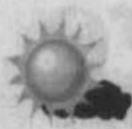


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CAL set to alter setup

BY RACHANA DIXIT
senior writer

The College of Arts and Letters is being restructured in order to meet some of the college's needs more effectively, and several proposals are being considered for change that will occur.

The restructuring process began in late January and is being aided by the College of Arts and Letters Restructuring Ad Hoc Committee, which consists of representatives from CAL academic units, the CAL Faculty Advisory Committee and the General Education Program. Teresa Gonzalez, chair and spokeswoman of the Ad Hoc Committee, said each of the academic units in CAL was asked to consider its future and suggest new ways in which the college might be structured. Proposals were then submitted that identified themes, issues and possible college models.

Gonzalez said a meeting was held in February that was open to all faculty regarding the reorganization.

"At that time, the committee members identified possible college models and the criteria the committee developed for evaluating the models," she said. "The meeting was also used to gather faculty feedback."

Since then, various college proposals have been submitted. According to CAL, the Madison College proposal, which says that this college would be a centerpiece of the university, will be composed of all current CAL units except for fine arts and art history. Madison College would be the university's core liberal arts college.

Another proposal being considered for the restructuring is the College of Communication, Information and Media. Dietrich Maune, the Media Arts and Design representative in the Ad Hoc Committee, said the joint faculties of Communications Studies, Media Arts and Design, Technical and Scientific Communication and the staff of WMRA — the local national public radio station currently located in Anthony-Seeger Hall — submitted the proposal.

"This proposal would give JMU the first college of its kind in the Commonwealth of Virginia," Maune said. "It would bring visibility to the communication departments and provide a unique college identity for students."

Maune said it was possible for the new proposal to have a great impact on SMAD students. "In the future, if SMAD joins a new college, there may be changes that follow that would impact the curriculum."

The political science department and the Center for Liberal Arts and Social Sciences also submitted a

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Insecurity



Illustration by KELLY FISHER/senior artist

As President Bush looks to change Social Security, JMU professors weigh in on the positives and negatives of his plan

BY MEGAN NEAL
contributing writer

While many in the nation stress about predictions of bankruptcy and Social Security reform, JMU professors have differing views on the subject.

In his State of the Union address in February, President George W. Bush explained how Social Security has changed. Longer lives resulted in more retirees receiving increased benefits as the worker to beneficiary ratio has gone from 16:1 to 3:1. He warned that soon, not three but two workers would be supporting each retiree; making bankruptcy inevitable.

The threat of bankruptcy by the year 2042 sounds intimidating, but Kevin Cloonan, assistant professor of political science, felt the term's application required further definition.

"The term 'bankrupt' with regard to Social Security tends to be used to mean that the tax rates and spending rates cannot be maintained based on the changing proportion of workers and non-workers," he said. "Increasing numbers of non-workers means 'bankruptcy.' Today's reform is an attempt to introduce a greater element of individual choice beyond the choice of elected officials to tax and spend and spend."

However, economics professor Andrew Kohen said that even with bankruptcy, benefit payments could still be made to citizens.

"Bankruptcy" is the wrong word, denotatively and connotatively for what will occur ... the currently existing Trust Fund will be exhausted," he said. "But benefit payments will not cease because the inflow of payroll tax

payments will still be sufficient to pay about 75 percent of the benefits currently promised to eligible (by age or disability status) beneficiaries."

Economics professor Barkley Rosser wrote in an article for *The Harrisonburg Daily News-Record* this January about the so-called crisis.

"President Bush's proposal for Social Security reform is unnecessary and dangerous to the economic health of our country," he wrote. "The system is not broken and does not need to be 'fixed.' ... President Bush's proposal to resolve a nonexistent crisis could provoke a very real crisis instead."

Rosser went on to explain the forecast for 'bankruptcy' in 2042 is a farce, due to predictions based on improbable rates.

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Police search for peeper

According to a timely notification bulletin released by the JMU Police, it was reported that a male suspect entered the second floor women's bathroom in Chesapeake Hall around 9:06 p.m. on April 25.

