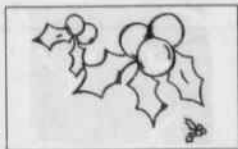


Students take time away from the books by gathering lots of friends and food to celebrate the holidays.



Parades, performances, parties and more are in store for all faiths and tastes to celebrate in the Valley.



JMU wrestling takes on CAA-nercomer Drexel University tonight in its home opener.

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Today:  
Partly cloudy  
High: 74°  
Low: 46°

## Semester incidents challenge SGA to meet needs

BY REBEKAH PORTER  
staff writer

With such events as the Sept. 11 attacks and the Commons apartment fire taking the forefront of the university's issues, the Student Government Association worked throughout the semester to try to ensure that it met students' needs.

"It's been a really busy semester," SGA President David Mills said. "For a year where the campus has had to address things that we couldn't possibly have planned, we have been really successful," he said.

Forced to temporarily put some of the preexisting campus issues on the backburner, the SGA responded full-force to the nation's crisis as well as the personal devastation faced by the 48 student residents of building 891 in the Commons.

The SGA, in cooperation with Human Resources and Facilities Management, spearheaded a massive "9/11 Relief Effort." Aided by the contributions of the JMU community as well as Harrisonburg businesses and residents, the SGA collected food and clothing and over \$1,000 in cash donations for the families of Americans lost in the attacks.

The Diversity Affairs Committee also sponsored a forum called "The America Speak Out: The Hate After the Tragedy" to address the concerns of international students in the wake of Sept. 11. "I think the opening up of campus dialogue was the reason why we didn't experience the violence that occurred at other universities," Mills said.

see SGA'S, page 5

## Students begin studying as finals week approaches



DAVE KIM/staff photographer

Sophomore Braden Gandee relaxes as he studies in the Carrier Library Tuesday. Many students are heading to the library to study for their first semester finals. Carrier will extend its hours during exam week and will remain open from 6 a.m. to 2 a.m. For students who are looking to take a break from hitting the books, see the list of events that will relieve the stress and relax the mind.

## Need a break?

**Thursday**  
Take some time to check out some JMU grad students' art at both Artworks and Other galleries between noon and 5 p.m.

**Friday**  
Cheer on the Dukes as the women's basketball team takes on Coastal Carolina University in the Convo. The game starts at 7 p.m.

**Saturday**  
Round up the friends and catch Kevin Smith's "Dogma" at Grafton-Stovall at 7 p.m.

**Sunday**  
Attend Hillel Counselorship's Hanukkah party from 4 to 6 p.m. For more information, visit [www.jmu.edu/orgs/hillel-counsel](http://www.jmu.edu/orgs/hillel-counsel).

**Monday**  
Head to BW3's for free wings and football.

**Tuesday**  
Read a poem, sing a song, perform a monologue at Open-Mic Night in TDU.

**Wednesday**  
Are you finished with your exams? Go ahead and reward yourself for all your hard work with a massage at UREC. Call x8-5700.

**Thursday**  
How about some good food and poetry? Thursday is Sister Speak Poetry night at the Little Grill. Readings start at 8 p.m.

## Speaker kicks off Kwanzaa celebration

Expert shares history of African influences in ancient Egypt, early Americas



RYAN GASKINS/contributing photographer  
Ivan Van Sertima spoke in celebration of Kwanzaa Tuesday.

BY LISA NATALICCHIO  
staff writer

In celebration of Kwanzaa, an expert on Africans' involvement in ancient Americas and Egypt spoke to an audience of approximately 100 students and faculty Tuesday in Grafton-Stovall Theatre about the prominence of black people in history.

A Guyana, South America native, Ivan Van Sertima has dedicated his life's work to literature, linguistics and anthropology.

Van Sertima's speech indicated that through the study of these three fields, he has discovered the importance of Africans in both the Americas and in Egypt.

Van Sertima said he was called before the U.S. Congress because his book, "They Came Before Columbus," was an interference with Columbus Day and the celebrations associated with Christopher Columbus. Van Sertima said he convinced Congress that Africans were in the Americas before Columbus, as well as in Egypt 12,000 years before Christ.

Van Sertima provided his audience with research about the presence of Africans in the Americas before Columbus allegedly discovered the Americas. He gave 12 citations of Europeans who saw black people in the Americas in the

early 1500s. He also said that there are "powerful currents that connect Africa and the Americas." According to Van Sertima, these currents naturally take a boat from Africa to the Americas.

He gave examples of words that originated in Africa and appeared in America when Africans came. Words such as "banana," which are used in both Africa and the Americas, could not "be possible without the meeting of the two worlds," according to Van Sertima.

Van Sertima discussed how the ancient Egyptian culture consisted of traditional African heritage despite the common

belief that ancient Egypt was predominantly influenced by the Middle East.

He said numerous skeletons with African traits were found in Egypt. He also said the original nose of the Sphinx, before Napoleon's army destroyed it, allegedly was broad (similar to that of many African people). He said, "We have established beyond a doubt that the original Egyptians were African."

Van Sertima brought these two worlds together by explaining that Africans provided a direct relationship between the ancient Americas and ancient Egypt.

see RESEARCHER, page 5

## Helping needy children

Theta Chi holds '12 Days Project' on commons

BY ALISON FARGO  
contributing writer

To collect toys and money for the underprivileged children of Harrisonburg, Theta Chi is holding the "12 Days Project" from Nov. 27 to Dec. 9 on the commons.

For 12 days, Theta Chi is hosting the collection of new toys and cash donations for the local Salvation Army.

Senior Rommie Misleh said, "We want to show people that helping others is a big part of being in a fraternity. And also, we are having a great time doing it."

Last year was the first year this project took place, and the brothers set a goal of gathering

1,000 toys and \$1,000. This year, the goal is doubled to 2,000 toys and \$2,000 because of last winter's success. So far they have raised \$1,200 and gathered around 200 toys, according to senior Andy Cottrell, a Theta Chi member.

"Last year we seemed to collect more toys, but we are way ahead of where we were last year at this time with money," said junior Ben Baker, a Theta Chi member.

To increase the amount of goods drawn in, four sororities and the Madison Marketing Association are helping out with the project, according to Cottrell. Theta Chi has arranged a

competition between Alpha Phi, Delta Gamma, Sigma Kappa, Delta Delta Delta and the Madison Marketing Association. Cottrell said the group that collects the most money and toys will receive a pizza party.

Theta Chi also is receiving help from local businesses such as Buffalo Wild Wings, the University Outpost, Verizon and Pamela's Secret.

Each day, a new company is on the commons with Theta Chi giving away free gifts to people who donate a certain amount of goods. Misleh said that Hair Cuttery gave a free haircut to

see FRATERNITY, page 5



SUSAN HODGES/contributing photographer

Members of Theta Chi are collecting toys on the commons for underprivileged children as a part of its 12 Days project.

## Sigma Chi found responsible for hazing violations

BY DAVID CLEMENTSON  
senior writer

After pleading "not responsible" and appealing part of the sanctions placed on the group, social fraternity Sigma Chi was found "responsible for violation of the JMU hazing policy" for an Oct. 8 incident during an exam. Sigma Chi was one of the four Greek organizations under investigation for hazing charges in October, although its final judgment came Nov. 19. Sororities Zeta Tau Alpha and Alpha Sigma Tau and fraternity Kappa Delta Rho were charged with violations of JMU Hazing Policy in October.

"During an exam in a general geography class, a student stood up and yelled, 'I can't believe this sh--- I hate this f---ing class and I f---ing hate you!'" said Sheila Williams, coordinator of Fraternity/Sorority Life. "He then tore up the test and ran out of the room."

Williams said, "I was really mad. I think it's shameful. It's embarrassing."

The student, freshman Alex Cook, was pledging Sigma Chi at the time and was initiated this weekend, according to Sigma Chi Vice President Nick Fullencamp, a senior. Cook was encouraged into this act by Sigma Chi member junior Stew Emmerheiser, according to Fullencamp. Cook

see SIGMA CHI, page 5

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**DUKE DAYS EVENTS CALENDAR**



**THURSDAY, DEC. 6**

- JMU Adult Degree Program meeting, 5:30 p.m., Paul Street House, learn how to complete a bachelor's degree through a customized program of study, for more information, call x8-6824 or e-mail [adult-degree-program](mailto:adult-degree-program)
- Baptist Student Union large group praise and worship, 5:30 p.m., Baptist Student Center on the corner of Cantrell Avenue and South Main Street, contact Archie at 434-6822
- Young Democratic Socialists (YDS-JMU) general meeting, 8 p.m., Taylor 309, for more information, visit [www.jmu.edu/orgs/youngdemso/](http://www.jmu.edu/orgs/youngdemso/) or contact Aaron or Adam at 433-6411

**FRIDAY, DEC. 7**

- Baptist Student Union New Testament Greek Bible Study, 8 to 8:45 a.m., Market One, contact Archie at 434-6822

**SUNDAY, DEC. 9**

- Canterbury Episcopal Ministry Eucharist service followed by a home-cooked dinner, 5 p.m., Canterbury House on South Main Street across from the Quad, contact Meredith at [macaskml](mailto:macaskml)

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**POLICE LOG**

By JAMES DAVID  
*assistant news editor*

Unknown subjects reportedly set fire to toilet paper in the women's basement bathroom of Zane Showker Hall Dec. 3 at 12:54 p.m. The incident reportedly is under investigation.

In other matters, campus police report the following:

**Possession of Marijuana**

- Jonathan P. Kasica, 19, of Mahwen, N.J. was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana in R1-lot Dec. 4 at 12:06 a.m.
- Five students were judicially referred for possession of marijuana in R1-lot Dec. 4 at 12:06 a.m.

**Underage Possession of Alcohol**

- John T. Catarius, 20, of Glastonbury, Conn. was arrested and charged with underage possession of alcohol Dec. 1 at 12:01 a.m. in P-lot.
- Philip A. Younger, 19, of Midlothian was arrested and charged with underage possession of alcohol Dec. 2 at 1:30 a.m. on Greek Row.

**Grand Larceny**

- Unknown subjects removed two video

projectors from Zane Showker Hall between Nov. 30 at 5 p.m. and Dec. 3 at 7 a.m.

• A JMU student reported the larceny of a purse from a vehicle parked in W-lot. The incident occurred between Dec. 2 at 12:30 a.m. and Dec. 3 at 7 p.m.

**Petty Larceny**

- A student reported the larceny of a JAC card from D-hall. The report was filed Nov. 26 at 1:30 p.m.

**Underage Consumption of Alcohol**

- A JMU student was judicially referred for underage consumption of alcohol Dec. 1 at 3:34 a.m. in Weaver Hall.
- A JMU student was judicially referred for underage consumption of alcohol Dec. 2 at 3:04 a.m. in White Hall.

The subject reportedly was transported to Rockingham Memorial Hospital due to alcohol poisoning.

- A JMU student was judicially referred for underage consumption of alcohol Dec. 4 at 1:10 a.m. in Potomac Hall.

The subject also was judicially charged with disorderly conduct and violence to persons in connection to a reported altercation with hall staff that occurred during the incident.

see POLICE LOG page 4

**WEATHER**



**Today**  
 Partly cloudy  
 High 74 Low 46

		High	Low
Friday	Partly cloudy	66	36
Saturday	Partly cloudy	53	29
Sunny	Partly cloudy	49	28
Monday	Sunny	53	31

**MARKET WATCH**

Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2001

<b>DOW JONES</b>	<b>AMEX</b>
220.45 ↑	5.37 ↑
close: 1,014.29	close: 829.89
<b>NASDAQ</b>	<b>S&amp;P 500</b>
83.74 ↑	23.97 ↑
close: 2,048.64	close: 1,168.77

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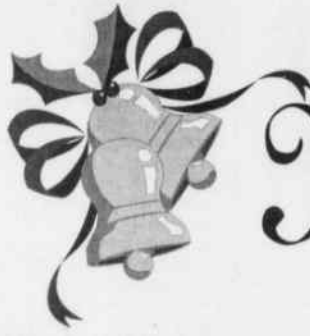
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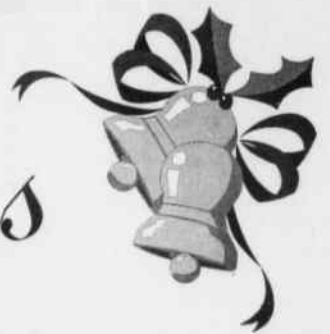
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# NEWS

**☑ Sock it to them**  
Students collect socks for Afghan refugees in Greece.  
[see story](#)



"... Dr. Kelly will be an absolutely wonderful graduation speaker, especially with his position as chairman of the State Council for Higher Education,"

— GLENDA ROONEY  
speaker committee chairperson



LINDA PANETTA/SOA Watch/NE

Protesters gathered in November in Fort Benning, Ga. to protest the School of the Americas claiming that the school trains Latin American terrorists. Protesters held crosses featuring names of victims they say died as a result of terrorist actions.

## JMU student, three alumni arrested in Ga. during protest

BY KYRA PAPAFILE  
staff writer

A JMU sophomore and three JMU graduates were arrested on Nov. 18 at Fort Benning, Ga., while protesting the School of the Americas, which they believe trains Latin American terrorists.

Sophomore Peter Gelderloos, Abi Miller ('00), Lee Sturgis ('97) and her husband David O'Neill ('96) were each arrested on charges of criminal trespassing and resisting arrest. They were released 24 hours later.

In an interview Wednesday, the four said they were part of a vigil, organized by the School of the Americas Watch, attended by over 7,000 people during the weekend of Nov. 17 and 18. While the rest of the crowd engaged in vigil activities outside of the gated base, Gelderloos, Miller, Sturgis, O'Neill and 9 other protesters, holding hands, proceeded onto the base in demonstration while SOA Watch's indictment (a statement of specific accusations against the school) was read to the thousands at the vigil over a loudspeaker. The 13 protesters were arrested on the base.

Other Harrisonburg residents also attended the vigil,

including senior Anna Mitchell and junior Jenny Schockemoehl, as well as Eastern Mennonite University grad Jamie Miller ('01), but they stayed outside of the base and were not arrested.

According to a Nov. 27 e-mail sent by those arrested once back in Harrisonburg, "Thirteen people face federal charges bearing up to a year in jail. (Four) of these people are Harrisonburg residents who served a people's indictment to the Military School Of the Americas ... for their crimes against humanity and sponsorship of terrorism and torture," the e-mail said.

