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Beyond repair

Crews demolish Financial Services Building after November fire

BY KATIE HOOKER
contributing writer

The JMU Financial Services Building that caught fire last November was torn down last week while architectural plans still are in the works for its replacement in 2006.

Damages from the incident, deriving mainly from flooding by water hoses and weather, will amount to between \$2.5 and \$3 million, according to Fred Hilton, JMU's director of media relations.

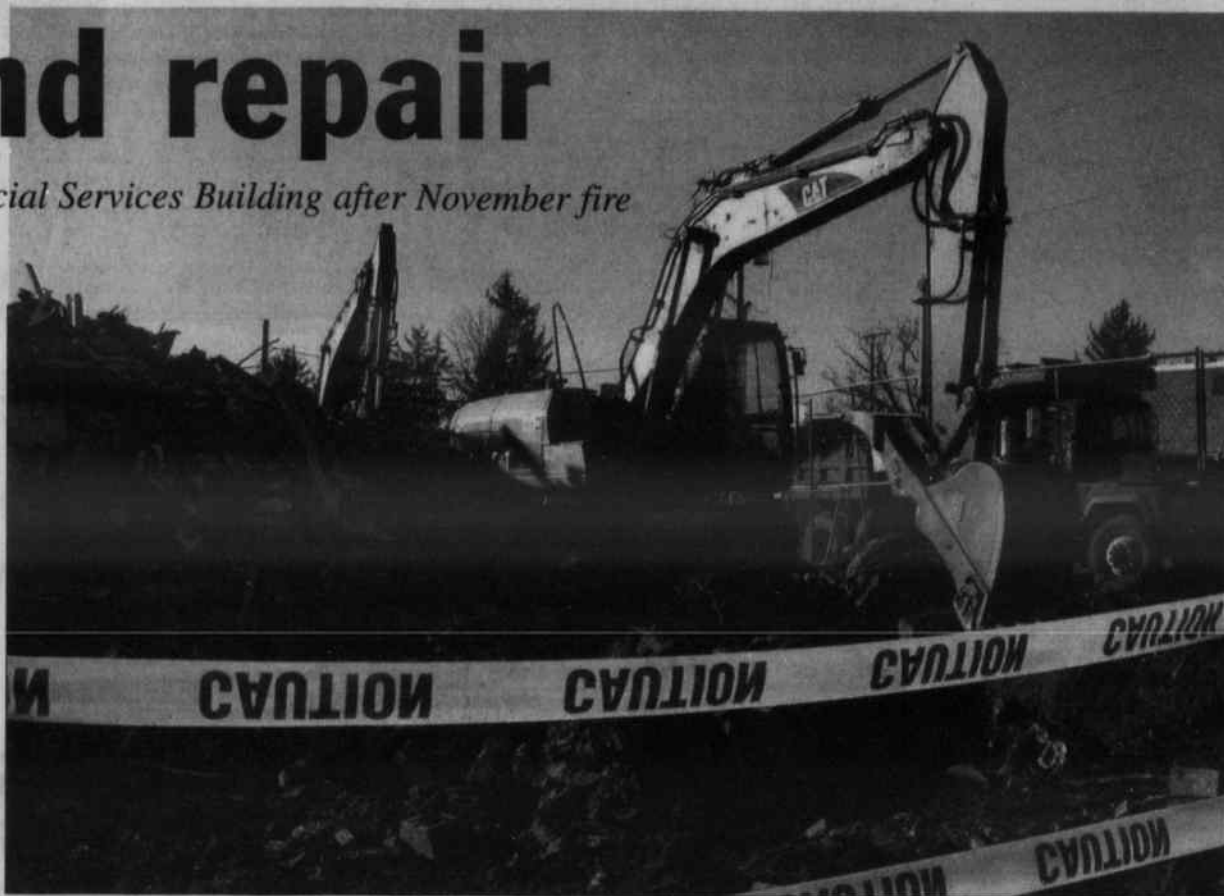
The fire originated in an old extension cord that remained in the building after it was purchased by JMU five years ago.

The building had to be torn down because of structural damage and was untenable.

Hilton said the state would cover most of the costs from the fire, as JMU is likely to be reimbursed because it is self-insured. The new building, which Hilton said should cost around \$5 million, probably will be twice the size of the old one, growing from 16,000 to 38,000 square feet.

Hilton said the building is not completely designed and plans still need to be improved, but JMU and its architects would like for it to be two stories high. The university then will set specifications for the building, put out bids to construction companies and the lowest bidder will erect the building.

Construction may begin toward the



KELLY JASPER/senior photographer

The Financial Services Building, which was damaged last November by a fire, was torn down last week to make room for its replacement.

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SGA debates budgets, prepares for new year

Front-end budgeted groups vie for funds

BY TONI DUNCAN
senior writer

While it did not pass the final budget, the Student Government Association debated until almost midnight Tuesday on the Senate's Finance Committee proposals and additional amendments for front-end budgeted groups.

The SGA debated the budgets of Campus Assault Response, Interfraternity Council, Black Student Alliance, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Sports Club Council and Student Ambassadors.

Senators will debate the SGA's budget at next week's Senate meeting as well as vote on each of the front end budgeted group's funds — deciding how much each group should get in funding.

CARE
The CARE budget received no cuts from the Finance Committee and there were no amendments made.

Freshman Thomas VanWanger, member of SGA's Finance Committee, said this is a "fairly simple budget." The Finance Committee passed everything CARE submitted, Van Wanger said.

With no amendments to the proposed budget, the Senate did not have to debate the Finance Committee's proposal.

Panhellenic Council

For the Panhellenic Council, the governing body of the social sororities at JMU, the Finance Committee cut some of its proposed budget.

Printing service costs were cut because the SGA wants to limit

the amount of printing groups do and move more toward the use of internet forms, according to sophomore Allie Baer, member of the SGA's Finance Committee.

There were two amendments debated on Panhellenic's budget.

Junior Ricardo Pineres, Ashby Hall Senator, said the Senate should not pay \$135 for yearbook pictures and place those additional funds in the contingency account.

Karen Mercer, the committee adviser to the SGA Finance Committee, said the budget also includes money the organization raises and it is feasible the organization would pay for the picture itself and not with student fees, but the SGA must allot money for it, since the budget includes money that the organizations raise on their own and not just money given by the SGA.

This amendment failed to pass. As a result, Pineres removed other amendments that dealt with yearbook picture fees from other groups.

The next amendment debated, proposed by Pineres, involved adding \$375 to Panhellenic's budget for its Fraternity/Sorority Excellence Awards.

Gray said the Finance Committee originally removed the money because the committee wanted to set each award at \$25. However, after researching award shops throughout the Harrisonburg area, it "found \$50 to be the standard."

This amendment to give \$50 to Panhellenic and Interfraternity passed and also was applied to the Interfraternity Council because its numbers were deemed incorrect, too.

Interfraternity Council

The Interfraternity Council's budget was in line, according to Baer.

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Student Bill of Rights sign-off



IRENE WAZGOWSKA/
staff photographer

Mark Warner, senior vice president of student affairs and university planning, signed SGA's Student Bill of Rights last Friday. Student body president Levar Stoney, senior Brian Nido, SGA vice president of student affairs, and senior Jennifer Brockwell, SGA vice president of administrative affairs, watch on.

Senate passes amendments for NAACP T-shirts, awards

BY TONI DUNCAN
senior writer

The longest debate during the Student Government Association's front-end budgeting night surrounded amendments to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's budget.

Senior Katherine Ferguson, Finance Committee member, said the committee cut \$113 for 15 T-shirts for the NAACP's executive board, removed some office supplies money and cut the organization's Brown vs. Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas scholarship.

"This is a new scholarship, and we didn't see how it met any requirements for rewarding it," Ferguson said.

Senior Kristin Parker, president of JMU's NAACP chapter, said the scholarship for \$150 went to an organization in Harrisonburg called the Young Achievers.

The SGA debated its first NAACP amendment, which was proposed by junior Ricardo Pineres, Ashby Hall Senator, and would return \$113 to the group

for the 15 T-shirts.

The T-shirts are used by the executive council to help promote their organization, Pineres said. The T-shirts also are the same reason why SGA gave the Black Student Alliance money to buy T-shirts for its executive council to be more visible during the group's events.

“... we didn't see how [the scholarship] met any requirements for rewarding it.”

— Katherine Ferguson
SGA Finance Committee member

Senior Seong Kim, senior Class Council president, said the T-shirts help create awareness for the group everywhere they are worn, and they have a large

impact even off campus.

SGA debated on which positions should be awarded the T-shirts and if it was being consistent by giving T-shirts to the BSA Executive Council and not to the NAACP. Some senators felt T-shirts only should go to the nine executive members.

Junior Ana Adinolfi, College of Arts and Letters senator, proposed an amendment to the amendment that would add \$67.50 to the NAACP's budget, which would give the organization's nine executive members the standard SGA monetary allotment for T-shirt money at \$7.50 each.

Junior Lauren Broussard, College of Integrated Science and Technology senator and Diversity Committee head said she disagreed with this new change in the amendment.

By looking at each group individually, she said, NAACP needs all 15 T-shirts because that is how the group is designed, with 15 people that play large public roles

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EVIN SHOAP/
contributing
photographer

Members of the NAACP go over budget issues at the SGA meeting Tuesday night.



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DUKE DAYS Events Calendar

Thursday, April 15

The Fraternity and Sorority Community will be sponsoring its annual Greek Week kickball and crest drawings on the College Center lawn from 4 to 7 p.m. There will be food and live music during the crest drawings.

Amnesty International, International Justice Mission and Progress are sponsoring "Human Rights for Burmese Refugees" in honor of Human Rights Week in Taylor Hall in Transitions at 7 p.m. A speaker will be present to talk about the Kachin Burmese.

The Homecoming Student Spirit Committee is having a homecoming interest meeting in Taylor Hall, room 402, at 5 p.m. For more information contact Jess Begley at begleyje.

Friday, April 16

The ninth annual ISAT Senior Project Symposium will be held in ISAT/HHS from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free.

The Fraternity and Sorority Community will be having its annual Greek Sing in Sinclair Gym in Godwin Hall at 5 p.m. All proceeds from this event will go towards Books for Babies and the Harrisonburg Free Clinic.

Submitting events to the DUKE DAYS Events Calendar:

Contact Lauren at mckayln two days prior to the issue date you would like your event to be published. Please try to limit the event description to no more than 50 words.

THURSDAY, APRIL 15 - SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 2004

Saturday, April 17

The Friends of Blacks Run Greenway will be having the seventh annual Blacks Run Cleanup Day. There will be free breakfast, lunch and entertainment. The group will be meeting in the greenspace across from the *Daily News-Record* at 8 a.m. For more information visit www.blacksrungreenway.org or contact Cassie at twerech.

Sunday, April 18

Alpha Phi Omega, a coed service fraternity, is sponsoring a 5K race at 1 p.m. to benefit the Make-a-Wish Foundation. Participants are required to bring a \$10 registration fee and a completed registration form. The race will start outside ISAT/Health and Human Services building at 1 p.m. For more information visit apoiscool.com or contact Jennifer Cicia at ciciaj.

POLICE LOG

By LAUREN MCKAY
police log reporter

An unknown person(s) attempted to short out four vending machines by pouring saltwater onto their chargers in White Hall April 9.

In other matters, campus police report the following:

Property Damage
A JMU employee reported that a bottle of milk was broken against a wall and other food items were littered around the study lounge of Dingleline Hall April 7 at 7:45 a.m.

A JMU employee reported that a glass door was shattered in Roop Hall between April 7 at 11 p.m. and April 8 at 2:27 a.m.


A "wet floor" sign was lodged into the wall above a washing machine in Dingleline Hall April 8 at 7:45 a.m. Also in Dingleline a waste basket was found in the dryer. Papers, corn chips and a styling gel bottle were left on the floor of the study lounge area and chairs were turned over.

Petty Larceny
A JMU student reported the larceny of a JAC card from Taylor Hall April 6 at 5 p.m.

A JMU student reported the larceny of a JAC card from UREC April 8 at 8 p.m.

Number of drunk in public charges since Aug. 25: 72

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Alireza Analouei and Nader Majd perform Persian classical music for students at the Greater Asian Symposium. For more information visit www.cpcm.com

FUN FACT of the Day

Eighty-five PERCENT of the people killed by lightning are **MALE.**

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NEWS

■ **Discussing battleground states**
Brown Bag lecture discusses importance of undecided battleground states and swing electorates.
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"It's especially hard for our [HIV-positive] clients here in the Valley."

AUSTIN GARBER
Valley AIDS Network case manager
See story below

AROUND CAMPUS

Masters' degree programs rank No. 32 nationally

Graduate programs within the College of Integrated Science and Technology have been highly ranked by U.S. News & World Report. The Master's-level speech-language pathology program was ranked 32 out of 124 and the master's program for audiology was ranked 27 of 51 top programs in the nation. The rankings are based on expert opinion and each school receiving a score on a scale of 5.0. Audiology received a 3.0, and the speech-language pathology received a score of 3.2.