The police are investigating the incident of trespassing and peeping with the alleged intention of photographing a female while in the shower. The suspect was described as a white male, about 5-feet-9-inches, with a thin build and having dark curly hair, according to the report. At the time of the incident, it was reported the suspect was wearing glasses with black rims and white trim and was carrying a digital camera.

According to the notification, the victim screamed when she noticed she was being watched, and the suspect then left the scene. It was reported the victim chased after him out into the hallway and attempted to make others aware of the intruder.

A male witness reported he saw the suspect run out the east exit of Chesapeake Hall. Once outside, the male witness observed the suspect run west, turn the corner and then he was no longer in sight.

According to the report, "the suspect was able to flee the scene without further detection, direction unknown."

JMU officers arrived at the scene, and searched the area, but were unable to find the suspect, according to the report. The victim and witness who saw the suspect said they would be able to identify the male if seen again.

Contact the JMU Police at x86911, or at jmu.edu/pubsafety/SilentWitness.shtml, if you have additional information.

-from staff reports

Harrison ready for fall

BY JAMES IRWIN
senior writer

The SMAD department is cautiously optimistic about its move from the CISAT Modular Building to Harrison Hall this summer.

"I think it will be a good move for us," George Johnson, School of Media Arts and Design director, said. "But we're just a little tentative about it because we don't know what we're going to be faced with."

One thing the department will be faced with is a lack of parking. SMAD's current location next to the Convocation Center provides ample parking both for students and faculty. Johnson said the move to the Bluestone side of campus will create some problems.

Another issue is the current state of the Harrison television studio. The studio was to be installed in the basement of the

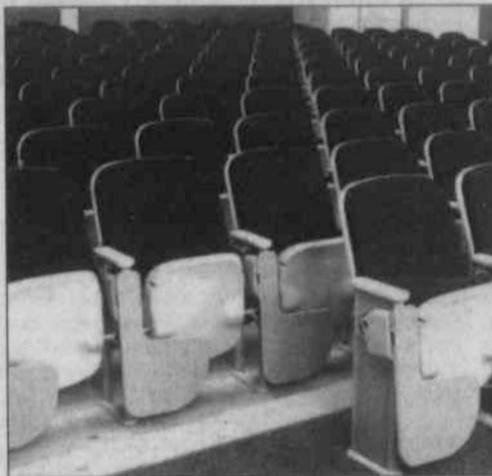
Harrison Annex and then was cut for fiscal reasons, Johnson said. Now it's back on the budget, although it is still unknown when it will be ready for use.

"The studio will not be completed for the fall semester," Johnson said. "That bothers us because we had created a schedule for classes to be able to use it. We should be OK in the spring, but no guarantees."

In the meantime, Johnson said SMAD will continue to use the television studio at WVPT. SMAD technology manager John Hodges said when the Harrison studio opens, it will provide an advantage to the department from an educational standpoint.

"The equipment we're buying and the arrangement of space are all being done with an eye toward instruction," Hodges said.

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JANIS HOLCOMBE/staff photographer

The SMAD department will be greeted with a newly renovated building upon returning in the fall.

Hospital use still uncertain

BY ALEX SIRNEY
senior writer

While students may look at Rockingham Memorial Hospital and see parking spaces and the possibility of more on-campus housing, JMU administrators say that it is still too soon for them to see beyond the question marks.

JMU purchased RMH's 15.8-acre main campus in December for \$50.6 million — with the help of \$40.6 million from state funds. The hospital plans to relocate over the next five or six years to larger facilities, but will lease the property from JMU until it moves for \$1 a year. Over the next five years, JMU will pay for the hospital property, beginning with an \$8 million payment in July. If RMH is not ready to relocate after five years, the purchase agreement contains provisions for a one-year extension.

Now that the purchase has gone through, however, JMU faces the question of how to best use the space and what departments will occupy it. The Strategic Space Planning Committee is looking into the question.

The committee was formed at the beginning of the semester and has met every Friday since then.

"Our goal is to take a comprehensive look at all departments across campus and satisfy everyone's space needs," committee head Kevin Knickrehm said.

The committee is looking into the use of all space across campus, including buildings that are being renovated and the possible leasing lease of Harrisonburg High School.

"[RMH] is not going to fix everything," Knickrehm said. The committee's goal is to develop a comprehensive, long-range plan for space use at JMU.