### The SOA

SOA was renamed the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation on Jan. 17. It underwent a name change after a recent investigation regarding appropriate training tactics, according to O'Neill.

According to the official WHINSEC Web site, <http://192.153.150.25/whinsec/main.html>, "WHINSEC is a one-of-a-kind institute that provides professional education and training for civilian, military and law enforcement students from nations throughout the Western Hemisphere."

According to the SOA Watch Web site ([www.soa.org](http://www.soa.org)), the U.S. Army School of

*"The School of the Americas is the government's own terrorist training camp ... they train in assassinations, land mines, interrogation and torture."*

— Peter Gelderloos  
sophomore

Americas, based in Fort Benning, Ga., "trains Latin American soldiers in combat, counter-insurgency and counter-narcotics. Graduates of the SOA are responsible for some of the worst human rights abuses in Latin America. Among the SOA's nearly 60,000 graduates are notorious dictators: Manuel Noriega and

Omar Torrijos of Panama, Leopoldo Galtieri and Roberto Viola of Argentina, Juan Velasco Alvarado of Peru, Guillermo Rodriguez of Ecuador and Hugo Banzer Suarez of Bolivia. Lower-level SOA graduates have participated in human rights abuses that include (the 1980) assassination of Archbishop Oscar Romero (of El Salvador) and the 1981 El Mozote Massacre of 900 civilians (in El Salvador)."

According to the site, "SOA Watch is an independent organization that seeks to close the U.S. Army School of the Americas, under whatever name it is called, through vigils and fasts, demonstrations and nonviolent protest, as well as media and legislative work."

According to the site, the procession was the group's 12th annual commemoration of the massacre of six Jesuit priests — as well as thousands of others — killed in Latin America by SOA graduates.

Gelderloos said, "The School of the Americas is the government's own terrorist training camp ... they train in assassinations, land mines,

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## Alumni sponsor Jan. 4 Job Fair

BY ROBYN GERSTENSLAGER  
staff writer

It's turning into crunch time for seniors with graduation around the corner and the need for a job becoming imminent. A job fair sponsored by the Metro Washington alumni chapter of the JMU Alumni Association will give seniors another opportunity to get their resumes to employers and learn about job opportunities.

The fair will be held Friday, Jan. 4 at the Virginia Tech/University of Virginia Northern Virginia Center in Falls Church.

Last year marked the first time the Alumni Association sponsored such an event. According to Wendell Esbenshade, assistant director of Alumni Relations, there was an excellent turnout of both employers and job seekers.

"We raised about \$12,500 for the alumni chapter's scholarship fund," Esbenshade said. He said the association received almost 400 resumes, and 208 people attended the fair. Most of those who attended were JMU students or alumni, but there were people from the Washington, D.C. community also.

This year's proceeds from the job fair, which are raised from the fee employers pay to attend, will again go to the Metro Washington chapter's scholarship fund, according to Justin Thompson, executive director of Alumni Relations.

Each year the scholarship is awarded to a rising JMU senior whose home is in the Metro Washington area, Thompson said. There is no fee for job seekers who attend the fair.

Currently there are almost 20 employers registered to attend the fair. With two weeks of registration left, Mark Chernisky ('92), chair of the annual Job Fair event for the Metro Washington chapter, said he hopes to see

about 30 or more employers represented at the fair.

Some of the companies listed on the Job Fair's Web site ([www.jmu.edu/alumni/jobfair](http://www.jmu.edu/alumni/jobfair)) include the U.S. Investigations Services, MetLife Financial Services, Lifetime Fitness, Arthur Andersen LLP and Navy Civilian Jobs. The Web site provides links to each company so visitors can research what jobs are open.

"Having a career fair near where I plan to stay after graduation would help me by giving me an opportunity to get my resume to the companies I would prefer to work for," senior Jacob Weaver said.

Only JMU students and alumni are permitted to register for the fair by sending their resumes. According to Esbenshade, the guidelines for submitting a resume are posted on the fair's Web site. All resumes submitted by the deadline, by the close of business Dec. 14, will be burned onto a CD-ROM and given to each company registered for the fair. Resumes can be submitted for the employers' CD regardless of attendance at the fair.

"For December graduates or students about to graduate, this is a great opportunity to 'get a leg up', or at least 'dip your toe' in the job market," Chernisky said.

Thompson encourages JMU seniors to attend if they are in the area during the Winter Break.

"What sets this job fair apart from others is that employers will have a chance to meet with JMU alumni and JMU seniors," Thompson said. "Both of these groups have an education of known quality and alumni have experience. This composition of attendees is very attractive to employers, so I think that these employers are coming to the fair with real job opportunities and the intent to fill them."

### In step with the Job Fair sponsored by the Metro Washington alumni chapter

**STEP 1: Prepare your electronic resumé according to the guidelines.**

**Quantity:** One resumé per participant.  
**Format:** Resúmes must be submitted electronically as an attached Microsoft Word, WordPerfect, or Adobe Acrobat file.  
**File Name:** Resumé files should be named according to the following convention: Lastname\_Firstname\_mmd-dyy.(extension)

**STEP 2: E-mail your resumé to [jobfair@alumni.jmu.edu](mailto:jobfair@alumni.jmu.edu) by close of business Friday, Dec. 14. This allows enough time to produce and distribute the resume CD to the employers prior to the Job Fair.**

**NOTE:** Indicate in the text of your e-mail if you are an alumnus or student and if you will be attending the job fair. (Alumni and students are welcome to submit resumes regardless of attendance at the job fair.)

**STEP 3: Go to the job fair.**

source: Wendell Esbenshade

## Sock drive to benefit Afghan refugees in Greece

BY MARTHA CUNNINGHAM  
contributing writer

The mass exodus of Afghan peoples into neighboring countries has prompted aid from two JMU students. An e-mail from a friend in Athens, Greece inspired roommates freshmen Reed Barton and Randy Smith to start a campus-wide wool sock drive.

"One of our best friends is a missionary in Greece," Smith said. "He e-mailed us and said that there was a need for socks." The drive that began Nov. 28 and will end this Friday aims to collect wool and winter socks for the refugees unaccustomed to Mediterranean winters, Smith said.

According to Barton, "Helping Hands," the missionary group in Greece aiding the refugees, distributes food and clothing and offers English language and voluntary religious classes. "Our friend sent us the e-mail asking us to grab one or two pairs of socks and drop

them in the mail," Barton said. "If everyone did that it would help a lot."

Sarah Krebs, a representative of the Resident Housing Association, said Barton and Smith brought their sock-drive idea to an RHA meeting.

*"... we hope to collect 15,000 to 20,000 socks to send to Greece."*

— Reed Barton  
freshman

"It wasn't too successful in the beginning, but I made flyers, posted them on doors and announced the project to the community council."

Positive response from the

JMU community has helped in the success of the project, according to Barton. "The whole community has been helping. We had a moving company wanting to donate boxes, students spoke to their classes, and I get e-mails daily from people who want to help."

According to Barton, the collection has been successful so far, with a collection box reportedly weighing close to 40 pounds in Shorts Hall, and a total of 1,000 pairs of socks being collected thus far. "Helping Hands" feeds 3,000 people a week, but they are on the move a lot and new people arrive constantly," Barton said. "So we hope to collect 15,000 to 20,000 socks to send to Greece."

There are boxes located in Shorts, Chesapeake and Eagle halls, to name a few, according to Smith. "We have boxes set up in every dorm except for eight, but we are working on placing boxes in those that don't have them," Smith said.

Freshman Mia Wilson said she plans to donate. "It's a great idea because it shows that JMU students care about the welfare of the Afghan people," she said.

Students are urged to donate clean winter or wool socks, according to Barton and Smith.

According to Barton, "When the Taliban moved in, the citizens [in Afghanistan] were just trying to survive. Most of them are going to neighboring countries [such as Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan] that have opened their borders to the people, one of which is Greece. The streets of Athens are covered with refugees."

Krebs said, "The people are leaving with nothing. A pair of wool socks would make a world of difference."

Barton and Smith will be on the commons today and Friday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. taking donations. For more sock drop information, contact Barton and Smith at x2-4743.

## Business information expert to address December graduates

BY REBEKAH PORTER  
staff writer

Dr. Carl N. Kelly, chairman of the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, has been chosen as the December Commencement speaker.

For over 40 years, Kelly has worked in business, information technology and higher education, according to the December Commencement home page.

Currently, he is the senior vice president for OnLine Services/Hosted Applications for Oracle Industries in Reston.

OnLine Services/Hosted Applications is the organization within the independent software company Oracle Corporation that focuses on the government, education, health care, financial services, communications and utilities markets.

"I think that Dr. Kelly will

be an absolutely wonderful graduation speaker, especially with his position as chairman of the State Council for Higher Education," said Glenda Rooney, chairperson of the Commencement Speaker Committee.

"With all the challenges that face higher education today, such as funding issues, hopefully he will see what marvelous students we have here," she said. "We're really excited."

"I've worked hard to get where I am and it's kind of scary to think about the future," December graduate Stefany Guerin said. "I'd like to hear a speaker who will say something to comfort and inspire me."

"I hope Kelly's words inspire me and reassure me about the next step in my life," Guerin said.

# Protesters arrested in western Georgia

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interrogation and torture." According to the WHINSEC Web site, "In keeping with its mandate from Congress, the WHINSEC has formulated and implemented an ambitious and extensive policy on human rights instruction. We believe that our human rights instruction is among the best offered by military educational institutions anywhere in the hemisphere. Depending on the length of the course each student at the WHINSEC receives from eight to 40 hours on topics such as: Ethics, Due Process, Rule of Law, Civilian Control of the Military, Role of the Military in a Democratic Society, Law of Land Warfare, Geneva and The Hague Conventions and International Humanitarian Law. Up to 200 additional hours is integrated in" additional training.

According to the SOA Watch Web site, H.R. Bill 1810 currently is in Congress, calling for the closing of the school for 10 months while under investigation of the alleged activities.

## The vigil's events

The weekend's events included a rally against the practices of SOA on Saturday and a "funeral procession" on Sunday where "mourners" each carried crosses labeled with the names of victims allegedly killed by Latin Americans trained at SOA. During the procession, mourners called out the names on

their individual cross, according to Schockemoehl.

Miller said, "Every time a name is called, the crowd raises their crosses and says 'present'." (Spanish for 'present'), to show the memories are still alive and the reasons they died have not gone unnoticed."

## No regrets

Concerning their arrests, Miller said all 13 offenders are facing trial in either Feb. or March in Georgia, but haven't been informed of the exact date yet.

Gelderloos said that out of the 26 arrested last year in similar protest, one received no jail time and 23 received the six-month maximum sentence.

The group does not feel that its efforts have gone unrewarded and unnoticed. O'Neill said, "I feel like I've broken smaller laws to face a greater crime. I feel willing to suffer with the people from Latin America who have suffered because of the School of the Americas."

Miller said, "This was one of the most powerful things I've even been a part of. The only way to describe what I felt was 'called.'"

Sturgis said, "It was the first time in my life I felt like I 100-percent believed in something."

Miller said, "When you know you did all in your power to stand up against something that you know is wrong and you could go no further, that is an incredible feeling."

# Recreational therapy gains popularity

BY PATRICIA RIVERA  
The Dallas Morning News

Lynn Sterling knew from adolescence that she wanted to treat people in need, yet she never felt satisfied with the physical therapy major she'd selected in college.

"I felt like I needed [to consider] the whole person. I didn't want to work with just the physical area, but also the emotional and the spiritual. I wanted it all," she said.

She fulfilled that need in the late 1960s when she learned about therapeutic recreation. These days, she helps patients at Presbyterian Rehabilitation Center reach their goals through treatments that may include the use of arts and crafts, animals, sports, dance and movement, drama, music and community outings.

The profession is among the fastest growing in the nation because of anticipated expansion in long-term care, physical and psychiatric rehabilitation and services for people with disabilities, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Recreational therapists, also

referred to as therapeutic recreation specialists, provide treatment services and recreation activities for individuals with disabilities, illnesses or other disabling conditions. They help individuals recover basic motor functioning and reasoning abilities, build confidence and socialize effectively to enable greater independence as well as reduce or eliminate the effects of illness or disability.

tions also require a national certification available through the National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification. Entry-level pay ranges from \$25,000 to \$37,000.

The work of recreational therapists should not be confused with that of recreation workers, who organize recreational activities primarily for enjoyment. Too often, the public blurs the lines between the two groups, said Barbara Wilhite, a recreation and leisure studies professor at the University of North Texas.

"What we do is often devalued and thought of as being nice but not necessary. Many do not recognize the importance of the activities and how they are selected and how they are presented to the individual relative to that individual's goals and needs," she said.

Recreational therapists assess clients based on standardized assessments, observations, medical records, medical staff, family and clients themselves. Then they identify needs, develop goals and establish plans of action.

Dana Dempsey, a therapeutic recreation specialist at Texas

Scottish Rite Hospital for Children, said each plan differs.

She recently treated a child with spina bifida who was hospitalized for bladder and bowel problems. In her assessment, she found the child lacked physical activity and social interaction.

"Many times, it's the parents who have to push the kids to play with friends," she said.

Wilhite said she expects therapeutic recreation therapists to find new career options in coming years.

"As health care and social services move from the institutional-based settings such as hospitals and rehabilitation facilities into community-based settings, I think a number of options will be created that don't currently exist," she said.

Ann Huston, executive director of the American Therapeutic Recreation Association in Alexandria, said her group is working to help universities establish more programs. An estimated 130 colleges offer an undergraduate program in therapeutic recreation, but they're not graduating enough students, she said.

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— Dana Dempsey  
therapeutic recreation specialist

A degree in therapeutic recreation often is required to be considered for jobs in hospitals or community mental health facilities. Many institu-

## POLICE LOG, from page 2

### Trespassing

A trespass notice was issued to a non-student who reportedly was acting in a suspicious manner Dec. 1 at 8:45 p.m. in Hillside Hall.

A JMU student reportedly knocked on numerous doors and acted suspicious in Chappalear Hall.

The incident, reported Dec. 1 at 2 a.m., currently is under investigation.

### Non-compliance

Two students were judicially charged with non-compliance and personal abuse Dec. 2 at 2:52 a.m. at Chandler Hall.