Edith Carrier Arboretum offers walking lecture

The Edith J. Carrier Arboretum and Botanical Gardens will sponsor a walking lecture about daffodils in the arboretum Saturday, April 17 at 10:45 a.m.

The lecture will be led by biology professor emeritus Norlyn Bodkin, a former arboretum director.

Participants should wear comfortable shoes for the event. For more information, visit www.jmu.edu/arboretum.

Music faculty to perform gala for scholarship

JMU school of music faculty members will present several performances Sunday, April 18, during the Music Faculty Gala. Proceeds from the event will help support a new music scholarship.

The concert will begin at 3 p.m. with the Montpelier Wind Quintet and a performance by JMU alumna Linda Betts Frazier.

Tickets for the gala are \$10 for the public and \$8 for JAC card holders. Reservations can be made with the Masterpiece Season Box Office at x 87000 or can be purchased in Wilson Hall, room 105.

IN THE VALLEY

Fifth women's mediation conference set for April

HARRISONBURG — The Community Mediation Center will present a workshop on Mediation and Conflict Resolution April 15 to 16 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and April 17 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The 20-hour training session meets the Virginia Supreme Court Certification Requirements and will help train participants in the principles of negotiation and conflict resolution.

Cost for registration and the training program is \$295.

For more information contact the CMC at (540) 434-0059.

ACROSS THE NATION

Social Security numbers invite identity theft

TALLAHASSEE, FLA. (Knight Ridder Tribune) — To identify thieves, a Social Security number can be as good as a front door key.

Police, prosecutors, privacy advocates and consumer groups warn against carrying the number around, using it as a computer password or letting it be used for record-keeping convenience.

But, many college students have had to do some, or all, of the above. Colleges historically have used the numbers as handy identifiers for student ID cards, online and on-paper class registrations, class rosters and grade postings, among other administrative purposes.

Some schools have stopped the practice. The University of Central Florida in Orlando, Florida, for example, started generating its own ID numbers in 2001, according to university spokesman Thomas Evelyn.

Tibetan monks make fund-raising voyage for monestary



MINDI WESTHOFF/contributing photographer

Five Tibetan monks perform a prayer service for JMU students Sunday in Taylor Hall, room 404. The event, sponsored by Living Buddhism, featured five monks crossing the globe on a fund-raising mission. All proceeds from the trip benefit the monestary from which the monks began their trip. The monestary is home to over 250 monks who could not make the voyage. The monks also led several ceremonial activities in which students participated.

Bush seeks to reassure nation on Iraq

Press conference reaffirms President's commitment to Iraqi sovereignty by June

BY STEVEN THOMMA AND WILLIAM DOUGLAS
Knight Ridder Tribune

President George W. Bush used a rare prime time television news conference Tuesday night to acknowledge the "gut-wrenching" sight of Americans being slain in Iraq. But, he insisted the United States must "stay the course" there — with more troops, if necessary.

In a 17-minute opening statement, Bush sought to assure the country that the war in Iraq is worthwhile, that it will transform the Middle East and that Americans will return sovereignty to the Iraqis on June 30.

Bush also defended his response to the possibility of a terrorist attack prior to Sept. 11, 2001. An Aug. 6, 2001, intelligence briefing was vague, he said, and he would have "moved heaven and Earth" to stop the attacks if he had any way of knowing when and where they were coming.

Bush scheduled the news conference in an apparent effort to counter a potential crisis of confidence in his leadership on two fronts — the war in Iraq and

the investigation into government counterterrorism preparedness before Sept. 11.

His appearance in the East Room of the White House was as much a statement as his words. It was but his third such news conference on prime time television as president.

“If additional forces are necessary, I will send them

— George W. Bush
President of the United States

Bush needed to reach an increasingly anxious country. He bumped the popular television show "American Idol" to another night in the process.

Bush firmly stated his resolve in his opening remarks before taking questions from the White House press corps.

Bush mentioned the sight of Americans being killed in Iraq,

with bodies being burned and dragged through streets, as points of particular concern.

He insisted that most of Iraq's 25 million residents are happy to be liberated and that the violence comes from a small band of terrorists.

He said the United States would return sovereignty as promised on June 30, that elections for a national assembly will be held no later than January and that the assembly will write a constitution.

"The nation of Iraq is moving toward self-rule," he said. "Iraqis and Americans will see evidence in the months to come."

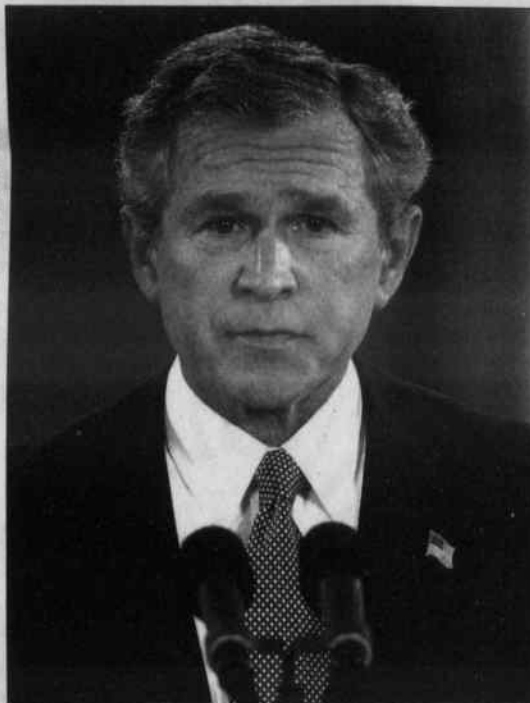
American service men and women will remain there, he said, and might be reinforced.

With 135,000 troops already in Iraq, Bush said he would send more Americans to Iraq if requested by the Pentagon, a request he suggested might be coming soon.

"If additional forces are needed, I will send them," he said. "If additional resources are needed, we will provide them."

Yet he also sought to assure

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GEORGE BRIDES/Knight Ridder Tribune

President George W. Bush speaks at a news conference in the East Room of the White House last Tuesday. Bush said he would send more troops and resources to Iraq if necessary.

Outlining November election strategies

BY MELISSA MATTINGLY
contributing writer

With the presidential elections less than seven months away, over 60 students packed the Hillcrest House last Wednesday for a Brown Bag lecture.

Robert N. Roberts, a political science professor, spoke on the subject of the 2004 presidential campaign. Roberts discussed how the votes of America's youth and "battleground states" factor into a presidential campaign schedule.

During the 2000 presidential election, surveys showed that 205 million Americans were of voting age, yet only 105 million — about 51 percent — actually voted, Roberts said. The central theme to the lecture was whether or not voting in the presidential elections really matters at all.

As different demographics have different opinions about various subjects such as gay marriage, "it does matter that

certain groups are being under-represented," Roberts said.

One area where this is important to campaigns is in the battleground states such as West Virginia and New Hampshire. What makes these, and 15 other states, battleground states is that they cannot traditionally be generally classified as Republican or Democratic states.

“... certain groups are being underrepresented.

— Robert Roberts
political science professor

Virginia, by comparison, is considered a Republican state because the vast majority of the time, voters selected Republican

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Raising AIDS awareness

Students address HIV rates in Valley

BY STEPHANIE STRAUSS AND SHARON SCHIFF
contributing writers

More than 70 people received condoms, door prizes and informational brochures about sexually transmitted diseases Tuesday for a Health Program Planning (HTH458) presentation titled, "Awareness in 'Da School: What's Your HIV IQ?'"

Austin Garber, a case manager for the Valley AIDS Network, spoke about the everyday struggles faced by Shenandoah Valley residents afflicted by HIV.

"It's especially hard for our [HIV-positive] clients here in the Valley," Garber said. "This is a very conservative area, very church-based. Clients feel like they'll be discriminated against, and they are. AIDS is still a very stigmatized disease."

Garber added that another problem for Valley residents with AIDS is the depletion of funding for medical care and other expenses. He said that in the past, individuals with AIDS only lived for about a year after being diagnosed with the virus.

With the invention of new drugs to

extend the lifespans of those diagnosed with AIDS, funding that originally was meant to be temporary is being cut from programs all over the country by the national government, according to Garber.

In addition to dwindling financial support, the city of Harrisonburg does not have a clinic that specializes in treating infectious diseases to provide treatment to HIV and AIDS patients. The nearest clinic available to provide specialized support and treatment is at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, Garber said.

"These drugs are expensive," he said. "The [insurance] co-pay alone for one type of medication costs \$700 a month."

Garber said that the dosage of another type of medication requires 18 pills a day. "That's just the HIV medication, not including antibiotics and antidepressants," he added. "Some clients concoct 'drug cocktails,' and have to take over 30 pills daily."

Sometimes patients develop a resistance to every HIV medication they are prescribed, according to Garber, and then

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AIDS: Group shares local struggle with HIV

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 here aren't any other drug options for them after that. He added that governmental "red tape" also is frustrating. "I had a client who began to feel better. In fact, she felt so good that she decided to get a job to support her children," Garber said. "Now she works 16 hours a day and makes too much money to qualify for Medicaid, but not enough to pay her rent and take care of her children," he added. Some patients simply need a weekly phone call for personal support to help them get through the week, while others need more intense help with bills, transportation and emotional support, Garber added. "You are dealing with people," he said. "The disease affects everyone differently, so it is a case-by-case basis."

He said that "non-progressive" cases who lead fairly normal lives are able to go to the gym and hold a steady job, and there are advanced cases, who are severely underweight and susceptible to illness. "You look at [the advanced cases] and they are so frail, it seems like if the wind blew, they look like they would snap in two," Garber said. The three primary ways to transmit HIV are through sexual intercourse, IV drug use and from a mother to her unborn child. Garber said that the best way to prevent contraction of HIV is abstinence, but that condoms also are useful in preventing the spread of the virus. Junior Ashley Smith was part of the HTH 458 group of 12 that presented the program. "We wanted to raise [AIDS] awareness," she said. "AIDS is a prevalent disease,

and everyone comes into contact with someone who has it. Education is key in understanding how [AIDS] is transmitted and how it can be prevented."

“The disease affects everyone differently, so it's a case-by-case basis.”

— Austin Garber
 Valley AIDS Network case manager

Jeanne Martino-McAllister, associate professor of health science, oversaw Smith's group. "I love it when a program comes together as nicely as

this one came together," Martino-McAllister said. "I thought it was a poignant topic, that the turnout was very good and that Austin [Garber] covered a lot of information that students weren't aware of before," she added. Martino-McAllister added that she was pleased with the emphasis on the Valley AIDS Network because it demonstrated support from the Shenandoah Valley community for people with HIV. Sophomore Meg Jacobs is part of Martino-McAllister's HTH 458 class and also attended the presentation. "I came to support my classmates tonight," Jacobs said. "I know how much work goes into a program like this. I think they did a great job putting it together and educating the campus about AIDS."

SPEECH: Bush comments on Iraq

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 the country that the United States is seeking international help. He said 17 of 26 NATO members already are contributing and that NATO could play a greater role in the future. Now, only Great Britain has a substantial number of troops in Iraq. He also sought to link the war in Iraq to the broader war on terrorism, drawing a straight line from attacks on U.S. Marines in Lebanon in the 1980s through an attack on Madrid commuters in Spain this year. The attacks Bush cited, however, were carried out by different groups united mostly by their willingness to kill innocent people. "Now is the time," he

said. "And Iraq is the place in which the enemies of the civilized world are testing the wills of the civilized world. We must not waver." Turning to the issue of Sept. 11, Bush dodged a question about whether he felt any sense of responsibility for the failure of the government to stop the attacks. "There are some things I wish we'd have done," he said. He cited the creation of a Homeland Security Department, something he resisted for months even after the Sept. 11 attacks. Overall, the main problem was that the nation's mindset prior to Sept. 11, Bush claimed some credit for changing that mindset after the country was attacked, he said.

ELECTIONS: Battleground states highlighted

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 candidates, Roberts said. West Virginia is considered to be a crucial state to win this year because although West Virginia had not voted for a Republican candidate in a very long time, presidential candidate Al Gore lost it in 2000. One key point in Gore's campaign that hurt him was his policy on gun control, according to Roberts. Another issue in that state was environmental controls. In a state where most jobs are in the coal mining industry, prohibiting the burning of coal would drastically cut jobs. Roberts said that New Hampshire also is considered to be a crucial state because of its environmental nature. In 2000, Gore lost this state as well, partially because of Ralph Nader's vote made a difference in New Hampshire and Florida," Roberts said, because votes for Nader

detracted from votes for Gore. These two examples are important because they were states expected to be won by an environmentally concerned Democrat, yet then-Texas Gov. George W. Bush carried both, Roberts said.

“I think students should [have] a revolution ...”