"We're just beginning our work," Knickrehm said. The earliest a recommendation for the use of RMH would be made is midway through the next academic year.

Charles King, provost of administration and finance, said that while it has not been decided which programs will occupy them, some buildings are ready for use with only slight renovations as soon as they are vacated by

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AMY PATERSON/photo editor

Rockingham Memorial Hospital looks out over the Quad. JMU purchased RMH for \$50.6 million, and plans to take full control of the property in five or six years.

Tour of Shenandoah Bicycle Race

All photos by EVAN DYSON/staff photographer



Pro cyclist Stefano Barberi, of Team TIAA-CREF, pushes himself to his limit Tuesday morning to demonstrate his power for Dr. Michael Saunder's kinesiology class. Barberi is a competitor in the Shenandoah bicycle race.



The third annual Tour of Shenandoah bicycle race made its way through downtown Harrisonburg Wednesday. The race, which is a five-day, six-stage route, runs through the Shenandoah Valley, making stops at Staunton, Bedford, Lexington, and Waynesboro.



DUKE DAYS Events Calendar

The second annual E-Recycling Day, which recycles old electronic equipment, will be held in the Convocation Center parking lot Saturday, April 30 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Donor costs are \$10 for TVs, \$10 for commercial copiers and \$5 for CPUs or monitors. All other items are \$1 each.

Science as art will be displayed in JMU's Leeolou Alumni Center Great Room. The exhibit, "Aesthetic Discoveries: Art & Science at JMU," showcases photographic images from the research of three JMU science professors. The exhibition is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will close April 29.

Come dance with the Swing Dance Club Friday, April 29. Lessons start at 9 p.m. and the dance is from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. Cost is \$5 with JAC card and \$8 for general admission. Live music by the Boilermakers Jazz Band. Contact Emily at fleckea for more info.

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

POLICE LOG

BY KRISTEN GREEN/news editor

Property Damage

A JMU student reported the driver's side window of a vehicle had been forced off its track in W-Lot between April 21 at 11:45 a.m. and April 22 at 2:15 a.m.

Petty Larceny

A JMU student reported an unsecured JAC card taken from Keezell Hall between April 20 at midnight and April 22 at 9 p.m.

Vandalism

A JMU student reported a vandalized door in Potomac Hall on April 22 at 11:30 p.m.

Peeping Tom

A JMU student reported she saw an unidentified male described as 5'9" tall, thin and wearing glasses in a women's shower in Chesapeake Hall on April 25 at 9:06 p.m.

Possession of marijuana/underage possession of alcohol

Christina M. Shapalis, 18, of Clifton was charged with possession of marijuana and underage possession of alcohol on April 24 at 12:15 a.m. in Weaver Hall.

Possession of marijuana

Jessica L. Ward, 19, of Lynchburg was charged with possession of marijuana on April 26 at 12:09 a.m. at Potomac Hall.

Ross N. Phillips, 19, of Easton, Md., was charged with possession of marijuana on April 26.

Underage possession of alcohol

Jessica Ann Hill, 18, of Centreville was charged with underage possession of alcohol on April 24.

Total number of parking tickets since Aug. 19: 21,504
Total number of drunk in public since Aug. 19: 77

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AROUND CAMPUS

JMU works with city, county for E-Recycling Day

JMU, the City of Harrisonburg and Rockingham County will host the second annual E-Recycling day will be held in the Convocation Center parking lot.

This event will allow residents, businesses and students to recycle their electronic waste.

From 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. e-waste will be collected by the JMU student chapter of the Air and Waste Management Association and volunteers from the city and county.

The items that will be accepted are computers, monitors, VCRs, televisions, cell phones, video game consoles, printers, hair dryers, batteries, calculators and other electronic items. Goods such as stoves, refrigerators and microwaves will not be accepted.

Computer Recycling of Virginia Inc. was hired to provide a 17-foot trailer for the collection effort.

The company, founded in 2001, recycles old electronic equipment and then distributes what can be used to Virginia public schools free of charge.

Write On contest announces winners

The winners of the Write On 2004-'05 contest sponsored by the Writing Program were announced on Monday afternoon.