The students reportedly pushed over a portable ticket

booth and failed to stop when requested to by staff.

### Property Damage

A vehicle parked in R2-lot reportedly had its passenger window broken out and CDs were reported taken between Nov. 30 and Dec. 2.

Failure to stop for an official request

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# SGA's achievements benefit student body

SGA'S, from page 1

Similarly, the SGA stepped in to relieve students who lost all of their belongings in the fire in Commons building 891.

Through the "Commons for the Commons" effort, the SGA collected two rooms full of clothes, food, toiletries, bedding and school supplies for the affected students. According to Vice President of Student Affairs Ashley Morris, over \$700 in cash contributions also have been made, which will be divided among the students.

"We even had to turn away donations [of large items such as mattresses]," Morris said. Leftover items not

picked up by the fire victims will be distributed to less-fortunate families in affiliation with Mercy House, a group home in Harrisonburg.

The SGA also helped ensure that affected students could receive replacement textbooks and that they were treated fairly by professors in regard to making up missed assignments, according to Morris.

**JAC cards off campus** — According to Mills, JMU is waiting for Attorney General of Virginia Randolph Beales to approve the contract allowing students to use their FLEX accounts at various off-campus establishments.

Businesses that have been very receptive to this arrangement include International House of Pancakes, Luigi's Pizza and Blue Ridge Partners (the joint owner of the restaurants Shenandoah Grill and Kooter Floyd's). Students should look for this to be available early next semester.

**Purple Out** — The Class Councils have worked to establish "Purple Out" as a new tradition at JMU athletic events, according to Morris. The idea originated from Texas A&M University's successful "Maroon Out" program, where one home game secretly is selected and maroon T-shirts are distrib-

uted to fans. This year, nearly 600 Purple Out T-shirts were given out the Friday before Homecoming. The SGA is hoping to extend this tradition to other JMU athletic home games, according to Morris.

**Community relations** — A representative from JMU is now present at all Harrisonburg City Council twice monthly meetings, according to Mills. This liaison will help address some of the issues concerning JMU students living in Harrisonburg and "hopefully fix some of the rift in the community," said Mills.

The SGA hopes to give

more attention next semester to university athletics, student and faculty diversity and campus safety. SGA will sponsor events such as the 2004 Ring Premiere, the Mr. Freshman Pageant and Senior Class Week.

"[The SGA] has especially worked hard on getting students to understand that it is a student organization equipped and built expressly for the representation of students and their interests at this university," Vice President of Administrative Affairs Brandon Durlinger said.

Mills said, "I think everyone recognizes that they are part of something larger than themselves."

## Researcher shares view on African culture influences

RESEARCHER, from page 1

There are several factors that indicate a relationship between Africa, Egypt and the Americas, according to Van Sertima.

He said Egyptian possession of a map of South America, a seven-braided hair style originated in ancient Egypt and adopted by South Americans and Egyptian use of cocaine, a drug grown in South America, prove the cultures' interactions.

With this information, Van Sertima said he feels that history needs to be rewritten because events "have been forgotten or clouded."

Some JMU students agree with him.

Junior Heidi Hanger said, "I agree that history needs to be reviewed [and in reviewing history] it could probably be rewritten."

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— Heidi Hanger junior

Senior Mike Mastro said he feels that "the texts that are traditionally used in schools have a very Eurocentric slant to them."

Freshman Victoria Jessie said she thinks, "when obvious [historical occurrences] are found, they should be incorporated into history."

Van Sertima said he believes that no race has a monopoly of intelligence or enterprise or genius."

He said he feels that it is important for college students to learn about the prominence of Africans in ancient history because "in order to bring about an end to prejudices of people of African-American descent, it is important to educate [people] about the achievements of Africans."

## Fraternity holds toy drive

FRATERNITY, from page 1

anyone who donated \$6.

"We love doing stuff like this, coming out and raising money for the kids," said Elaine Forté, Hair Cuttery assistant salon leader.

Every day, at least two fraternity members are on the commons collecting donations. Each member is required 15 hours of outside time, Misleh said.

"Many times you'll see more brothers out here, just because we're having a fun time," said senior Andy Cottrell, Theta Chi member. "Some of us have already been out here for about 40 hours."

According to Misleh, two members also spend the night in the trailer parked behind their table set up on the commons.

"We want people to know that they can come at any time to make a donation," Misleh said.

Theta Chi accepts toys, cash, Flex and the cash equivalent of a meal punch and will be on the commons until early Sunday morning.

## Sigma Chi sanctioned for hazing

InterFraternity Council puts fraternity put on social suspension

SIGMA CHI, from page 1

and Emenheiser could not be reached for comment.

Williams said that neither Cooke nor Emenheiser were enrolled in the GenEd geography class of over 300 students, taught by associate professor of geographic science Stephen Wright.

"The event that occurred in Dr. Wright's class was a completely isolated event that carried with it an extremely negative reception amongst the members of our chapter," Fullencamp said. "It concerned one brother who used some bad judgment when talking to a new member and a new member who used some bad judgment while trying to impress a brother."

According to Fullencamp, Sigma Chi suspended Emenheiser from the fraternity indefinitely.

Scott Ewert, the judicial chair for InterFraternity Council at the time of the Sigma Chi trial, ran the hearing Nov. 1. According to

Ewert, only three people testified during the hearing: Sigma Chi President Eric Garcia, who "represented the accused," Williams, who was "the accuser," and Wright.

We did not feel that the fraternity should be held entirely responsible for the poor decision making exercised by one of our members.

— Eric Garcia Sigma Chi president

Sigma Chi pleaded "not responsible," Garcia said. "We did not feel that the fraternity should be held entirely responsible for the poor decision making exercised by one of our members."

Sigma Chi was found "responsible by the council," and given five sanctions, accord-

ing to Ewert.

The first sanction called for the fraternity to issue written apologies to Wright and geography department head Steve Frysinger, and for the executive board to apologize "in shirt and tie attire" to the entire class, Ewert said.

"I would have written him an apology and made efforts to apologize to him face to face even if the sanction were not handed down," Garcia said.

The second sanction called for Emenheiser and Cook to be brought up on Judicial Council charges, according to Ewert.

"[Cook and Emenheiser] have been brought in front of the Judicial Board and have both received their punishment," Fullencamp said.

The fourth and fifth sanctions called for the national chapter to be notified and Sigma Chi's advisor, Josh Bacon of Judicial Affairs, speak to "the brotherhood on the consequences of hazing," Ewert said.

"We took it upon ourselves to notify our national headquarters about the situation that had

occurred," Garcia said.

Ewert said Sigma Chi appealed the third sanction.

"We were satisfied with all of the sanctions that were handed down, except the one that prohibited us from having any social functions until the Fall semester of 2002," Fullencamp said.

Ewert said, "They were appealing on the severity of the sanctions."

Following the appeal on Nov. 19, the council changed the sanction, and it now simply calls for the chapter to "remain on social suspension until the completion of ... [a] program ... facilitated by a Sigma Chi national staff member," Ewert said.

According to Williams, the Sigma Chi national office has not threatened any actions.

The specific vote count on the charges and the appeal was not recorded, according to Ewert.

"The fact that our whole chapter was penalized for the mistakes of two individuals just shows how the same thing can happen to any other fraternity or sorority on campus at any given time," Fullencamp said.

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# Ivy League students still plan to study abroad

By VANESSA WOODS  
The Daily Princetonian

Student interest in study abroad programs has not dwindled despite widespread trepidation for traveling after the Sept. 11 attacks.

A total of 167 Princeton University students will be going abroad this year, including 66 students abroad in the fall, 86 in the spring and 15 for the entire academic year. This number is up from the 158 students who went abroad last year, said associate dean of the college Nancy Kanach in an e-mail.

"In September, one student who had been approved to study abroad and had planned to go decided to stay home. Otherwise, everyone went abroad as planned," Kanach said.

"I am pleased that Sept. 11 did not result in a decrease in the number of students going abroad during the academic year, but I am sure that we would have experienced a

much greater increase had the attacks on the WTC and the Pentagon never happened."

"Last year we experienced a 48 percent increase in the number of students going abroad," she added. This year, there was a 5 percent increase in the number of students studying abroad.

Other study abroad programs in the Ivy League are experiencing similar levels of student participation. Peter Armstrong, assistant dean at Dartmouth College's office of off-campus programs said that student participation this year is at normal levels: 250 students are abroad for the fall, 120 for the winter and 245 for the spring. "We've had a few students who have withdrawn from the winter and spring [programs] because of [concerned] parents," he said.

At Brown University, Kirstin Moritz, associate dean of the college and director of the study abroad program, said that about

500 students go abroad each year. This fall semester, only three out of 253 students changed plans following the Sept. 11 attacks. Applications are still coming in for the spring term, she added.

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— Allen Taylor  
Princeton U. student

Moritz added that the program has created a Web page addressing the safety precautions students should take when abroad in addition to offering a list of contacts students can

make in an emergency.

The Web page assures its readers, "the Brown program personnel abroad work closely with their local contacts to insure that safety and security measures are in place in the event of an emergency ... We feel confident that our students can continue to carry out their studies abroad without major disruption under current conditions." The Brown Web site also noted that two other students returned home in addition to the three students that changed plans after Sept. 11.

The study abroad office at University of Pennsylvania also offers an almost identical Web site for concerned students and parents. Geoffrey Gee, director of the University of Pennsylvania's study abroad program said that this year it has experienced "standard interest [in the program, even] better than last year."

However, Gee also said that

one student returned home from Greece after Sept. 11 events and three students decided not to continue with plans to study abroad in the United Kingdom this spring. "Mostly our students have understood the circumstances and the general risk of travel anywhere which has heightened" in light of recent events, he explained.

Beatrice Szekely, associate director of Cornell Abroad said that 500 students normally go abroad each year in Cornell University's program. While no students decided to return from abroad during the fall semester, "one or two students decided not to go," she said.

Some students have dropped out for spring, Szekely added, but numbers were not readily available as yet. She did note that the students who dropped out of the spring programs did not constitute "huge numbers." Szekely said that Cornell Abroad does advise and caution

students to practice all necessary safety measures and that the program keeps in touch with the students abroad and their families. While there is usually up to a 5 percent drop out rate, she added, "this year, there seems to be more students [who have dropped out]."

As for the students themselves, Princetonians going abroad do not seem to show any anxiety or hesitation. Allen Taylor, who is going to be in Argentina this spring, noted, "I think I'll be safer in Argentina than in New Jersey."

Dan Pastor, who is on his way to Santiago, Chile, said, "My parents are definitely concerned about it and prone to worry, but I'm not."

Sarah Swords also said her parents were uneasy about her upcoming trip to Scotland. "My family does not want me to go, [but] it's something I really wanted to do. I have great faith."



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# Students, economy affected by gas prices

BY BRITTNEY CASON  
The Collegiate Times

The recent national plummet in gas prices has Americans wondering why prices are so low after enduring such high prices this past summer.

There is good news and bad news concerning gasoline prices.

The good news is that gas prices have reached an all-time low over the past two years; the national average for one gallon of unleaded-87 is \$1.20, according to MSNBC.

The bad news is that the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries has

announced it will be cutting production, according to MSNBC.

OPEC is an international organization primarily concerned with coordinating the crude oil policies of its member states.

Founded in 1960, OPEC has 11 countries as members.

By the laws of supply and demand, the prices will rise as a result of increased demand.

Nicolaus Tideman, a professor of economics at Virginia Tech, said it is not in the country's best interest for OPEC to decrease production because of the negative correlation of cost and production.

"The decrease in gas prices helps the overall economy," he said. "It lowers the cost of traveling and the cost of the things we buy."

The lower costs help consumers and also help companies survive when they might otherwise have financial difficulties.

Tideman also said the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and America's new war played a role in the price decline.

"The fear of terrorism leads people to travel less," he said. "This caused a reduction in the number of airline flights, and this reduced the demand for jet fuel, thereby lowering the price

of all petroleum products."

There is a debate over the length of time the prices will be at this all-time low.

Tideman said he feels it is

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— William Smith  
senior, Virginia Tech

only temporary and that he's heard experts say gas prices will rise in the spring.

Despite the controversy surrounding the explanation for the decline in gasoline prices, Americans are able to save money. Particular gas stations offer a gallon of unleaded for less than a dollar.

Greg Searfass, a 7-Eleven employee, said he hasn't noticed an increase in business since the cut in cost.

"Business has been very neutral and there are no lines at the gas pumps," he said.

Many Tech students are affected by the price changes, and have opinions

about gas prices.

Junior Nicole Draper said she assumes the gas prices are low as a result of Sept. 11 and the tensions in the Middle East.

"It's propaganda," she said. "The government wants the public to believe the country and the economy are doing fine despite the fear of terrorism."

Senior William Smith takes a different view of the gas prices.

He said he owns a sports utility vehicle, which is now less expensive to fuel.

"I am not asking questions as to why the price of gas is down," he said. "I am just enjoying the benefits."

## Simpson home raided

BY JOHN THOR DAHLBURG  
Los Angeles Times

Federal authorities and Florida police searched the suburban home of O.J. Simpson during a predawn raid Tuesday while investigating an international drug ring and the theft of satellite TV programming.

The former football star and onetime murder defendant, who was in his bathrobe when he greeted officers, was not arrested. Simpson's lawyer said he was targeted simply because a suspect had mentioned his name during a wiretapped conversation.

"There were no illegal substances found in Mr. Simpson's home," attorney Yale Galanter told an impromptu news conference on the street outside. "There is no reason to believe that Mr. Simpson committed any crime at all."

According to federal officials, the search was carried out as part of a two-year investigation code-named Operation X. Initially a probe into money-laundering, it developed into an investigation of a trans-Atlantic Ecstasy drug ring and the theft of equipment to counterfeit access cards for satellite TV.

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— Yale Galanter  
Simpson attorney

"When you're doing pay-per-view, for the big fight on TV, these cards permit you to bypass the system," one U.S. official, who requested anonymity, said. "They result in the theft of services worth millions of dollars."

FBI spokesman Judy Orihuela said nine people were arrested in Miami and two in Chicago on Tuesday as part of the investigation. Authorities also searched nine other South Florida residences in connection with the case. Orihuela said that a suspected ringleader remains at large and is believed to be in Brazil.

