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Fire victims wait for temp housing

Fox Hill residents donate, help out

By SHARON SCHIFF
senior writer

Staying with friends and waiting on the insurance company leaves the Fox Hill residents of 1507 with many unanswered questions after a fire damaged the upstairs of their rented townhouse.

Seniors Travis Bache and Michael Hegel, junior Michael Toner, and sophomore Josh Knight, all residents of 1507, were displaced from their townhouse after a candle in a pumpkin caused a fire Saturday night.

"Fox Hills hasn't offered us a place and won't until their insurance people basically tell them exactly what their loss of income is," Knight said.

Fox Hill Property Manager Stephanie Furr said the insurance company evaluated the fire damaged townhouse on Tuesday.

"Right now we are trying to find them a place to stay, but we have to hear from the insurance company first," Furr said. She said she does not know when Fox Hill will hear back from the insurance company.

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Insurance option for renters

By ASHLEY MCCLELLAND
news editor

To help with the high cost of replacing items and paying for building repairs after fire or water damage, such as what occurred at Fox Hill Saturday night, students can look into renter's insurance.

"Anyone who rents an apartment should have renter's insurance," said Lisa Shaffer, SunChase apartments marketing manager.

Sophomore Louis Burgdorf, who lives on Cantrell Street, said, "I don't have renter's

insurance. I tried to get it, but didn't know where to get it."

Anyone can get renter's insurance through such insurance agencies such as USAA, All State and Nationwide. The cost and coverage will vary depending on the person's living situation and the agency they go through.

CSI Insurance Agency, Inc. offers several different options for college students, including a Student Personal Property Protector Plus insurance plan, which varies in price depend-

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Gavin Glory



CAROLYN WALSER/senior photographer

Gavin DeGraw performs in Wilson Hall Auditorium Tuesday night, surviving beads, a thong and a hat thrown from faithful fans. See story on page 17.

Female alleges rape on campus

A female JMU student allegedly was raped in an undetermined location between Port Republic Road and Mr. Chips convenience store early Sunday morning, according to the JMU Police Department.

The attack occurred between 1 and 1:30 a.m. Sunday, according to police records. The incident was reported at 4 a.m.

The victim stated that she was returning to a university residence from an apartment complex along the Port Republic Road corridor. As she walked toward campus, a male subject followed her across the Interstate 81 overpass, according to a warning issued by JMU Police.

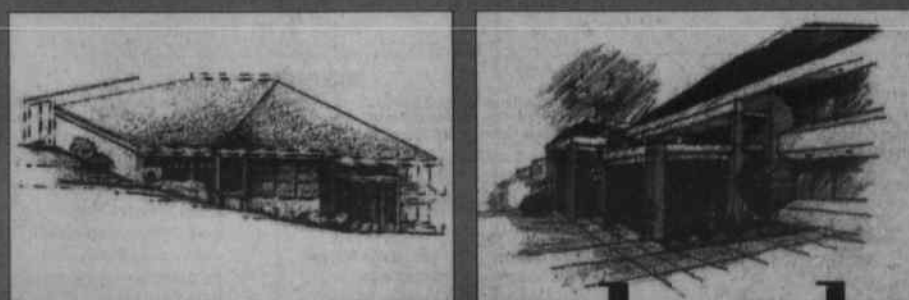
As the suspect approached from behind, he offered to assist her back to her residence. When the two reached an area with trees, the victim alleged that the suspect removed her clothing, pushed her to the ground and raped her, the report said.

The suspect is described as a white male, possibly having light brown hair and wearing jeans and a dark-colored sweatshirt. A composite sketch of the suspect has not yet been compiled.

"It can be assumed that conditions continue to exist that may pose a threat to ... the community," JMU Police said.

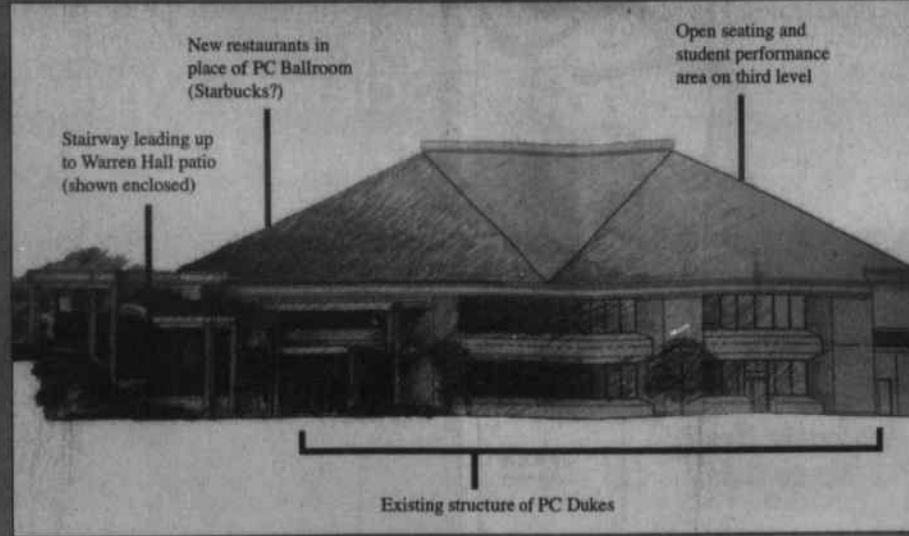
JMU spokesman Andy Perrine said, "We ask that folks don't go anywhere without an escort."

— from staff reports



a fresh new look

PC Duker to expand dining facility



New restaurants in place of PC Ballroom (Starbucks?)

Stairway leading up to Warren Hall patio (shown enclosed)

Open seating and student performance area on third level

Existing structure of PC Duker

sketches courtesy of DINING SERVICES

MMM Design Group of Norfolk received preliminary approval of its sketches for the new PC Duker.

By KATIE O'DOWD
staff writer

Dining Services will expand PC Duker to create additional dining space.

The provisional plans include enclosure of the exterior steps and additional seating and food services in the PC Ballroom, said Clete Myers, director of Dining Services.

The second floor, currently where PC Ballroom exists, would be converted to include several restaurants with seating areas specifically partitioned for each restaurant, Myers said. A third floor mezzanine level also is planned to expand seating areas.

"We have determined that PC Duker will remain open during the construction process," Myers said. The completion of the project depends on the timeliness of the design and construction of the expansion, as well as the programs that are scheduled in PC Ballroom.

Myers said that construction could begin as early as May 2005. The first phase of construction would renovate the existing dining area in PC Duker. Subsequent phases of construction to complete the second and third floors' renovations would continue during the school year, Myers said. PC Ballroom will no longer exist following construction.

The earliest completion date is August 2005. The estimated preliminary construction cost is \$2.75 million. "Hopefully, the [expansion] will help eliminate lunch traffic and organize the sections better," junior Erin Sochanski said.

Additional food stations included in the expansion have not yet been finalized. Dining Services will decide on this with help from the Student Government Association Food Advisory Committee and focus groups of students.

The second floor, currently where PC Ballroom exists, would be converted to include several restaurants, said Clete Myers, director of Dining Services.

New food service outlets on the second floor possibly could include "a Mongolian Grill and a Starbucks," Myers said.

The Food Advisory Committee is composed of seven students who send around questionnaires each week, collecting input about catering and vending services around campus.

MMM Design Group of Norfolk has worked on some preliminary drawings for the project, but a contractor has not been chosen yet, Myers said.

Students wait 20 hours for ASB trips

By TRIPP PURKS
contributing writer

The hallway on the second floor of Wilson Hall was crowded with sleeping bags, blankets, pillows, laptop computers, portable DVD players and a little less than 80 exhausted and disheveled undergrads at 10:30 p.m. Monday night.

Sign-ups for international and long-distance Alternative Spring Break trips began at 11 p.m. sharp, but some students showed up as early as 3 a.m. Monday morning to be first in line to sign up for the week-long service trips.

"A lot of energy and excitement [has been] a tradition around ASB," said assistant director of educational support programs Lorelei Esbenshade. "People play games and watch movies."

There were six trips available with about eight to 10 spots for which any student to sign up, and one trip which was reserved specifically for social work majors, Esbenshade said. The international and long distance trip sign-ups are held early to give students a chance to raise money for them.

The trips were to the Bahamas, the Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Dominica, Oklahoma and Florida.

Senior Stephanie Van Arsdale said she only had been waiting since 10:30 a.m.

"In the past two years, I've waited almost 24 hours," she said. This will be the third ASB trip that Van Arsdale has participated in while at JMU.

She described her time spent overseas in Jamaica and the Dominican Republic as "an amazing experience" and a "strong cultural exchange."

Sophomore Chris Swecker said he is looking to do something different and would be happy to go out west, but specifically, "Oklahoma to get a chance to work with Head Start kids."

Obviously, since a little less than 80 students showed up to fill only about 60 spots the policy for who gets what spot operates on a first-come, first-served basis.

Even though some may have seemed like they spent their entire day on the cold linoleum of Wilson Hall, Esbenshade said, "students were able to sign in and out to go to eat, classes and meetings and still retain their original spot in line."

Israelis to pull out of Gaza Strip

By RAMIT PLUSHNICK-MASTI
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Ariel Sharon sought to face down rebels in his Likud party, vowing in comments published Wednesday that he would not give in to "pressures and threats" over his Gaza withdrawal plan.



Sharon

Four Cabinet ministers — led by Sharon's top rival, Finance Minister Benjamin Netanyahu — voted along with a majority of lawmakers who approved the Gaza plan on Tuesday. The four said they

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Mike Raser
geology
Junior

"Happy because he could help a country during depression."



Katie Miller
English and special ed
Junior

"Sneezy because it's like an orgasm for your nose, and who doesn't want that?"

Campus SPOTLIGHT

Which of the seven dwarfs would you vote for president and why?



Tom Culligan
international affairs
Senior

Jeremy Smith
undeclared
Freshman

"Dwarfs be damned. I'm voting for the Duke Dog."

"Grumpy because he won't take shit."

CAITLIN FRIEL/
contributing photographer

DUKE DAYS Events Calendar

Friday, Oct. 29

The Homecoming Parade will start at 5 p.m. The route will head down Duke Drive and turn left onto Bluestone Drive and circle around the Godwin parking lot. Organizations will host floats for the event. Come out and show your JMU school spirit.

Student Ambassadors invite you to Stake Your Claim at the 2004 Gold Rush pep rally at 5:30 p.m. on the commons. There will be free food, entertainment, lots of fun and "Purple-Out" T-shirts donated by the Student Government Association at the pep rally.

Submit your Duke Days of 50 words or less to breezenews@hotmail.com.

Saturday, Oct. 30

Come show your support of the Dukes by running or walking in the 5K. Registration is \$12 prior to race day and \$15 the day of the race. Race begins at 9:30 a.m. and the route is through campus. Stop by the UREC Welcome Center to register.

Sunday Oct. 31

The Canterbury Episcopal Campus Ministry will hold Holy Eucharist at 5 p.m. The service will be followed by a home-cooked meal. All are welcome. The Canterbury House is on South Main Street, across from the Quad and BW3's. Please contact Mae at con-dome with any questions.

POLICE LOG

BY SHARON SCHIFF/ senior writer

Grand Larceny

An unknown offender entered an office of Ritchie House and removed a printer from between Oct. 19 and Oct. 22 between unknown times.

A JMU student reported the theft of a cell phone from Eagle Hall on Oct. 23 between 2 and 3:30 a.m.

Petit Larceny

A JMU student reported larceny of a purse containing money, a JAC card, a cell phone and keys at Carrier Library on Oct. 22 at 2 p.m.

Underage Possession/Drunk in Public

Michelle Nemeth, 18, of Mahopac, N.Y., was charged with underage possession of alcohol and drunk in public near Mr. Chips convenience store on Oct. 24 at 1:14 a.m.

Rebecca A. Seay, 18, of Ashland, was charged with underage possession of alcohol and drunk in public in Eagle Hall on Oct. 23 at 1:49 a.m.

Joshua B. Jones, 19, of Fredericksburg, was charged with underage possession of alcohol in Chandler Hall on Oct. 23 at 1:03 a.m.

Total parking tickets since Aug. 19: **7,503**
Total drunk in public since Aug. 19: **38**

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AROUND CAMPUS

Former NASA scientist to speak at CISAT Friday

The history of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and key projects the space agency has sponsored are among the topics retired NASA scientist and JMU alumna Elizabeth Gaudin ('50) will share in a presentation at the College of Integrated Science and Technology Friday.

Gaudin's talk, "Inside NASA: From Past to Present," will take place at 1 p.m. in the Health and Human Services building, room 1302. The program is free.

Gaudin, who graduated from then Madison College with degrees in chemistry and biology, worked for NASA from 1967 to 1996. During the years when the United States and Soviet Union raced to be the first to put a man on the moon, Gaudin helped with all the Apollo crews.

During the 1970 crisis of the ill-fated Apollo 13 mission, Gaudin's shop helped the desperate astronauts build an emergency air-filtration device.

OrangeBand to hold civil rights, voting discussions

The OrangeBand Initiative will hold an open forum tonight in Taylor Hall, room 306, from 5 to 6 p.m. At the forum, students are encouraged to speak out about civil rights and rights specifically reserved for students.

OrangeBand also will hold a forum at which students, professors and other professionals will discuss under what circumstances not voting is justifiable in a democratic system. The forum will be held at Artful Dodger in downtown Harrisonburg from 7 to 8 p.m.

For more information on these events and other programs scheduled by OrangeBand, visit the organization's Web site at www.orangeband.org.

Health Center continues to offer flu vaccinations

The University Health Center will continue to offer flu vaccinations, offering an extension of its influenza clinic.

A limited supply of the vaccine currently is being administered to JMU students, faculty, staff, faculty/staff emeritus and affiliates. The cost of the vaccination is \$10 per person.

Only those persons meeting the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's guidelines for priority vaccination will receive shots.

Qualified persons wishing to receive the vaccinations should visit the Health Center from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 29 and Nov. 1 through Nov. 5.

Organizations show school spirit in banners



AMY PATERSON/photo editor

A faculty members judges the banner contest Monday on the hill by the commons. Groups and organizations could submit a twin sheet-sized banner to be judged as part of Homecoming week. The banners currently are displayed on Godwin Field.

Speaker considers moral issues of gun ownership, control

BY KATIE KELLOGG
contributing writer

The moral and ethical issues of owning guns, as well as the pros and cons of enforcing restrictions on gun ownership, were the topics addressed by an ethics professor Monday.

Most people have a tendency to think of the issue of gun control in terms of black and white — many are either completely for it or against it, Hugh LaFollette said. He proposed that the issue was much more complex than simply agreeing or disagreeing with gun control.

While LaFollette suggested that the right to bear arms was not a fundamental right, he also said that there were drawbacks to enforcing strict gun laws.

One such risk is what he referred to as "over criminalizing" gun ownership. "In this country, I don't think that we are aware of the negative consequences of making anything illegal," he said.

By placing tight restrictions on gun ownership that many Americans strongly

oppose, LaFollette said the government would lose public support, similar to the reaction of the American public to prohibition in the 1920s.

Nor does he feel that strict gun control laws would solve the problem of gun violence in the United States since most guns involved in crimes are purchased through illegal secondary markets.

Instead, LaFollette said there was a middle ground between absolute restrictions on gun control and allowing free reign in gun ownership.