— Joanne Gabbin
 honors program director

It is estimated that 90 percent of campaign finances will be spent in 17 battleground states, he added. Many states split voters between rural and metropolitan areas. Ohio is one of these states and Roberts said that it is in a "dead heat" between

John Kerry and Bush over manufacturing workers' votes. Roberts said that Democrats who voted for Bush in 2000 are fearful of losing their jobs. Many said, "Which way Ohio goes, the election goes," Roberts added. While battleground states receive extra attention due to their inconsistency, another area is largely ignored for the same reason — youth and independent vote, Roberts said. It is a largely held belief by candidates that the independent votes will swing the election. If they voted this may be true, but they tend not to vote at all so candidates spend little time campaigning to this group, Roberts said. Americans between the ages of 18 and 35 also tend not to be very "enamored" with big government and tend to be more socially-moderate than other generations, Roberts added. As a result of a lack of enthusiasm from the younger generations, they are often underrepre-

sented as a group. Instead of concentrating on attracting new voters, candidates focus on those voters who they believe already will vote in their favor and attempt to retain that vote, he added. Candidates attempt to keep new, younger voters at home on Election Day with negative campaigning. This tactic is extremely damaging to the political system as a whole, Roberts said. Freshman Lindsay Powell said, "I think that it's interesting how presidential candidates make this a game, a gamble of where to focus attention and put money with states that are complete tossups." Joanne Gabbin, Director of the Honors Program, said, "I think students should [have] a revolution and mess up the whole system." Roberts added that if students did manage to change the system, candidates would spend a great deal more time visiting college campuses.

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NAACP: Members debate

NAACP, from page 1

when helping with events.

Parker said advisers "are extremely vital" to the organization, and while there only may be nine executive members, the 15 people who make up a larger board of leaders, include the advisers and committee heads that need to be in charge at events.

The amendment that would change the original amendment from \$113 to \$67.50 did not pass.

The amendment to give NAACP back the \$113 that originally was cut by the Finance Committee for shirts was passed.

The next amendment brought to the floor was giving money back to the NAACP Image Awards program, which recognizes students and groups on campus. NAACP originally asked for \$600 to purchase 27 awards for the event, but the Finance Committee cut the amount back to \$200 because it thought the group only would hand out eight awards, Gray said.

However, Parker said there were 27 awards that will be awarded, not eight as the Finance Committee originally had believed. With 27 awards, sophomore class president Wesli Spencer said NAACP should be given an extra \$1,150 to that budgeted item to cover the cost of all the awards.

Junior Matt Gray, Finance Committee head, said NAACP completed the Image Awards show last year with \$600 and should do the same this year.

"It's been a zero-increase year," Gray said. "The \$1,150 would be coming from contingency, the fund that SGA gives non-FEB organizations money from, and 'contingency' affects such a large number of organizations."

Ferguson agreed NAACP should not receive the additional \$1,150. "They did no budget research and they want to throw something in and take [money] from contingency," she said.

Parker said NAACP was not able to get by last year on the funds it was allotted. Instead, it made some of the awards certificates instead of trophies or plaques.

Spencer said, "We shouldn't have any of the FEB organizations just be getting by ... they didn't know they could ask for the [extra] money they needed."

Senators voted down the amendment that would make the total \$1,350 for the awards.

The senators then went back to the original amendment that would give an additional \$400 to NAACP, make it a total of \$600 for the Image Awards.

Gray said this was fair because the Finance Committee were going by

incorrect award numbers before and "[NAACP] can put on a quality program for \$600—they did it last year."

Senior Adrienne Laputka, College of Arts and Letters senator, said the actual award, whether it is a trophy or a certificate, should not matter because it is the individuals' recognitions that are important.

However, Spencer said this was not fair to the organization. "Six hundred dollars is not what they need, they need more than that," he said. "These are all FEB groups, and [all the FEB groups] deserve to be treated the same way [as each other]."

This amendment passed, which increased the money for the awards from \$200 as the Finance Committee's proposed to \$600.

Spencer proposed the next amendment that would add \$150 for the Brown vs. Board of Education scholarship from the contingency.

Ferguson said this item was removed because there were "no guidelines or requirements could be listed ... [It was not] documented on how it is going [to work] out."

Kim said this scholarship helps retain community relations and is important to the organization.

When debate ended, the Senate voted against the bill and NAACP did not get money for the scholarship.

SGA: Groups ask for money

SGA, from page 1

With the two amendments of yearbook pictures and awards resolved, the Senate did not need to go into debate.

Black Student Alliance

Pineres said the Black Student Alliance should receive \$52.50 for T-shirts for the executive board so it can be easily identified during its events.

Gray said the Finance Committee cut this item out because "it was described to us as a perk for executive members ... [We asked ourselves about any organization we give money to,] does this line item help them to fulfill their mission statement?"

This amendment passed.

University Program Board

Travis and Pineres proposed an amendment that would remove two phone lines from UPB's office, which then would return \$816 to contingency.

"With 10 phone lines, on a daily basis how often are these 10 phone lines used?" Travis asked.

Senior Keri Schlosser, outgoing director of UPB finance, said UPB would give up one of its extensions because it was a phone line that only was used by a graduate assistants.

Gray amended the amendment so that only the one line would be removed.

This amendment was passed and \$408 was placed back in the contingency.

However, Pineres argued that many other clubs do not use the contingency fund anyway.

Kim proposed an amendment to the amendment that would cut the money allotted in half to \$2,707.50.

While this seemed like a good compromise to some senators, others felt this was not sufficient.

"This team has worked hard to make their interests a reality," said freshman Kevin Hasser, an at-large senator. "I think we should pay the full \$4,000."

Some senators pointed out that the equestrian team, if it was not under the umbrella of Sports Club Council, could have gone to the SGA for the contingency funds and the SGA probably would have given money to the club.

Gray, however, said funding for the coach would set a bad precedent that would affect the future.

"The standard now is we don't fund for coaches," he said. "I feel it's like a slippery slope."

After more debating, the Senate voted to allot \$2,007.15, half the money SCC asked for in order to pay for the equestrian coach.

The next amendment debated was for \$3,000 for a women's club volleyball coach.

This amendment passed and gave SCC money to continue to pay for its volleyball coach.

Student Ambassadors

The Finance Committee cut some areas in the Student Ambassadors' budget that dealt with copy center items and correspondence, which could be moved to electronic means. The committee also denied a request for \$250 to help the group run its homecoming pep-rally.

Senior Lyndsey Walther-Thomas, Arts and Letters senator, proposed the Senate add \$250 for a speaker for the homecoming pep rally.

"All of Hillside field was covered at the rally [last year]," she said. "Asking for \$250 to make it like last year—it is not too much to ask."

Gray said he felt this was a legitimate request. "[The Student Ambassadors] have proven they can wisely spend money," Gray said. He said the ambassador's budget has remained steady since 1999, and they have asked for few increases.

This amendment was passed.

For information on or to view the proposed budgets visit the SGA Web site at sga.jmu.edu.

Sports Club Council

The Sports Club Council covers 35 different sports clubs with over 1,300 members, according to junior Gary Labelle, executive treasurer of the Sports Club Council.

The Finance Committee proposed to cut two coaches, one for the equestrian team and the other for women's volleyball from the SCC budget because the SGA never has funded coaches before.

Freshman Tina Giustiniani, at-large senator, proposed an amendment that would return \$4,015 to Sports Club Council from the contingency so the equestrian team could keep its coach.

Senior Jen Ross, president of the equestrian team, said its members spend thousands of dollars to practice and enter events and cannot afford a coach. However, she also said a coach is necessary to attend certain events.

By taking from the contingency "you're depriving hundreds of other organizations [money from contingency]," Gray said.

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BUILDING: New plan in sight

BUILDING, from page 1

end of this year 2004, but more than likely at the beginning of next year, Hilton said.

"A number of approvals [are required for the building], and state agencies—such as a state engineering agency—have to approve of the plan [because] we are a public university," Hilton said. Construction then will take about a year, he added.

Immediately after the fire, the 50 to 60 employees were relocated to different offices throughout campus. "Almost literally the day after the fire, everything was back up and running," Hilton said. The employees first were sent to temporary offices, such as Williamson Lab, and then were sent either to Warren Hall or the Court Square One office building downtown.

Wayne Durrer, the director of procurement services at JMU, was one of those relocated to Court Square One. "Most of the university never knew we

skipped a beat," he said.

Durrer said his office lost files, computers and furnishings to water damage, but added that people from inside and outside the JMU community were pitching in to help. He said that people from Carrier Library offered assistance with document restoration and temporary offices were offered from other businesses in Harrisonburg.

"It's really remarkable how quickly the university was and how quick things started working here," Durrer said. "[It was] a massive effort, and it turned out to be a very positive situation from a very bad one."

Hilton said that those employees who relocated, such as Durrer, all will move into the new building when it is constructed.

Claudia Clark, director of payroll services, who currently is situated on the second floor of the Court Square One building, said, "We don't plan on moving until the new building is completed."

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Panhel/BLGC:

Co-sponsored a Field Day for the Boys and Girls Club on March 27th. Thanks to all the chapters that came out and volunteered and to everyone else as well!



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OPINION

The absence of intermediate life forms in the fossil record is called "gaps" and it's no secret among paleontologists that the gaps are huge.

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HOUSE EDITORIAL



To avoid state crisis, senate must pass budget

The Virginia House of Representatives passed the Tax Reform Compromise Act of 2004 Tuesday, a proposal that will increase taxes to provide more than \$700 million in revenue over the next two years.

This proposal creates a responsible compromise within the state Congress and will prevent a government shutdown in June if approved by the Senate.

The passing vote comes while debates continue in both the state Senate and House over tax increases — debates that have continued since last summer. Republicans in both houses have proposed tax increases in response to Gov. Mark Warner's call for \$1 billion in tax increases over the next two years to make up for a projected \$1.2 billion deficit.

The House's proposal would raise the \$700 million through a general half-cent sales tax increase, a heavy increase in the cigarette tax and a repeal of the sales tax exemptions that railroads, airlines and telecommunications companies currently enjoy.

The Virginia House proposal stands in stark contrast to the pro-

posal in the state Senate, who's proposal seeks to generate about \$2.4 billion through similar — though more extreme — means, including increased taxes in the higher income tax brackets.

Both proposals face sharp opposition from the legislature in the opposite House of Congress and from many Republican senators and representatives. While both proposals were proposed by Republicans and supported by Democrats, more conservative Republicans stand opposed to tax increases.

The Senate and the House only can bring one proposal to Warner, and must reach a compromise before the fiscal year closes on June 30. Should they fail, the state government will shut down until an agreement is reached. A shutdown would stop all state employees from work, leaving gaps in emergency response as well as all other state services and organizations.

A government shutdown is 55 working days away from becoming a reality and must be avoided at all costs. The House proposal is a more than reasonable compromise between Warner's proposals and

the well-being of the people of Virginia. The Senate's proposal goes too far in taxation and, while it would pay off the state deficit, it would be too great a burden for taxpayers to bear.

The recent debate over next year's budget has been raging since Warner recalled Congress after the session officially closed March 16. The current emergency session was convened to help avoid the potential state shutdown.

While the bill's passage in the Senate is the first step towards preventing a shutdown, house speaker William Howell said that "it's not going to bring closure," in a meeting with Warner after the House voted on the bill. The bill still faces a tough battle in the Senate, and should it fail to pass there, both state Houses will be sent back to the beginning. Starting over will force the two state Houses to draft new proposals and put them to vote again.

A shutdown must be avoided — and the Senate's approval of the House's bill is an appropriate compromise that ensures no shutdown will occur.

Of My World View Evidence supports creationist position

Jon Anderson

It's taught all over the world as scientific fact, but under examination, the evidence actually refutes neo-Darwinian evolution. As scientific knowledge of the history of life mounts, facts contradicting evolution are becoming more difficult to ignore, but that is exactly what is happening. Major problems for the theory of evolution exists, but rather than expose students to the difficulties, textbooks include only the relatively scant evidence that seems supportive of evolution.

Students are told that life began when the right combination of elements formed the first living, single-celled organism. This notion survives as "scientific" despite the complete absence of empirical support and though the process is extremely defiant of the odds. The late Sir Fred Hoyle, a famous mathematician and astronomer, calculated that the odds of obtaining the required set of enzymes for the simplest living cell was one in 10 to the power of 40,000. This number is startling when compared to 10 to the 80th power, which represents the number of atoms in the universe. All the evidence derived by scientific method defies a naturalistic theory of the origin of life. It is a pure faith position.

The fundamental claims of evolution concerning origins sometimes have no evidential support in textbooks. Other times, evidence is cited which could be used just as well by creationists to support their theory. Students believe that the fossil record proves evolution to be true; however, the observable evidence refutes the theory. For that reason, the problems with the fossil record are omitted from instructional materials. This is exactly the opposite of what we expect from the scientific community.

According to the evolution model, all species have emerged from a common ancestor over billions of years. The change from bacteria to jellyfish, for example, requires numerous intermediate forms of life. The fossil evidence records lots of bacteria and many jellyfish, but no intermediate life forms between the two species.