Federal officials said several thousand Ecstasy pills produced in the Netherlands either had been confiscated or purchased by undercover agents. Orihuela said the group had laundered about \$800,000.

"I can assure you, Mr. Simpson does not have enough money in his pocket or in his bank account to be involved in a money-laundering ring," Galanter told reporters.

Simpson's sprawling home in the Miami suburb of Kendall was raided by representatives of the FBI, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Miami-Dade Police Department and the Florida Highway Patrol — which brought its drug-sniffing dogs.

A TV news helicopter captured videotape of Simpson, in his robe, leading officers around his backyard and playing with his dogs.

Agents carried away at least two boxes of Simpson's belongings. Orihuela refused to comment on what they had seized, but Galanter said it was legal satellite TV equipment that Simpson had brought when he moved to Miami from California last year.

"The investigators found absolutely nothing of any consequence," the lawyer said.

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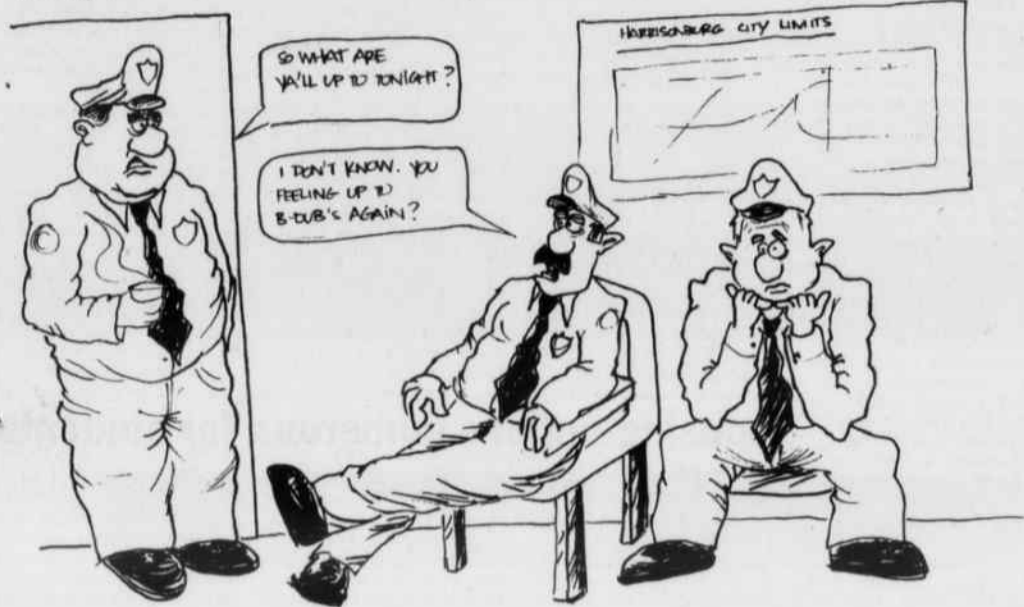
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JESSON ZAFAR  
junior  
see column, page 10

"A decrease in crime is a positive change, but such a change leaves one pondering what motivated the decrease."

see house editorial, below

Tom Perkins



TYPICAL WEEKEND FOR JMU & HARRISONBURG POLICE

## HOUSE EDITORIAL

### Students deserve cookie for behavior

Monday marked an interesting day in Breeze history — no Police Log. For the first time in recent history, the page 2 staple was nowhere to be found and we had to decide what we could do with that entire block of space. Why? Because apparently JMU students behaved this week.

It's not just this week, however. Over the course of the year, the police log has been tiny.

Usually filled with stories of underage drinkers passing out at Godwin bus stop, of trespassers in the Arboretum at 4 a.m. and a variety of other incidents, the Police Log is often a chronicle of what Madison's crazier kids are up to. If not up to their usual, what are they doing? What happened to drunks in public and the John Does caught urinating on Duke Drive?

We began hypothesizing last month. We talked to police and offered theories — maybe it was because of Sept. 11. Maybe people were staying in

dorms more on the weekends. Maybe the increased police presence was the reason. Hypotheses failed. We were at a loss.

Perhaps JMU students have taken a turn to more studious endeavors, staying in on the weekends for the sake of academic pursuits? Hmm. Saturday night studying in the Garber study lounge or Saturday night dancing to ABBA in College Station while Backstreet Boy wannabes pass out Jell-O shooters and sing along to karaoke. You decide.

Maybe JMU administrators have taken to spiking the campus water with some sort of behavior-modifying chemical to bring about a calmer and safer environment? Didn't something like that happen in that teen movie from a few years ago "The Faculty"?

Could a covert operation be underway wherein all the bad seeds on campus are sent away to Iceland, cleansing the JMU population over time so as to encourage the

obliteration of all crime? Not likely.

In all seriousness, though, the potential reasons for the decrease in crime are ambiguous and unclear.

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Even though judicial referrals are up by 66 this year as compared to this same time last year, Director of Public Safety Alan MacNutt said campus police are following the same philosophy it has in the past, so the argument appears invalid.

Rather, the increase is attributed to more alcohol violations in residence halls.

Harrisonburg and JMU

police teamed up for the first month of school this year and on certain weekends such as Homecoming, though Chris Tarbell, information assistant for the JMU Police Department, indicated that the relationship has not had an effect on the decrease in crime.

Other ideas were brought up and shot down in the Dec. 3 issue of *The Breeze*, including a more well-behaved freshman class, but these hypotheses are vague, at best.

So the reason is still a mystery. Not that we're complaining. A decrease in crime is a positive change, but such a change leaves one wondering what motivated the decrease. Maybe here is no reason for the decrease — just a coincidence as things change year to year. Your guess is as good as ours. E-mail suggestions to our Web site if you feel so inclined.

Regardless, stay out of trouble and out of the Police Log and be safe this holiday season.



### STE GRAINER THE GEEK SAVANT

### Having tried options, housing tips offered

Living off campus should be a required part of the student experience. Just like living with a roommate, you have to learn to negotiate and fend for yourself in many ways. Living off campus means no more relying on the Festival or D-hall to provide you with food when you're hungry. It means making sure bills are paid when they're due. It means a lot more cleaning (for some people) than just your bedroom. At some point in the near future, you will have to live on your own (read: not under your parents' roof) so why not learn to do so while you're in college?

Even though we may take Harrisonburg for granted sometimes, there's a lot of options for places to live when you're ready to move off campus. Sure, there's not all that much to do for fun, but when it comes to housing, there's more than enough. There are so many choices that for someone making this decision the first time, I'm sure it's overwhelming.

Well, I'm here to help. I'm not going to call myself an expert, but I have lived in numerous places, so I can explain some of the basics.

If you're planning on living off campus next year and haven't started looking yet, go look — now. The sooner you figure out where you want to live, the better. Many of the major apartment complexes are renewing leases beginning this month or next; if you don't have an idea where you want to live by February, you very well may not get the place you want.

Like I said, there are a lot of places to choose from and each place offers a unique experience. You could get a house near Downtown Harrisonburg. You could get a huge townhome in a place like Pheasant Run or Foxhill. You could get a cozy little apartment in one of the smaller complexes around the edges of JMU. Or you could choose from one of the many apartment complexes in what I like to call Collegeville.

Currently, I live in Collegeville, in a place you might recognize from such events as the Commons fire. Collegeville is comprised of the complexes of the Commons, Ashby, South View, Hunter's Ridge, Foxhill and Squire Hill. While I am a little unnerved at recent events, there are still a lot of benefits that some college stu-

dents might find in living in apartment complexes like the Commons. Since that's where I'm currently living, I'll start here.

Apartment complexes, like the large ones that line Port Republic Road and Neff Avenue, are a great place for saving money. The Commons is similar to many other complexes' package deals and lease agreements. Currently, I only have to pay two bills: rent and electricity. It's nice getting free water, phone, cable and Internet. It's also really nice to live where all of my roommates share bedrooms on the same floor and along the same hallway. I think it's useful for becoming better friends. (It can also be more troublesome if you already have issues with your roommates from the start.) Because these apartments are located in what I call Collegeville, there's always something going on.

There are downsides to Collegeville, too. Because of the dense number of people, parking can be horrendous at times. If other people in your building throw parties but don't clean up after themselves, it can be annoying. Walking around broken bottles or vomit on a Saturday morning when your parents are visiting isn't exactly a Kodak moment. For lazy people like myself, walking to campus from home is not an option, so relying on the bus or rides is a must (unless you prefer to deal with campus parking which is an entirely separate issue). Loud parties at neighbors' apartments can be troublesome if you're trying to study or watch a movie with a few friends.

Say you're the quiet type. That's more what I am (sometimes). You'd probably prefer a townhouse along South Main Street or a house downtown. Why? Well, many of the houses or townhouses in these areas are not exclusively occupied by students. Living in a house downtown, you're much more likely to have a family or an older couple as neighbors, and you can bet they won't be throwing wild parties any time soon. You also might have less problems with parking and getting to campus. Closer to downtown, you'll have all the convenience of fun restaurants and, of

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From a forgetful freshman with a clean, untainted load of socks and underwear.

### Dart...

A "you-need-to-be-flushed" dart to the poopitrator who left cups of human feces in our room.  
From two roommates who will be locking their door from now on.

JESSON ZAFAR **BREEZE READER'S VIEW**

# Santa hard guy to catch

Sleigh bells ring, and I'm listening. Over the roar of the flowing river water I hear that distinct ho-ho-ho-ing (but by river I mean creek, and by water I of course mean the sewage drain-off from the parking lot), and I know once again that it's Christmas time. I slip out of my bed and stumble into some clothes, still half-asleep, but determined. Clumsily grabbing a coat hanger, bear trap, snorkel and half-chewed pretzel from under my bed, I glance around the room one more time. Perfect. The sun has just begun to rise and I'm on a mission.

Nearly 21 years ago I had a dream — a dream that, upon completion, would carry me to such notoriety that no 20-year-old-acting-like-a-6-year-old would ever parallel. A dream of catching the big red guy himself. No, I'm not speaking of the Kool-Aid man or the bearded lady down the street in the red moo-moo. I'm talking about the decrepit, but jovial, ole swindler we like to call Papas Fritas or Satan Claws — I mean, Santa Claus. Yes, St. Nick was here for sure, and as I began to sprint to the door, I couldn't help but flash back to the time when I almost nabbed him.

It was a few years back and I had stayed up late, bidding my time by watching all 18 "Rocky" movies and eating turkey-flavored crackers (which I later found out to be dog biscuits). After my parents went to sleep, I slowly crept downstairs and set up an elaborate booby trap that consisted of a watermelon tied to a string. With the string carefully rigged to a delectable sulfuric acid-dipped cookie, I placed

the watermelon on the book shelf across the room, setting it up so it would sail in true flight to the unsuspecting skull of the obese intruder. With my scheme almost at fruition, I deftly sneaked back upstairs and returned to the room I always liked to call, "my room." Feeling confident at my ninth try to catch the kiddie king of Noel, I soundly went to bed.

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*Santa had survived the acidic dessert ... and somehow evaded the Mongolian speeding-watermelon trap.*  
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The next morning, I rushed down the steps like a kid that rushes down steps really fast. However, there was no Claus. No, it couldn't be. Scanning the room, I saw that the cookie had been bit and the watermelon lay in pieces on the floor, yet I couldn't understand what had happened. I even tried explaining things to my Dad at the hospital that morning when he was treated for poisoning and severe head trauma, but even he didn't know. I had come so close — my plan was seemingly infallible. I mean, Santa had survived the acidic dessert (one of the oldest tricks in the book) and somehow evaded the Mongolian speeding-watermelon trap. I was baffled.

Snapping back into reality, I knew that now was my chance at redemption. A golden oppor-

tunity to accomplish what every normal college student wishes to accomplish: to catch the one and only Santa in a crude and extremely savage manner.

Leaping down the stairs and out the front door of the luxurious, rural getaway known as Mountain View Townhomes, I wildly scan the parking lot, searching in between cars, in other peoples houses and even under small rocks but to no avail. Finally, I hear the recognizable chanting again, "Ho-Ho-Hoouah!" This time followed by an ungodly stench coming from a nearby bush. Raising the chewed pretzel, poised to attack, I spring like a cat behind the shrub and notice that, in fact, it is not Santa at all. No, it is just my inebriated roommate throwing up after returning from a night at the bar. Coincidentally, he happened to sound exactly like Santa Claus while expelling the "bad water" from his system.

Breathing a deep sigh of discontent, I slowly trudged back to my room, realizing for the first time on the way up that it's 7:30 a.m. and not even Christmas. In fact, it's a Tuesday in December and I have class at 9:30. Grumpily returning to my slumber, I can't ignore the fact that my dream is still incomplete and St. Nick still freely wanders the skies and our homes. But I am not completely distraught, for I know that I'll have another chance, and Santa probably can't escape a tranquilizer gun.

*Jesson Zafar is a junior CIS major who is getting a lump of coal or a Backstreet Boy CD in his stocking this year.*

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Food saving idea needs support

**To the Editor:**  
 This month, our campus celebrated Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week along with hundreds of other colleges nationwide. During the course of the week, the Community Service Learning Office in Wilson Hall helped plan events to call students to action. On Nov. 13, 2001, the "Clean Your Plate" event took place at D-hall, where students participated in a weighing of how much food was collectively wasted during lunch. From 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., 463 pounds of food were wasted by students. Based on this statistic, in one semester, 51,856 pounds would be thrown away over lunch alone.  
 As students, why are these statistics relevant to us? Think

about how many people could be fed with these leftovers in malnourished third-world countries or in the United States alone. The non-profit organization Bread for the World found that 12 million children live in U.S. households where people have to skip meals or cut back on food expenses to make ends meet. Worldwide, over 800 million in the world go hungry. This is a major social issue we should become educated about.

We have the ability to contribute our resources in hopes of solving this problem. As a student, I struggle with trying to conserve food on a daily basis. I understand that with facilities like D-hall and Let's Go that serve you as much as you want, it's hard to gauge the amount you should take.

As individuals, there are ways to be more conscious of the food we discard. By trying to eat all that we take and con-

tributing our time by volunteering to tackle hunger issues, positive steps toward saving food can be made. The university also can get involved in this call to action.

Students in the past attempted to start a food salvage program at JMU but have not found the support to see it through. The problem lies that in order to transport food, a refrigerated truck is needed to meet health code standards. It is my hope that with enough support we can find the resources and funding to make this program happen. For more information regarding this subject, visit the Community Service Learning office in Wilson 204. Together we all can work to make a difference on our campus, and hopefully for the rest of the world.