He suggested that Americans should be free to own guns, but would face stiff financial penalties if their weapons are used in any crime.

"I thought it was very informative, and he presented information from a perspective I had never heard before," said freshman Greg Bronstein.

Sophomore Lee Ann Zondag said, "I agreed with [LaFollette] that if children are in the house and they are accidentally killed then the owners of the gun are responsible."

Investment Fund offers financial experience

BY COLLEEN SCHORN
senior writer

The Madison Investment Fund, a student organization aimed to provide students with the opportunity to integrate financial theory with the application of real investment strategies, has received praise from investors for its performance.

When the organization started in 2000, it was given \$100,000 from JMU Endowment. Due to its past success, the Endowment has given MIF permission to expand to include "any stock trading on one of the three major American exchanges, NYSE and NASDAQ," said senior MIF President Dan Hall.

The organization received praise earlier this month at a conference sponsored by Virginia Tech's Business School.

"Professional money managers praised us for our ability to 'beat the market,'" said senior Alpha Kiflu, manager of the technology sector of MIF. "Beating the market" is considered by many academics to be sort of a statistical anomaly because it is not supposed to be consistently possible. MIF has been able to because of the direct hard work

of our analysts, managers and faculty, and our structure."

Sophomore Paul Meierdierck, manager of the non-cyclical sector of MIF, said that JMU has done exceedingly well compared to other schools, especially considering MIF had fewer funds than other organizations.

"We've made do with what we had, and have been successful," Meierdierck said. "We had fewer funds but we've gone further than others."

He also said that he was proud to be part of the conference at Virginia Tech. "The speakers were impressed by how well we did. Our numbers spoke for themselves."

MIF was ranked fifth in the nation among undergraduate and graduate student investment funds at the Rise Competition in 2002. Managers plan to attend the competition again this spring.

Students interested in MIF must keep up with current market information, Andino said. Interested students submit a cover letter, résumé, application and will have to present a prospective stock in which to invest. "It is a really competitive interview process," Andino said.

Two students write excerpts for national non-partisan book

BY RACHANA DIXIT
staff writer

Two JMU students have been published nationally in "What We Think," a non-partisan book voicing opinions on prominent political and social issues from today's college-age adults.

Sophomore Maia Banks' and junior Brook Thompson's selections comprise two of the 99 selections in the book.

Rob Grabow and Dean Robbins are responsible for the creation of the book. Grabow said that the book is designed to give 18- to 24-year-olds a voice about these issues.

"We want to show that these 18- to 24-year-olds are as passionate as the rest of America," Grabow said.

It is no coincidence that this book was released a week before Election Day, either. Grabow said that the college-age demographic gets the most media attention at this time, so he and Robbins decided this time was the best to release the book.

Banks' piece addresses the environment. "I was inspired to write some-

thing because I have always loved writing, and am also very opinionated and passionate about the things that mean a lot to me," Banks said.

"I think the book shows that we're more than capable of thinking critically ..."

— Brook Thompson
junior

Thompson's piece discusses conflicting ideals with what she believes is important and with what is valued in the United States. "I've thought about [these issues] and struggled with it a lot, so eventually I decided to get it out on paper."

Both writers said they were shocked to find out they were published in this book.

"I've always loved to write, but being published has always felt like a dream that was hard to accomplish,

so being published as part of this book is amazing," Banks said of her piece that discussed environmentalism.

Thompson said she always hoped to get something published but she never thought she would.

Grabow said there were well over 400 submissions for the 99 spaces. The articles were selected by a reading list of 12 people, but the ultimate decision of which works were published was up to Grabow and Robbins, the editors of the book.

"Hopefully [the book] will generate a little more respect for our age group," Thompson said. "I think the book shows that we're more than capable of thinking critically and articulating our opinions."

Banks said, "Apathy is dangerous; forming an opinion and voicing it is sort of key for democracy to work. Everyone's got to have something they're passionate about, and maybe reading the book will enlighten some others out there ready to do something in the world."

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ISRAEL: Sharon unswayed

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would step down if the prime minister did not commit to a national referendum on it.

The turmoil raised new doubts about Sharon's ability to go ahead with the planned withdrawal from the Gaza Strip and parts of the West Bank next summer, as pledged.

The ministers' resignations could force elections in coming months and delay implementation of a withdrawal. Alternately, Sharon could try to reshuffle his coalition and bring in the moderate Labor Party.

Sharon said he would not be swayed by the threats.

"I will never give in to pressures and threats, and I won't accept any ultimatums," he told the Haaretz daily newspaper in Wednesday's editions. "My position on the referendum is unchanged. I am opposed to it because it will lead to terrible tensions and a rift in the public."

Sharon suggested he would try to avoid early elections, telling the Yediot Aharonot-Ynet: "I can promise you that I will have a coalition that will continue to run this country."

In Tuesday's historic vote, parliament for the first time approved the dismantling of Jewish settlements in lands Israel occupied in the 1967 Mideast war and which are claimed by the Palestinians for a state.

Sharon won by a comfortable 67-45 margin, with seven abstentions. However, nearly half the Likud legislators and two religious parties voted against him, underscoring Sharon's break with his former constituency.

After the vote, Sharon fired Uzi Landau, a Cabinet minister who voted against him.

Referendum proponents say a nationwide vote is needed to give the plan legitimacy, noting that Sharon rejected a similar proposal by his Labor Party opponent during the 2003 election campaign. Sharon announced the plan early this year.

"There is no real mandate for this plan," Landau said Wednesday.

The referendum initiative got a boost when the National Religious Party, a key coalition partner, said just before the vote that it would quit within two weeks unless parliament's vote was accompanied by a pledge to hold a referendum.

Four Likud ministers — Netanyahu, Limor Livnat, Yisrael Katz and Danny Naveh — voted for the plan and then immediately demanded Sharon accept the NRP ultimatum or they would resign.

Sharon probably would win a referendum since opinion polls show more than half of Israelis supporting the withdrawal. But Sharon and his supporters say there is no time to hold one.

"The Knesset is the representative of the people," said top Sharon adviser Raanan Gissin, referring to Israel's parliament. "The Knesset reflected what the general public believes."

The government hopes to complete the withdrawal next year but still must win several more parliamentary votes to implement stages of the pullout.

Sharon has said giving up Gaza and parts of the West Bank would boost Israel's security and help ensure the country's identity as a Jewish democracy. However, he intends to keep large West Bank settlement blocs and east Jerusalem, areas the Palestinians also seek for their state.

The Knesset voted on the anniversary of two events embodying the Jewish state's history of bloodshed and yearning: the assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin nine years ago on the Jewish calendar and the Israel-Jordan peace treaty signed Oct. 26, 1994.

Notably absent from Israel's debate on the withdrawal plan are the Palestinians themselves, whom Israel accuses of being unreliable negotiating partners.

FIRE: Community gives aid, support

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She explained that they are just in the beginning process of dealing with the fire and its repercussions.

Community Efforts

Despite the wait for temporary housing, Furr said they have set up a donation box in Fox Hill's office for the residents of 1507.

"We sent around a flyer that we would be accepting donations for them," Furr said.

Senior Cary Bell, who lives in the townhouse adjacent to 1507, said that all the neighbors have been working to-

gether to help the residents.

The neighbors have collected many of the resident's belongings in trash bags.

"The whole row really has been helping out," Bell said. "[The residents of 1507] are all welcome in our homes. Everyone is pulling together for this."

Senior Lawson Ricketts, president of Student Ambassadors, said the organization has an unofficial donation box for members who want to contribute support.

"As friends, we are getting together and being there as support," Ricketts said. Toner is a member of SA.

Future Plans

Plans as to who is going to work on the townhouse are still pending. Furr estimated that the townhouse would be fixed in three to four months.

"The whole upstairs is going to have to be replaced," Furr said.

The residents of 1507 are still unsure of future living arrangements.

"We are either going to terminate the contract and find a new place to live," Knight said, "or Fox Hill needs to follow through with the contract and provide us a roof to live under."

RENT: Insurance protects students' property, wallet

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-ing on what is covered by it. CSI also offers renter's insurance. This runs about \$20 per month, but can fluctuate, according to CSI.

The personal property plan offers protection for computers, PDAs, cellular phones, books, clothing, sports equipment and all other personal property, as with most personal property plans.

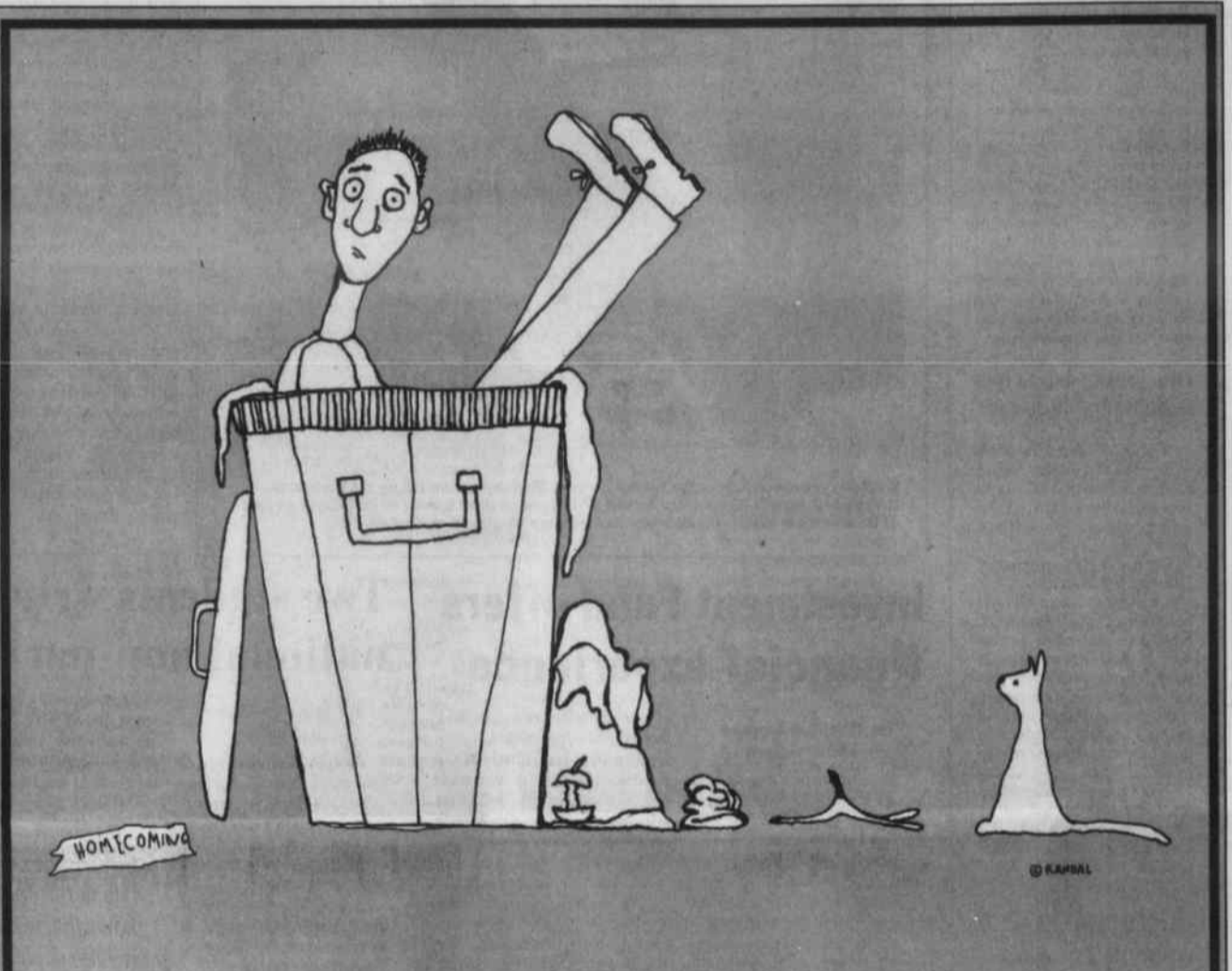
The renter's insurance plan protects property and any claims or suits against the owner for bodily injury

or damage to property of others for which the renter could be held responsible. This is standard for most renter's insurance plans.

Some students are covered through their parents' insurance plan, not recognizing their coverage.

"In general, students usually go through their parents," said Heather Herrick, coordinator for off-campus life.

"Check with your parents' insurance to make sure," she added.



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STATE & LOCAL

AROUND VIRGINIA

Police investigate robberies near Fairfax Metro station

SPRINGFIELD (AP)—Police in Fairfax County were investigating a string of robberies near the Franconia-Springfield Metro station. Three of the crimes happened Monday night in the span of about 90 minutes.

The first reported incident occurred at about 9:50 p.m. when authorities said a husband and wife walking on a path were approached by a gun-toting suspect who grabbed the man by his jacket. The wife ran off to call police, while the husband dropped his belongings and jacket then ran.

Franconia-Springfield is the southern terminal of Metro's blue line. It also handles Virginia Railway Express trains, several local bus lines and Greyhound coaches.

Warehouse fire destroys 400,000 pounds of tobacco

SOUTH BOSTON (AP)—Fire destroyed a tobacco warehouse in downtown South Boston early Tuesday, consuming about 400,000 pounds of tobacco and bringing in firefighters from more than 30 miles away, police said.

South Boston Police Chief G.M. Reed said the fire at Planter's Warehouse prompted the closure of a portion of the main street through downtown for at least a day.

Firefighters from the county's volunteer departments, as well as personnel from Danville and Roxboro, N.C., joined the town department in fighting the blaze, Reed said.

Authorities said they did not immediately know what caused the blaze.

Malvo sentenced to life in prison



MIKE MORONES/AP

Sniper suspect Lee Boyd Malvo appears in a Spotsylvania court Tuesday.

Teenage sniper avoids death penalty for one of 10 slayings

By MATTHEW BARAKAT
Associated Press

Teenage sniper Lee Boyd Malvo accepted a deal Tuesday in which he avoided the death penalty and was sentenced to life in prison without parole for one of 10 slayings that terrorized the Washington area in October 2002.

Malvo, 19, already is serving a life sentence for another one of the killings, and has dropped his appeals of that conviction in connection with Tuesday's plea bargain.

But Malvo still could face the death penalty for some of the other slayings.

Malvo was sentenced Tuesday for the Oct. 11, 2002, killing of Philadelphia businessman Kenneth Bridges. He also received a second life sentence for the shooting of Caroline Seawell on Oct. 4, 2002. She recovered from her wounds. Malvo's guilty plea took the form

of an Alford plea, in which Malvo did not admit factual guilt but acknowledged the government has sufficient evidence to convict him. Malvo cannot appeal the sentence.

Spotsylvania Commonwealth's attorney William Neely said he consulted with the victims' families and they were supportive of the plea bargain.

"Mr. Malvo is getting no deal," Neely said. "He's spending the rest of his life in a maximum security prison where he'll be locked down 23 hours a day, seven days a week for the rest of his life."

Malvo was convicted last year and sentenced to life in prison for the Oct. 14, 2002, murder of FBI analyst Linda Franklin, one of the sniper killings over a three-week span in Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C. His accomplice, John Allen Muhammad, is on Virginia's death row for one of the sniper slayings.

State urges revival of abortion ban

By LARRY O'DELL
Associated Press

A judge lacked sufficient medical evidence to declare a law banning a type of late-term abortion unconstitutional, a lawyer for the state told a federal appeals court Tuesday.