Scott G. Barrows was the winner of the graduate section of the contest. Jesse B. Pappas finished second in the graduate category.

In fine arts category, Nancy Daly, Katie Canatsey and Kelly Martin took awards.

In the humanities section, winners included Robin A. Smith, Tina Curry, Ian Ryan and Brandon Strawn.

Sarah Barrash Wilson, L. Sean Crowley, Ben Merriman and Lauren R. Cochenour all won awards in the social sciences category.

In the science section, Chelsea Jenkins and Nathaniel Reed won awards for their writing.

SGA discusses future plans for 2005-'06

The new Student Government Association Executive Council was installed on Tuesday night and has already begun working on projects and discussed future plans for next year.

The SGA plans to stay active over the summer in order to address issues in anticipation of the fall, director of communications junior Geary Cox said.

The Executive Council has looked into a parking shuttle to carry students from the Convocation Center to Godwin Hall.

"The idea of a parking shuttle between Godwin Hall and the Convocation Center was floated during the campaign season," Cox said.

Members of the SGA are also looking to implement a Peer Advising Program to help students with advising necessary to best understand graduation requirements and general tips on academics.

"Students will benefit from this tremendously because they will have a 'student' perspective in addition to a faculty perspective of their chosen major," junior Lucy Hutchinson said. "I think students tend to value the opinions of their peers who have gone through the same major/program when it comes to class scheduling and academic success."

Next year the Executive Council plans on working to continue traditions of the SGA while trying to improve.

NTC to make network change

By KATIE FLANAGAN
contributing writer

Starting June 2005, current and future residents of the surrounding JMU off-campus apartment properties will experience a change in their computer networks and registration process.

Jody Fagan, digital services librarian at Carrier Library explained that students living off campus and using NTC for their Internet service provider are used to automatically accessing the JMU network, however, with the new change students will be required to enter their eID and password to gain access to the network.

"With the new arrangement, students will need to configure their web browsers a certain way so that they are prompted for their eID and password when they try and access a subscription resource," Fagan said.

This authentication is part of the JMU computer registration process that is required of every computer connected to the JMU network. Drew Davis, Info-Tech-Computing Support administrator, said. Every 30 days, all computers on the network that are associated with a legitimate student, faculty or staff member are prompted to enter their e-ID and password into a Web browser.

Beginning in June, NTC Internet connections for off-campus students will not be on the JMU network and authentication will be required when people want to access JMU's library of databases and journals.

Fagan said, "Since most of the JMU libraries' research databases and journals are licensed resources, they require JMU to authenticate students

before entry." Before the computers were on the JMU network and had automatic access to the databases and journals, Fagan said.

"In today's computer environment, for security and support reasons, it's imperative we know who is responsible for each computer on the JMU network," Davis said.

The registration process will be changing in June. According to an e-mail sent out to current residents from NTC, as well as the e-mail from Davis, NTC will be providing information to residents of their registration process and what steps to follow.

Under "Acceptable Use Policy" on NTC's Web site, it states that "NTC operates an educational-based network and in most cases gains partial or complete Internet connectivity through the local university. NTC reserves the right to prioritize any traffic deemed educational and research-oriented. All customers must abide by this and the local university's Acceptable Use Policy."

For several years, there has been a contractual agreement in place between JMU and NTC. However, this summer, things will change.

"NTC has elected to provide Internet access to its properties through a means other than JMU," Davis said. "Computers will no longer obtain JMU network addresses, but instead will be granted network addresses from NTC."

JMU had no input into this change, Davis said, and it is NTC's choice in how they provide Internet access to their customers.

Students living in houses unaffected by this change have, on their own, contacted an Internet provider often unrelated to NTC or the JMU network.

Two years ago, junior David Seidman moved into a house off Reser-



voir Street in Harrisonburg.

"Because we moved into a brand-new house, we called WildWires (a service run by two JMU graduates) to come and set up wiring for the house and for Adelphia high-speed Internet," Seidman said.

Unlike other residents who are on a JMU network, Seidman is never prompted to enter a JMU e-ID or password.

"When we have Internet problems we call Adelphia; with technical problems we call WildWires," Seidman said.