The absence of intermediate

life forms in the fossil record is called "gaps," and it's no secret among paleontologists that the gaps are huge. Not one transitional form has been found that clearly shows a link between: single-celled organisms and invertebrates, invertebrates and vertebrates, fish and amphibians, amphibians and reptiles, reptiles and birds or mammals, and "lower" mammals and primates.

Leading evolutionists confirm these claims, but we shouldn't expect to hear the following quotes in science classes. Colin Patterson, senior paleontologist of the British Museum of Natural History, when asked why he left transitional fossil forms out of his book, replied, "If I knew of any, fossil or living, I would certainly have included them. I will lay it on the line — there is not one such fossil for which one could make a watertight argument."

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The late Stephen J. Gould, an evolutionary biologist, wrote, "The absence of fossil evidence for the intermediary stages between major transitions has been a persistent and nagging problem for gradualistic accounts of evolution."

George Gaylord Simpson, an influential paleontologist, wrote, "The earliest and most primitive members of every order already have the basic ordinal characters, and in no case is an approximately continuous series from one order to another known. In most cases the break is so sharp and the gap so large that the origin of the order is speculative and much disputed."

Although Simpson penned these words in 1944, the latest fossil finds fair no better for the evolutionist.

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Pat...

A "thank-you-so-much" pat to a certain local establishment for raising the price of its finest Tuesday night special.
From two very rich, very sarcastic seniors.

Dart...

A "your-time-will-come" dart to all the thieves on JMU's campus who think it's OK to steal from their peers.
From everyone who's had one-too-many items stolen unjustly.

Pat...

A "get-down, get-down" pat to the two ducks getting their groove on in the middle of South Main Street and Port Republic Road while their voyeuristic feathered friend stopped traffic so they could do their thing.
From a junior who's glad to see animals giving into spring fever on a sunny day.

Dart...

A "what-the-heck-were-you-thinking" dart to whoever came up with the "Electric Zoo." How many dogs do you see at the zoo, let alone an "electric" one?
From an alumnus who thought we had have one mascot — the Duke Dog — not a zoo of them.

Pat...

A "your-hospitality-makes-my-day" pat to the employees at the Mail Services counter who always serve up packages with a smile and encouraging word.
From a student who appreciates all those who play small roles in keeping JMU running smoothly.

Dart...

A "do-you-have-a-brain?" dart to the idiots who thought it'd be funny to set off fireworks from a balcony, expand a Ping-Pong ball by microwaving it and have sex on the bed of someone they don't know.
From someone who thinks your stupidity and lack of respect for the people throwing the party shows you're too immature to be at one.

campus SPOTLIGHT

EVIN SHOAP/contributing photographer



"Underneath some bleachers because it was a long Homecoming night."

Kathrine Theobalds
sophomore, undeclared



"In between the bed and my wall because I was hiding from the boogie man."

Nancy Ball
sophomore, SMAD



"In Hecht's on a display bed because I was testing out the qualities of the Polo sheets."

Michelle McDaniel
senior, accounting



"I woke up on a raft in Belize after hallucinating because of malaria drugs."

Aaron Stewart
freshman, undeclared

What is the strangest place you've ever woken up and why?

From the Wire
Lee and Limbaugh criticize media

Daniel Sternman

I'm sure you've all heard about the recent racism-in-the-media issue. When a famous media-star-turned-sports-commentator criticizes the media for using race as a factor in how they portray the athletic worth of a famous athlete, he's obviously going to get penalized and castigated for it, right?

Wrong — Spike Lee recently described Larry Bird as "the most overrated player of all time" because the "white media" wanted to see him do well. But has this statement been widely reported on the front pages of *The New York Times* and *www.ESPN.com*? Have segments been run on the subject on CNN and MSNBC? Of course not; only three newspapers seem to have even picked up on it: *The Seattle Times*, the *Newark Star-Ledger* and *USA Today*. The first two only reported on Lee's apology, having not deigned the original comments themselves worthy of note. *USA Today*, meanwhile, brings up Lee's comments in a list of "Weekend Highs and Lows," but only to set up a "Rebuttal Award" for analyst Byron Scott.

So where's the outrage? Where's the uproar? Where are the accusations of racism that, if you recall earlier this year, Rush Limbaugh had to face when he said, in very similar language, that football quarterback Donovan McNabb was "not that good from the get go?"

Spike Lee didn't make these statements in a vacuum. Like Rush Limbaugh on ESPN, Lee made his pronouncement on national television; he was given a taped segment on ABC's "NBA Hangtime" on March 28. This

was evidently the best, most hard-hitting commentary he could come up with, but nobody seems to have picked up on it. There's been nothing on the topic on CNN, ESPN or any other major news outlet. There's been no rush to interview Larry Bird so he can express his dismay; there have been no livid editorials proclaiming Lee to be a vicious, hate-mongering racist. I'm even willing to wager that 90 percent of this campus never even heard a word of the controversy.

Now, don't get me wrong, I'm no fan of Rush Limbaugh — I always have believed he was too sensationalist for my taste, and that his drug addiction betrayed all of his basic principles. However, Limbaugh's hypocrisy does not absolve that of the rest of the mainstream media. Show me what about Spike Lee absolves him of a racism charge and what about Rush Limbaugh makes him a disgusting, white-supremacist Nazi. I cannot see any difference between what they said; both accused the media of indulging in racial preferences toward sports stars; neither was expressing a racist agenda.

Rush Limbaugh's exact words were, "I don't think he's been that good from the get go. I think what we've had here is a little social concern in the NFL. The media has been very desirous that a black quarterback do well. There is a little hope invested in McNabb, and he got a lot of credit for the performance of this team that he didn't deserve. The defense carried this team."

Spike Lee's exact words were, "The most overrated player of all

time, I would say it'd be Larry Bird. Now, Larry Bird is one of the greatest players of all time, but listen to the white media. It's like this guy was like nobody ever played basketball before him — Larry Bird, Larry Bird, Larry Bird, Larry Bird, Larry Bird."

Neither of the two are stereotyping blacks or whites; they are not expressing a racist agenda or any sort of personal discriminatory belief. They only are expressing a belief that somebody else is engaging in racial preferences. They both clearly accuse the media of racism. How does that make either of them racist?

The media pounced on Limbaugh last September, tearing him to pieces by giving him front-page coverage and lambasting him for days, not even letting up after his resignation. It took me two weeks, however, to find anything approximating a transcript of Spike Lee's statement.

I concede that Limbaugh is a better-known public figure than is Lee. I cannot, however, understand how that, in any way, justifies the massive public lynching he suffered at the hands of the news media, while Lee got off scot-free for saying what is, undeniably, the same thing.

So, to summarize: It's okay for a black commentator to criticize the media for making a white player out to be better than he actually is, but not okay for a white commentator to criticize the media for making a black player out to be better than he actually is.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Condom article important, but some facts incorrect

Dear Editor,

I commend you for publishing *The Daily Orange's* editorial in the April 5 issue of *The Breeze* on the George W. Bush administration's right-wing agenda that underlies his call for warning labels on condoms regarding human papilloma virus; however, the article contained incorrect information that should be addressed. First, HPV does not cause genital herpes as the article suggests. Herpes is caused by the Herpes Simplex Virus. HPV causes genital warts, which may or may not manifest itself physically on the body — anywhere on the body, not just the pubic area. Additionally, the statement "the transmission of HPV is lessened when an individual has no other sexually transmitted diseases, such as HIV or chlamydia" is misleading.

While it is true that people living with HIV also often are diagnosed with HPV, there is no casual relation between the two. The fact is that a person diagnosed with HPV can — and likely will — transmit the virus regardless of the existence/non-existence of other STDs. Anyone diagnosed with HPV or any STD must exercise caution and honesty when engaging in a sexual relationship with a partner. The point of the editorial — that a conservative agenda of abstinence underlies Bush's request to alter the warnings on condom packages — is well-warranted, but it becomes lost given the lack of accurate information. In the end, lack of access to accurate information can be just as detrimental as lack of access to condoms or emergency contraceptive pills.

Cynthia Martin
Writing program instructor

EVOLUTION: Theory invalid

EVOLUTION, from page 7

No honest scientist can claim that the gaps exists because the fossil record is too incomplete. Hundreds of millions of fossils have been found. The only fossils missing are those required by Darwinian evolution — the transitional forms between basic orders mentioned above.

While refuting evolution's common descent dogma, the fossil record actually supports the biblical model of creation. The complete absence of transitional life forms confirms the creationist claim that basic kinds of life were created suddenly and fully formed. Creationists believe that fully functioning

organisms were made to reproduce after their own kinds, having been designed with enormous amounts of genetic information enabled a variety in future generations within each created kind.

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■ From the Wire
Texas mother raises question of limits of insanity plea

James Phillips

Deanna Laney, the Tyler, Texas, woman who bashed in the skulls of her three young children, has been acquitted on grounds of insanity. Most can agree that thoughts of a divine quest to kill off your own offspring certainly are not the products of a healthy psyche, yet Laney's chilling 911 call and videotaped testimony all present the appearance of a fully self-aware and articulate woman.

Her defense attorneys argued that the Mrs. Laney who was standing trial was of a different frame of mind than the one who brought a massive stone crashing down on the fragile heads of her children. Now on a strong regimen of doctor-prescribed drugs, it can be said that in her new mindset, Laney is highly unlikely to commit heinous crimes such as filicide. But, when we stop

holding people personally accountable for their own actions, how can society send the message that certain behaviors are simply unacceptable and cannot be tolerated?

With science and the study of psychology constantly evolving, it is conceivable that at some point in the future entire personalities could be reshaped with the proper application of some as yet unvented medical technology. If this ever becomes the case, then there would cease to be "guilty" people — only guilty minds in need of re-education.

We already have seen questionable application of the insanity plea in the case of would-be presidential assassin John Hinckley, who barely wounded President Reagan, yet managed to severely maim James Brady his press secretary. In the aftermath, the American people watched as Hinckley's attorneys were able

to successfully pursue the insanity defense. The true defendant of the entire affair was firearms, which were pronounced guilty when the 1994 Brady Bill was signed into law. In a controversial 2003 decision, medical examiners found that Hinckley was sane enough to be allowed unsupervised visitation with his parents.

This chain of events would seem to present a problem for important fundamental concepts such as logic and justice. If the man who tried to kill a president is now sane enough to leave hospital grounds unescorted, then isn't he sane enough to understand and fully answer for the crimes he committed? Of course, anyone familiar with the double jeopardy law would be the first to tell you that a citizen cannot be tried twice for the same crime, but it doesn't seem like justice that John Hinckley can enjoy

afternoon tea with his parents while the man he disabled for life is forced to live with his injuries every waking hour.

Whenever an instance of severe violence erupts in the United States, a litany of experts crawl out of the woodwork with a laundry list of just who and what is to blame. Societal factors such as popular culture, mass media influence and a lack of religious direction always are cited as the reasons why Americans perpetrate violence against one another. Notably absent from many of these lists are the suspects themselves, whose actions are, quite obviously, the direct instigating factor for the fear and terror that follows their repugnant crimes.

Surely we cannot return wholesale to the blind barbarism of simplistic "an eye for an eye" solutions and yet, sometimes an Old

Testament approach is the only recourse that could possibly equal the severity of the crime. But if our society is content dispensing discipline and justice in the form of medications and insanity rulings, why not take it to the next logical step?

Perhaps the Sept. 11, 2001 hijackers were insane, caught up in the demagogical bastardization of Islam. If the George W. Bush administration ever manages to capture Osama bin Laden, maybe we should prop him up in front of a team of psychologists instead of a firing squad — better we understand the man behind the carnage so we can determine a new and enlightened way not to hold him accountable for the outcome of his actions.