William E. Thro, the state solicitor general, urged a three-judge panel of the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to send the case back to U.S. District Judge Richard L. Williams for a trial. The court usually takes several weeks,

or even months, to rule.

The Center for Reproductive Rights challenged a law passed by the 2003 Virginia General Assembly that outlaws a procedure generally performed in the second or third trimester, in which a fetus is partially delivered before being killed. Anti-abortion activities call the procedure "partial-birth abortion."

The statute is similar to a federal law signed by President Bush in November that was struck down in three federal courts because it does not

have a health exception for the mother. The U.S. Supreme Court previously ruled a similar Nebraska law unconstitutional for the same reason.

"The Supreme Court has made clear the need for a health exception when regulating abortion," Suzanne Novak, a lawyer for the plaintiffs, told the appeals court.

Virginia's law bans destruction of the fetus if it is alive, and its head or the lower portion of its body up to the navel have emerged from the mother.

Teacher found with child porn

A high school teacher and football coach has been relieved of his duties after police allegedly found sexual images of children on his home computer.

Craig D. Welker, 32, was indicted Monday by grand jurors on four counts of distributing child pornography.

Welker is on leave from North Stafford High School, where he teaches earth science and is the defensive coordinator for the football team. He also is a track coach for the boys' and girls' teams, according to school officials.

Police raided Welker's home in Fredericksburg last week after receiving a tip from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. According to court records, sexually explicit images of children that had been uploaded onto a Web site were traced to Welker.

According to an affidavit for search warrants filed in Fredericksburg and Stafford, Fredericksburg police began an investigation in May after receiving information about the uploading of child pornography.

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HOUSE EDITORIAL

Israeli withdraw first step to peace

The one who adapts his policy to the times prospers, Niccolò Machiavelli wrote. Those whose policy clashes with the demands of the times doesn't.

The times demand peace and now, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon has rightfully adapted his policy so that peace may prosper, Israelis may prosper and Palestinians may prosper — even at the risk of his own government's stability. Whether he intended to or not, Sharon took the first step toward peace in a historic parliamentary battle Tuesday night. For the first time since the nation's founding in 1948, Israel agreed to withdraw from the Gaza Strip and the West Bank.

Four West Bank settlements and 21 Gaza settlements would be dismantled. The vote aims to resettle all 8,000 Jewish settlers in Gaza that also is home to 1.3 million Palestinians by next September. But action is contingent upon four cabinet votes — each threatening to resign unless a referendum is held. Sharon has refused because he says the referendum is only a delay tactic to halt his plan.

The Prime Minister maintains — and the 67 deputies who voted in favor of the plan seem to agree — that surrendering part of Israel's Jewish heritage is a small price to pay for peace in Gaza, an end to terrorism and the livelihood of both Israelis and Palestinians.

Political pressures principally considered, the price for peace is especially high. Leaving Gaza

will make Israel safer as long as Sharon continues to withdraw from the West Bank.

Many doubt his commitment, and rightfully so, for Sharon was the leader foremost responsible for creating the settlements following victories in the 1967 war.

But even if the Gaza withdrawal only serves to undermine a chance for Palestinian statehood, even if Sharon simply is "cutting his losses," even if pulling out resettles Israelis in the West Bank, some facts remain the same. Israelis would no longer reside in Gaza. Terrorism on this tiny, entangled strip of land would subside. The first step toward peace is taken — regardless of suspicions questioning Sharon intentions.

In such a position of power — in such a web of mounting political pressures — Sharon's steadfastness is rare and should be commended. His parliamentary victory is testament to the nation's newfound commitment toward peace.

Even if Sharon now faces rebellion from within his own party, he has been right to be ruthless. (Following the vote, he fired two ministers who chose to not vote party lines.) Peace is costly. Despite intent, Sharon proves he grasps the realities that bind disengagement. Withdrawal allows negotiations and compromise with Palestine.

So be wary of Sharon's intentions. His track record should be questioned. But be more wary of any leader unwilling, or unable, to adapt his policy to the times. Sharon's first step is promising.



JIM HOLLANDER/AP

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon sought to face down rebels in his Likud party, vowing in comments published Wednesday that he would not give in to "pressures and threats" over his Gaza withdrawal plan.

BREEZE PERSPECTIVES

Elderly should be road tested

CAROLYN TELESKO
contributing writer

A yarn bow desperately clung to a few gray curls as the old woman squinted over the steering wheel and pressed her red-toed shoe on the accelerator, rocketing through the red light.

"What are you doing?" screamed my aunt.

"Oh, don't worry! It's all right on red!" reassured my nanni.

Discomforting as this scenario is, it really occurred — my 92-year-old-great-grandmother interpreted "a right on red" to mean that it was fine to fly through any given hue at any given time. Individuals should not be able to go from 16 years of age until the potential end of their driving career without having their eyesight, physical reflexes and mental acuity re-tested in a road exam.

Other certifications are tested for annually — or at least more than once — that are of equal or less importance than a driver's license. To maintain a CPR certification, an individual must be tested every three years. A written assessment for driving may be administered every 10 years or so, but the road portion is never retested based purely on the age of an individual. Surely there are more deaths due to on-the-road collisions than there are from drowning. *USA Today* reported that, "the number of fatal crashes in which older drivers are involved is increasing, reported the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. As the numbers surge, elderly driving deaths will rival drunken driving as the nation's top road threat." Elderly citizens often do not know when they should stop driving, and will not be told unless they encounter numerous accidents or become physically disabled.

Initially, a test is administered because driving is a privilege, not a right. There is not a single part of the Constitution or Bill of Rights where it mentions that everyone and anyone should be able to drive. With privilege comes responsibility, and a 99-year-old woman or man with failing eyesight or an impairing disease should know that it is time to take the bus. Alzheimer's disease also can impair elderly drivers before they even realize the loss of their cognitive abilities. According to Dr. Allen Dobb of Loyola University, "Thirty to 50 percent of dementia patients who drive have a crash within a few years of diagnosis. Eighty percent of those diagnosed continue to drive, and 20 percent have at least one more crash." A senior citizen should not be regarded as an unworthy candidate to drive, but after an extended period of time, a person should be retested for their license. Even gambling has its limits, and the roads need to be safe for generations to come. I am an 18-year-old college student who would like to live long enough to blow out the candles on her 99th birthday cake.

Carolyn Telesko is a freshman psychology major.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letter from the Editor

I would like to clear up some misinterpretations of last issue's house editorial, "Beer" T-shirt sale slap in the face for Homecoming tradition." *The Breeze* does not condemn the entire Phi Sigma Pi fraternity for the workings of three individuals. The House Editorial commends the executive board for shooting down the idea of identifying "I bleed beer" with the organization. However, every person is a walking representative of their organization, so the actions of those members who created the T-shirts does reflect poorly on Phi Sigma Pi as an honor fraternity. That does not mean the organization as a whole has done anything wrong, and *The Breeze* recognizes that the fraternity does and will continue to do wonderful things for JMU and the community.

Alison Fargo
Editor in Chief

T-shirts 'harmless capitalism'

The House Editorial printed on Monday, Oct. 25 is a gross misrepresentation of the likely effect of the T-shirts and simply not well thought out. First, the exaggerated effect painted in the editorial of the T-shirts is ridiculous. Apparently happy Homecoming attendees and small children suddenly will be visually assaulted by an "I bleed beer" T-shirt-wearing student — insert hysterical shrieks and crying children — thus ruining their Homecoming experience.

Second, the editorial asks "How ethical is it to copy SGA's famous phrase?" and states that SGA should have trademarked the phrase. Unfortunately for the SGA, there already is a *bleedpurple.com* Web site, which belongs to fans of the Minnesota Vikings. The idea of "bleeding" a school's color was in place as early as 1998 at Texas A&M University. This contrasts with a statement in the Nov. 21, 2002, University Council minutes, which places the inception of "I bleed purple" here at JMU in 2001.

Since people are paying for these T-shirts, wouldn't that lead anyone with a basic understanding of economics to believe that the designers simply saw a market which they then took advantage of? By the teachings of our capitalist society, shouldn't they be commended instead of chastised? Have we even mentioned free speech yet? They're not inciting violence, so *The Breeze's* attempt to censor them is entirely inappropriate. Finally, when was *The Breeze* appointed the moral police? In the future, refrain from the passing of judgment on a harmless exercise of capitalism.

Lauren Zangardi
senior, political science

Breeze slights fraternity

Why aren't "Absolut JMU" shirts, "JMU Beer Pong" shirts or even sexually explicit shirts such as "UVA sucks, Tech swallows" covered in *The Breeze* when the "I bleed beer" shirts are?

The House Editorial in the Oct. 25 issue entitled "Beer" T-shirt sale slap in the face for Homecoming tradition" stampedes the integrity of all Phi Sigma Pi members.

One week ago, Phi Sigma Pi raised over \$800 for Multiple Sclerosis and the Meghan Stidham scholarship on the commons during a 24-hour sleep out. *The Breeze* did not even report

it. In the beginning of October, Phi Sigma Pi raised a little over \$2,000 for Multiple Sclerosis and Meghan Stidham Scholarship in Phi Sigma Pi's annual 5K for MS. Coverage was included in the left bottom half of the front page with few details and fuzzy pictures. Also, each member volunteers individually. Yet, all of our good deeds seemed to be jaded by *The Breeze* because of T-shirts.

The individuals who produced the T-shirts, and did so separately from the organization, should not be ashamed and — rather — take pride in their good intentions and continuous hard work for the fraternity and the community at large. Perhaps *The Breeze* writers should consider how they're jading this campus and making their readers more accustomed to highlighting bad news more than covering the good.

Candice Flandrau
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Brother of Phi Sigma Pi

Plastic surgery useful in medicine

I thoroughly was disgusted to read the article from UVA, columnist Sarah Barry, "Rising plastic surgery trend for kids alarming," in the Monday, Oct. 25 edition. That the staff of *The Breeze* could read this article and decide that they should print it at all — let alone without counter-argument — is the epitome of irresponsible journalism.

My brother was born with a cleft lip/palate and had both reconstructive and cosmetic surgeries when he was a few months old. Unless a person has lived with a physical hardship or is the family member of someone who has, that person cannot imagine the cruelty of children, as well as adults. How dare Barry insist that plastic surgery is a waste of money having never heard someone dear to her called a "freak of nature."

If plastic surgery only internalizes a child's abnormality, my brother should be a prime example. Instead, he was popular and outgoing in high school — he was a member of the Homecoming Court and elected Most Talented in his class — and is quite the ladies man, according to his friends. He believes so strongly in his own normality that, though the conservatory he attends medically excused him from an aural/oral skills course, he is taking the class.

I'm interested to know how many corrective surgery recipients Barry interviewed and how many staff members of *The Breeze* interviewed before republishing her article. I am ashamed that a paper that would print such biased, un-informed pieces represents my school.

Allison Cook
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True Boston fans celebrate

Although it is difficult to admit, I truly appreciated James Irwin's article about "bandwagon" Boston fans. I am a diehard fan who has lived outside of Boston his entire life — supporting the Red Sox through the best of times and the worst of times. I proudly wore my Red Sox hat and sweatshirt after game seven last year, even when my heart ached like never before. Where were the Red Sox hats last year? Where were they two months ago?

Those of you who have jumped on the "bandwagon" need to appreciate the fact that there are fans out there who have spent their whole lives supporting the Red Sox, even though they have not won a World Series in 86 years — my beloved 68-year-old Grandfather included. Now is not the

time to start supporting this historic franchise just because they are re-writing the history books.

Unless you know that the Red Sox have five numbers retired — Carlton Fisk, Ted Williams, Carl Yastrzemski, Joe Cronin and Bobby Doerr — you probably have no business wearing Red Sox gear. Unless you know that a utility player from the '70s now proudly announces games for New England Sports Network and is nicknamed "Rem-Dog," unless you know that Yawkey Way is the most famous street in Boston, unless you have driven all night — 10 hours — to witness a victory parade (like myself) and unless you haven't shaved in three weeks nor changed your shirt (like my friend), you probably have no business claiming to be a Red Sox fan.

Andrew Hopley
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Your vote matters in election

Like most students, during moments of boredom, I find myself "Googling" those I know. Today, I tried it on myself, and what I found has struck me as ironic and timely. After entering my name into the search bar, a link for my previous university's archives popped up titled "Campaigning at Case: Presidential Elections, 1892-2000: Hair-Raising Election." And there it was, my young naive face from my freshmen year at Case Western Reserve University in 2000. The question posed to me that day in front of the library was simple, "What do you think about the election? Who are you going to vote for?" Looking back at my answer "Either one won't change my life drastically," I am overcome with what ifs. Unfortunately, one did change my life drastically. The decisions made by the administration elected changed my entire life and college career one little step at a time. Looking back now as a graduate student in North Carolina and proud JMU alumna, I wonder if things would have been better or worse had the other guy won. Would I still have transferred to JMU? Would friends still have lost loved ones? Would fellow members of the class of 2004 still be searching endlessly for that first job? But the most important thing that plagues me is the importance of voting this election and those who think their vote will mean nothing. I appeal to all students, faculty and staff — past and present — at JMU to go out to the polls on Nov. 2 and cast your vote because four years from now, you might find it could have made all the difference.

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Inmates deserving of health care

The House Editorial published in the Oct. 21 edition continues a pattern of editorials that indicate little or no sociological understanding of issues discussed. I didn't mind the implicit argument that there are legitimate reasons for students receiving flu vaccine. But it is narrow-minded to believe that such a meritorious argument must be paired with an argument against prisoners' health. The piece came close to the position that people who are incarcerated are less worthy of health than other humans. Incidentally, the argument about their incarceration status is not "weak" for taxpayers. We pay for the medical care of those incarcerated.

Thus, a flu epidemic would mean that taxpayers would have to foot the bill for the catastrophic health care that would then be required. If the vaccinations alone make the editors uncomfortable, imagine how wonderful they would feel when that bill comes in. Can we make an intelligent case for students' health without it becoming another reason to dump on some other disadvantaged group? The pitiable attempt to parallel the experience of being a student with being in a federal or state corrections facility tells me that this piece was obviously written by somebody who has no real understanding of the experience. It's a sad day when people feel that they have to argue against someone else in order to maintain false illusions of superiority. It's not a new phenomenon, but I live my life hoping one day at an educational institution, we could come up with some higher standards of ethics.

Nikitah Okembe-RA Imani
associate sociology professor

State responsible for inmates

The house editorial advocating that prison inmates do not deserve flu shots in the Oct. 21 edition is petty and tawdry. *The Breeze* ought not stoop to the level of institutional demagogue in order to come up with something to write about.

Whether prisoners deserve flu shots is irrelevant. They have been deprived of one of their basic rights — liberty — and for a period of time, the government has assumed a caretaker responsibility for them. That responsibility includes preservation of health, which, in this case, involves vaccinations for influenza. If one follows *The Breeze's* logic, one easily could deny inmates visitations, exercise, education and even food. After all, does any group of people not deserve to be treated humanely more than inmates?

The Breeze is right that college students should not seek flu shots. College students represent the epitome of health and fitness. We are young, sexy and have numerous options for exercise and recreation. If our living quarters are unsanitary, it is our own fault. We have no need of a flu shot because we are the least likely group to die from the flu, and even if we do catch it, we always can buy medicine and sleep it off.