**Campbell Palmer**  
 senior, SCOM  
 Hunger and Housing  
 Service Coordinator

## Housing options numerous for students

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course, Kline's Dairy Bar. On the other hand, costs are a lot higher in a house. Most likely, you'll have to pay for all of your utilities and even find providers for some services. When I lived in a townhouse downtown, we had to find providers for cable, Internet and phone. It's not necessarily hard, but it can be a hassle if you don't research the choices. Some of the houses have extremely high rent and you'll have to live with a larger number of roommates in order to afford the house. Of course, many of those houses are larger and more accommodating as well.  
 In the middle of these two

options are townhome complexes like Foxhill, Pheasant Run, Forest Hill and Squire Hill. These offer some of the best options of both sides with some compromises. You'll probably have to pay more for a good townhouse than for a good apartment, but less than a good house. Space is a lot greater in a townhouse than an apartment and parking generally isn't as bad. Most of the bigger townhouse complexes offer connections to the JMU network and have affordable cable/Internet/phone packages. In most townhouses, your neighbors more than likely will be college students. This could be an advantage or disadvantage, depending on your preference.

Overall, there are a lot of choices in Harrisonburg, especially if you start looking early and know what you want. For those of you currently living on campus and contemplating living there again next year: there are certain benefits to living on campus, but you're not really living on your own if you're living in a dorm. Unless you're planning on living with your parents for the rest of your life, try to live off campus for at least one year while you're in college. It's a good way to learn more than you can in a classroom listening to another lecture.

*Ste Grainer is a senior SMAD major who really thinks the best place to live is in the Duke Dog house.*

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junior, economics



MEGHAN MONTGOMERY (staff photographer)



"Metamucil."

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sophomore, music



"A little brother."

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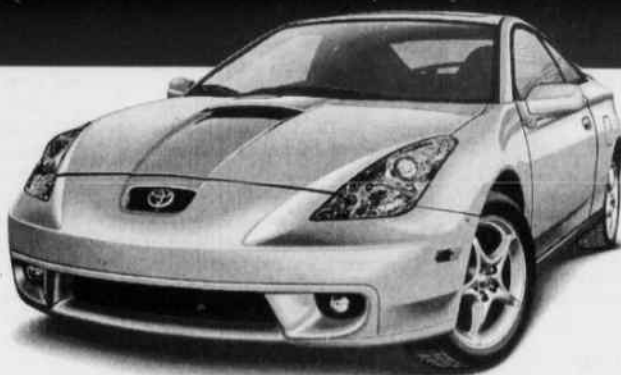


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**Daily rating:** 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

**Aries (March 21-April 19)**

Today is an 5 - Oops! Everything has come to a screeching halt. How did this happen? All of a sudden you're slogging through the mud instead of flying high. Don't waste energy complaining.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)**

Today is a 7 - It may seem as if there's not enough of anything to go around. Even resources that once seemed abundant now look skimpy. All is not

**Gemini (May 21-June 21)**

Today is a 5 - Whoa! All of a sudden you're facing one problem after another. If you keep the details straight, you'll regain control. Ask an expert for advice if you need it. You may have to change direction.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22)**

Today is a 5 - It's just one issue to resolve after another, all day long and well into the night. You're learning fast and love a challenge, so this is fun, right? Not really. You're successful in some things, but not in all. Better luck tomorrow.

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

Today is a 6 - Costs could be higher than expected, so budget carefully. Keep track of all the details to minimize surprises. You may have to turn down a loved one's request.

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

Today is a 6 - Everything was balanced precariously until you came along. You can push over the one domino that knocks down all the others. Don't let it happen by accident. Pay attention to what you're doing.

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

Today is a 6 - You're on a roller coaster. Caution is advised now, especially in travel. Be careful what you say, too. Amazingly, you're still able to think quickly, but don't take anything for granted. All is not as it seems.

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

Today is a 5 - If you're contemplating a big purchase, or even a lot of little ones, consult a thrifty friend first. The item that looks like a deal may have a fatal flaw. Find it before, not after, you close the deal.

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

Today is a 5 - Slam on the brakes. Find a hiding place. The less attention you draw now, the better. There's a time to be bold and a time to lay low for a few days. This is the latter.

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

Today is a 5 - The coast still isn't clear, but the fog is definitely lifting. You can visualize your destination, but you shouldn't begin the journey yet. Don't get mad about the stuff in your way. It'll make you stronger.

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

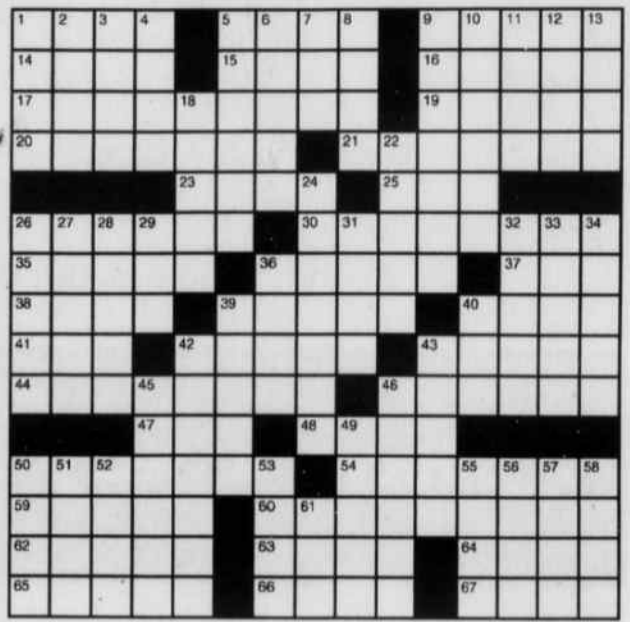
Today is a 6 - Discretion is advised, especially with your spending. You and your friends could go through everything you've saved in a very short time. You have a worthy cause, but that's no excuse to squander. Be thrifty!

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

Today is a 5 - It helps to have a good partner, but don't expect total agreement. Everybody has their own opinions, and they're all eager to express them.

—Tribune Media Services

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## celebrating Holiday spirit

Story by contributing writer Katie Holt  
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It's the holidays again, and like the song says, 'tis the season to be jolly. But for many JMU students getting ready for finals week, 'tis the season to be stressed, over-tired, cranky, broke and ready to get out of Harrisonburg for a few weeks.

No matter what the outlook may be on the holiday season, there is no denying that this is one of the busiest times of the year. But despite how jammed-pack schedules may be these next few weeks, it's important to remember to take a little time out to enjoy the holidays. Put down your books, crawl out from cubicles in the library, or, if you are one of the many skilled procrastinators out there, put off studying just a little longer, because it's time to celebrate the holidays for a bit. And the best way to do this, of course, is to have a party.

Throwing a good holiday party, however, requires a bit more care and consideration than hosting your average, run-of-the-mill keg-kicker. What are the necessary ingredients to ensure a successful seasons greetings bash? Here are some tips from a few JMU students who already gave in to the hankering of their holiday spirits.

### Ingredient One: Food

We've all grown somewhat accustomed to that lovely little weight gain that mysteriously sneaks up on us sometime between the end of November and the new year. It's not our fault, food is what the holidays are all about; it's what makes them so enjoyable. So when planning a holiday bash, keep in mind that nothing says seasons greetings better than a good plate of munchies.

Senior Laura Fedge and her roommates kept this in mind when they held their Christmas cocktail party Saturday night.

"We decided before Thanksgiving that we wanted to have a Christmas party and that we wanted it to be a cocktail party," Fedge said.

Fedge and her roommates extended invitations via word-of-mouth to friends, asking them to bring a bottle of wine. The hostesses provided a unique array of refreshments.

"Each roommate made something of her own," Fedge said. "I made macaroons and eggnog." The other roommates contributed spinach dip, veggie trays and various beverages.

Senior Amanda Packard is going potluck with her Christmas party tonight.

"[Pot luck] works best because then you don't have to do all the cooking," Packard said, "and since I'm on a diet, I can plan what I want to fix and eat."

Depending on how big your party is, you don't necessarily need an elaborate spread of

food. Juniors Nicole Reyes and Cristine Thompson kept their refreshment list simple on Saturday with cheese and crackers.

### Ingredient Two: Decorations

Christmas is easily the most decorative holiday of the year, so when planning a Christmas party, adorning your house with trinkets of the holidays is a must. What's a holiday party without at least a few lights strung around?

Fedge and her roommates went all out when decorating their Elizabeth Street home.

"We hung glitter decorations," Fedge said. "We have a front porch, so we wrapped lights around that."

The housemates also put lights around all the doors and windows, the staircase and the Christmas tree.

Packard's Christmas party is sure to be a decorative one as well.

"I've decorated my apartment with [blinking] lights on the porch, and a Christmas flag with a Santa on it that says 'holiday greetings' on my front door," Packard said. "I have a fake Christmas tree with colored lights, ornaments and tinsel. I also have Christmas plaid table cloths on my tables, snowmen glasses and cups, a Cabbage Patch Christmas figure, Christmas candy dishes, a Santa lamp and stockings my roomies and I made freshman year [that] we still have." Packard said her roommates love the way she decorates for the holidays.

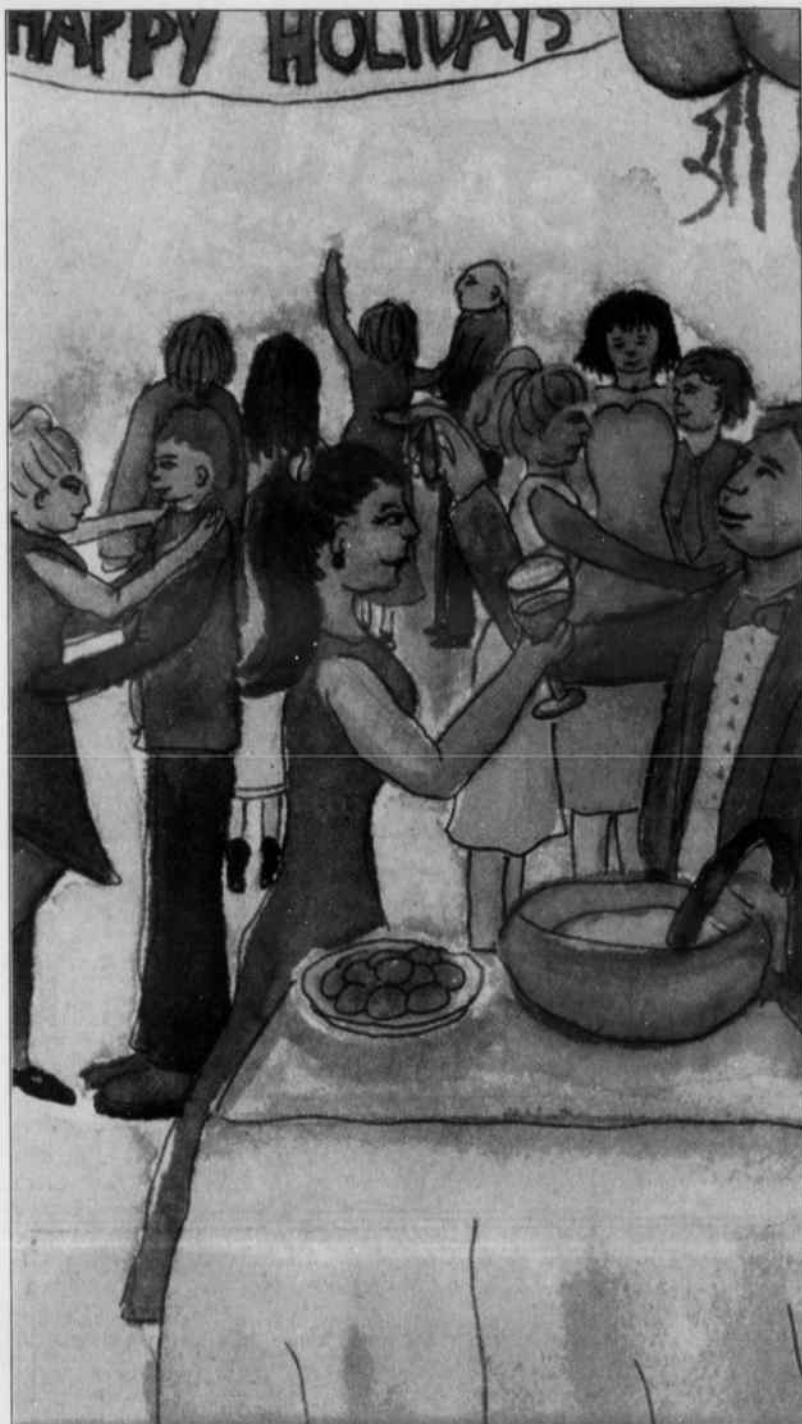
Sophomore Ashley Williams said the Christmas parties she threw in high school required large amounts of garland, mistletoe and low lighting.

While decorations truly can make a party, there is no need to break the bank on them. No one is expecting your apartment to resemble a Martha Stewart creation. Our very own Valley Mall is home to two of the world's most renowned Christmas decoration havens — Wal-Mart and The Dollar Store.

"Wal-Mart pretty much supplied our party," Fedge said. Williams agreed that Wal-Mart and The Dollar Store are the best places to find cheap decorations. And if you're truly pinched for cash, there are always plenty of decorations you can "borrow" from home.

### Ingredient Three: Music

Without music, all you really have is a bunch of people standing around with cups in their hand. Music is the lifeblood of any party; holiday ones included. Christmas carols are fun, but it's probably a good idea to mix things up a bit for excitement's sake.



"I played Christmas music upstairs around all the food," Williams remembered, "and had the regular dance music in the basement for the parties."

Fedge also incorporated a variety of music selections at her party.

"[We had] everything from jazz to Frank Sinatra to Christmas music to hip-hop," Fedge said.

### Ingredient Four: Dress Code

Most people enjoy dressing up for any sort of party and holiday ones are no different. Tharrington and Fedge said that semi-formal attire was the norm at their holiday parties.

"The boys wore a nice shirts and khakis," Tharrington said, "and a lot of the girls either wore red pants and a black top or black pants and a red top."

Williams said she preferred a more casual dress code at her holiday parties.