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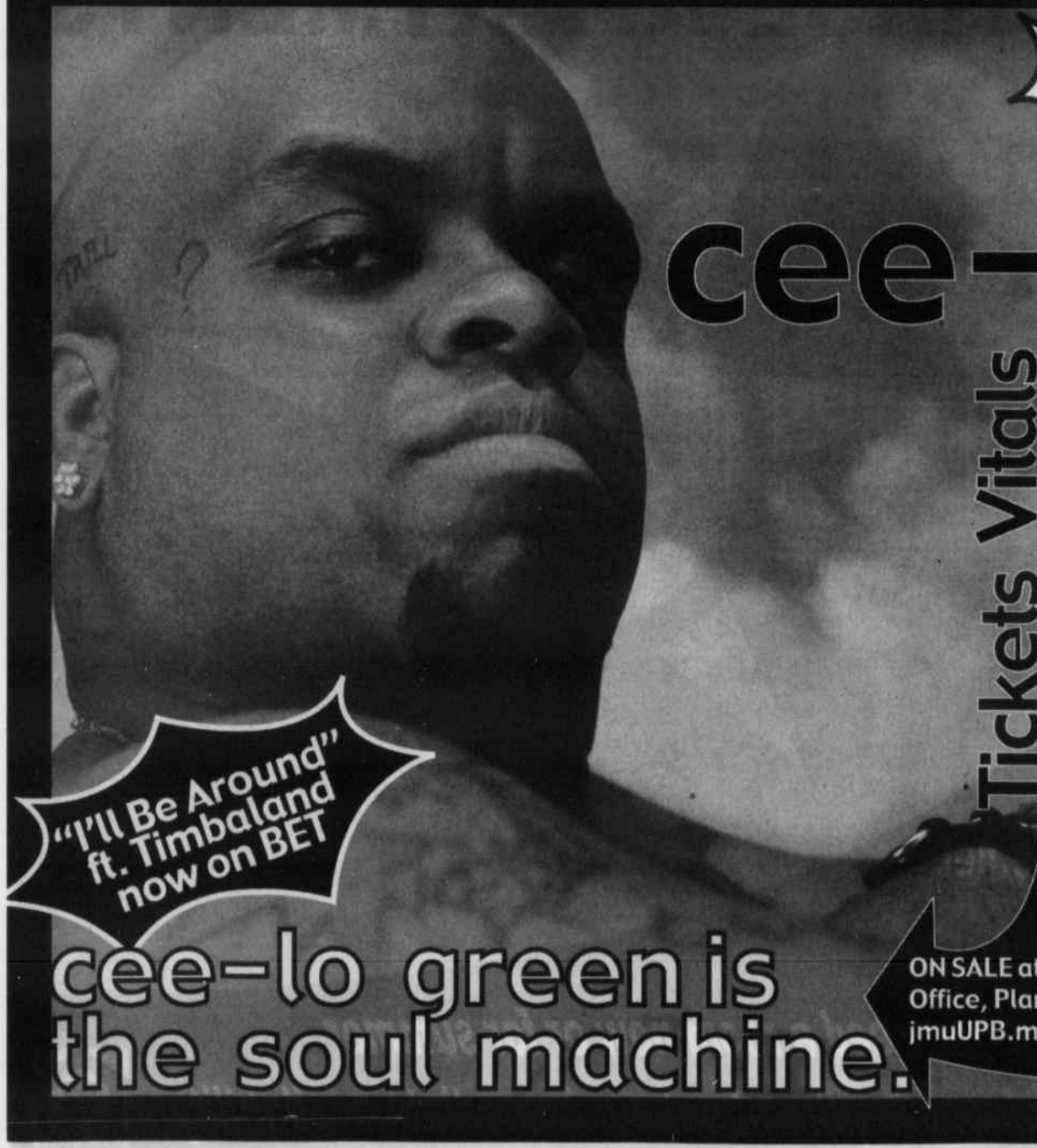


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Aries March 21-April 19

Today is a 2 – It's not a good day to travel or to send out resumes or announcements. Rethink your proposed action and try to find the words you might later wish you'd said.

Taurus April 20-May 20

Today is a 7 – A friend may surprise you with a suggestion you'd never have come up with yourself. That's one of the things friends are for, so let them know what you need.

Gemini May 21-June 21

Today is a 6 – Don't take on an assignment that will cause friction with someone you love. It's not a nice surprise to dump on a person who's been there for you.

Cancer June 22-July 22

Today is a 9 – An excursion you'd like to go on should be delayed. There's likely to be an unexpected situation at work. Don't overextend yourself.

Leo July 23-Aug. 22

Today is a 9 – A disagreement about how to spend jointly held money could threaten your relationship. Proceed with caution.

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Today is a 8 – You'll achieve a whole lot more with the help of a creative partner. You need a couple of crazy ideas. Pick out the one that's most likely to work.

Libra Sept. 23-Oct 22

Today is a 3 – Another person is doing most of the talking, but that doesn't mean you don't count. You're putting in most of the work at this point— make sure you get credit for it.

Scorpio Oct. 23-Nov. 21

Today is a 5 – A gift for a loved one is a good way to express your true feelings. You're experiencing a lot of frustration at work. Being kind always helps.

Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Today is a 7 – Don't push too hard. That effort won't help a bit, and it actually could cause damage. You're enthusiastic, but you need to wait for somebody else to catch up.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Today is a 6 – Make a wonderful discovery while meditating quietly. Not everything has to be explainable. Miracles do happen. Let go of an old fear.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18

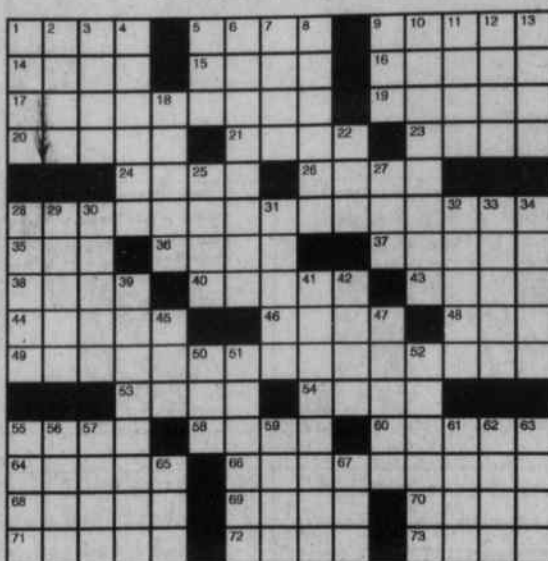
Today is a 7 – You're a voracious reader, especially now. This is good because your flight to success starts with a library card. Find out what others already have discovered so that you don't reinvent the wheel.

Pisces Feb. 19-March 20

Today is a 10 – Information you're dredging up could threaten the establishment. That's why it's best to keep it to yourself until you're sure conditions are right, and right now, they aren't right.

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RIDDLE of the Day

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Section Two

Spelunking

(it's not a dirty word)

Members of caving club explore natural grottos

Story by
contributing writer Clay Gaynor
Graphics by
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cave TERMS

Spelunking - American name for a caver.

Cave - A natural cavity in rock large enough for a human to enter.

Caver - A person who goes caving.

Grotto - A small to moderate-size cave chamber.

Leader - The person directing activities of a caving party and held responsible for the group's safety.

Bouldering - Rock climbing at low heights with no rope.

Caving - The physical act of entering and exploring a cave.

Head Lamp - A secondary light source attached to a caver's helmet.

Wet Cave - A cave containing a lake or active stream with deep pools, which require wading or swimming to progress through the cave.

Several shadowy figures stand in the inky mouth of a cave in the middle of the night, squinting at a pool of icy, chest-high water that's only lit by the glow of headlamps. The spelunkers, or cavers, are submerged in the water wearing nothing but underwear, holding trash bags containing dry clothes above the water and swimming 20 frigid feet to a subterranean beach on the other side.

Though it is not exactly a typical Thursday night for most JMU students, this trip to Highland County's Aqua Cave topped the list of memorable caving experiences had by juniors John Gualdoni and Jon Matthews. They are members of the Madison University Student Grotto, or the JMU Caving Club for the uninitiated.

"Caving is a fun way to get people to do things that they wouldn't normally be able to do," Gualdoni said. "It's great that JMU has a club that allows people to get involved with something that's different and fun."

The MUSG was founded in 1979 by several members of the university's Outing Club who wanted to concentrate on caving, according to the MUSG Web site www.math.jmu.edu/~MUSG/index.html. The club has grown to currently include 70 members, and now offers students the chance to participate in other outdoor activities such as camping, hiking and an annual rafting trip to West Virginia's Upper Gauley River, according to sophomore Steve Cummings, MUSG president-elect.

Members use topographical maps and other literature about caves to find the destinations for their caving outings, according to Cummings. They always go with someone who is experienced with that cave and who is deemed "the leader," he said.

The club's faculty adviser, math professor Carl Droms, said, "The interesting thing is to see how different groups of people will interact on a trip. We've been lucky over the years in that we have always had very good people [participate], and very good group dynamics."

It is very important that people not go explore caves by themselves, Droms said. One always should go with someone who is an experienced caver, or get involved with a club like JMU's caving club.

Matthews said, "The entrances are often inconspicuous. To someone unfamiliar with the cave, they could just look like a mound of rocks, so it is very important to go with someone that has been to that site before."

Cummings said, "Our meetings are very informal, and we welcome new members at any time. We're a pretty laid-back club in general."

He added, "It's only \$10 a year in dues, making it one of the cheapest clubs to get involved with." The dues cover batteries and the upkeep of all equipment, which members can borrow for excursions and include helmets and headlamps.

Inside, the caves are damp and a consistent 55 degrees, Matthew said. For gear, cavers need shoes and clothes that he or she doesn't mind getting muddy and wet, according to Matthews. "A lot of us wear painters' coveralls that cover our entire body, a helmet and headlamp. It's important to have a backup

source of light so you need extra batteries."

MUSG is one of JMU's most accessible clubs, according to Cummings. To get involved, one should attend a group meeting Thursday nights at 6:15 p.m. in Keezell Hall room 105.

"Hardly any of our members have any prior caving experience before joining the club," junior Chris Stadmeier said. One should not be deterred because of lack of experience, he added.

Droms echoed these sentiments. "I never did any caving at all before coming to JMU and joining the Caving Club. I started going to meetings in the fall of 1983, which was my first semester here at JMU. It was a nice, friendly bunch of people. In fact, some of my closest friends are people I met at that time [also were Caving Club members]," Droms said.

Both Cummings and Stadmeier likened MUSG's weekly meetings to a discussion forum, during which senior members and elected officers facilitate dialogue among the members about planning upcoming trips and other activities. As faculty adviser, Droms said he attends the meetings, but doesn't traditionally lead the group. "In a lot of ways, I'm just another member of the club — basically all decisions are made by consensus," Droms said.

Besides the annual rafting trip, the Caving Club also organizes several other events each year. "We have two big camping trips, Fall Ball and Spring Fling, where we camp, cave, hike and party," Cummings said.

Stadmeier added, "Spring Fling is sort of a mixer between caving clubs ... mostly [between] us and [Virginia] Tech."

In addition to its big events, MUSG also attempts a weekly outing to one of its area's caves. "Our area of Virginia and West Virginia is one of the best caving areas in the country," Stadmeier said.

Cummings said, "Our area, called the Eastern Region [which includes Virginia and West Virginia, as well as Kentucky and North Carolina], has one-third of all the known caves in the United States," Cummings added. With all of these options, it's hard for the members to pick favorites, but Cummings and Stadmeier each have a preferred cave.

"I enjoy Marshall's Cave, near Highland County, because it's a fairly technical cave with lots of climbing, tight crawls, large rooms, and cool formations," Cummings said.

Stadmeier said, "My favorite is Trout Cave in West Virginia because of the big rooms with fun bouldering and the occasional tight crawl."

In addition to Aqua Cave, his favorite cave, Matthews also has a special caving memory. "Making mud people inside a cave was really fun," Matthews said.

Droms said he is unable to pick a favorite cave or outing. "I've been on so many trips with the club. I can't say I have a favorite cave — each group is different and each cave is unique."

For JMU students looking to try something new and different, Caving Club members said the club was a great choice. MUSG will provide the gear and a great time. As a testament to that, Gualdoni said, "Caving is kind of like the cool McDonald's [Playplace] things we used to play in as kids, except it's made of rock and has a ton of mud."





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Eight finalists competed Monday night for the coveted

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"All of the performers are professional musicians with national and international credentials."

MARILOU JOHNSON
director of the school of music

See story below

Following an Idol

Students sing out for winning title

BY JESSICA GUY
contributing writer

Idols often are greatly and fanatically adored by hordes of fans who wear homemade T-shirts with phrases such as, "You Rock my Socks Off!" and carry signs with slogans such as "I want to have your babies!"

JMU students had the chance to become their own sort of campus idols at Monday night's JMU Idol II. About 200 students came to the Wilson Hall Auditorium to support the finalist who inspired them to the point of devotion and vote for this year's JMU Idol, according to senior Monica Flanagan, who created JMU Idol last year.

The BluesTones, an all-female a capella group, organized JMU Idol for the first time last year as a fund raiser to help pay for recording costs. Following suit after the "American Idol" television phenomenon, senior Monica Flanagan, a member of The BluesTones, decided to bring it back again this year. After rigorous auditions, only eight performers were selected to compete for the \$150 grand prize.

The event's judges were Chris Carter, owner of the Artful Dodger, Meredith Weisse, director of Musical Acts for University Program Board and senior Ross Copperman, a musician who plays piano and is in the process of becoming a recording artist.

The contest consisted of two rounds altogether. In the first round, all eight contestants sang clips from different songs. The audience and judges then voted for their favorite contestant, and the best three went on to the second round. Freshman Lawton Tufts, and juniors Graham Cochrane and Shelby Giles went on to perform another song that showcased a different part of their vocal range. The audience and judges then voted again for the winner.

As for what the individual judges were looking for, Copperman said he thought the "sexiness factor" of each finalist was important, while Weisse said she was looking for performers' "star quality."

"I'm looking for someone with the ability to rouse up the

crowd," Weisse said.

The battle began with a returning idol contestant from last year, junior Rachel Pierce, who belted out the "American Idol" classic "Miss Independent," sung by Kelly Clarkson.