If *The Breeze* cares that much about the present state of health, then why not analyze it and endorse a presidential candidate based on that analysis? The editorial board of *The Breeze* should tackle real issues instead of repeating media-generated hysteria and tripe.

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TO TALK OF MANY THINGS

Public figures should embrace their faith

JONATHAN KELLY
contributing writer

The subject of religious faith within the public sphere has received considerable attention of late, with both presidential candidates making conspicuous efforts to display the prominence of religion in their lives. President Bush and Senator John Kerry have communicated that their faiths have informed their judgment as servants of the people when it comes to carrying out their duties and making decisions. This message draws attention to the topic of religion's role and relevance in public life.

The angle of this topic that provokes debate most is the matter of the promulgation of one's religious faith in professional public work. It is declared in the Constitution that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." Widely expressed is the notion that a theoretical wall of separation between religion and government is the necessary model for ensuring the Constitution's requirements. The state shall not impose upon the tenets of the church, the church shall not impose upon the activities of the state. Exactly how extensive or binding the wall between church and state is, however, becomes an open question.

There is a line of thought which claims that expressions of faith or consultations with religion within government and public service are — at best — dangerously close to violating public secular norms or — at worst — in breach of them. This common misconception overlooks the fact that, from the founding of our country, the propositions on which the nation was based derive greatly from religious faith.

When one remembers how the founding fathers created this country to preserve certain inalienable rights of man, the question becomes, "Where did those inalienable rights come from?" Given the founders' ex-

positions, it is clear that their philosophy of inalienable rights was influenced by religion. The philosophy originates from the belief in natural law, and it holds that nature grants all human beings certain liberties that no entity morally can take away. From a perspective of faith, where does this natural law come from? The answer for the religious, which included most of the founders, is from the supreme being, the creator, God.

The founders' manifest religiosity is exemplified in lines taken from the Declaration of Independence, the document designed to state the elemental maxims of the nation. The Declaration posits that people are owed liberties that "the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them." The people are "endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights," and the nation possesses "a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence."

It is evident that the fundamental principles of our country rest in large part on the faith in what is right and just in the eyes of nature, or as many would put it, in the eyes of God. This is because views about what makes a good government which does good things for the governed often are rooted in the deepest religious beliefs of right and wrong.

St. Augustine demonstrated the relevance of religion in political life when he proposed that the City of God be the paradigm for civil societies in its love and compassion for all. "True justice has no existence save in that republic whose founder and ruler is Christ ... and indeed we cannot deny that it is the people's weal," Augustine stated. St. Thomas Aquinas similarly philosophized that "all laws, in so far as they partake of right reason, are derived from the eternal law."

Thus, men and women in public life should not be wary about permitting their religious faith to guide them. It is harmonious with a political tradition reaching back to our country's founding and beyond.

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BREEZE PERSPECTIVES

Police force unwarranted in Boston celebration killing

PATRICK CALLAHAN
contributing writer

The Boston Red Sox' comeback after being down 3-0 in the American League Championship Series was the first of its kind, and the series itself was one of the most exciting events in the history of baseball. The Boston faithfuls could not contain their joy after defeating the hated Yankees and advancing to the World Series for a shot at their first championship in 86 years. Unfortunately, not all fans in Boston were able to safely express their appreciation and excitement.

The celebrations after game seven led to several incidents of rioting and the death of an aspiring young journalism student named Victoria Snelgrove in Boston. Snelgrove died of a head injury after being shot by a round projectile which is designed to release a chemical irritant on impact. The pepper pellets were fired by police as a "non-lethal" method of dispersing the crowd in response to small fires, fist fights, thrown beer cans and flaming toilet paper. Fist

fight and flaming toilet paper — are these really the sort of activities which call for firing projectiles into crowds at random?

One police officer was injured while 16 students other than Snelgrove were injured. Two students suffered very serious injuries — both were caused by the same pepper pellets. Who was the more harmful aggressor in this conflict? Officers on scene had no bullhorns to warn the crowd and apparently thought it a waste of time to continue using only nightsticks, according to *The Washington Post*.

The reality is that almost 80,000 people flushed the streets of Boston after the victory and an overwhelming majority of them were peacefully celebrating a historic win — Victoria Snelgrove was one of those people.

Many local students and citizens have been protesting and calling for a ban on the use of the pepper pellets. They have circulated a petition and plan to send it to Boston police and city council officials. But will it make a difference? How will Boston officials handle the inevitable cele-

brations of a World Series victory? Mayor Thomas Menino has put into place regulations to prevent people from congregating in big groups. He has also asked bar owners to keep lines outside short, refrain from serving shots and closely monitor their customers' drinking.

But the fact remains that this is a historic moment in baseball history. Celebrating can not and should not be stopped. But how will unruly fans be dealt with? Police have vowed to use less-powerful guns, but those guns will still be firing a chemical that is proven to be lethal. And we all know that a even a projectile fired from something as low-powered as a BB gun still has the potential to do great harm if it hits a person in an unprotected area. Property has to be protected, but the situation still needs to be approached rationally. The reverse of an 86-year-old curse is something to celebrate about. The death of even one fan, due to the irrational use of police force is not.

Patrick Callahan is an undeclared freshman.

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A "thanks-for-the-15-minute-laugh" pat to the landscaper outside of Huffman Hall who got himself — along with his lawn mower — stuck in the bush outside our window.

From two sophomore girls who encouraged you from their window and clapped when you got out unharmed.

A "nice-excuse-for-music" dart to the bus driver who decided to impose a talk show on innocent students just trying to make it to Wal-mart.

From a freshman girl who thinks you should buy some headphones if you want to continue listening to your political jargon because she's pretty sure no one else does.

A "you're-still-cool-in-my-book" pat to the kid I used to pass on my way to the Modular Buildings who jumped down the stairs on his bike between the Convo and UREC.

From someone who wishes that you had worn a helmet today and that you get better soon.

A "way-to-fool-everyone" pat to the creative ladies who hosted a "You got Punk'd" party this weekend.

From one of the many people that was duped into dressing up for a theme that didn't exist.

A "thanks-for-making-my-walk-entertaining" pat to the boys who were walking around the commons with their hands on their heads, playing "dodge the D-hall oranges"

From a sophomore who wonders where you get your ideas.

A "could-you-be-any-more-ignorant?" dart to the people who scrawled offensive religious signs all over the sidewalk of a residence hall.

From a freshman resident who would love to see you get a taste of their own medicine.

An "I'm-glad-you-were-on-your-front-porch" pat to my neighbor for defending my political sign when someone got out of their car in the middle of the night to try to steal it.

From your indebted neighbor who has profound respect for you for standing up for our home.

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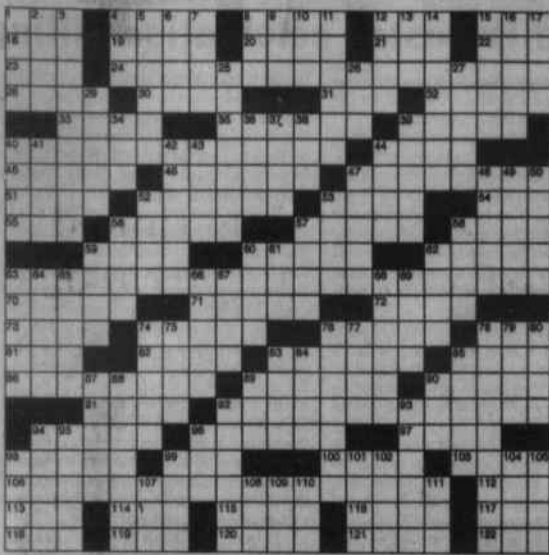


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- 23 Mouth piece?
- 24 Harrison
- 28 Beer ingredient
- 30 Reveal
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- 32 Former African nation
- 33 Apiece
- 35 Pancakes-to-be
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- 40 Hoover
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- 45 Out of place
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- 47 Rampur royalty
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- 54 '60s chic
- 55 Symbol of industry
- 56 Went white
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- 60 Teapot part
- 62 Ersatz emerald
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- 70 Cisco, to Pancho
- 71 Sudden attacks
- 72 Something to skip?
- 73 Campbell of "Party of Five"
- 74 Doll up
- 76 "The Jungle Book" character
- 78 — Na Na
- 81 Justice Fortas
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- 83 Aromatic plant
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- 89 Like lava
- 90 Stage stuff
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- 94 Wrap
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- 98 Bobbin
- 99 Sargasso Sea swimmer
- 100 Humorist Ogden
- 103 Violin part
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- 115 Portent
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- 10 Herriot title start
- 11 Peanut
- 12 Kim or Kaufman
- 13 — Alamos, N.M.
- 14 "Raising —" ('87 film)
- 15 Certain marble
- 16 Unyielding
- 17 Study closely
- 25 Made a passage
- 26 Capek play

- 27 Michael of "Dynasty"
- 29 Stocking shade
- 34 Director's cry
- 36 Without — (daringly)
- 37 Communications word form
- 38 — Aviv
- 39 "Frederica" composer
- 40 Jet-setter's need
- 41 Shortly
- 42 Spanish specialty
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- 44 Sheldon's "— of Angela"
- 47 State words?
- 48 Pennsylvania sect
- 49 Nick of "Q&A"
- 50 Gentleman of leisure?
- 52 Jeanne —
- 53 Strained
- 56 El —, T.X.
- 57 "Gigi" author
- 58 Stare stupidly
- 59 Brink
- 60 TV's "— City"
- 61 Third degree?
- 62 "Oh My —" ('53 song)
- 63 Turner and Wood
- 64 Basic organism
- 65 David of "The Bishop's Wife"
- 66 Pitchfork part
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- 75 Move like a mouse
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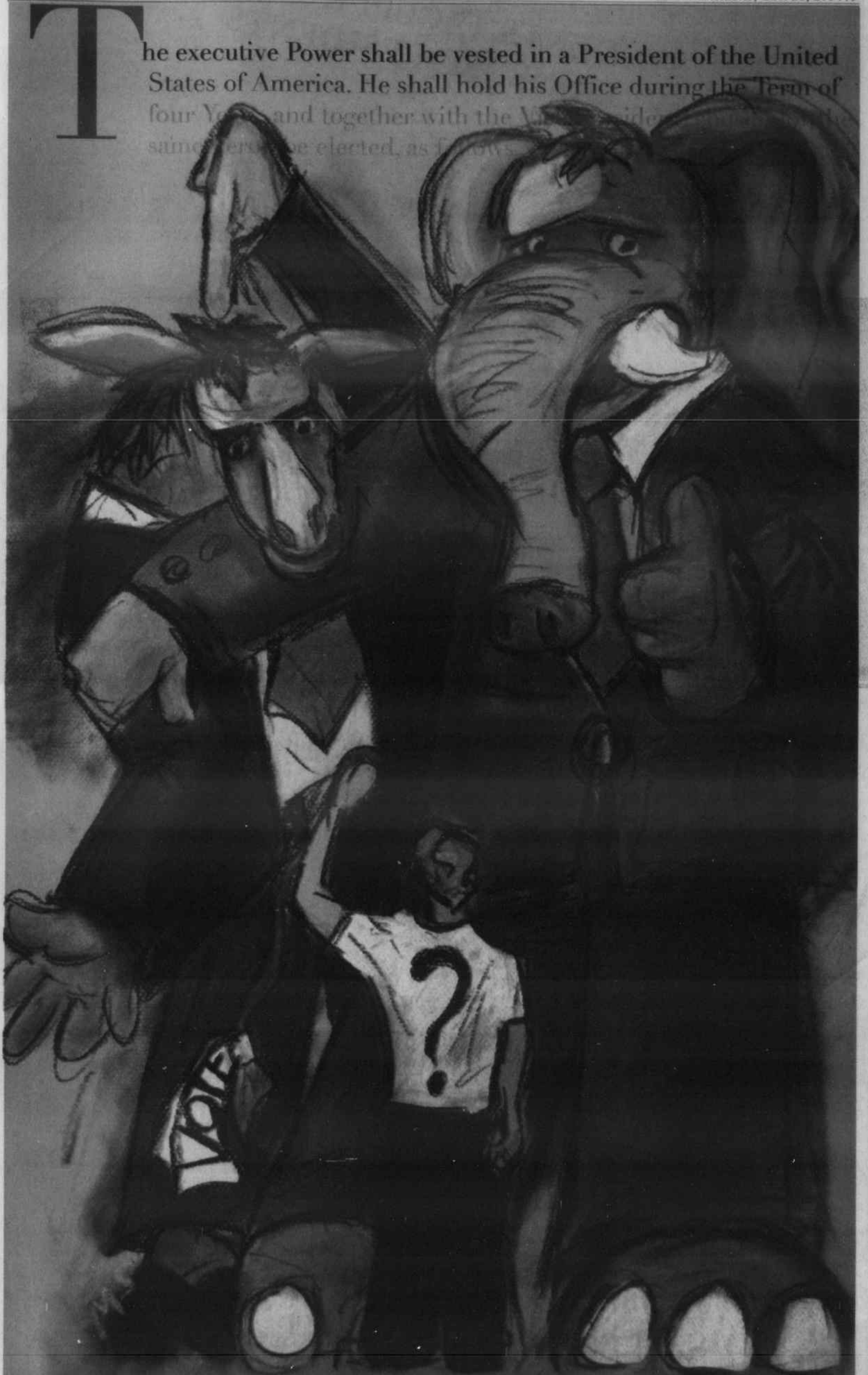


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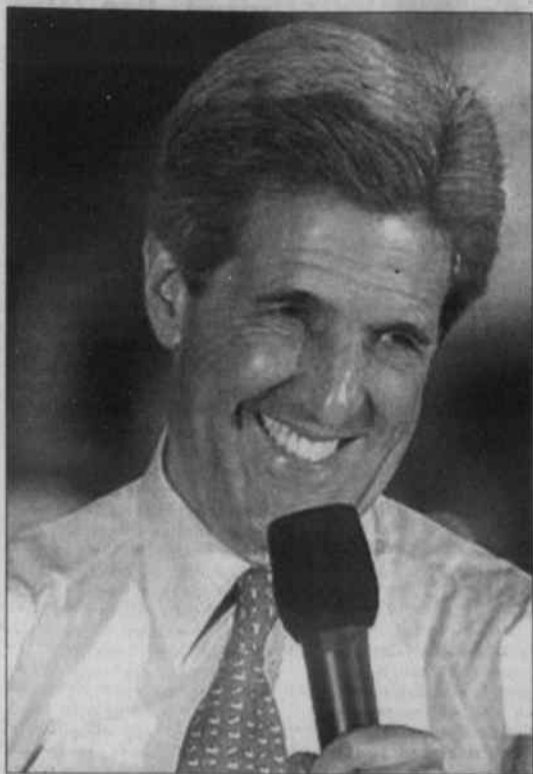
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Plot thickens as election approaches



CRAIG LITTEN/AP

Democratic presidential nominee Sen. John Kerry speaks to a crowd at the Central Florida Fair Grounds in Orlando, Fla.

Bush, Kerry reach across party lines to attack on national security

BY RON FOURNIER
Associated Press

President Bush and Sen. John Kerry accused each other of lacking the hard-nosed resolve of Cold War presidents — from Democrat Truman to Republican Reagan — reaching across party lines a week before Election Day to try to break their campaign deadlock.

With tensions rising Tuesday in both camps, Kerry escalated his criticism of Bush over explosives missing in Iraq, asserting that the weapons could be used against American troops and citizens. He accused the president of keeping the cost of war in Iraq under wraps until after Election Day.