Formal or casual, crowded or low-key, holiday parties should be about enjoying the season with friends and loved ones. They should offer a break from what could otherwise be a very stressful couple of weeks.

"Christmas parties are just plain cute," Williams said "Everyone's gotta have a smile on their face with all the fun decorations. [They're] just awesome ... [there is] no reason not to throw one."

## Christmas Decorations and Such

When planning your holiday party, make sure to check out these places to ensure the perfect holiday atmosphere

### Shotzie's — 4090 Evelyn Byrd Ave.

- Assortments of Christmas flowers, fake Poinsettia plants, garland varieties, red and white heather sprays
- Large red and Christmas-print ribbons (by the yard)
- All types of tree ornaments — packages of glass ball and bell-shaped ornaments
- Brass candelabras, Yankee candles, candle holders
- Big lighted snowflakes for outdoors
- Fake Christmas tree varieties
- Fire resistant wreaths
- All sizes and styles of indoor/outdoor lights — clear, multi-color

### Wal-Mart — 2160 John Wayland Highway and the Valley Mall

- Live trees starting very small (all with red bows)
- Lighted lawn figures (angels, Santas, reindeer)
- Decorative popcorn tins
- Various live plants

- Christmas-scented potpourri bags and scented candles
- Packs of candy canes in various colors
- "TRE EURO DECO" plant/wreath/berried decorations
- Light sets — indoor/outdoor, color, flashing varieties — Nativity scenes, figurines, mini-village collectibles, bell wreaths and large sleighs
- Stockings, beaded garlands and tinsel, large red bows in all sizes, large plastic candy canes

### The Dollar Store — Valley Mall

- Candle holders, candles
- Various sizes of decorative bows (red, gold and patterns)
- Mini-stockings, regular, patterned and design stockings
- Santa hats
- Candy assortments and candy canes
- Window decorations — posters, pictures, hanging

### decors

- Poinsettia and garland wreaths
- Beaded garlands, tinsel, colored glass ornaments, figurines
- Miniature lights in sets of 35 and 50, icicle style lights, colored bulb covers and Santa-head bulb covers

### K-Mart — 1835 E. Market St.

- Live mini-trees of all sizes, variations, and prices; live poinsettias; potted trees and Christmas plants
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- 50-foot decorative garland
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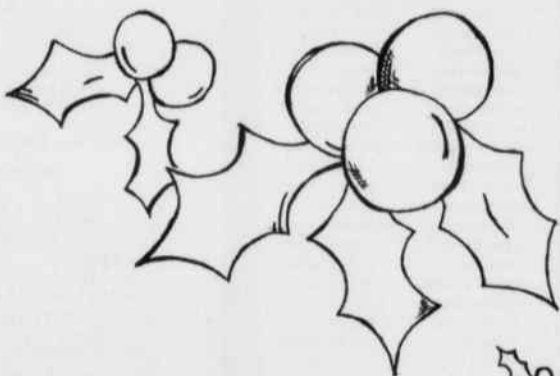
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"While spending an exorbitant amount of money is fun, it is actually more fun when it is somebody else's."

JAMES DAVID  
*a-fashion-nado*  
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# 'Tis the Season



Story by Anna Culbreth  
 Graphics by Stephanie Nelson  
 and Jody Worthington

Book-bound and exhausted by the inexorable weight of academia? Renew your spirits with more than a glass of warm apple cider and a session of channel surfing. You may think you have exhausted all the options, but with the holidays right around the corner, JMU and Shenandoah Valley organizations are offering numerous events to rechannel your stress. From religious organizations to secular entertainment venues, one has an endless amount of diversions during the two weeks before Winter Break.

Abandon thoughts of voodoo-inflicted harm on your most overbearing professor and take advantage of the revitalizing options provided. Here are some of the holiday options.

## Court Square Theater

The Theater Four players will perform "Twas the Night Before Christmas" at 10 a.m. on Dec. 6 and 7. Tickets are on sale in advance or at the door for \$3.50. Call 433-9189 for ticket reservations.

"Nuncracker," a zany Christmas version of the popular and hilarious show "Nonsense" will be recreated in a performance by the Waynesboro players. The show takes place Dec. 6 and 7 at 7:30 p.m. and Dec. 8 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are on sale in advance for \$8 for students and \$11 for general admission and can be purchased at the door for \$13.

Court Square Theater will feature local and regional talent in "The 1944 Radio Christmas Show" Dec. 13 through 15. The bulk of the show is comprised of a musical version of "The Gift of the Magi." In addition, the show will include re-inventions of vintage commercials and radio sing-alongs from the year 1944. "We have had numerous calls and e-mails to the office raving about the show. People who have seen it seem to be really excited about it," Court Square employee John Meyer said.

## Black Student Alliance

BSA is sponsoring a jazz night at Taylor

Down Under Friday, Dec. 7 from 7 to 11 p.m. The organization is bringing in two musical groups from Washington, D.C. — Vejandi Cortet and Urban Minds. It is free and open to everyone.

## Shenandoah Valley

Dickens of a Christmas is an unconventional celebration that will occur in downtown Roanoke on Dec. 7 and 14 at 6 p.m. This will be a Victorian Christmas celebration including community caroling, storytelling and horse-drawn carriage rides throughout the streets of downtown Roanoke. Santa's Workshop, a Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and a Christmas Victorian Parade also will be at the event. For more information on this and other events in surrounding towns, call the Roanoke Chamber of Commerce at (540) 342-2028 or check out the Web site at [www.shenandoah.org/calendar/index.html](http://www.shenandoah.org/calendar/index.html).

## Hillel Counselorship

On Sunday, Dec. 9 from 4 to 6 p.m. there will be an off-campus Hanukkah party sponsored by Hillel Counselorship. Junior Ellie Gibberman, Hillel's president, said, "The objective of the event is to have fun, to remember our heritage, take a break from stress and to spend time together." For more information, check Hillel's Web site at [www.jmu.edu/orgs/hillelcounsel](http://www.jmu.edu/orgs/hillelcounsel).

A Hanukkah dinner for the new members of the local Beth El Synagogue will be held on Dec. 16 at 5 p.m. However, the location has yet to be determined. Refer to the Hillel Counselorship Web site for more details.

## WMRA

Tune your radio to 90.7 AM — Harrisonburg's NPR radio station, WMRA on Dec. 9 to 16 for several Hanukkah specials. "Chanuka: It's story in words & song" will air Monday, Dec. 10 at 10 p.m. Hanukkah history from medieval to modern times will be shared.

"The Golden Dreidl: A Klezmer 'Nutcracker'" will air on Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. This holiday story will be set to "Nutcracker" music performed by the Shirim Klezmer Orchestra.

"Chanuka Lights" will air on Dec. 12 at 7 p.m.

"Chanuka Lights" is a series of stories that conjure up rich traditions of the past and present.

On Dec. 13 at 7 p.m., "Chanuka: One People Many Stories" will air, featuring three stories framed by the music of Gordon Lustig. For more information, check WMRA's Web site at [www.jmu.edu/wmra](http://www.jmu.edu/wmra).

## Catholic Campus Ministry

A traditional midnight mass will be held Saturday, Dec. 8 at CCM, located off South Main Street. Arrive early to get a seat and be prepared to sing some Christmas carols. In addition, a December mass will be held in Grafton-Stovall Theatre Dec. 9 at 9 p.m.

Spread holiday cheer and sing Christmas carols at Camelot Nursing Home Thursday, Dec. 13. Meet at the CCM house at 6:15 p.m. For further information, contact Kevin at [kostickj@jmu.edu](mailto:kostickj@jmu.edu) or visit the CCM Web site at [www.jmu.edu/orgs/catholicccm](http://www.jmu.edu/orgs/catholicccm).

## InterVarsity Christian Organization

On Saturday, Dec. 8, the organization will sponsor a Christmas-theme, semi-formal dance at Melrose from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. The tickets are \$8 and can be purchased in advance or at the door. Bring a date or go solo.

## Agape Christian Fellowship

On Friday, Dec. 7, ACF's last large group meeting will be held in Zane Showker G-5 at 7 p.m. On Saturday, Dec. 8, ACF will hold its annual Christmas Party at 7 p.m. in the Airport Lounge (4th Floor Warren Hall). The Christmas party is semi-formal attire only. Immediately following the event, the party will convene at a local restaurant to eat. The restaurant is yet to be determined.

## Unlikely holiday pleasers

Winter film round up

BY CARRIE DODSON  
*staff writer*

For this year's holiday movie round up, instead of highlighting the best of the best in the holiday film category, I decided to pay homage to a few of the lesser-known but equally festive holiday classics. Everyone knows about Rudolph, the Grinch and Jimmy Stewart, but what about their less-glamorous cousins Frosty, Ernest P. Worrel and Emmett Otter? Here they are, in no particular order, the top five unexpected holiday favorites:

• **"A Christmas Toy" (1987)**  
 A product of Jim Henson's fantastic world of muppetry, this Christmas favorite from childhood features the secret lives of toys on Christmas Eve (a la "Toy Story"). Last year's present was a stuffed tiger named Rugby and little does he know, he is about to be replaced by the very scary plastic space queen toy Meteor. There are miniature car chases around the house, close calls every time a human enters their secret world and dangerous encounters with the family cat. Best of all, Kermit is the film's narrator.

• **"Ernest Saves Christmas" (1988)**  
 As every serious film critic knows, no list is complete without an Ernest movie in the mix, especially this Christmas gem from the mind of Jim Varney. Wow — where does one start to describe this flick? Ernest helps Santa find a successor in time to make his annual deliveries, but not without a few snags and gags along the way. There's nothing like an Ernest classic to bring college students back to their youth.

• **"Emmett Otter's Jugband Christmas" (1977)**  
 Maybe it's unfair to devote two slots on the list to Jim Henson and his muppets, but this film is comedy gold. As far as villains go, the deadly Riverbottom Gang takes the cake as their rock band rivals Emmet's Jugband in the town talent show to win \$50. Words cannot describe the oddity that is Otter's Christmas world. The characters are like no other muppet movie (there are snakes, otters, foxes and weasels — animals that should never mix), but the muppet message of love and hope for all shines through in the end.

• **"Frosty the Snowman" (1969)**  
 Based on the popular Christmas tune, this short film (only 22 minutes long) wanted to be like the famed Rudolph movie, but it lacks the same fur-mation quality and opts for 2-D line drawings instead. None-the-less, it is a Christmas classic brilliantly narrated by Jimmy Durante. This often-forgotten classic is definitely worth a gander this holiday season, if only for the weird white rabbit always hopping about who escaped Alice's adventures for a romp with Frosty.

• **"The Nightmare Before Christmas" (1993)**  
 Is this technically a holiday movie? I'm not sure, but this Tim Burton cult fave is worth a watch (who else puts together Christmas and Halloween?). The technical accomplishment gives the film its power as a multi-holiday classic. Ghoulish and heartwarming, "Nightmare" is a great holiday movie to watch to rinse the "It's a Wonderful Life" taste out.

## Novel reads

Literary critic lists 2001's top five

BY ZAK SALIH  
*senior writer*

Oskar Schindler. David Letterman. *The New York Times*. What do they have in common, you ask? Why, they all have lists. Ah, yes. Lists. As 2001, with all its triumphs and tragedies, folds to a close, newspapers and magazines are stuffed with lists like a Christmas stocking. Best Movies of the Year, important Historic Events, best Songs of the Year and even *The Celebrities We Saw This Year That We Could Do Without* — the list (no pun intended) goes on and on. While some of them are credible, others ridiculous and others still revered like ancient deities, almost all of the "Year's Best" lists are entertaining to read.

Well, my fellow readers, it appears that yours truly has caught list-fever as well. I've decided to provide a list of the five best books of 2001. I am almost certain that the books I've mentioned below, in no particular order, will get boos and hisses from the global community of literary critics. Some of them are not the epitome of what classic literature should be. I've chosen these books because of their curiosity, ingenuity and style. And hey, I think they're pretty entertaining reads, too. The books I've chosen may raise a few eyebrows

or incite a few frowns, but it's a truthful list. Hopefully, the selections are as honored to be there as I am to have read them.

1. **"The Dying Animal"** by Philip Roth — Short and sweet, this book is more of a novella than a novel, but for my first outing with Roth, it was filling and finished far too quickly (think of it as a gourmet Big Mac). "Animal" is the third in a trilogy of books concerning college professor David Kepesh's exploration of the sexual world; this third concerns his reflection on an affair with a 24-year-old Cuban student. Sexually explic-



All Things Literary

by senior writer  
 Zak Salih

it as it is, Roth also is explicit in his description of Kepesh's rumination on sexual longing and the bitter residue of the relationship that has turned him into Keats' "dying animal."

2. **"Fury"** by Salman Rushdie — I reviewed this



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book earlier in the fall and what I said then is still true. Rushdie's tongue-in-cheek satire features another professor, this one an expatriate from India who tries to escape his Harry Potter-esque creation in, of all places, New York City. There are passages in this novel that flow like water and reverberate as loudly as violent surf. Whether it's the Elian Gonzalez fiasco, the convoluted 2000 Presidential election ("Gush versus Bore"), or the chaos of urban existence, Rushdie adeptly handles "The City That Never Sleeps" and describes it as truthfully as any contemporary American writer could.

3. **"The Fourth Hand"** by John Irving — In the aftermath to "The Fourth Hand," Irving says the nucleus for the novel was sparked after he saw the first successful hand transplant on the evening news. The result is the farcical story of Patrick Wallingford, a television jour-

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## Company breaks the modern mold

BY JOANIE CLARK  
*staff writer*

Combining humor, jazz and lively costumes with modern dance pieces, the Virginia Repertory Dance Company will perform this weekend in Latimer-Shaeffer Theatre.

"There's a lot of pieces that break the stereotype [of modern dance]," senior Keira Hart, a rehearsal assistant, said. "It's so polished and thought through. The costumes and lights — everything has been a process."

The concert is performed by the Virginia Repertory Dance Company, composed of eight JMU junior and senior dance majors. Director Kate Trammell, a professor in the School of Theatre and Dance, held auditions last semester for students to train for a professional dance company experience. Training began last semester through intensive residencies with guest artists to prepare the dancers for the fall performing semester. Tonight the students will present five pieces that are choreographed by both local profes-

sors and guest artists from Washington, D.C. and New York City.

“There's a lot of pieces that break the stereotype [of modern dance].”