Weisse was impressed, and said, "You have a bigger voice than Kelly Clarkson." Carter agreed. "This sister certainly can sing," he said.

Sophomore Philip Bernier followed with another American Idol standby, "Perfect Day," by Clay Aiken. Copperman liked Bernier's style, including his flipped collar, and Weisse complimented his Broadway-quality voice. Carter's only comment

was directed to the accompanying piano player. Having made the first Simon Cowell-esque comment of the night, he reminded the booing audience that its collective vote was 50 percent, in addition to the votes of the judges.

The audience loved senior Jeff Jones' rendition of Stevie Wonder's "Signed, Sealed & Delivered," but Carter dryly commented, "that package sounded like it got damaged in the mail."

Freshman Kirstin Riegler worked the stage and the crowd with The Supremes' "Can't Hurry Love." Copperman fawned over Riegler's performance to the point that Weisse accused him of having a crush on the performer.

Senior Kyle Busey transported the audience to the beach with his rendition of The Drifters' "Under the Boardwalk." All three

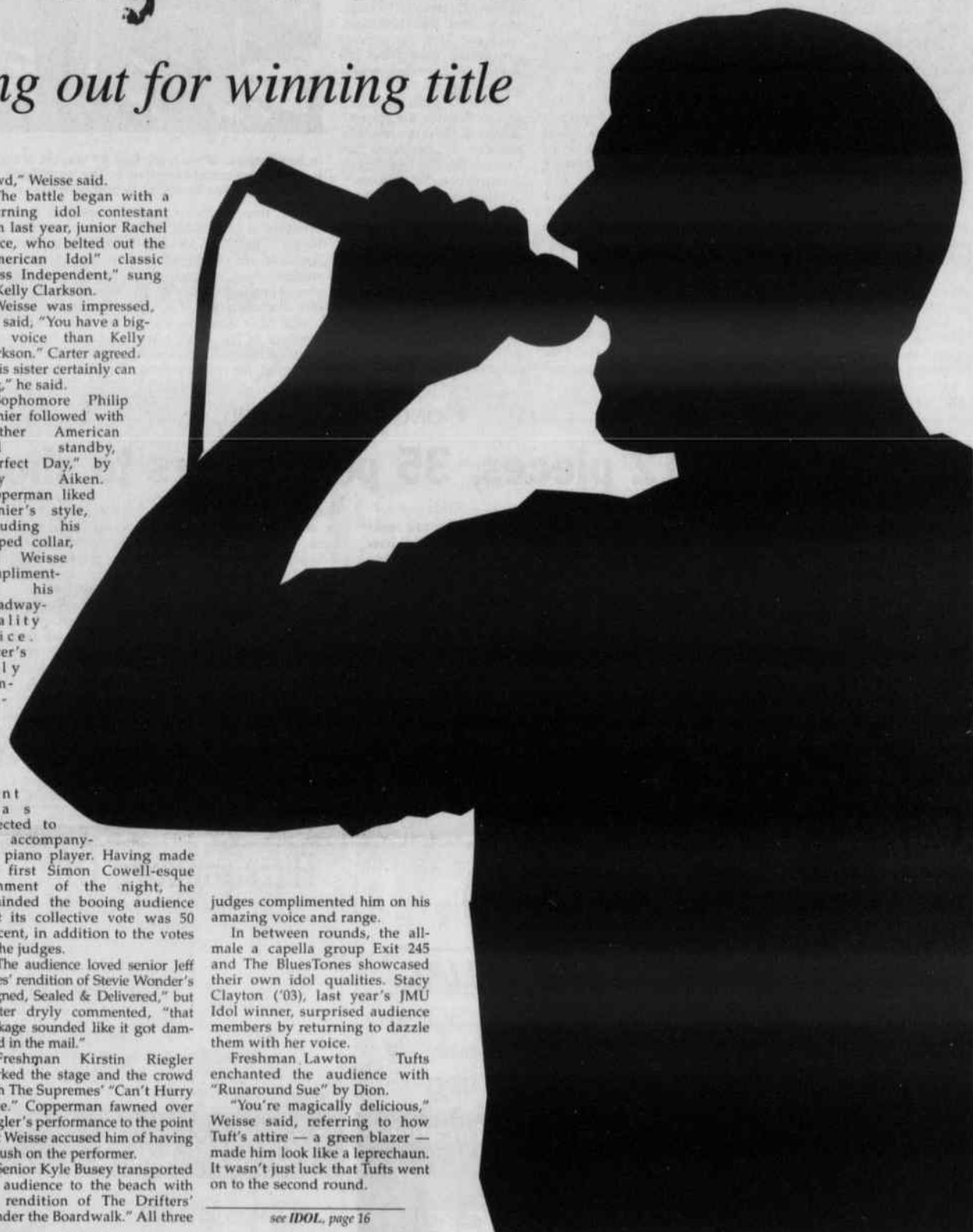
judges complimented him on his amazing voice and range.

In between rounds, the all-male a capella group Exit 245 and The BluesTones showcased their own idol qualities. Stacy Clayton ('03), last year's JMU Idol winner, surprised audience members by returning to dazzle them with her voice.

Freshman Lawton Tufts enchanted the audience with "Runaround Sue" by Dion.

"You're magically delicious," Weisse said, referring to how Tuft's attire — a green blazer — made him look like a leprechaun. It wasn't just luck that Tufts went on to the second round.

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CONCERT PREVIEW



Professors take stage

BY SEAMUS O'CONNOR
staff writer

Anyone with an appreciation for music and a desire to help other students can be both entertained and generous this weekend during the premiere of the school of music's JMU Faculty Gala.

Music faculty members will perform at a recital benefiting performance scholarships within the school. This event will feature many different styles of music, from opera to classical to show tunes.

All of the 13 performers instruct within the school on individual instruments or voice. Some professors will perform solo, while others will appear in duets. Also scheduled to perform is the all-female Montpelier Wind Quintet composed of faculty.

"All of the performers are professional musicians with

national and international credentials," said Marilou Johnson, director of the school of music. "The concert is a fantastic opportunity for the JMU and Harrisonburg community to hear a professional concert, all [geared toward] endowing scholarships for future music students."

Pieces to be presented include a work of Mozart's, "Tonight" from Leonard Bernstein's "West Side Story" and an original work by JMU alumnae Linda Betts Frazier. One of the most anticipated performances is Rick DiGiallonardo's, who will present a self-composed piece in four movements written for the keyboard synthesizer. His work, titled "In Walked In: A Day in the Life" models the funky style of the Beatles. DiGiallonardo has worked as a professional musician for many years, has several gold albums and even has toured with musical legend Elton John. Margo Tillman expressed

her satisfaction with the event, and said it is "[a] great way to showcase our faculty talents, [while] at the same time raising scholarship money for students."

Current music major junior Justin Leighty, student liaison for the concert, called the faculty performers "just amazing."

The concert

takes place April 18 at 3 p.m. in the Wilson Hall Auditorium. Tickets are \$10 for general admission or \$8 with a JAC card.

IDOL: Close battle for JMU title

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Cochrane, another finalist, played a guitar and sang Dishwalla's "Counting Blue Cars."

Weisse admitted her weakness for guys with guitars, and Carter said, "You're truly talented and going to go very far in your music career."

Giles certainly cast a spell over the audience when she sang Etta James' classic, "At Last." The judges were in agreement that she had "the whole package."

The competition was incredibly close, but Giles, a petite student with a big voice, took the JMU Idol crown home.

"This is my favorite thing to do in the world; to do it as a career would be ideal," Giles said.

Until then, she plans on using her prize to celebrate her up-and-coming twenty-first birthday — idol style.

Mariachi heats up Southwest United States

BY KAREN BRULLIARD
The Washington Post

Anastasia Wilkins calls herself a "typical teen-ager." Her bedroom, its walls painted in pink and white stripes, is strewn with clothes. She runs on her high school's track team and wears a retainer. When she listens to music, it is likely to be oldies or country-western.

For nearly a decade though, the bright-eyed 17-year-old has directed her passion toward singing and playing violin and vihuela — a small five-string guitar — in school mariachi ensembles. Last November, on an evening she said she hoped would never end, her dedication to mariachi paid off: At the largest national competition for school mariachi ensembles and singers, members of Mariachi Vargas — Mexico's preeminent mariachi group — crowned Wilkins best vocalist in the United States for her throaty performance of a song called "No Puedo Olvidarte," or "I Cannot Forget You."

In the Southwest, mariachi school programs have exploded over the past 30 years and they are popping up in other parts of the nation. Nowhere has the mariachi arts craze caught on more than in South Texas, espe-

cially in San Antonio, where more than 40 percent of the population is of Mexican origin. At least 50 schools in San Antonio and 250 others in Texas offer mariachi programs, said Cynthia Munoz, a public relations executive whose firm organizes the Mariachi Vargas Extravaganza.

Mariachi is so big in Texas that from San Antonio to the border, schools with mariachi ensembles outnumber those with jazz bands, music educators say. Drawn to mariachi for its festive rhythms and melodic songs about their homeland, liquor and love, the students learn music theory and can become accomplished singers and instrumentalists.

"I hate the word 'mariachi' used to describe the players," said David Zamarripa, mariachi instructor at downtown San Antonio's Fox Tech High School. "I want them to be 'musicians.'"

Most mariachi students are Mexican-Americans or other Hispanics, although mariachi educators say the music attracts students of all kinds. Some think mariachi may be on the verge of a breakthrough to the mainstream, much as jazz once transcended its southern black roots to seize the imagination of the nation.



Photo courtesy of Mariachi Vargas Extravaganza

In San Antonio, where more than 40 percent of the population is of Mexican origin, Mariachi is the newest craze, according to The Washington Post. Above, mariachi ensemble from San Antonio's Fox Tech High School performs at last year's Mariachi Vargas Extravaganza.

For now, students and directors say, mariachi connects many Mexican-American and other Hispanic students to a heritage, and even a language that often is only dimly familiar.

The other afternoon, a few members of Fox Tech's mariachi ensemble took a break after practicing for an upcoming

competition in the Southern Texas town of Alice. The ensemble — eight violin players, three trumpet players, one guitarist, two vihuela players and one oversize bass guitarist called a guitarron — practices during one class period and for an hour each day after school.

"I didn't expect to be able to learn or hear mariachi here,"

said violin player Marcelino Castillo, an 18-year-old, who immigrated to Texas from Mexico nine years ago and began learning mariachi as a sixth-grader in San Antonio. The senior also plays in a professional ensemble that performs in a local Mexican restaurant on weekends. "It makes me keep in touch with my roots," he said.

CONCERT PREVIEW

One concert, 12 pieces, 35 performers to showcase talent

BY TRACY HACKER
staff writer

From choreography to lighting, 35 theatre and dance students have done it all. This week, their talents will be displayed in the Student Dance Concert, called "12 Facings."

The performance includes six solo pieces, two small group pieces, three larger group pieces and one video piece created by a dance minor.

"The 12 pieces compose a concert which will be modern-based with a few pieces which are jazz," said junior Avigail

Leighton, one of the show's three student directors.

"[The] concert is completely student-run, from the lighting, choreography, poster, program, backstage work, everything," according to faculty director Shane O'Hara. She said one of the main goals of this performance and other dance programs is "to educate our students on all facets of producing dance performances."

O'Hara thinks that although the concert usually is a "mixed bag" of pieces, the audience usually find something with which

they can relate.

"[The audience will notice] the athleticism and sophistication of the dancers and choreographers," O'Hara said.

Three of the pieces are performed by the dance program's freshman ensemble, composed of both majors and minors, also called the "associate ensemble." One of the three pieces was choreographed by guest artist Alan Arnet. Arnet is a professor at Shenandoah University and has performed on campus before, as well as guest-taught a dance class. Senior student director Julia

Vessey said most of the pieces are choreographed by the students. "[It is a] very scary thing to do ... [to] put your art on stage and be watched or judged," Vessey said. She added that, for many of the students, this concert offered them their first taste of choreography. However, the students' talent and professionalism impressed her.

"[The concert] will be a big success because each dancer has worked extremely hard," Leighton said.

Sophomore Megan Kelly, a performer, thinks the audience

will enjoy Arnet's piece, "Do Yo Thang," because "it is most like the dancing [the audience] is used to seeing on TV."

Vessey predicts that the piece performed by sophomore Karen Mills, which is "fast, funny and enthralling," will "surely get the audience's toes a tappin'."

Kelly thinks one of the most important aspects of this concert is how it displays the dancers' progression of skills throughout the semester. The concert is an opportunity to show the new techniques students learned in the JMU dance program, according to Kelly. She

says that for some students new to the dance program, learning the discipline of dance at JMU is "a big jump from what they're used to." However, this concert allows them to showcase the new skills they've learned this semester in addition to their natural talents.

The concert is in Sinclair Gym in Godwin Hall April 14 through April 16. The concert starts at 8 p.m. and the doors open at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$3 with a JAC card or \$6 for general admission, available at the Masterpiece Season box office next to the dance studio in Godwin Hall.