"What else are you keeping from the American people?" Kerry said in Green, Bay.

Across the state, Bush said his rival favors "the position of weakness and inaction" contrary to "the great tradition of the Democratic Party."

A *Los Angeles Times* poll showed the popular vote tied, 48-48, with Bush-weary voters open to change on Iraq and

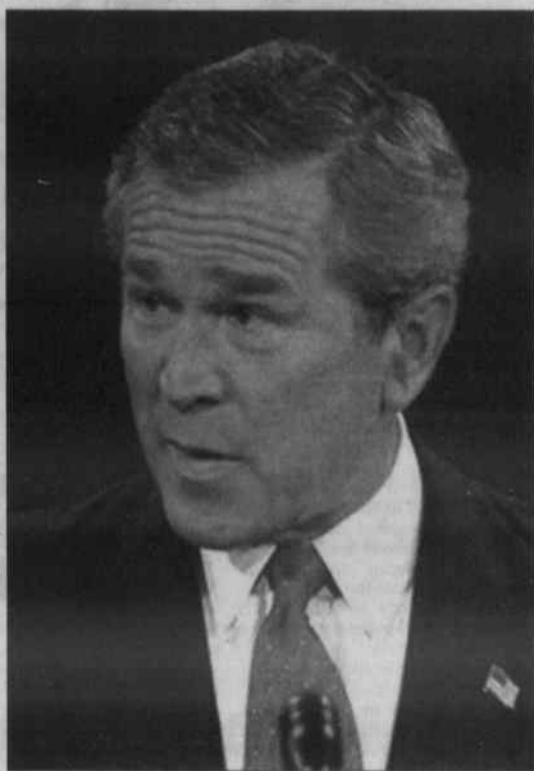
the economy but harboring doubts about Kerry's ability to lead the nation against terror.

New state surveys showed the race also knotted in Florida, Ohio and Pennsylvania — the three most important battlegrounds in the race for 270 Electoral College votes.

Behind the scenes, both campaigns tweaked their stump speeches, advertising strategies and get-out-the-vote drives. In addition to Wisconsin, Bush visited Iowa while Kerry traveled to Nevada and New Mexico — all tossup states.

After spending weeks casting Kerry as a flip-flopping liberal in TV ads, Bush planned to close the race with a 60-second commercial designed to portray himself as a trustworthy, steady leader.

Kerry's latest ad accuses the Bush administration of failing to secure nearly 400 tons of explosives that are missing from a military installation south of Baghdad. "His Iraq misjudgments put our soldiers at risk, and make our country less secure," Kerry says of Bush in the ad.



MATT YORK/AP

President Bush answers a question during the third and final presidential debate in Tempe, Ariz.

National security issues such as Iraq, terrorism dominating Americans' attention

BY WILL LESTER
Associated Press

National security issues such as the war in Iraq and terrorism are dominating voters' attention in the final weeks before Election Day, Associated Press polling found.

Along with security issues like war and terrorism, the economy and health care were near the top of the list of the nation's most important problems in an AP-Ipsos poll.

In a poll by CBS News in October 2000, the most important problems were Social Security, education and health care. National defense and the military were at 2 percent.

National security issues were picked by 55 percent of Americans as the most important problems facing the nation, according to the poll taken in early October

— up from 43 percent who named national security issues in an April poll.

When asked in an open-ended question to identify the most important problems facing the United States, 27 percent mentioned war. That number has tripled since the summer of 2003 in the aftermath of the invasion of Iraq. An additional 18 percent named terrorism.

Economic problems — including the overall economy and unemployment — were named by four in 10, far behind national security issues. Two in 10 specifically mentioned the economy, and 13 percent said unemployment.

About one-fourth of those questioned mentioned other domestic issues, especially health care, according to the poll conducted for the AP by Ipsos-Public Affairs.

Eight states, 99 electoral votes draw campaign focus from Bush, Kerry

BY RON FOURNIER
Associated Press

Eight states worth just 99 electoral votes are up for grabs in the closely fought presidential race, with the White House going to whoever conquers this shrinking battlefield.

While another dozen states could come into play if either candidate breaks open the race, President Bush and Democratic Sen. John Kerry entered the campaign homestretch assuming that wouldn't happen. Their strategies focused heavily on essentially tied races in Florida, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin,

Iowa, Nevada, New Hampshire and New Mexico.

National polls suggest the race is tight, but a vast majority of the states are overwhelmingly supporting one candidate over the other — leaving a handful to determine who wins the White House.

Taken together, Florida, Ohio and Pennsylvania account for 68 of the 99 votes from these tossup states. They form a triangle of influence unmatched on the political map.

"Whoever wins two of those three wins the White House — and I hope to God it's my guy," said Democratic consultant Greg

Haas of Columbus, Ohio.

With 270 electoral votes required to win the presidency, 26 states are solidly behind Bush or lean his way for 222 electoral votes, according to an Associated Press analysis. Sixteen states, plus the District of Columbia, are with Kerry or leaning his way for 217 electoral votes.

Sixteen days before Election Day, the president needs to scrape together at least 48 of the remaining 99 votes from tossup states to win re-election. Kerry needs 53 to stop him.

For more information, see the electoral college maps on page 14

Gay marriage motivates conservatives, complicates races

BY JIM ABRAMS
Associated Press

Gay marriage is emerging as a big enough issue in several states to influence races both for Congress and the presidency.

Ballot initiatives on banning same-sex marriages are expected to propel social conservatives to the polls in 11 states, including four presidential battlegrounds: Arkansas, Ohio, Michigan and Oregon.

The topic also is a prominent issue in Oklahoma, South Dakota and North and South Carolina — all states with close Senate contests.

An independent group has run an ad in South Dakota, where Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle is in a tight race, saying Daschle "refuses to protect marriage; he would let liberal activist judges redefine it."

In Arkansas, GOP state Sen. Jim Holt has made homosexual marriage the cen-

tral theme of his longshot campaign against Democratic Sen. Blanche Lincoln. It's not the only issue, he said, "but it is the most important issue, I believe, in America."

President Bush, in the final presidential debate, reiterated his support for a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage, saying he was concerned that, otherwise, "activist judges" would rewrite the definition of marriage.

Democratic presidential

candidate John Kerry expressed the view of many in his party after a narrow ruling by the supreme court in his home state of Massachusetts a year ago legalized same-sex marriage gave Republicans a new issue to activate their base.

Kerry supports the right of homosexuals to form civil unions. He opposes same-sex marriage, but is against a constitutional amendment that would ban it. States should determine marriage laws, he said.

State constitutional amendments banning same-sex marriage



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THE WRITING ON THE WALL

Bush aware of world's new realities

BRIAN GOODMAN
staff writer

Regardless of how exciting this election cycle is, nothing but the head of Osama bin Ladin on a stick will compare to the shock following Ronald Reagan's inauguration on Jan. 20, 1981. A mere five minutes after he removed his hand from the Bible, 52 hostages walked away from 444 days of captivity under Islamic militants in Iran.

President Carter was weak and impotent in his dealings with the Iran hostage crisis, like he was in most things. Conversely, Reagan spoke strongly throughout the campaign about exactly what he would do to the hostage takers if he were elected — most of which involved body bags. It was the kind of extreme and immobile position Carter was never able to take.

And it worked. The hostage takers knew that if they played around with Reagan like they had with Carter, they would lose, and probably die. So the games stopped.

Cut to 2004, where we find ourselves in a frighteningly similar situation. Terrorism is even more real to us today than it was 25 years ago. Sept. 11, 2001, followed by the anthrax scare, the "Shoe Bomber" and other threats changed our situation. For the months following, many people would wake up every morning wondering if today would be the day that they wouldn't be coming home.

Senator John Kerry's campaign has not displayed an understanding that the world was a different place on Sept. 12, as it keeps asking whether we are better off now than we were four years ago. The fact that we are still alive after the advent of homeland terrorism says that we are in good shape. People wouldn't have been willing to make that wager three years ago.

However, President George W. Bush has remained secure throughout our personal insecurity. He was strong and fearless when none of us were able to be, and correspondingly strengthened and emboldened us. In the face of terrorism, we needed a leader who said what he meant and meant what he said. We still do.

The purpose of terrorism is not so much to kill as to intimidate, and to thereby enact a particular change. Horrific terrorist attacks in Spain days before its presidential election swung the vote to the underdog Socialist candidate, who was more in line with the militants' views than the outgoing administration. We need to know that our leaders are not going to be as willing to bend as the Spanish were.

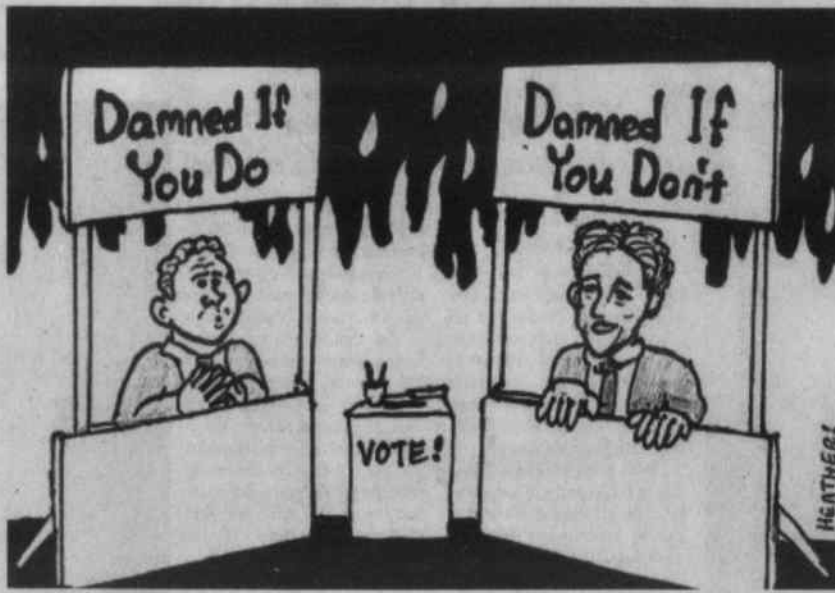
Whether you like Bush or not, one thing is for sure — you know where he stands. When he makes a decision, he feels that it is the best, and will stay it through. He will bend and break at approximately the same rate as a Nalgene bottle.

On the other hand, Kerry's positions blow in the wind easier than his hair does. It takes nothing more than a Zogby poll to cause him to vacillate. When pollsters can scare a candidate into a flip-flop, it's unsettling to think of what a terrorist attack would do.

As a result, people will die in the wake of this election. The question is whether the casualties will be the terrorists, or caused by them. In such a time of crisis, a leader of Reagan's strength and steadfastness is needed — and while Bush is no Reagan, Kerry is no Bush. Throughout his first term, this president confidently demonstrated that he was the man for the hour, and the time has not much changed four years later.

Brian Goodman is an undeclared sophomore.

THE HOT CORNER



Candidates fail to inspire

JAMES IRWIN
senior writer

Like many Americans, I've been glued to the television in recent weeks. While I've gotten my fair share of football and baseball in, most of my attention has been devoted to finding out which lucky presidential candidate will receive my vote. Thus far, I have been unimpressed both with President Bush and Senator Kerry — their constant bickering is driving me up a wall.

The night of the first presidential debate, I blew off a hot date that involved seeing "The Notebook" because I felt like I had a responsibility to make my vote count. It was a brilliant plan that became essentially useless roughly one hour into the debate.

Around question seven

I realized why politics always has confused me. Kerry constantly was attacking Bush's Iraq policy instead of telling viewers why he would make a good president. Bush spent too much time defending his personal image and not enough time explaining his political actions.

This lasted for the better part of an hour, at which point I lost interest and switched over to SportsCenter, determined to clear my head — except I knew it wouldn't help.

I came out of that debate thinking that both men had an equal chance to be elected president, not because they did a better job than their competitor, but because each constantly shot himself in the foot. Recent polls have Bush and Kerry close enough to call the election a dead heat, and while competi-

tion is great for our capitalist-based economy, I know I'd sleep better at night knowing that my president won by 150 electoral votes instead of just 20. Spare me the suspense; I'll take Reagan-Mondale over Bush-Gore any day.

Bush has long been criticized for the way he handled the Iraq situation and Kerry has long been accused of changing his stance on the same issue. Frankly, I don't know which is worse, but deep down, the situation takes my skeptic view of politics and further skews it.

Now I know what everyone is thinking. I'm just a sports guy who doesn't know what he's talking about and I should go bury my face in a box score somewhere. However, my vote counts just as much as anyone else's. It brings us back to the greatness of

the American system. One person can change everything. If you don't believe me, just ask the residents of Dade County, Fla.

In that regard, I am my own small swing state, and while I'd much rather spend my night watching Rachel McAdams, I know my vote is an important one. Short of writing in myself on *The Breeze* ticket, I, like so many on-the-fence voters, will be making a decision soon and it will help shape the outcome of this election.

With that in mind, I urge everyone to weigh both candidates carefully before voting and make an educated and conscious decision. We aren't the future anymore; we are the present.

So who gets my vote? Easy, tiger, that's between me and my absentee ballot.

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THE SOAPBOX

Kerry will work for public good

KATIE AUSTEN
staff writer

John Fitzgerald Kerry. Prominent senator. Brave soldier. Civil activist. The next president.

America needs change. Bush has made a lot of mistakes as president. If Bush is reelected, we will just drown in more bad decisions and more lies. We need good leadership and we need to move out of the stagnation that America is in, and Kerry is the man to do it. His plans allow American families to get ahead, make healthcare a right for all Americans, create independence from Middle East oil and continue to provide rights to women — there is really no other option.

Kerry is the only one qualified for the job. As senator, he fought to strengthen our economy, which has gone awry since Bush has been in office. He has improved public education, which he will continue to do so as president. As for the No Child Left Behind act — that plan already has failed once — it will not be better the second time around. Most importantly, he has protected our environment and will persist in that endeavor as president.

John Edwards, Kerry's running mate, is another qualified leader. The two together will be unstoppable in their fight for everyday American families — a stronger America, if you will. Kerry, unlike Bush, can speak fluently and more than three words at a time, does not lie to Americans and respects all people, no matter their sexual preference.

Democrats are the party of the people. They fight to make the lives of regular, everyday American people the best they can be while staying within budget. First of all, more jobs need to be created. After Bush's declining economy and the disappearance of millions of jobs, someone needs to fix his mistakes. Kerry will cut taxes for business that create more jobs here rather than creating them overseas. This will keep transnational corporations centralized in America, where they started. Kerry will continue to support affirmative action and the spreading of diversity, allow immigrants to be legalized and continue allowing women the right to choose.

Kerry will end Bush's bully tactics. He will regain our country's international respect after Bush felt that we could act alone instead of assembling supporters or allies. Bush confused leadership with unilateralism. National security is important to everyone. After it was tested on Sept. 11, 2001, we need to have someone who is prepared for a next attack. However, a next attack won't happen if America regains allies and respects the world community.

As college students, we need to start thinking of our future in terms of our jobs and our families. Do we want to be insecure in the possibility of finding a job outside of college? Our families are getting older — do we want to live knowing that our parents and grandparents cannot receive proper medication because it is unaffordable or because they do not qualify for medicare? Ladies, do we want to think for one second that we might not have control over our body? Boys, how do you feel knowing that you might be drafted for a war that you do not believe in?