— Keira Hart  
 senior

Ed Tyler, currently freelancing in Washington, D.C., is the first guest artist whose work will appear in the concert. Titled "Flux," his piece opens with dark electronic music and floods the stage with eight dancers adorned in metallic-looking costumes.

"It's very much about space — the architecture of the group in space," Trammell said.

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VIRGINIA REPERTORY DANCE COMPANY  
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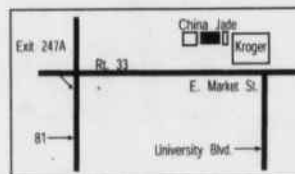
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# A-fashion-ado's wish list

Sources close to the fashion police station reported seeing the same fashion victim at three separate parties Saturday night. He wore a periwinkle, wrinkled cotton and linen H&M shirt, navy wool pants that looked black, a brown leather jacket and light brown flip-flops. Unfortunately, that fashion victim was me.

After I was confronted many times, and word got back to the station, I decided to take a break from the force this week.

I took this time off to compile my all-important Christmas list. (I know there are more holidays than Christmas this time of year but I think it is politically correct to call it my Christmas list because I am Catholic.)

After compiling it, I realized there is no way Santa is going to bring me all the things I want. So I am asking my readers to make contributions to my newest campaign. If you liked the "things that make you go 'hmm'" campaign, then you will love the "give money to the a-fashion-ado" campaign.

Before you take your checkbooks out and start throwing money my way, let me tell you what your money will be going toward. Items on my list include a new Tag Heuer watch, a long gray coat and rider boots that can be found at either J. Crew or ALDO. I also want button-up shirts in all shades of blue and lots of new dress pants.

These and the rest of the

items on my list have one thing in common besides being the gifts I hope to be unwrapping Christmas Day. They all are items any business professional should have, meaning they are professional fashion staples.

Seniors are starting to daydream about graduating and joining the working world. You wouldn't want to be naked at work in your dream, so why would you want to be naked at work in real life? Unless ...

coat? Say "no" and mean it.

We must remain practical in the pursuit of clothes over our college years. We should be buying articles of clothing that can transition with us as we move on and up in the world. Instead of asking for a plaid shirt at American Eagle, maybe you should go for a solid button-up shirt. Thus, after college you can put it with a tie and be good to go to work, once you put on pants, of course.

izes that their clothes aren't suited for the office shouldn't have to go out and spend \$1,000 on new clothes. They should plan ahead. While spending an exorbitant amount of money is fun, it is actually more fun when it is somebody else's.

My advice for the holiday season — when someone asks you what you want for (insert holiday here), request something you can wear after college for your days in the working world.

Since it is the season of giving, I have another piece of advice for you — buy clothes on sale. You know that sweater you like at the GAP? Well, it is \$44 now. In two weeks I bet it will be \$22, in three it will be \$12.99. So, I say wait until it is on sale.

This also becomes an act of social protest. If you buy an article of clothing on sale at any store, the company is not making a huge profit off sweatshop labor. Not only am I fashion conscious, I also have a social conscience.

The dictionary describes fashion as "that which what looks nice to wear." Hi, I'm James David. You can send all donations to The Breeze, MSC 6805 or deliver them to the basement of Anthony-Seeger Hall. Also look out for me next semester as I get back to policing JMU fashion crime. Our cadets will offer more "things that make you go 'hmm,'" and I will rehabilitate repeat offenders through our upcoming makeover contest.

Happy Holidays.



## A - fashion - nado

by senior writer  
James David

Anyway, as we all move toward our academic goals, we should keep in mind what we will be wearing for our post-JMU careers.

Do you want to be left behind? Do you want to be the office fashion victim? Do you want to be that person in cargo pants and a sports coat? Do you think you'll be cool going to the office in BBP (black bootie pants) and a tube top? Do you want to be that person wearing a North Face jacket when everyone else has an over-

Sure that faded T-shirt and all those sweatshirts look fine now, but most jobs expect workers to dress at least corporate casual. In fact, the other day I was reading an article about how offices are moving away from business casual to more formal, traditional office attire.

Do you want to pay for all these professional clothes? Say "no" again. All the items on my Christmas list are there for this very reason — I don't want to pay for them.

A recent graduate who real-

# 'Tis the season to be entertained

BY SCOTT KING  
senior writer

'Tis the season to be jolly and busy with the commotions of the holiday season. Between travel, shopping, friends and family, there will be plenty of movies coming to theaters allowing some needed down time.

This Friday, the highly anticipated "Oceans 11" opens nationwide, starring George Clooney, Brad Pitt and Matt Damon. The film is a remake of a '60s gangster flick that featured Frank Sinatra and the rest of the Rat Pack.

A spoof on the teen film genre, "Not Another Teen Movie," hits theaters Dec. 14. It parodies the classic clichés and characters of popular high school flicks such as "The Breakfast Club," "American Pie" and "She's All That."

For a different flavor, "Vanilla Sky" also opens that weekend. Tom Cruise plays a womanizer who falls in love with his best friend's girlfriend (Penelope Cruz). His entire world changes after a car accident kills his jealous lover and leaves him horrendously disfigured.

Wednesday, Dec. 19 brings the much awaited film "Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring" based on the J.R.R. Tolkien novel. "The Fellowship of the Ring" may be the only movie this holiday season that rivals the fan base and pre-hysteria that "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" achieved. Advance ticket sales for the film have out-sold those of "Harry Potter."

"Ring" is the story of nine companions who work together to destroy an evil ring. Expect an all-star ensemble cast including Ian McKellen, Elijah Wood, Sean Astin, Sean Bean, Cate Blanchett and Liv Tyler.

Dec. 21 is perhaps the biggest day for the holiday film season. Seven movie releases are scheduled, including the second heavy-weight to be released on Dec. 21 is Jim Carrey's "The Majestic."

The movie is a drama set in 1951 that is more similar to the serious undertones of "The Truman Show" as opposed to one of his comedies. Carrey plays a man who loses his memory and ends up in a small town where he is mistaken as a World War II soldier.

Offering up some alternative comedy that weekend is "The Royal Tenenbaums." The flick presents an all-star cast including Gwyneth Paltrow, Ben Stiller, Angelica Houston and Gene Hackman. The group portrays a once-flourishing family that has deteriorated and fallen apart over the years.

Tim Allen returns to the big screen with "Joe Somebody" for the first time since the 1999 film "Galaxy Quest." Allen plays a divorced corporate drone who snaps and decides it's time to fight back.

"Kate and Leopold" reveals a time-traveling Hugh Jackman who is sent 100 years into the future to present day. Jackman falls in love with Meg Ryan, and the movie hinges on whether or not he will decide to return to his own time.

Will Smith stars in "Ali," opening Christmas Day. The film looks at the life of Cassius Clay's transformation into the legendary boxer Muhammad Ali. Smith is joined by his wife Jada Pinkett Smith, Jaime Foxx and Jon Voight.

The other big Christmas Day release is "Impostor" starring Gary Sinise. Sinise plays the inventor of the ultimate weapon in a war against aliens, but who's side he is on is unclear.

"Jay and Silent Bob" is showing on campus at Grafton-Stovall Theater this weekend. This mindless comedy offers a break from studying for finals on Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. For a late night study break, there are midnight showings of "Chasing Amy" on Friday and "Dogma" on Saturday.

# How campus movies make the cut

BY SCOTT KING  
senior writer

The October sneak preview of "K-PAX" in Grafton-Stovall Theatre was crazy. The sneak preview drew an impressive crowd and many may wonder, "Gee, how are movies chosen to play on campus?" The University Program Board is responsible for bringing movies to Grafton to entertain the student body.

"Distributors that work with college campuses give us a list of movies each month that are on their second run — before

they hit video, but after they hit theaters," said junior Anthony Marchegiano, UPB director of Cinematic Events. "Then we can also get our hands on almost any other previously released film."

Marchegiano explained that UPB has relationships with several distributors that can provide sneak previews for the JMU audience. "We contact [distributors] when there are films we are interested in," Marchegiano said. "They are normally more than willing to [give us a sneak preview] to

help out with marketing."

UPB pays anywhere between \$400 and \$1,000 to gain the rights to play a movie. "We are not out to make money. We are out to pretty much break even as best we can as an organization," Marchegiano said. "We are just trying to meet what SGA sets as our goals."

The UPB film committee is responsible for choosing the films brought to campus. This semester, the film committee met each Monday; the spring semester meeting day has not yet been decided. "Anyone is

invited [to the meetings]. Whoever wants to come and put in their two cents to see what films we can do are more than welcome to come," Marchegiano said. He also said that UPB is always looking for more volunteers to help out at movie screenings.

Volunteers collect tickets, sell popcorn and help out with crowd control during sneak previews. For more information and to find out when the committee meetings will be held next semester, go to [www.upb.org](http://www.upb.org) or call x8-6217.

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# JUST GO OUT!

compiled by Erin Henry

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# Big disappointments in 'Black Knight'

BY LIZA BACERRA  
contributing writer

In this modern version of Mark Twain's "A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court," Martin Lawrence plays Jamal Walker, a disgruntled worker for Castle World, a medieval-themed amusement park. Jamal gets sucked into the past trying to retrieve a golden necklace he spies floating in the moat.

Encountering knights, peasants and a real-life castle, Jamal thinks he has wandered into a medieval play. He gradually realizes, however, that he is in the 14th century. Now, he just wants to go home.

Unwillingly entangled in intrigues and schemes, Jamal tries every diversion tactic he can think of to keep the suspi-

**"BLACK KNIGHT"**  
STARRING:  
MARTIN LAWRENCE  
RATED: PG-13  
RUNNING TIME:  
95 MINUTES



cious Sir Perceval (Vincent Regan) from learning of Victoria's (Marsha Thomason) plan to depose the illegitimate reign of the king, all the while trying not to involve himself in the rebellion. He ultimately chooses to stay and fight, stirring a has-been knight, Sir Knolte, (Tim Wilkinson) back into battle. With Sir Knolte and Victoria, Jamal leads the rag-tag rebellion to combat.

Directed by Gil Junger

("10 Things I Hate About You"), the film's storyline and requisite jokes are trite and formulated, generating a few obligatory laughs for Martin Lawrence's sake — sexual innuendoes and "befouled privies" are always good for a laugh.

Lawrence ("Big Momma's House," "Blue Streak") brings his usual slapstick, physical humor into this comedy, playing several roles including a messenger, a court jester and a lord of the court. He dazzles the aristocrats and peasants alike with his self-deprecating behavior and hip-hop charm.

The talent of Wilkinson ("The Patriot," "In the Bedroom") seems wasted in this movie, as he gives a heart-

felt performance as the besotted knight salvaging his once-brilliant career. The rest of the cast is a cacophony of one-dimensional characters who serve only as props for Lawrence's off-the-wall buffoonery.

Unless you're a hard-core Lawrence fan, or just seeking mindless entertainment for an hour and a half, this movie is not worth your trouble.

**Movie review key**

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

# Literary list of 2001

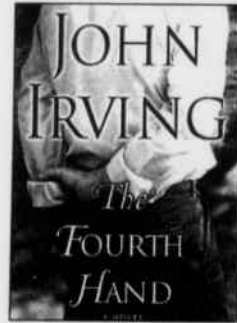
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-nalist whose hand is lost after a lion eats it. After receiving a donor hand by the recently deceased Mr. Clausen, Clausen's wife pines for a baby with Wallingford. What follows is an awkward, fantastical love story, peppered with chapters on Wallingford's womanizing misadventures. Though it may not be Irving at his best, it is Irving nonetheless, which is all the incentive needed to read "The Fourth Hand."

4. "Dogwalker" by Arthur Bradford — Apartments are visited by men with faces like cats and littered with deformed puppies. A yellow slug "the size of a large loaf of bread" that middle-aged losers find in a glove compartment and try to sell for quick cash. Haircuts at "The Texas School for the Blind" that end with the scissors in a student's leg. Bill McQuill, who happens to fall asleep on railroad tracks and ends up in two pieces, one of which can't stop talking. A game that involves carving your initials into an apple held in someone's mouth — with a chainsaw. A story that begins: "No doubt you'll think I'm strange when I tell you I've been making love with my girlfriend's dog. But that is not my most unsettling secret." These are Bradford's stories centered

on Man's Best Friend. It is a crisp collection that, despite its weirdness, is amazingly intriguing and wildly entertaining.

5. "The Body Artist" by Don DeLillo — "Artist" is confusing, convoluted and probably won't make a lot of sense to anyone (it didn't to me). It is, however, a wonderfully written novella about death, relationships and love as told through Lauren Hartke, who lives in a secluded beach house after the death of her husband and discovers a mysterious stranger living with her. At times, the story reads like one giant metaphor, but it doesn't detract from the beauty of DeLillo's prose, as powerful as ever and beautiful enough to prompt reading out loud.



Courtesy of RANDOM HOUSE

# Dance reflections

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"Having performed it, (we) just have a better sense of the group," senior Lindsay Kipness said. Rehearsing since last semester, the performers have been focusing heavily on the concepts and images Tyler intended to portray.

"It was very collaborative. A lot of choreographers in this concert have asked (us) to take an idea or movement from what they've given and create (our) own variation on it," senior Alicia White said.

A jazz number, "After Hours," is choreographed by professor Suzanne Miller-Corso. Set to the music of Prince, it has a contemporary atmosphere with a hint of the 1930s.

"It has that sophisticated, retrograde feel," Miller-Corso said. "Jazz is a little more accessible, its function is to entertain; you don't have to think about it. It's not interpretive," Miller-Corso said. "I definitely want people to be entertained by it."

Professor Shane O'Hara follows Miller-Corso by drawing the audience into a much darker world. The world he creates is not fiction. It was indirectly inspired by the recent terrorist events.

"It was definitely created in

the shadow of [Sept. 11]," O'Hara said. "Where the emotional dust has settled and where it's still floating in the air." The title, "After" attempts to reflect the nation's mentality after dealing with the effects of that day.

Guest artist Monica Bill Barnes rekindles the audience's spirit with a lively showcase of Elvis impersonators. An exceptionally interesting aspect of the piece is the costume changes in "Elvis Unsettled." Drawing on both humor and active movement, the costumes in this piece often double as props.

In addition to absurdity and comedy, Barnes often has an underlying commentary as a canvas for her work. She often uses the stage as a window to glimpse human behavior.