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Trump prepares audience for final farewell

As 'The Apprentice' ends, host ponders potential series' winner

BY RICK PORTER
Knight Rider Tribune

Once "The Apprentice" television show got down to its final two candidates, Donald Trump wanted to see his potential future employee face some real stress.

He got his wish, thanks to executive producer Mark Burnett.

"Donald [Trump] wants to see [the finalists] in a CEO-type role, not as a member of a team but as a real boss," Burnett says. "The final tasks are huge, and the pressure on these people — even the final two start to crack."

Following the elimination's of pseudo lovebirds Amy Henry and Nick Warnock in the penultimate episode, Harvard University MBA Kwame Jackson and cigar entrepreneur Bill Rancic were left to take on

jobs that directly affect aspects of Trump's business. Rancic was put in charge of a golf tournament bearing Trump's name, while Jackson had to oversee a Jessica Simpson concert at Trump's the Trump Taj Mahal Hotel and Casino in Atlantic City, N.J.

How [the finalists] do will help determine the winner in Thursday's live, two-hour finale. Instead of uttering the show's catchphrase "You're fired," Trump will tell either Jackson or Rancic "You're hired."

As of last week, when Trump and Burnett talked to reporters about the show, Trump hadn't decided whether he would choose Jackson or Rancic to run one of his divisions while earning an annual salary of \$250,000. He likes both men.

"Kwame [Brown] and Bill [Rancic] seem similar, but they're very different,"

Trump said. "Bill's actually a much more aggressive person than he looks on television. Kwame, everyone loves this guy. He's a Harvard MBA, he left Goldman Sachs for this opportunity — not a lot of people would be leaving Goldman Sachs, literally, just for this opportunity."

“*But these people have worked for me a long time — they're total professionals, and they understand.*”

— Donald Trump
"The Apprentice" host

Trump also hasn't decided which part of his empire he'll have the winner run.

"I think certain people would be better at one thing than another," he said. "So, to a certain extent, [where the finalist ends up] depends on who the winner is going to be."

The billionaire also will have to break the news to an employee that he or she is being pushed aside to let a reality-show contestant run the company for a year.

"Aye yi yi — why did you have to ask me that question?" Trump said. "I've already prepared a number of my divisions [that the winner will be coming onboard]. Depending on the job we're doing — in one case in particular, it's a very big situation — we're gonna

be watching this new president very closely. This is not gonna be a man who's gonna be running off half-cocked. But these people have worked for me a long time, they're total professionals and they understand."

NBC already has ordered two more cycles of "The Apprentice," and Trump will be part of them — at a substantially higher salary than his initial \$50,000 per episode. Beyond that, however, he's noncommittal.

"At some point, I have to go on with my life," Trump said. "I'm not going to be on the show forever. Hopefully, someone will replace me who's going to carry the show on to — I can't say [to] great heights, but to the same heights or even slightly less, and that would be satisfactory."

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"It has been very detrimental. I still have to dispel rumors that JMU is dropping men's swimming."

MATT BARANY
men's swimming coach
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LACROSSE

Dukes take down Tigers

Senior midfielder Gail Decker scored seven goals as No. 8 JMU soundly defeated No. 17 Towson University 15-5 in a Colonial Athletic Association game in Towson, Md.

The Dukes took an early 3-0 lead on goals from sophomore attacker Brooke McKenzie, junior attacker Jessica Brownridge and senior midfielder Erin Chantler.

The Tigers countered with a goal by red-shirt junior Caitlin Marshall, but Decker reeled off three-straight goals to give the Dukes a commanding 6-1 advantage.

JMU led 7-3 at halftime and outshot Towson 35-23 for the game.

Decker, who ranks first all-time at JMU in goals scored, increased her career total to 173. She moved into second place all-time at JMU in total points with 229.

The Dukes take on Hofstra University, Friday in a CAA home game at the JMU Lacrosse Complex.

—from staff reports

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Keener names first assistant

BY DREW WILSON
senior writer

A trip to the national championship game and receiving a head coaching job all in the same week might seem like an unreal fantasy — at least for a few hours.

Since he was named JMU's men's basketball coach at a press conference last Wednesday, Dean Keener said reality has come knocking at his door.

"[Reality sank in] just by the phone calls and the workload," Keener joked in his office Wednesday. "But all have been very positive. There have been no negatives to the situations."

One of his first tasks is hiring a new staff. Keener filled one of his three assistant positions last Friday, hiring Rhode Island College head coach Michael Kelly. Kelly resigned last week in order to accept the position with the Dukes.

Keener and Kelly have known each other since 1994, Keener said. The two worked together at Virginia Tech from 1997 to 1999, where Keener was an assistant and Kelly was the director of operations.

"He's just a good basketball coach with a good mind, and now having spent the last three years as the head coach at Rhode Island College, he can bring a lot of things to the table having called his own timeouts before," Keener said.

"Most of all, he's a good friend," Keener added. "I know we will work well together."

Kelly was hired at Rhode Island College prior to the 2001-'02 season, and he led his team to a 1-24 record. The following season, he helped Rhode Island College finish 13-13, one of the best turnarounds in NCAA Division III men's basketball history. This season, his team finished 11-15 in the Little East Conference.

"This was a very difficult decision to make," Kelly said of his decision to leave Rhode Island College in a press release. "It is especially tough to leave my players. This was an excellent opportunity for me professionally and I am looking forward to working on coach Keener's staff at James Madison University."

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JMU ATHLETICS

Dukes making due with cuts

Lack of scholarships slowing progress for several athletic teams

BY JONATHAN MCNAMARA
contributing writer

In an era where many athletic program decisions are made on the basis of finances rather than merit, many of JMU's athletic programs are forced to compete without the benefit of athletic scholarships, according to the JMU athletic administration.

In the spring of 2001, the JMU athletic department, administration officials and the Board of Governors concluded that in order to obtain national media coverage for JMU athletics, additional resources needed to be supplied to the support infrastructure of "Tier I" sports, most notably basketball and football.

As a result, the department decided that in order to fund those programs' advancements, financial cuts

needed to be made in a number of athletic programs, according to Athletic Director Jeff Bourne.

"The university decided that the only way it could make additions to the department without passing the cost onto students was to make scholarship cuts to a number of Tier III and Tier IV sports programs," Bourne said.

When all was said and done, eight teams — men's and women's swimming, men's and women's tennis, men's and women's golf, men's cross country and wrestling — all were told they no longer would be able to offer athletic scholarships to potential team recruits.

"It was an extremely difficult decision for us to make," Bourne said. "However, we felt that the sports we chose to remove scholarships from

could continue to acquire enough athletes from the traditional pool of applicants to remain competitive at the intercollegiate level."

One sport drastically affected by the cuts in 2001 is the wrestling team, according to coach Chris Elliot. The Dukes, who once consistently were near the top of their conference, have steadily dropped in the Colonial Athletic Association's standings since 2001.

"It has been tough," Elliot said. "Considering we compete consistently against top-25 programs, all of which offer scholarships, it has been tough for some of our young guys to step in and compete."

The men's swimming program, which recently finished third at the CAA championships, also has felt the effect of the scholarship cuts.

"It has been very detrimental," men's swimming coach Matt Barany said. "I still have to dispel rumors that JMU is dropping men's swimming. The university suffered a black eye by the decision..."

Seemingly, the greatest impact the scholarships cuts have is in limiting the ability of the respective coaches to recruit future CAA athletes, according to several coaches. The national letter of intent, which commits athletes to their chosen university is only applicable in scholarship situations.

"Without scholarships, we are unable to use the national letter of intent, so my recruiting strategy involves waiting," Barany said. "I have to wait until many of the funded programs sign their swimmers

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THE HOT CORNER

Mickelson captures first Masters

Phil Mickelson entered the final round of the Masters tied for the lead at six strokes under par, a mere 18 holes away from winning his first major championship. However, many avid golf followers who sat in front of their television sets Sunday afternoon were waiting for Mickelson's customary meltdown, rather than his victory celebration.

They were left disappointed, as Mickelson won his first major championship in 47 career attempts. After finishing in the top three on eight different occasions, "Lefty" finally did it.

Losing late in majors has been Mickelson's Achilles' Heel for years. He's been regarded as one of the top five professional golfers in the world, but when push came to shove, he always came up short. It became the monkey on his back.



JAMES IRWIN

Sunday afternoon, Mickelson changed all that. He was walking up from the 16th green when the announcement flashed across the television screen: Ernie Els had finished his tournament at eight under par and was tied for the lead with Mickelson.

"Lefty" must have received the news at the same time as television viewers — he took on the look of a man who would not be denied his victory.

He parred the 17th hole, leaving him tied with Els with one hole left to play. As Mickelson approached the

18th tee, he was met by a standing ovation from the crowd at Augusta National.

Everyone was pulling for Mickelson to win. It wasn't just his caddy and Mickelson's family — the golf nation wanted him to pull this one out, even the television commentators wanted to see Mickelson don the Masters champion green jacket and punch a victorious fist into the air. It would be the golf feel-good story of the year.

I wanted Phil Mickelson to win this tournament.

For years "Lefty" has been the butt of bad jokes. He has been the epitome of cracking under pressure and not getting the job done when it counted the most. This reputation has grown with every passing major that Mickelson has failed to win.

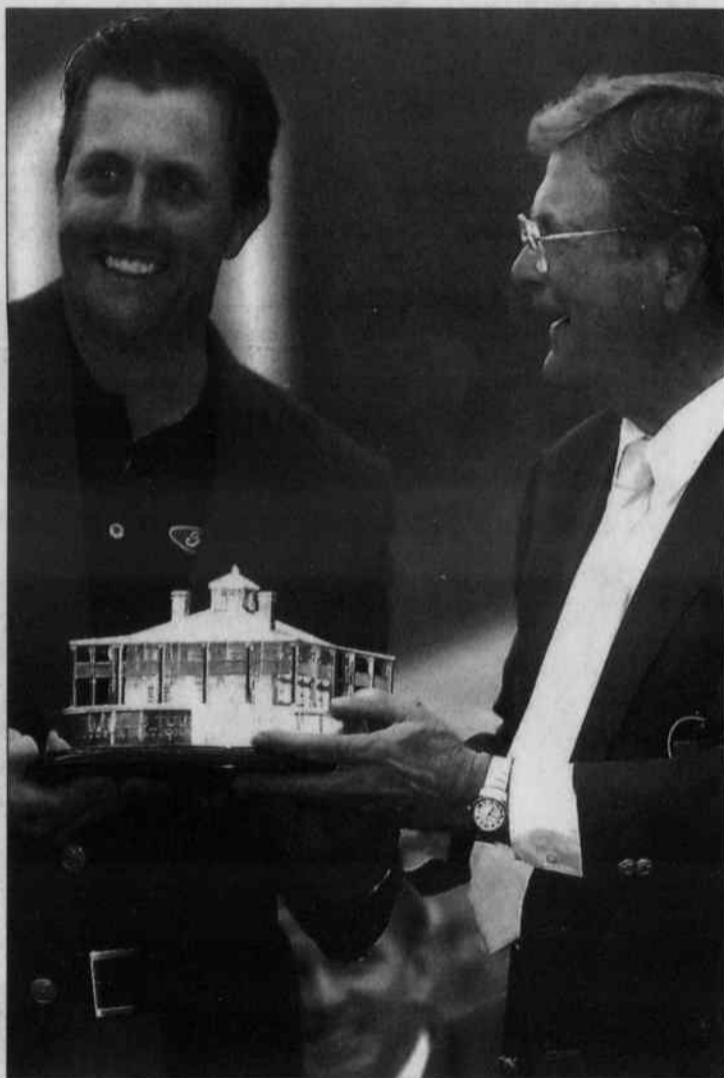
No one cares that he has won 22 tournaments in his professional career, or that he has been one of the most consistent players in the world. All fans have cared about was that he couldn't win a major tournament — all they have cared about was that he had that label.

In short, Phil Mickelson was a modern day version of "The Scarlet Letter's" Hester Prynne, branded with a label that he couldn't get rid of. And try as he might, "Lefty" always came just short of achieving greatness. He was never good enough to shed the label "the best player never to win a major."

Until now.

This time Mickelson would not fall apart. This time, "Lefty" would come through and seal the deal.

And so on Easter Sunday, on the 18th green,



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Phil Mickelson, left, receives the Masters trophy from Augusta National President Hootie Johnson after winning his first major golf championship Sunday.

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ESPN about flashiness instead of reporting sports



LORENZO BEVILAQUA/Knight Ridder Tribune

SportsCenter anchor Stuart Scott congratulates ESPN "Dream Job" winner Mike Hall at the ESPN studio in Bristol, Conn.

One day, when I make billions exploiting the beauty of capitalism, I will do two things — first, I will become an eccentric then I will start my own telecommunications company.

I will become an eccentric merely because opulent wealth permits it. Also, as a result, no one would be in a position to criticize my eccentricity — I would be capitalist royalty.