Let's make the right decision on Nov. 2. Think of your future, in all respects.

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

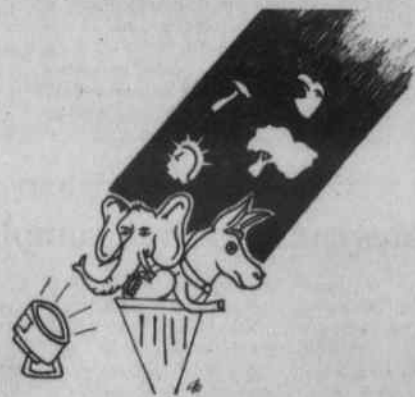
Dear Readers,

Election Day is coming up faster than Duke Dog skyrocketing to first place as Mascot of the Year — and that's pretty fast! I am sure everyone is ready to cast their ballots on Tuesday, either out of anticipation of voting for the first time, or they are just sick of hearing Republicans and Democrats bicker over who is wrong and who has America's best interests in mind.

But amidst all the bickering, it is important to keep in mind the facts behind each candidate. I hope this election supplement helps guide you in the right direction toward who will make the best president of the United States for the next four years. It is important to recognize that *The Breeze* does not endorse one candidate over the other; rather, it is a forum for both sides to express their beliefs. *The Breeze* presents an objective view of the election for you to make a better-informed decision come Nov. 2.

Best of luck with this life-changing decision. Your future is at stake.

Sincerely,
Alison Fargo
Editor in Chief



TO TALK OF MANY THINGS

Third parties work to bring concerns to light

JONATHAN KELLY
contributing writer

In addition to the two major party tickets of this election cycle, a considerable collection of third party candidates representing diverse ideologies are conducting their own campaigns this season. Most conspicuous among them is Ralph Nader, who is running partly as an Independent and partly as a Reform Party candidate, depending on the state where his name appears on the ballot. Teamed with running mate Peter Miguel Camejo, Nader campaigns on a platform that places strong emphasis on consumer rights and environmental protection, though it is not limited to these causes alone.

Another prominent third party candidate is Michael Badnarik, who heads the ticket of the Libertarian Party. Along with running mate Richard Campagna, Badnarik campaigns on the Libertarian philosophy of maximum individual liberty and min-

imum government power. The Libertarian Party seeks to privatize government social services and to disallow government involvement in moral or economic matters, among other objectives.

Some of the other third parties in this race include the Constitution Party, the Green Party, the Socialist Party USA, the Workers World Party and the Prohibition Party. Many of these are on the left-wing and right-wing fringes of the political spectrum.

Why do such third parties, who seem to be on the fringes of American politics, insist on making runs despite their nonexistent chances of winning the election? One explanation is tactical; if they campaign hard enough on their platforms and attract enough disciples, they might succeed in forcing the two major parties to consider some of their policy positions.

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Election Commentary

PIGS AND PEARLS

Neither candidate carries clear rhetorical advantage

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senior writer

The Greek master Aristotle defines rhetoric, in his aptly named book "Rhetoric," as "the faculty of observing in any given case the available means of persuasion." Therefore, this analysis of the presidential campaigns' rhetoric will examine how they have used the available means of persuasion.

Television, for better or for worse, is the medium through which most Americans experience the world and, since 1960, most campaigns have succeeded or failed based on their use of this medium. Television, however, has several components, each of which I will address individually: Commercials, news, conventions and the debates.

When it comes to the use of commercials, the Republicans and their allies have trounced the Democrats and John Kerry. The 30-second attack ad had — until the debates — effectively neutered John Kerry as a viable presidential candidate. The Bush campaign created the image of a flip-flopping Kerry as early as June. After the jingoistic Democratic convention, the Swift Boat Veterans for Truth unleashed devastating ads that, while short on verifiable facts and long on personal grudges, eliminated Kerry's polished image as a war hero — the image that won him the Democratic primary.

It may seem strange to cite the news as an available mean of persuasion for a campaign, but the ability of a campaign to capitalize on either good or bad news for itself can determine success or failure. This year, the Kerry campaign narrowly edges the Bush campaign — mostly due to bad news concerning Iraq, oil and jobs.

Kerry's success came late; only in the last few weeks did the campaign begin to point to a disconnection between Bush's words and the "reality" of the news. I put "reality" in quotations because news is, almost always, a 15- or 30-second video with voiceover by the pretty

face reading words off a teleprompter and hardly offers a deep understanding of a situation. A regular newspaper reader always has more information than someone who watches CNN or FOX News for hours. It's the nature of the medium.

The Republicans once again proved they know how to throw a party. This may seem strange since Republicans are conservative and frown on alcohol, loud music and sexy people, but the Republicans learned from their convention disaster in 1992 and have since run a tight show. The Democratic convention did more to promote Barack Obama's candidacy for the Illinois Senate seat than it did to help Kerry. The Republican convention effectively demolished Kerry and at the same time presented Bush's campaign platform and hailed him as a decisive leader in a dangerous time.

Television, when given a span longer than 30 seconds, does not like President George W. Bush, especially when he doesn't have a script or a softball question from a supporter. Kerry won the debates because Bush appeared to have no attention span and facial spasms. Kerry won the debates on substance, too, but Bush's appearance did more to give Kerry the victory than anything Kerry did. That's not good for the Kerry campaign, but that is the least of its worries right now.

Some might argue that I have been indecisive for not granting a rhetorical victory to either Bush or Kerry. I will say that Bush's superiority in his rhetorical strengths (commercials and convention) far outweighed Kerry's in his (news and debates). Since the news and debates are more respected than commercials and conventions, however, neither campaign has a rhetorical advantage. That's why the polls are tight and the election will be close. The winner will be decided Nov. 2, so if you disagree with me, prove me wrong — go vote.

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THE INKWELL



BREEZE PERSPECTIVES

Kerry's domestic policies better for most

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With foreign policy taking the forefront in this year's election, voters may be tempted to put domestic issues on the backburner. The war in Iraq and the fight against terrorism are both very important issues to consider when casting your vote. However, we are faced with an abundance of problems at home that must not be ignored. Our nation's jobs are being outsourced at an alarming rate, and unemployment is on the rise. Our children are entering the world without the proper education to face an increasingly competitive job market. Our dependence on foreign energy sources is weakening our power in global affairs. America's elder generation is facing a dilemma with rising prescription drug prices. To make matters worse, in the past four years, we have gone from a national surplus to one of the largest national deficits in our nation's history. So, to say that foreign policy takes precedence over domestic policy in this

year's election is pure ignorance.

The two candidates stand in far distant corners when it comes to the economy. President Bush vows to create new homes, help small businesses, and train high-skilled workers. How does Bush plan to pay for his economic reforms? The only answer is to further increase the national debt. On the other hand, Senator Kerry promises to keep more jobs at home by cutting taxes for businesses that create jobs here instead of overseas. Kerry also vows to roll back Bush's tax cuts for the wealthiest two percent of Americans and cut the deficit in half in just four years. The major difference in both plans is that Kerry's calls for higher taxes for the wealthiest Americans, while Bush's plan will inevitably result in a deficit that either stays the same or goes up.

Kerry promises to lower the cost of prescription drugs by allowing importation from Canada. Bush stands by American drug companies and their higher prices rather than allowing competition from other nations. Which is more important — competition be-

tween American drug companies that provides economic stimulation, or lower drug costs for our elders?

President Bush promises to strengthen childhood development programs while upholding strict standards for our schools. But where are his plans for higher education? The price of college has risen by 35 percent in the last three years. John Kerry will offer a tax credit on up to \$4,000 of tuition for every year of college while at the same time rewarding K-12 schools who improve their standards rather than taking away the vital resources of those who are unable to.

The choice on domestic issues in this election is simple. If you are in the top 2 percent of America's economic bracket and don't want your taxes raised to help fund domestic programs and decrease the deficit — vote for Bush. If you are part of the other 98 percent who want better healthcare, more job opportunities, money for college, and a lower deficit — vote for Kerry.

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BREEZE PERSPECTIVES

Appearance of candidates could sway vote

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I do not think that anyone will disagree this year's election matters. With this in mind, I would like to examine the two primary candidates and their running mates, apart from the political issues that divide them. For this year, unlike some years past, America's two major parties have yielded candidates who also are characters; characters in the sense that in addition to their diverse political interests, they also demonstrate potent and even eccentric temperaments, personalities and physical attributes that contribute to their appeal and — ultimately — help them win or lose votes.

Just at random, let's start with Vice President Dick Cheney. In strict terms, he is experienced, but to the general, seeing population of America, he is old. His hair is thinning, he always seems to have his mouth open, he wears fairly big, square-shaped glasses and he is the only one of the candidates who has grandchildren. He claimed to have never met a man he has met several times, but, hey, it's all a

part of the aging process.

By contrast, John Edwards is young and attractive. His sly sense of humor combined with that maddening southern accent — which has proven an asset to certain candidates in the past — renders him a tad more likeable than his republican counterpart. His Bill Clintonesque charm seems to work in his favor, though, in that it makes Democrats and Republicans alike nostalgic for a time, not too long ago, when the biggest threat to the White House was a loose intern and the only weapon of mass destruction we had to worry about was the one below the president's belt.

Senator John F. Kerry has been described by analysts as the "fearless warrior." Those photographs of Kerry as a young soldier in the Vietnam War seem to illustrate that obscure concept of honor — not to mention hit a soft spot in women for men in uniform. However, those images of Kerry windsurfing and snowboarding — while possibly appealing to young people — make it hard to take him seriously. And I hate to say it, but that oh-so-pol-

itician a smile sometimes makes him look downright sleazy.

Let's not forget our good old friend and reigning commander-in-chief, President George W. Bush. Bush is a short man with a compressed neck (sometimes not visible to the naked eye) and big ears. The camera was noticeably positioned closer to Bush in the debates to make him look proportional to Kerry, but couldn't they have just given him a few phone books to stand on?

So where does all of this leave us? What can we conclude by highlighting these things that some might say don't even matter?

These attributes of the candidates that don't have anything at all to do with the issues affecting America will sway votes because they contribute in developing characters. Some of these things provide a glimpse of the candidates' true personalities which they so often try to conceal or obscure with promises and plans and politics. Regardless of the outcome on Nov. 2, the candidates — or characters — sure have made it an interesting election year.

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PIGS AND PEARLS

Bush, Kerry similar on foreign policy views, different on desired approaches

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Before examining how each campaign addresses foreign policy, it will be helpful to establish what foreign policy is. The Bush campaign would like the war on terror to be included in foreign policy, since Bush prides himself on taking the fight to the terrorists rather than waiting for them. The Kerry campaign considers terrorism to be a homeland security issue, not a foreign policy issue. For the purposes of this analysis, I will side with the Bush campaign and include the war on terror.

That being said, the largest foreign policy issue in this election is not

the war on terror, but the war in Iraq. While initially billed as part of the war on terror by the Bush administration, Iraq is a conundrum wrapped up in a dilemma unique to itself. While there are disagreements on what to do about Iraq, there also are disagreements about what is happening in Iraq, which makes gauging success or failure — as well as planning for the future — nearly impossible.

What can be said about Iraq is this: It is not what the administration expected. No flowers in the streets and no populace joyously celebrating freedom from a dictator. It turns out Iraqis are a lot like Americans: "What have you done for me lately?" is the main refrain. People who fear for their

security, are unemployed and have irregular utility service do desperate things. Just look at the citizens of New York City and California — they elected Rudy Giuliani mayor and Arnold Schwarzenegger governor!

Kerry's pledge to involve other nations is ridiculous since no one wants to send troops to fight a war that is unpopular in their own country and in Iraq. Then again, Bush got the British involved, so maybe Kerry can bring the French in. Supposedly they've got something in common.

All jokes aside, the only difference between Bush and Kerry on Iraq is that Kerry will bring all the troops home in four years, no matter what, while Bush won't give an exact timetable in order

to not give hope to the insurgents.

On North Korea and its nuclear weapons, Bush wants to talk to Kim Chong-il with China, Russia, Japan and South Korea, while Kerry wants to do that and have direct talks. Bush will make no promises, while Kerry has hinted at exchanging energy incentives for compliance.

On Iran and its nuclear weapons, Kerry wants to work with other nations, which is exactly what Bush says he is doing. Since Iran will be friendlier toward the United States if and only if the troops leave Iraq, don't expect any progress for the next four years no matter who is elected.

The war on terror also shows no differences between the candidates

— Bush has and will continue to hunt terrorists and Kerry repeatedly has said he will kill terrorists. Both sound like they're planning a safari.

For the voter, the foreign policy choice in this election boils down to style. Bush's style is quick, decisive action to make America safer that couldn't care less what anyone else thinks — even the intelligence community. Kerry's style is deliberate, methodical action that will work to involve as many people as possible and won't do anything risky. You, the voter, have to decide which style suits the global representative of the United States best.

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Future, present of how the states swing