"In a sense, it's character driven; you get views of very specific people," Trammell said. "There is an aspect of humor that unifies it."

The choreography of guest artist Tiffany Mills also appears in the concert with a piece titled "Open Nerve." The Virginia Repertory Dance Concert runs Dec. 6 to Dec. 8, starting each night at 8 p.m. in Latimer-Shaeffer Theatre in Duke Hall. Tickets are \$6 for students and \$10 for non-students.

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# SPORTS

**POTW wrap-up**  
The final standings are in and Texas gets a win to make up for losing the Big XII.  
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"The guys on the team this year really like to work hard and enjoy challenges."

JONATHAN HUESDASH  
junior wrestler  
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## Heisman home in trouble

Downtown Athletic Club faces an uncertain future

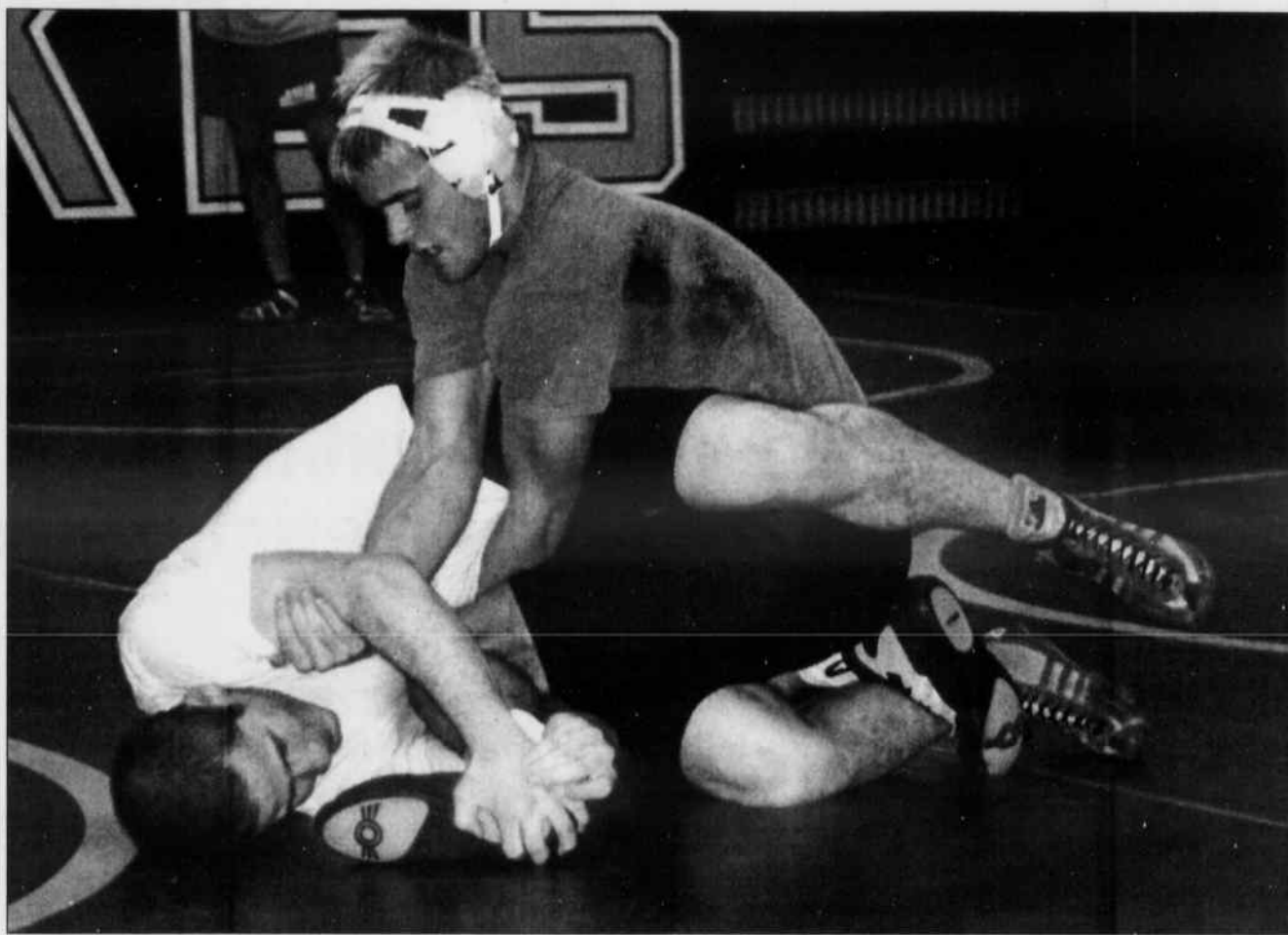
BY JOE GERGEN  
Newsday

The canopy at the entrance, partly obscured by scaffolding, proclaims the interior as "Home of the Heisman Trophy." But the Downtown Athletic Club, which will honor the outstanding college football player in the country for the 67th consecutive year this weekend, is virtually empty on this Tuesday afternoon days before its signature event.

Complicating an economic downturn that had compromised the organization's viability is its proximity to the fallen towers of the World Trade Center. In the hours after the tragedy of Sept. 11, hundreds of survivors sought refuge from the raining debris and choking dust in the club's lobby, where the original trophy was on display. The building was turned into a temporary triage center before it was evacuated in the afternoon. Although the structure is sound, it has yet to reopen for members, and the celebrated bronze figure of a ball-carrier throwing a stiff arm has been moved to a secure office upstairs.

"We lost 11 members," said Jim Corcoran, appointed president of the DAC in May. One of those listed as a fatality had played basketball with the man in the early morning before

## WRESTLING



BRENNBA BAILEY/staff photographer

Freshman Brian Hanifan (left) and sophomore Jeremy Rankin spar in practice on Tuesday. The Dukes were preparing for tonight's home opener against the Dragons of Drexel University. JMU failed to win its third-consecutive CAA championship last year, coming in second and the task will not be easier this year in a revamped conference.

## Wrestling faces new-look CAA, tough schedule in effort to recapture crown

Schedule includes spring match-up with National Champion Minnesota

BY RENEE KART  
contributing writer

Since their first two matches, JMU's wrestling team has been conditioning, practicing and focusing so that its upcoming season in a new-look conference is a challenge that it can meet.

"The guys on the team this year really like to work hard and enjoy challenges," junior captain Jonathan Huesdash said. "We've been putting in a lot of effort, and hopefully we'll be ready to step up to those challenges."

In 2000-'01 the Dukes failed to secure their third consecutive Colonial Athletic Association championship, finishing second in the conference.

The team has participated in the Navy Open and the Penn State Open so far

this season. The team is in good shape, but it is not where it wants to be and hopefully with some practice it will eventually be there, according to junior Josh Fultz.

"Navy and Penn State were our first tournaments this year; we're just getting warmed up," Huesdash said. "We're up against really good competition; we have to show them that we're ready."

This season has JMU up against great competition and a some key injuries. Generally, injuries are unavoidable and the Dukes are struggling to cope.

"I'm on injured reserve right now because I tore my ACL at our first match," Fultz said. "My surgery is scheduled over Winter Break, and even though that

means I should be out for the season, I'm going to see if I can get back in."

The team practices so that it can wrestle tougher and continue to improve. The

do well, freshman Aaron Swift said.

"The team has to work on doing better in conditioning," Swift said. "We need to practice having better foot positioning and movement so that we don't get taken down."

The team conditions both physically and mentally to be prepared for their competition. They are well-rounded when it comes to the amount of time they practice, but they need to get the right mind-set down, according to freshman Dan Adams.

"We need to work on staying mentally tough for the whole season," Huesdash said. "Being focused for the whole season is the biggest thing for our team."

The team has the tough-

est schedule for the upcoming season that it has ever had, he said. The team is in a new conference where it has to wrestle against the top competition. On Saturday it will go up against the Minnesota Gophers, the defending national champions.

With the transition from high school, freshmen wrestlers also have experienced a new level of competition. With the schedule that it has, the wrestlers are normally very busy, but they are always trying to keep working hard and stay healthy, according to Fultz.

"It's a whole new experience for me here at JMU," Swift said. "The level is way above what it was in high school, and the competition is definitely a challenge, but I think we're ready."

"We need to work on staying mentally tough for the whole season."

— Jonathan Huesdash  
junior, captain

Navy and Penn State matches have given the team an overview of the skills they need to work on to be able to

"A lot of places have invited us to go there. They say, 'Come join the club and ... bring the Heisman.'"

— Jim Corcoran  
president of the DAC

walking to work. Corcoran, a senior vice president of Morgan Stanley, planned to make an infrequent visit to his company's trading office on the 60th floor of the South Tower later that day.

The indirect toll on the club has yet to be tallied. But when Corcoran returns to the DAC after Saturday's announcement of the trophy winner and Monday night's dinner, as well as the other weekend activities, all of which will be staged uptown at the Marriott Marquis, he will have to deal with the organization's uncertain future. "I feel like I'm on the Titanic," he said, "and we just hit the iceberg."

From a peak of approximately 4,000 in the early 1980s, membership has dwindled to 841 in two decades. After filing for bankruptcy in 1998, the DAC satisfied creditors by selling its 35-story landmark building on West Street for \$16 million to a real-estate investment firm, which re-sold the lower 13 floors to the club for \$8 million. According to Corcoran, it still was losing almost \$100,000 a month before the destruction of the WTC.

"My first goal is to save the club," he said. "A lot of places have invited us to go there. They say, 'Come join our club and, by the way, bring the Heisman.'"

The award, known as the Downtown Athletic Club trophy when it was first presented to Jay Berwanger of the University of Chicago in 1935, was renamed the Heisman Memorial Trophy in 1936 in tribute to John Heisman, the renowned college football coach who served as the club's athlet-

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## 2001 Picks Of The Week Final Results



### Champion — The Longhorn

The Murph has handled her narrow victory with all the reserved dignity of Carl Everett. Longhorn waited until the win was sealed and then consoled Cheech, saying that she "has sucked all year long." She took the comment back, saying that Cheech has sucked just most of the year. It's all in fun, Murph, congrats.



### Third Place — Wilson

Wilson occupies the land of mediocrity. He didn't pick poorly, but he certainly didn't make a name for himself thanks to a second-half dive. There were just too many ups and downs for Wilson on the homefront, with his estrangement from a certain television psychic being followed by the recent fling with a "Mrs. N." Drew would like to thank the NBA for such crappy basketball that he was forced to watch more football this year.



### First Loser — Snoop

Snoop went for the glory and became the goat. He picked three games differently from Murph, going for sole possession of the title, and wound up striking out on Saturday. Snoop gets the Comeback Player of the Year award after rallying from the cellar all the way to second. He'd like to thank cheesy-pooofs and that red Mountain Dew junk for fueling his comeback.



### Cellar — Cheech

Cheech was proud to receive her "Participant" ribbon for completing the season; she wears it proudly. Cheech started the year with some promise, but a Homecoming-bender with Nate Newton left our style editor stealing cheesy-pooofs from Snoop's desk and watching hours and hours of The Game Show network. Cheech would like to blame the Buddha for her last place finish.

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# Home of Heisman at risk

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director in his later years. It is a delicious incongruity that New York, which hasn't had major representation in the sport for a half century, remains the guardian of college football's most enduring individual achievement. Corcoran believes that though New Yorkers may not care which of the finalists announced Tuesday (all quarterbacks, Miami's Ken Dorsey, Nebraska's Eric Crouch, Florida's Rex Grossman or Oregon's Joey Harrington) wins the award, they are financially moved to see that the trophy stays put. "I know the Heisman will never be sold to anybody," he pledged. The Heisman lured him to the club when he decided to put his business degree to use on Wall Street in 1984. Corcoran was more than a college football fan. A defensive back who holds the school

records for interceptions since Georgetown resumed football (in Division III) in 1970, Corcoran estimated that he badgered about a dozen pro franchises for a job after his 1982 graduation. He was a fixture at minicamps and training camps. The Redskins, Bears and Bills were just three of the NFL clubs for which he sweated. He had tryouts with the Ottawa Rough Riders," he recalled. At least, in Canada, he got to throw the ball around with namesake Jim "King" Corcoran, the celebrated minor-league quarterback who made Joe Namath appear shy by comparison. At Georgetown, he also lettered in track and baseball and was invited by John Thompson to join the basketball team as a walk-on in his senior year. That coincided with Patrick Ewing's freshman campaign. The Hoyas advanced all the way to the NCAA championship game,

decided by Michael Jordan's jump shot in the final minute, but without Corcoran. "I was released about a month and a half prior to that," he said. "I'm still not sure why. Maybe it's because I was leaving practice early to join the track team. I was trying to get faster for the draft." Corcoran has channeled his love for competition into the athletic endeavors of his five children, coaching pee-wee football, basketball and soccer teams and running the Little League program in his hometown of Point Lookout. But his personal energy can't make the DAC solvent. "We're hoping to reopen in January," he said during a break in meetings at the club's spartan offices. "A lot of members want to get back in and see their friends. But this has to be turned into a business now." Otherwise, the Heisman Trophy soon will be homeless.

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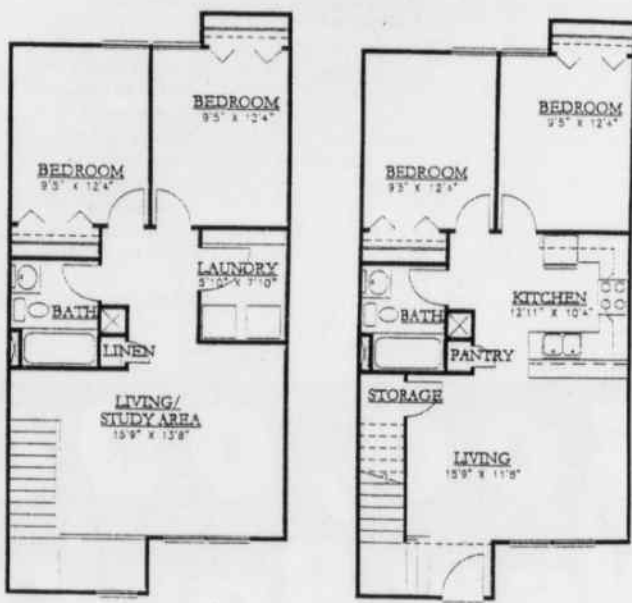
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