recruited for the Colorado Rockies.

While these people have each selected different professions in life, there are two things that bind them together: their pasts at JMU and the success they found in their futures. This bond keeps them confident in themselves and those that follow in their footsteps.

"I've had the opportunity to make history every day working with different shows, launching new enterprises and subsidiaries," said Mallette, Corporate Communications Director for BET, in the fall 2000 *Montpelier*. He continues, "And the JMU alumni, we watch out for each other, too."

After recently receiving a resumé from a JMU grad who wanted to make a career change, Mallette said, "As soon as I saw that person was from JMU, that stood out like 'Boom!'"



Courtesy of *Montpelier* and *Bluestone*  
Trey, left, as Mark in *Rent* and, right, in 1992.

*Trey Ellett credits JMU professor of theater William Feigh with continually sending him back out there; he is now a Broadway star.*



## Build your resumé now

Watch *The Breeze* in January and February for job announcements. Hiring will soon begin for the 2002-2003 staff.

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# Resumé, interview advice

*Hints from an insider  
on how to get the job*

by Laura Lindsey

Resumés and interviews are the key components to securing a job, but how can you set yourself apart from the hundreds of applicants and resumés inundating employers daily?

Rob MacSwan, a recruiting coordinator in Washington, D.C., said he has many resumés pass through his office daily. From those resumés, he selects applicants to interview and pass on to employers.

As a recruiter, MacSwan knows what it takes to get noticed and get the job. Here are some helpful hints and tips from someone in the business.

### Resumé Tips

- Employers are impressed by something unique on your resumé. Include distinctive and interesting activities, positions; work places and experiences to set yourself apart.
- Include things that show motivation, leadership and involvement.
- Be as clear and simple as possible. Make your resumé straight-forward and concise.
- Don't include a picture of yourself; it seems superficial and is a turn-off to employers.
- Do include social clubs and activities, especially if you held an office or volunteered.
- Show diversity. Different jobs and activities make resumés interesting and memorable.



Rob MacSwan ('01),  
Recruitment  
Coordinator

### Interview Tips

- Feel free to ask about the dress for the interview. Remember, you can never be overdressed.
- Be prepared. Bring copies of your resumé, references and whatever else is required.
- Look interested. Add affirmative comments to show attentiveness.
- Be assertive. You're representing yourself; the more you have to say, the better.
- Make the interview a conversation, not an interrogation. Be an active participant in the questions as well as answers.
- If appropriate, ask the interviewer about their experience with the company or how they got started. This shows sincere interest.
- A thank-you note or follow-up call is a nice touch and may move your resumé to the top of the pile.

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