2000 Election Results: Gore 266 Bush 271



Current Electoral Votes: Kerry 257 Bush 274



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	Bush	Kerry
Abortion rights	Only in cases of rape, incest or when a woman's life is endangered; signed bill banning procedure opponents call partial-birth abortion	Supports; would nominate only Supreme Court justices who support abortion rights; voted against partial-birth ban
Budget	Record deficits in a time of war, terrorism and tax cuts; 2004 deficit of \$413 billion; government had a \$127 surplus three years earlier; says deficit can be halved in five years but has not fully explained how; proposes Congress limit discretionary spending in programs outside defense and homeland security to a 0.5 percent increase next year	Would cut deficit by half, at least, in first term, but has not fully explained how he would do so in light of major proposals on health care, education, defense and more; repeal of Bush tax cuts for wealthier Americans would cover some costs
Death penalty	Supports	Opposes "other than in cases of real international and domestic terrorism"
Economy & Taxes	Bush record: The economy has lost 821,000 jobs since Bush took office. He won a \$1.35 trillion in tax cuts for all income levels in 2001; a \$96 billion stimulus in 2002; and a \$330 billion package in 2003 — half of what he had sought. Congress this year approved \$146 billion in 10-year tax cuts; extended the \$1,000 child tax credit, the 10 percent income tax bracket and breaks for married couples; and \$136 billion in corporate tax cuts over 10 years. Wants: \$3,000 re-employment accounts to help the unemployed with job-search expenses; wants to make recently passed temporary tax cuts permanent; ease business regulations; pursue more free-trade deals; increase domestic energy production; limit class-action lawsuits and medical malpractice liability; give tax breaks, regulatory relief and investment incentives to needy communities	Keep Bush's tax cuts for middle- and low-income people but raise taxes on people earning over \$200,000; he promises taxpayers earning less than \$200,000 that "I am not going to raise taxes," would increase child-care tax credit by \$1,000; spend on highways, school construction, pollution cleanup, energy projects and more to create 3 million jobs in 500 days; provide \$50 billion over two years to states struggling with budget deficits
Education	Championed a 2002 overhaul of elementary and secondary education that toughened standards for teachers, schools and student achievement and spurred education spending overall. Budget proposal would increase spending on poor school districts, children with disabilities, Pell grants to help poor students attend college, and experimental private-school voucher programs. The plan would cut spending on vocational education, a family literacy program, arts in education, dropout prevention and more.	Establish a community service plan for high school students that would qualify them for the equivalent of their states' four-year public college tuition if they perform two years of national service; provide a tax credit for every year of college on the first \$4,000 paid in tuition — the credit would provide 100 percent of the first \$1,000 and 50 percent on the rest; opposes private-school vouchers; backed 2002 change, says insufficient money was spent on them and too much emphasis is placed on tests for measuring student achievement; wants to establish \$200 billion education trust fund to help pay for the 2002 school reforms and special education
Farming	Signed a nearly 80 percent expansion of farm subsidies in 2002 despite misgivings that the extra money would cause overproduction and depress prices; 2005 budget plan would reduce spending on rural development programs and conservation	Supports ban on meatpacker ownership of livestock to help ensure markets for farmers; unspecified increase in farm conservation programs; supported 2002 bill that boosted farm subsidies
Environment & Energy	Bush record: Withdrew from Kyoto global warming treaty; reversed 2000 campaign pledge to regulate carbon dioxide, a main gas linked to climate change; proposed easing rules that require older industrial plants and refineries to add pollution controls if they expand; required cleaner engines for diesel trucks; sped up forest-thinning projects on public woodlands; spent \$3 billion on fix-ups in national parks but did not eliminate maintenance backlog as promised; balked at tougher fuel-economy requirements for cars; supported modest increase for SUVs and pickup trucks Plans to change: clean air laws to use a market-based approach to reduce pollution from power plants, including first national cap on mercury emissions; cut spending next year on low-interest loans for local clean water projects; increase federal support for development of hydrogen-fueled car; open Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil drilling	Re-engage "in the development of an international climate change strategy to address global warming," no explicit endorsement of Kyoto treaty; no drilling in Arctic refuge; tougher fuel economy standards for vehicles; goal of 20 percent of electricity from renewable or alternative sources by 2020; steer \$20 billion from oil and gas royalties to development of cleaner energy; goal of independence from Middle East oil in 10 years; toughen standards for companies operating on public lands
Gay rights	Supports constitutional amendment banning gay marriage; has continued former President Clinton's policy allowing gays to serve in military if they are not open about their homosexuality	Opposes gay marriage and constitutional amendment against it; supports right to civil unions; would ban job discrimination against homosexuals; extend hate-crime protections to gays; and let gays serve openly in the military
Guns	Favors granting gun makers immunity from civil lawsuits, but that measure failed in the Senate; backed congressional maneuvers letting the ban on assault-type weapons expire, while saying he supports the ban and a requirement for background checks at gun shows	Supports ban on assault-type weapons and requiring background checks at gun shows; opposes granting immunity to gun makers
Health care	Number of Americans without health insurance has risen in his presidency, reaching nearly 45 million in 2003, up from nearly 40 million in 2000; achieved prescription drug benefit for older Americans that subsidizes costs for low-income patients and encourages private insurance companies to offer coverage for the elderly willing to opt out of traditional Medicare — cost of drug benefit and other Medicare changes now estimated at \$534 billion over 10 years, up from \$395 billion when changes were debated; new tax-free medical savings accounts can be opened by people under 65 who meet certain conditions; monthly Medicare premiums for doctor visits are rising a record \$11.60 next year, or 17 percent; independent study finds family health insurance premiums in employer-sponsored plans up 11 percent, averaging \$9,950 annually for family of four	Expand existing insurance system for federal employees to private citizens through tax credits and subsidies; unemployed would get 75 percent tax credit to help pay for insurance; tax credits for small businesses and their employees for health insurance; people aged 55 to 64 could buy into federal employees' health plan at affordable price; government would help companies and insurers pay an employee's catastrophic medical costs if the firms would agree to hold down premiums; federal support to expand access to state-administered health insurance for children; independent analysts estimate plan would cost \$653 billion to \$1.25 trillion over 10 years, covering roughly 25 million of the uninsured
Immigration	Proposes granting legal status to millions of illegal workers as well as people outside the United States who line up jobs in America — plan would give temporary legal status and expand the current program for highly skilled foreign workers and farm labor to other sectors of the economy where jobs are not being filled by Americans; opposes giving illegal immigrants an "automatic path to citizenship"	People who have been in the United States at least five years, paid taxes and "stayed out of trouble ought to be able to translate into an American citizen immediately"
Iraq war	Swift military victory followed by violent aftermath and halting efforts at stabilizing new government, with more than 1,000 U.S. military deaths; won congressional approval of \$87 billion for continued military operations and aid in Iraq and Afghanistan; defends decision to go to war despite later findings that Iraq had no weapons of mass destruction, the central rationale at the time, and that Saddam Hussein's ties to al-Qaida were tenuous at most; says Saddam had the will to foment unrest, cooperate with terrorists and develop such weapons over time	Supported congressional resolution letting Bush go to war but says he did so based on faulty U.S. intelligence and with the belief the president would build a true coalition and exhaust options short of war; opposed \$87 billion package for Iraq and Afghanistan; says he would try to begin U.S. troop withdrawal in six months and complete it in four years, by encouraging allies to commit more forces

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HELLBOX

JMU students, graduates create horrifying Halloween experience

Story by contributing writer Jess Woodward • Photos by photo editor Amy Paterson • Graphics by art director Jenny Chanthapanya

Imagine all the scariest parts of all the horror movies you've ever watched. Now put them all in front of your face, screaming at you grabbing you, bleeding on you and feeding on your worst fears. Welcome to Hellbox — a Halloween haunted house created by JMU students and graduates. By the time most people reach college, haunted houses are predictable and passé. It can be hard to find a haunted house that is ambitious and sick enough to really give anyone a good scare. The people at Hellbox are out to challenge that notion with their second annual charity haunted house.

For the other 363 days of the year, the house at 135 Campbell St., known as "The Toolbox," is just another place where JMU students live. But on Oct. 28 and 29, it will become a little slice of hell on earth as it transforms into an interactive experience that traverses scenes set up across three-story house.

Originally an idea of Nathan Havasy and Matt Schnable (both '04) and their roommates, Hellbox was born from a love of horror movies and a disdain for the unoriginality of many of the haunted houses they had experienced in the past.

"We knew how corny and uninspired 'professional' haunted houses normally are, and we knew we had a pretty creepy house, so we figured we'd just do it ourselves," Havasy said.

From an idea, Hellbox grew to be a true undertaking, involving dozens of people and countless hours of planning.

"The planning starts with a series of house meetings," resident Dan Hagen said ('04). "We build our ideas from each other, brainstorm, throw out what we don't agree on and hopefully have a quality product by the end."

Three weeks ago, we spent two minutes a day for planning," he said. "Last week it was 20 hours a day. This week it will be 30 hours a day."

But the commitment pays off

when visitors experience a new level of horror. Sophomore Travis Tucker attended last year and was shocked by how interactive the experience became.

"People would constantly be grabbing at me, hanging from the ceiling or throwing stuff at us," Tucker said. "Hellbox is a great place to get a good scare. They really go all out in making the house scary as hell."

At the premiere of Hellbox last year, no one knew exactly what to expect. "It was completely nerve-wracking to the last minute... because none of us had ever done anything like it before," Hagen said. "We opened at 7 p.m., and by mid-evening, the line was backed out to the street. It stayed that way until we decided to cut it off around midnight. In total we passed through about 48 groups of 10, ending the night with about 480 people."

Some people waited in line for more than two hours to get into the house. But volunteers make the wait as bearable as possible by selling hot chocolate and cookies while playing a selection of horror movies for the waiting crowd.

"If you want to be scared out of your mind, it definitely is worth the wait," said senior Christina Tiffany, who attended last year.

The horrors found at Hellbox do have the potential to offend some visitors due to the graphic details and psychological nature of the design. All of the promotional materials for Hellbox have been very careful to mention that the experience might not be for all audiences. "There is always going to be someone who doesn't understand that it's all in fun," junior volunteer Rachel Pryor said. "But we're definitely not doing anything to deliberately offend anyone."

For a person who likes to be scared, Hellbox is a unique experience that would be regrettable to pass up.

The \$4 that is charged at the door also goes to a worthy cause. After paying back all the expenses that went into getting the house ready, Hellbox donates all of its profits to a local charity.

"Last year, we were able to give a pretty good amount of money to First Step Domestic Violence Center," Havasy said. "This year, all the profits are going towards Our Community Place, the free soup kitchen put on by The Little Grill for needy people in the area."

This year, the volunteers at Hellbox are hoping to up the ante and improve on last year's success.

"The rooms are all completely different," said volunteer junior Lauren Futrell. "There are some new people involved who bring new ideas. We also know what did and did not work last year, so we can only improve."

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Novel paints portrait of desperate criminal lives

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While character development and insight are wonderful things for a novel to have, they easily can be replaced with a gritty plot that sucks you in.

"The Grifter's Game" by crime fiction master Lawrence Sanders is such a story. Originally published in 1961, this novel should be a gold standard by which every other piece of pulp fiction, or stories usually containing love or crime, is compared. Sanders' blend of slick lingo and cleverly orchestrated plot twists make this the smoothest 200-plus



pages you may ever read.

Long before the days of political correctness, the 1960's were the glory days of pulp fiction. Republished thanks to Hard Case Crime, "The Grifter's Game" is an amazing example of escapist literature. While this

novel has some of the best dialogue ever written, it also has a complete lack of morals, which only further electrifies the tale.

Narrated in first person by self-proclaimed con-man Joe Marlin, "The Grifter's Game" paints a picture of lust, greed and deception told in a way only Sanders can. It harkens back to a time of suits and cigarettes, booze and broads — and this account does so with all six chambers loaded.

This criminal account knocks you further off your seat by the sheer speed with which plot and characters are presented. It is no doubt a plot-driven story with minimal time for suspense or humanity. The only lesson the

reader takes away is the despair with which these criminals live their lives.

As an author of countless mystery novels, Lawrence Sanders truly mastered his craft. His precise and detailed writing is awe-inspiring. By mixing real street grime with wit and humor, Sanders is able to suck the reader in and force them to read the book cover-to-cover in one sitting.

It is difficult to explain just how marvelous a work of fiction Sanders composed without giving any of its surprises away. Just know that if you pick up "Game," you will have to clear your schedule — you won't want to put it down until you finish.



CAROLYN WALSER/senior photographer

Gavin DeGraw (above) played in Wilson Hall Monday to a sold-out crowd. DeGraw and his band brought the excited crowd to their feet with their rock music. Michael Tolcher (left) opened for DeGraw. Tolcher got the crowd grooving and warmed up for DeGraw.



Music of the Night

DeGraw, Tolcher kept students out of seats at concert last night

BY SYLVA FLORENCE AND
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Amid enamored fans, Homecoming trinkets and flying underwear, Gavin DeGraw jammed out in Wilson Hall Auditorium Tuesday night. The show — which sold out two days after the box office opened — was well worth the ticket price.

"Getting hit by a pair of underwear was the best part of the show," DeGraw said following the performance. "I had a great time."

Senior Adam Hughes traveled from Virginia Commonwealth University to attend the show. "Since summer, I've been a fan," Hughes said. "I'm extremely excited. I came for the concert from VCU and I'm driving home tonight."

Although DeGraw hasn't been on the charts forever, he seems to have acquired quite a following.

"A couple years ago no one knew who [Gavin DeGraw] was," junior Matt Bures said. "Now they're getting airtime."

Bures' friend, sophomore PJ Kania, said, "I saw them two summers ago in Myrtle Beach

and they played a good show. I picked up their CD [there]."

Even the opening artist had excited fans rushing the stage.

"The crowd was super excitable, very giving and very repeat-worthy," opening act Michael Tolcher said.

Tolcher's experimental rock sound revved up the crowd before DeGraw took the stage. The band seemed to enjoy the performance as much as the audience.

"I loved it," Tolcher said. "[The concert] sounded good to me; the crowd reacted favorably and I got to experiment musically and rhythmically."

Between shows, the momentum stayed consistently high with help from JMU's mascot, the Duke Dog. Armed with a box of Homecoming goods, his antics — including crowd surfing and air-guitaring with a broom — filled the space between acts.

When DeGraw finally took the stage, the crowd erupted with excitement. DeGraw's band members dominated the stage in red pants, striped corduroys and similar pageboy hats reminiscent of the '70s and '80s. Not

long into the show, fans began throwing things on stage — a thong, beads and a red hat. The red hat and the beads Gavin wore throughout most of the concert; the thong he hung on his keyboard microphone.

DeGraw's performance included a song selection that seemed to satisfy the audience's wishes. He cranked out "Chariot," "I Don't Want To Be," "Belief," "Just Friends" and a popular cover of Marvin Gaye's "Let's Get It On," in addition to a short cover of "For What It's Worth." DeGraw's band had a strong presence on stage, working the crowd at the front of the stage, singing and playing guitar atop speakers, the keyboard stool and any other raised platform available to them.

An excited Bures said after the show that he was very happy with the performance and that DeGraw hadn't let him down.

Both musicians and crowd alike walked away happy.

"The shows always give me energy," Tolcher said. "No matter how I feel before a show, I feel better after."

Grad students provide new twist at Zirkle House

BY CARA PUGLIESE
contributing writer

Moving from oil paintings of scowling men to photographs of wrestlers is an average occurrence at Zirkle House.

Zirkle House will display the artwork of graduate students in the next two weeks. Artists include Dave Bascom, Cynthia Greene, Sarah Boyts, Ashley Sauder, Robin Teas, Stephanie Williams and Erin Zumwalt. Performance art, which encompassed a person as a walking work of art, was performed by John Haverkamp.

Bascom's three oil paintings in the Other Gallery and the Madison Gallery are awe-inspiring. Through the generously applied paint on his canvases, a definite, appealing texture emerges. In the Other Gallery, Bascom's untitled piece shows a man with a scowl of exasperation. Bascom expertly uses what seems like hundreds of colors and details in all of his work. Madison Gallery holds Bascom's work "Father." The piece demonstrates Bascom's version of the famous portrait of George Washington with a mosaic style.

Cynthia Greene's art at Zirkle House focuses on relationships. Her painting, "Decisions," shows a girl balancing and comparing two pears. Greene said this painting represents her spiritual side. She makes choices in the art based on whether they will bring her closer to or further from God, Greene said.

Another of Greene's pieces, "My Heart Is In the Oven," overflows with relationship symbolism.

"This one is more about reflecting on relationships, and it gives an indication on how relationships can change," Greene said.

The painting shows a heart full of nails resting inside an oven. The oven walls are covered with images of a couple. The painting has an intentional surreal style.

"The wacky perspective is to draw people in, to then realize the seriousness of the work," Greene said.

Also, the New Image Gallery opened Monday night with professional artist Geoffrey Delaney's photography exhibit, "Spectacle of Excess."

Delaney's exhibit focuses on wrestling. "Wrestling is the cultural arena in which we can view ourselves," Delaney said. "Traditional binaries such as good vs. evil, masculine vs. feminine and real vs. fake give way to the displacement of real issues into the ring."

Delaney digitized his photos to remove all shading: what remains only is the stark contrast of black and white. By increasing the contrast to such an extreme, much of the details of the photographs are lost. This effect breaks the wrestlers into their most basic shapes, allowing the viewer to mentally put in the pieces that are missing.

Displaying his photographs in such an unusual way also demonstrates how we as a culture view wrestling, Delaney said. "The more theatrical the spectacle becomes, the more it engages us," he said.

The graduate exhibition will be on display through Nov. 8. "Spectacle of Excess" will be on display through Nov. 30.