Davis said the network change being implemented by NTC won't change anything in how students access the Internet. "However, it's

important to note that this change makes the affected apartment complexes no different than anyone else who lives at home or other housing and has an internet connection through Adelphia, Comcast, Verizon, AOL, etc," Davis said. "NTC is simply the service provider for a number of student housing areas in Harrisonburg."

The properties affected were listed in an e-mail sent out to all students on April 20 with the subject "Network Changes in student housing serviced by NTC Communications." For a full list of these properties, contact Drew Davis at davisas@ntc.com or visit the NTC Web site at ntc.com.



CASEY TEMPLETON/staff photographer

Ross Copperman performs for students as part of Senior Week on Monday evening at The Pub.

Seniors enjoy last days during week of events

By ALLISON GOSSET
contributing writer

The annual Senior Week, sponsored by the Office of Alumni Relations, began on Monday with several activities meant to provide seniors with opportunities to enjoy the time they have left here at James Madison.

The week of events are also meant to prepare graduating seniors for their induction into the JMU Alumni Association. Kim Hutto, director of the Office of Alumni Relations, explained that there are numerous reasons that the JMU Alumni Relations plans Senior Week.

"Senior Week is meant to encourage graduating seniors to stay connected to their alma mater and to inform them about the Alumni Association and its chapters, programs and services," Hutto said. "It is also an opportunity for seniors to celebrate their accomplishment of graduating."

On Monday, the Senior Class Council organized a free barbecue on the commons for seniors. Over \$1,000 in prizes was given away

as students gathered amongst their soon-to-be-graduated peers. Later on, seniors dressed in their favorite JMU apparel for "Pride at the Pub" where they were entertained by JMU's own Ross Copperman.

On Tuesday evening, the Senior Induction Ceremony was held on the Quad. The ceremony is one of the oldest traditions at JMU, which has taken place since 1912. Candles were lit to represent the induction of graduating seniors into the JMU Alumni Association.

"It was awesome to see fellow classmates holding purple and gold glow sticks, knowing that we are ready to go out into the world beyond JMU and make a difference," said Lawson Ricketts, Senior Class Council vice president. "Nonetheless, we should always remember our time spent at Madison."

After the induction ceremony, seniors were invited to Buffalo Wild Wings to celebrate both JMU's championship football

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JMU searches for new associate VP for student affairs

By ALLISON GOSSET
contributing writer

Commitment to student learning and development, demonstrated leadership abilities and commitment in diversity are just several of the qualifications desired for JMU's new associate vice president for student affairs.

James Madison will soon be reviewing candidates who will have the

opportunity to be a part of the JMU Student Affairs Leadership team. The position opened for the associate vice president for student affairs after the incumbent AVP, Rick Larson, was selected to become the assistant vice president for resource management in administration and finance.

Mark Warner, senior vice president for student affairs and university planning, spoke highly of Larson.

"Mr. Larson has been an incredible asset to the JMU community and will continue to be in his new role," Warner said.

Warner and Jason McClain, associate vice president of student affairs search committee chair, have been actively distributing information about the opening and encourage everyone in the JMU community to alert those who might be interested in or be good candidates for the position.

"We are conducting a national search with the goal of getting a diverse pool of qualified candidates," Warner explained.

Whoever decides to take on the role of AVP will have an important role on campus when they begin July 1. The associate vice president for student affairs, who answers to the senior vice president for student affairs and

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EVAN DYSON/contributing photographer

Sen. Creigh Deeds visits the Daily Grind on Wednesday afternoon to talk to local residents.

Senator campaigns at Daily Grind

By AMANDA DeCAMP
contributing writer

Sen. Creigh Deeds, the only democratic candidate for Virginia attorney general, came to Daily Grind in downtown Harrisonburg this Wednesday to campaign.

From Harrisonburg, he will be going to Northern Virginia and the upper Shenandoah County, including Winchester.

"One of Deed's big issues is that he thinks the position of attorney general is too political," Deed's

press secretary, Peter Jackson, said. "He would like to use the position's influence and power to keep all Virginians safe — not only from local acts of violence but also safe in terms of homeland security."