For example, if Bill Gates decided one day that instead of wearing regular shoes he was going to sport a pair of black leather stiletto boots, no one would say anything about it. And if they did, it would be "he's rich and eccentric." Then they would just have to accept it and move on.

The point is, the common man simply can't pull off

black leather stiletto boots — co-workers would speculate.

However, if that same common man was inclined to wear

black leather stiletto boots and those co-workers did gossip, the stiletto-wearer would more than likely be entitled to some bit of financial compensation in court due to the co-workers' failure to embrace his diversity. If one is wealthy beyond life, they are not afflicted

with the insipid concerns of the proletariat.

Second, and most importantly, I will start my own telecommunications company — and it won't be out of any sort of innate love for journalism or a desire to better inform the masses but, rather, out of spite for the Entertainment and Sports Programming Network, better known as ESPN.

ESPN, specifically the spectacle called "SportsCenter," seems to have adopted the prevailing trend in popular culture that viewers are incapable of original and analytical thought.

I cite reality television, ClearChannel Radio and the abolition of the McDonald's "Super-size" as recent examples.

FROM LEFT FIELD



MATTHEW STOSS

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ASSISTANT: Kelly leaves RIC to coach Dukes with Keener

ASSISTANT, from page 19

Kelly is expected to join the team today.

Keener said he would like to complete his staff hiring by the beginning of next week and, at the latest, by the middle of next week. He added he has several people in mind, but other factors are involved.

"One has some things to work through with his school

right now," Keener said.

He also said members of former coach Sherman Dillard's staff still are under consideration.

"I've talked with the current staff, and certainly they are all good people," Keener said.

"Certainly they are all under heavy consideration. It comes down to I don't have enough positions for all the good people, all the good

applicants. I'm going to have to make some hard decisions."

Keener said he wants to hire someone who is loyal and hardworking who can recruit and network.

"Every assistant has to bring something different to the table," he added. "I don't want three or four guys on staff that all do the same thing or bring the same qualities. I want some diversity."

JMU: Funding cut for programs

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and then I have to fight for what athletes are left."

Barany said that if JMU offered even a minimal number of athletic scholarships in Tier III or Tier IV sports, he would be able to secure swimmers at the earliest signing dates.

"This ability to secure athletes would impact our program immediately," he added.

While not having scholarships definitely has damaged the recruiting ability of the non-scholarship programs, JMU administration officials and athletic coaches both have said that it has not destroyed the ability to attract quality athletes to the university.

Coaches and administration officials were consistent in voicing how JMU's strong athletic reputation has been a vital recruiting tool in attracting athletes.

"We are able to secure athletes who may not have got-

ten money at other programs based on their desire to attend JMU alone," Barany said. "The school's reputation and the program's storied tradition have been valuable recruiting resources."

While some of the Duke's non-scholarship programs have declined in the CAA standings with regard to their competition, it has not lessened their athletes' desire and passion to compete, according to Elliot and Barany.

"While it would be easier to compete and recruit with scholarships, it has just made us compete that much harder," Elliot said. "I have continued to go after the best in the state. Where in the past I may have only had to make one or two calls to fill a roster spot, now I have to make three or four. While it is easy to get frustrated, you cannot dwell on things that are out of your control."

Barany and the rest of his squad also has committed to not allowing the scholarship cuts to interfere with its goals.

"The men's swimming program is concerned about maintaining an elite level of talent and character," Barany said. "The swimmers are willing to work hard to be fast, and to represent the university as best as we can. We will work hard and keep our focus on us. We won't point fingers at anyone but ourselves."

So what does the future hold for JMU's non-scholarship sports?

"There is no definitive plan to reinstate the dropped scholarships; however, we are constantly evaluating our program and looking at new ways of funding and trying to provide the best possible environment for our student athletes and the student body they represent," Bourne said.

CORNER: 'Lefty' wins jacket

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Mickelson's birdie putt for victory just had left his club when the shouts could be heard from the crowd at Augusta National.

"Get in the hole!"

His 18-foot putt caught the lip of the left-hand side of the cup and rolled around

the outside of the hole.

We all held our collective breath; no one said this would be easy.

And, when it finally dropped through, there was "Lefty," arms raised in triumphant relief. He hugged his caddy, kissed the golf ball that catapulted him into histo-

ry and then tossed it into the crowd. He had earned his first major golf championship.

Phil Mickelson had finally silenced his critics.

James Irvin is a sophomore SMAD major who believes that Mickelson's victory reminds us that great stories can come from the world of sports.

LEFT FIELD: ESPN's 'SportsCenter' not up to its former standards

LEFT FIELD, from page 19

it used to be, in the not-so-distant past, "SportsCenter" would semi-objectively report game scores and show sports highlights in a concise one-hour time frame.

Now, apparently, ESPN requires two hours for its "SportsCenter" Top 10s, Budweiser Hot Seats, "SportsCenter" Exams and inane previews of what they will analyze later in the show.

Does anyone remember "Plays of the Week"? It used to run every Sunday and Monday night to recap the most outstanding plays of the past seven days.

So, now, instead of seven days worth of great plays, we only get one because of the Top 10s and assorted other commercial silliness that ESPN made integral to its network.

Unfortunately, like much of the rest of the world, ESPN has become a proponent of "bigger is better" — even if it dilutes the product.

Consider the new Star Trek-style set.

Apparently, Bristol, Conn. has entered the space age and decided not to inform the rest of existence.

Look at the number of original non-sports-event programs ESPN has created recently, including movies, talk shows, mini-series, and Jim Rome.

ESPN even has its very own game show. They call it "Dream Job" and, in the spirit of "American Idol," the viewers choose the very next SportsCenter anchor on national television.

Now I might be generalizing on this one, but most ESPN viewers are more interested in whether their team won than what

"Dream Job" judge and Washington Redskins middle linebacker LaVar Arrington has to say about the competency of an anchor candidate.

I am sure Arrington's alma mater, Penn State, is a fabulous school, but what exactly does he know about sports journalism?

However, I suppose it is fitting that ESPN would have a game show.

"SportsCenter" anchors do more "hosting" than actual "reporting" lately.

Imagine if CNN anchor Wolf Blitzer decided that instead of reporting the latest presidential race happenings, he called John Kerry the "illest democratic nominee since President John Kennedy" à la the always-trendy Stuart Scott.

This also applies to fellow ESPN anchor John Andersen, from whom the adjective, "illest" just doesn't seem to flow.

I've decided that in order to prevent such extraneous commentary on Andersen's part, every time he uses "illest" or the equally popular "sick" to describe a highlight, the teleprompter should reach out and smack him — that is, if teleprompters had arms.

Speaking of Wolf Blitzer, ESPN has caught onto the media analyst trend. CNN, the "fair and balanced" Fox News, MSNBC, et cetera all employ analysts for their coverage — ESPN has not been left behind.

ESPN, in what could be considered a charitable act, has decided to give retired athletes gainful employment when their playing days have passed.

This is fine, except most of them are graduates of the Jim Rome University of Sports Journalism, whose

mission statement is as follows: "In the stead of knowledge, research and legitimate intelligence, the sports journalist shall instead make gaudy guarantees as to the outcome of events (ESPN has no time for actual results) and rely on the next best thing to actual fact: hearsay and rumor."

Michael Irvin may have been a talented wide-receiver, but he should not be paid to share his opinions.

I attribute "SportsCenter's" fall to the aforementioned Scott, who is the consummate purveyor of not-so-witty commentary and holds a masters degree from Jim Rome U.

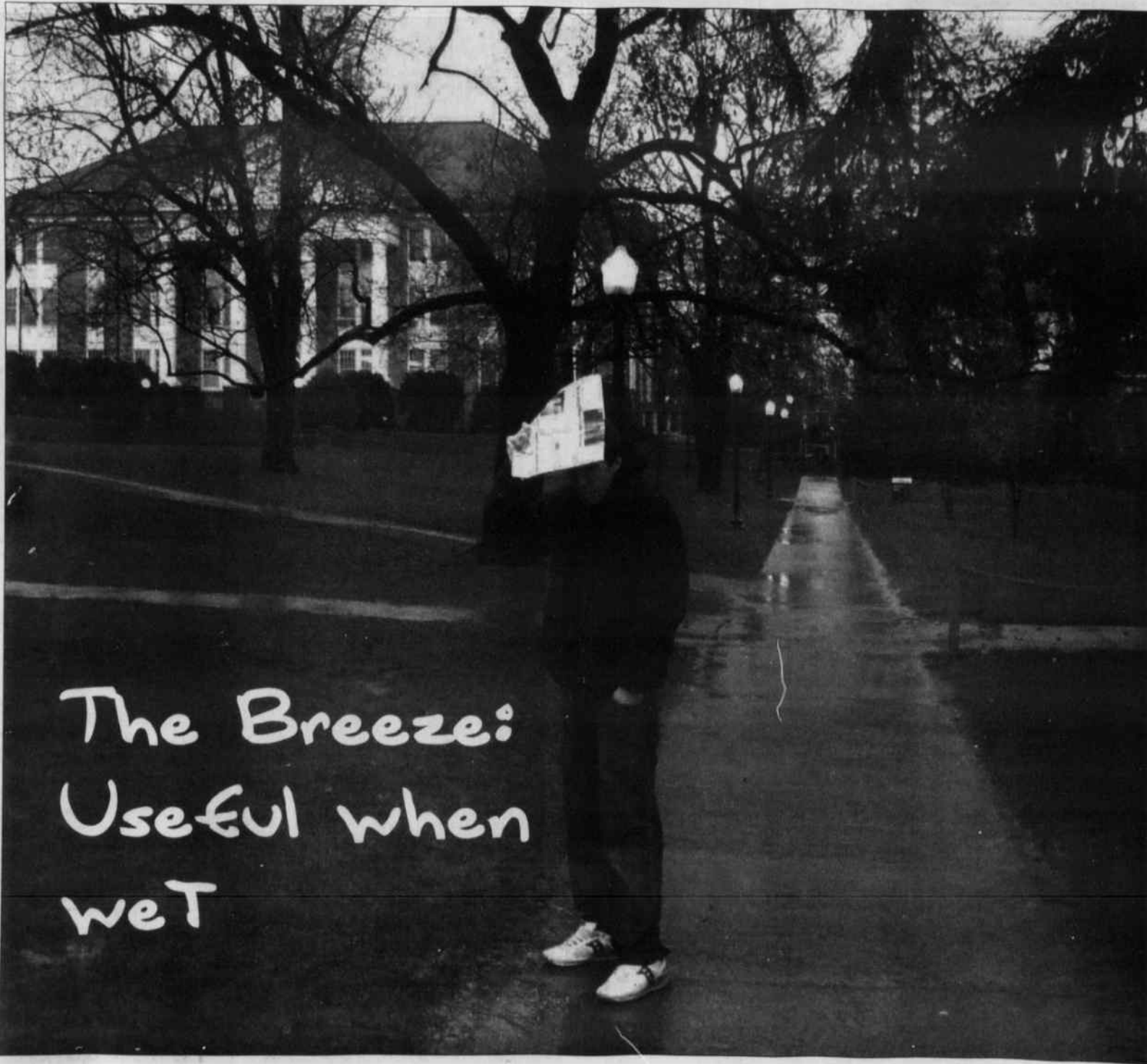
However, I have the solution. Bring back Charley Steiner and make him anchor every "SportsCenter" until the end of time, or until I assimilate Disney into my telecommunications empire — whichever comes first.

Steiner was to "SportsCenter" what the waning and waxing moon is to the tides. Okay, maybe Steiner isn't that quite that epic, but he's pretty damn close. However, he is exactly what "SportsCenter" needs in order to elevate the anchors — and ESPN, to their former greatness.

Andersen and Scott should take notes from Charley Steiner, and if they don't, they will be crushed under the capitalist power of my empire.

I do not need or want a Stuart Scott soliloquy every time someone hits a home run. Just stick with "booyah" and stop trying to lower my IQ.

Matthew Stoss is a freshman who wants to see his weekly sports highlights without idle commentary and inane banter everytime an athlete does something spectacular.



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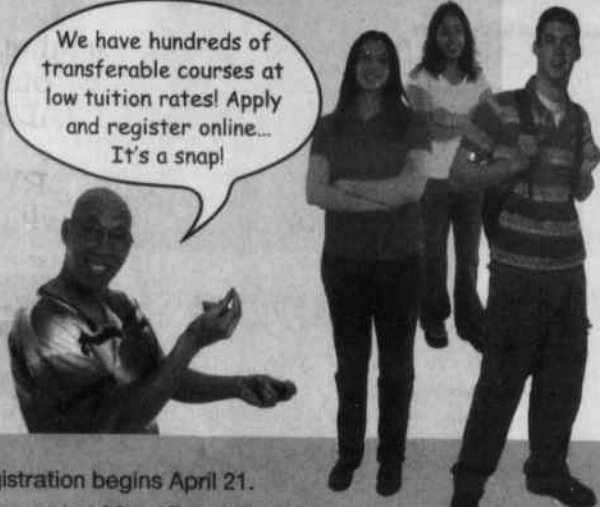
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