SARAH RABABY/contributing photographer

Graduate student Dave Bascom's work (above) is displayed this week, along with six other graduate students. The display will continue through Nov. 30.

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By CARLY ECCLES
contributing writer

Halloween isn't only for toddlers and elementary school kids anymore. College kids like dressing up as much as any third grader. Since students can't always afford to buy a ready-made outfit, here are a few ghoulish garbs sure to make a statement without making you broke.

A pirate's life

Who says a pirate's treasure can't be a bucket of candy? A pirate costume is easy, inexpensive and great fun. Find an old pair of baggy pants and cut them off or roll them to mid-calf. Wear a very loose, button-up white shirt and a sash to tie around your waist. Eye patches are sold at almost every drug store and are simple to make with a shoelace and piece of black material. Wear plenty of gaudy, tacky jewelry. Use foundation to make your face look grubby and lay on that

black eye-liner Johnny Depp-style. Add your own touches, and you're ready to set sail.

Play ball!

Support your favorite athletic team, be it professional or college, football, basketball, soccer or baseball. In fact, with the World Series going on, show your love for the Cardinals or Red Sox by sporting every St. Louis or Boston piece of clothing you have!

Model behavior

Want to be really, really, ridiculously good looking? Sophomore Jeff Bean gives you The Derek Zoolander Costume for Kids Who Can't Dress Good. Jeff's friend is dressing up as Derek Zoolander, sporting a leather jacket, shiny shirt, funky pants and narrow black sunglasses and hair gel.

Dude looks like a lady

Of course, guys always get laughs dressing up as

women. Skirts, high heels, fish net hose, wigs, make-up, "stuffed" shirts — you name it. Freshman Monica Mitchell suggests taking it a step further and going for the Britney Spears look. Add a trucker hat, a large pair of sunglasses, select more brazen clothes and do a couple dance moves.

Bubblicious

Sophomore Liz Young's friend dressed up as a gumball machine one year, covering herself with colorful balloons and wrapped a PVC pipe around everything. Then, she carried a bag of gumballs to slide down the pipe to admirers of her costume. Now there's an idea for you to chew on.

It's me! Mario!

Can't get enough of video games on your own? Dress up as Mario and Luigi. Buy a khaki pair of overalls and dye them red for Mario and green for Luigi. Find white hats and gloves to go along with the

outfit, and wear a pair of boots to top it off. Buy a little tricycle at Wal-mart to race around, and you're really rolling!

Bad to the bone

Pull out that bandana, the leather jacket, dark pants (leather if possible), big black boots, jewelry and fake tattoos. Fellas look as scruffy as possible, and ladies, pile on that make-up. Get a cool pair of shades, and show off all the piercings you have — appropriately, of course. With this outfit, even the ghosts won't mess with you.

Baby talk

We all reminisce about the days when we were young right? So bring out that child in you and dress up as a toddler! Wear overalls, big T-shirts, slippers and carry around a rattle or pacifier. Girls, wear your hair in pig-tails and guys, just make sure your hair is messy. Look as cute as possible, and — when in doubt — drool.



CAROLYN WALSER/senior photographer

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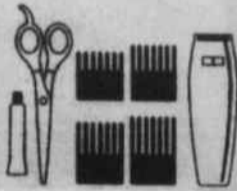
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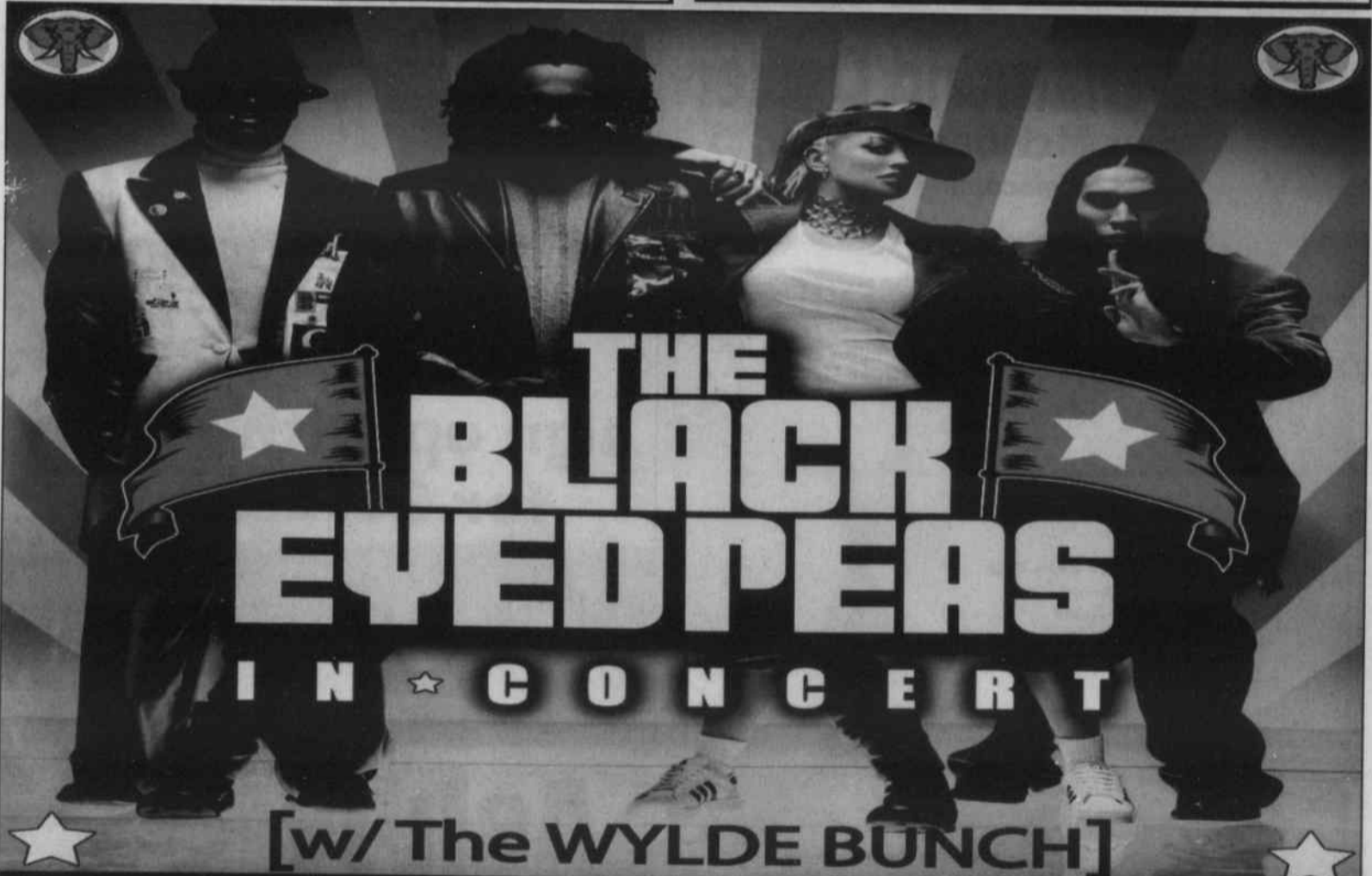
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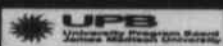


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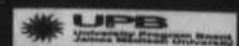
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BREAKFAST: EGGS

Beat breakfast into shape, use eggs

BY ERIN WEIRETER
contributing writer

College students continually are looking for cheap, easy, relatively nutritious meals to make. A great solution to this quandry can be found in eggs.

Believe it or not, those "incredible, edible egg" commercials don't lie. Eggs actually are considered the best source

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Scrambled Egg Pizza

- 1 16-ounce loaf frozen pizza dough
- 1 cup chopped zucchini or green sweet peppers
- 1 cup fresh sliced mushrooms
- 1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper
- 1 tablespoon cooking oil
- 8 eggs
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 tablespoon butter or margarine
- 3/4 cup shredded mozzarella cheese (about 3 ounces)
- 2 slices bacon, cooked, drained and crumbled

On a lightly floured surface, roll bread dough into a 14-inch circle. Transfer dough to a greased pizza pan and build up edges slightly. Prick dough generously with a fork. Bake at 375 degrees for 15 to 20 minutes or until brown. In a large skillet, cook zucchini, mushrooms and crushed red pepper in hot oil five minutes or until vegetables are tender. Remove mixture and drain. In a medium bowl beat together eggs and milk. In the same skillet as the vegetables melt butter over medium heat, then pour in egg mixture. Cook until mixture begins to set on the bottom and around the edge. Using a large spatula, lift and fold the partially cooked egg mixture so that the uncooked portion flows underneath. Continue cooking for two to three minutes until egg mixture is cooked through but is still moist. Sprinkle half of the shredded cheese over the hot crust. Top with scrambled eggs, zucchini mixture, bacon and remaining cheese. Bake for five to eight minutes or until cheese melts.

Quiche

- 1 9-inch single piecrust
- 4 beaten eggs
- 1 1/2 cups half-and-half, light cream or milk
- 1/4 cup sliced green onions
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 dash ground nutmeg
- 3/4 cup chopped cooked ham, chicken or crab meat (about 3 1/2 ounces)
- 1 1/2 cups shredded Swiss, cheddar, Monterey Jack and/or Havarti cheese (6 ounces)
- 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour

Bake piecrust according to package directions. Meanwhile, in medium bowl, stir together eggs, half-and-half, green onions, salt, pepper and nutmeg. Stir in ham. Toss cheese and flour in a small bowl. Add cheese and flour to egg mixture and mix well. Pour egg mixture into the hot crust. Bake in a 325-degree oven for 40 to 45 minutes, or until knife inserted comes out clean. Let stand 10 minutes before serving.

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DUKES: Ready for Keydets at Homecoming

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No. 3 in the nation against the run, yielding 83.4 yards per game. As a result, teams have been throwing against JMU more often.

"People are having a hard time running the football on us," Matthews said. "UMass called almost 60 pass plays against us. Richmond was the same thing. Every week we have to concentrate on having a solid pass defense."

"The reason we are 6-1 right now is we're not giving up the easy scores. We're making teams earn their way to the end zone."

With three consecutive home games on the schedule, including Atlantic 10 matchups against the University of Delaware and the College of William & Mary, JMU and its vaunted defense has the luxury of playing for a play-off berth inside the friendly confines of Bridgforth. The Dukes are 23-9 at home since Matthews took over in 1999.

"At this point, we just need to take care of business in our home stadium," Matthews said. Kick off is set for 3 p.m.



FILE PHOTO
Redshirt sophomore quarterback Justin Rascatti takes a defender on in Saturday's win over Richmond.

MEN: Cruising into the CAA tournament

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Colonial Athletic Association tournament but needs continued success in the final three games to earn home field advantage and a berth into the coveted NCAA tournament.

"Hosting the CAA tournament games would be such a huge advantage for us," Faulk said. "We've had great fan support at home and have definitely played our best at home on Friday nights. Ultimately we all want to win the CAA tournament and go into the NCAA's with a lot of momentum."

Dukes coach Tom Martin said his team will have to work hard both on offense and defense.

"We are going to have

to improve on finishing our chances and defending as a team," Martin. "The back five to six players have done a great job defending, but we need to be able to defend with all 11 players in certain situations."

The Dukes have had 13 different players contribute statistically this season. That number is abnormally high yet, a possible reason for their success.

JMU is ranked No. 13 in College Soccer News and also is ranked in the top 20 in three other national polls. The Dukes are also ranked No. 3 in the South Atlantic Region by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America.

CAA: JMU takes on GMU/TU

CAA, from page 23

the CAA and have an overall record of 17-7, with 15 of those wins coming in three-game sweeps.

The Tigers will bring the reigning CAA Co-Player of the Week in setter Mary Clare Coghlan. She picked up 77 assists and 24 digs in six games, while posting a .347 hitting percentage with eight kills and four blocks last week. Coghlan also leads Towson in assists, averaging 11.79 per game.

Both the Towson match Saturday and George Mason Friday start at 7 p.m.

The final 150 of the "I Bleed Purple," Homecoming shirts will be distributed at the George Mason game.

WOMEN: Stayin' alive vs. Hens

WOMEN, from page 23

Thursday, the Dukes take on the University of Delaware (4-2-1)(9-4-3) who are third in the CAA.

"If we beat Delaware, we put them behind us and they can't catch us," Lombardo said. "That gives us 17 points and them 16 points. They represent our biggest challenge."

Two days later, JMU faces another CAA opponent in Towson University (2-4-1)(6-9-1) to close out its season Saturday. The Tigers are in eighth place.

"We're done if all we can do

is win two," Lombardo said. "If we don't, it puts us in the hands of tiebreakers and the results of other games that we have no control over. We want to control our own fates."

After injuries early, the Dukes struggled through the middle of their season with road losses to Old Dominion University and the University of Virginia — a game in which JMU played a player short after a red card in the first 35 minutes.

"We had a six-game road-trip," Lombardo said. "We

were just grinding it out and trying to stay alive, and now we see the light at the end of the tunnel."

But the Dukes are mended and healed for the last two games of the regular season.

"The timing is really good," Lombardo said. "We're playing great and we're as healthy as we've been. We are playing our best soccer of the season."

The Dukes face the Fighting Blue Hens today at 6 p.m. and Towson Saturday at noon. Both games are at the JMU Soccer Complex.



FILE PHOTO
Sophomore midfielder Shannon Seipp dribbles down field. The Dukes are entering their final regular season weekend.

Football Picks OF THE Week

Week #	9	41-19	38-22	31-29	31-29	40-20
Visiting Team	Home Team	.683	.633	.516	.516	.666
NCAA						
VMI	at JMU	JMU	JMU	JMU	JMU	JMU
Virginia Tech	at Georgia Tech	VT	VT	VT	VT	VT
Oklahoma	at Oklahoma St.	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Oklahoma
Arizona St.	at California	California	California	California	California	California
NFL						
NY Giants	at Minnesota	NY Giants	Minnesota	Minnesota	Minnesota	NY Giants
New England	at Pittsburgh	NE	NE	NE	NE	Pittsburgh
San Francisco	at Chicago	Chicago	SF	SF	Chicago	Chicago
Atlanta	at Denver	Atlanta	Atlanta	Denver	Denver	Denver

Originally, in this space there was a nonsensical column about columns, bowling and nihilism that had little — if not nothing — to do with anything.

It was decided by those who out-rank this journalist that such a piece of literature was not fit to run beside the noble institution that is Picks of the Week.

However, there is hope for the column that didn't make it. It could still run in the Opinion section — so look out for that if you're interested.

Anyway, on to Picks of the Week news and goings-on since that is what this bit of paper is here for.

There has been upheaval in the standings, as I have been overtaken after weeks of holding down the No. 2 spot.

Amy "I misspell my last name daily" Paterson turned in a solid week, going 5-3 which

was good enough to usurp the silver medal after I suffered through a 3-5 showing.

If only fourth quarters were four minutes shorter.

Both UCLA and Arizona State were leading until the final minutes of the final quarter — only to blow it, and my aspirations of prognosticating glory.

It is okay though. Somehow Fun-Size Fargo put up a 7-1 week. From now on, I will have to close my eyes and point, too.

Now a little bit on our Guest Predictor for Week No. 9.

Her name is Sylva "I'm not from" Florence. She is actually from Oregon. Go Ducks — or Beavers, depending which is your favored institution.

I don't know much else about Sylva except that she is a Leo and probably enjoys candlelit dinners and long walks on the beach.

Good luck, Sylva.

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