According to his Web site, creighdeeds.com, Deeds' major issues are concerning public safety, conservation and environmental protection, affordable access to quality health care, public schools and higher education and economic opportunity for all Virginians. He encouraged the

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SMAD: Department, major gets new building

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 "We'll have a more open control room. Those things were taken into account as we were planning with an eye toward being a good educational environment."
 Hodges said the Harrison location will have a technological advantage over the Modular Building for the same reason.
 "The Modular Building was put together for generalized use," Hodges said. "We were able to look at Harrison in terms of our current needs and make sure the infrastructure was in place for future needs as well."
 Those needs include a system able to support the amount of video SMAD produces. Hodges

said the department emphasized a need for fiber, high-speed Internet and lots of bandwidth to make the facilities user-friendly.
 Hodges also said lab space is expected to be better in Harrison.
 "The rooms aren't the Taj Mahal, but they are being constructed with the specific purpose of being a lab," Hodges said. "We won't have to retro-fit."
 SMAD chief engineer Burl Facemire said that should make for a smoother transition.
 But SMAD professor David Wendelken said the move will still be a tall task.
 "We have an awful lot of equipment in this building," Wendelken said. "It takes a long

time to get stuff in and re-installed. We're looking forward to it, but a move is never easy for a department."
 At the same time, Wendelken said moving to Harrison Hall will benefit SMAD from a facilities and location standpoint.
 "It will be nice to have something that was refurbished for us," Wendelken said. "It will be positive to be on the main campus. When you think of Madison, you think of the Quad."
 SMAD students agree with Wendelken, emphasizing Harrison's proximity to other academic buildings as an improvement over the Modular Building.
 "We'll have new facilities and

hopefully better classrooms," sophomore SMAD digital video major Nicole Martorana said. "Plus it's [a] better location on the Quad. That's where most of my other classes are."
 For sophomore SMAD print journalism major John Galle, the prospect of having his classes closer to one another puts a positive spin on the move.
 "It's been a hassle to get all the way over to the Modular Building," Galle said. "It's isolated and it wasn't a great place to be, especially when you have the majority of your classes there. It will be nice to have a building in the center of campus."
 The moving period begins June 13.

HOSPITAL: No answers yet

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 the hospital.
 The Outpatient/Cancer Center is usable for administrative office space, and the Wine-Price building on Ott Street is usable for office and classroom space. The parking decks are also usable as they are, but will not be available until after the hospital has completely relocated.
 "The hospital needs the parking space as long as they operate," King said.
 King also said the university has requested \$30 million from the state to renovate the West Tower, the main hospital wing on Grace Street closest to campus, for use as general-purpose classrooms. Beyond that, the university and strategic space planning committee will have to take time to look at the space, he said, but residence halls would not be an efficient use of it.
 RMH also owns several smaller buildings on South Main, Cantrell and Grace Streets, but King said that it may be cheaper to tear down those buildings rather than bring them up to code. The university would then have to look into how to use the land, and there is a possibility that more student housing could be built.
 Jerry Benson, dean of the College of Integrated Science and Technology, said ISAT was asked to look at the space

on a walk-through to see if there was any likely fit with Health and Humans Services programs.
 The hospital has areas such as the Intensive Care Unit and a ward that are already replicated in the HHS building, Benson said the walk-through only covered public spaces, not lab areas or surgical spaces, since these areas were in use. He said that he would like an opportunity to look at those spaces.
 The hospital may have aspects well-suited to HHS programs, but problems could arise from a dispersed college.
 "The goal is to keep programs in close proximity," Benson said. The current ISAT configuration allows more collaboration between the medical and technological parts of the college.
 Benson said he is concerned with the lack of classroom space.

SOCIAL: Support exists for new Social Security plan

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 "The SSA forecasts the U.S. economic growth rate to slow soon to 1.8% annually," Rosser said. "It is around 4%, and has averaged between 3 and 4% for a long time. A more reasonable projection would be for this to continue, for which the SSA projects that 2018 never arrives."
 Rosser then addressed the private accounts proposal, saying current predictions expect the stock market "to rise annually at 7.8% per year forever." If economic growth decelerates, he said, then the United States can expect stock market growth to slow down much more. This potential economic downturn would host multitudes of problems for account holders banking on bull markets suggested by the government.
 The official Web site of the SSA explains there are traditionally four approaches to accommodate Social Security in accordance with changing times and populations.
 The first is extending the payroll tax. The current ceiling is set at a \$90,000 limit; by encompassing a larger income bracket, lawmakers could hope to generate enough revenue to balance out dwindling trust funds.
 Secondly, cutting back benefits from future retirees to accommodate their newly elongated life spans. This could be accomplished by reducing monetary guarantees and/or adding additional years to required retirement age.
 Thirdly, the financial crisis could be averted with supplemented government funds; by minimizing government expenditures in unrelated areas of spending, sur-

pluses could be rerouted into Social Security trust funds.
 The last are the private accounts.
 The voluntary personal balances would allow a choice of five diversified, and therefore less involved risk, low-costing mutual funds. No direct individual stock investment would be allowed; a central administrator would collect contributions and monitor records. Fees to cover the "administrator" would be government-funded.
 Several JMU professors found problems within the president's proposal. History professor Philip F. Riley believes the proposal is simply impractical.
 "Seventeen percent of Americans held stock dividends last year — that means 83 percent did not," Riley said. "Long-term investment necessitates decisions made at regular intervals in bear markets. I think this scares most people; it would demand too much, investing requires discipline and sophistication."
 Charles Blake, professor of political science, said, "The main problem with President Bush's current proposal to create personal investment accounts within the Social Security program is that this plan would increase — immediately and dramatically — fiscal pressures on the rest of the federal budget without addressing the medium- and long-term fiscal pressures faced by the Social Security program."
 Rosser said the proposal had problems because it would require borrowing more money to elude bankruptcy.
 "President Bush has promised that those

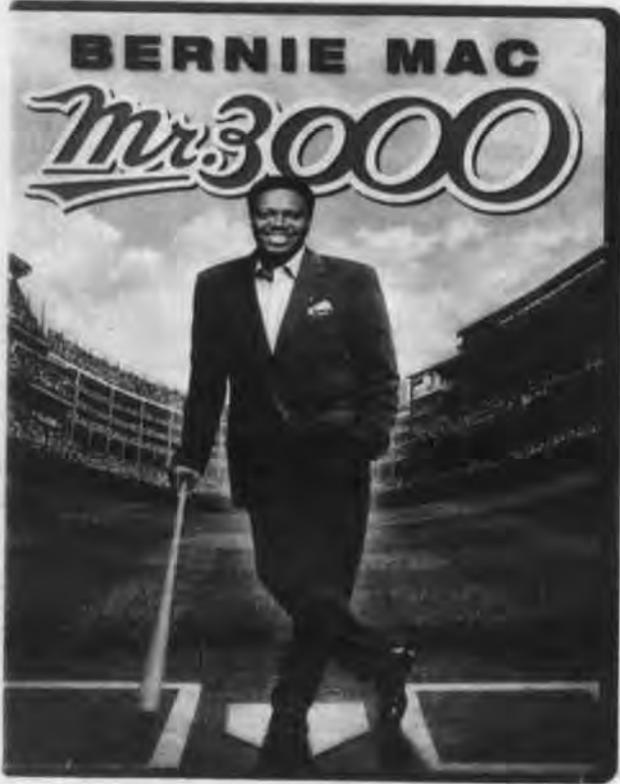
55 or above would not have their benefits cut," he said. "To achieve this while diverting tax revenues into private accounts for younger workers would require borrowing around \$2 trillion over the next 30 years. In 75 years, the balance would look better, assuming 7.8 percent stock market growth rate with a 1.8 percent economic growth rate."
 "But financial markets do not look that far off; 30 years is far off, with few financial securities having even that long a maturity. This implies a \$100 billion to \$200 billion increase in the annual federal budget deficit for years to come."
 Despite many real criticisms, support does exist for this plan at many levels, including on the JMU campus. Economics professor T. Windsor Fields said that JMU should support the president's proposal.
 "The transition will take decades, but there is no excuse not to start. Because funds deposited into private accounts are not available to pay benefits to retirees, the main difficulty will lie in funding the retirement benefits of the baby boomer generation during the transition period," he said. This is going to be a serious problem in any event, and converting to private accounts will only make it worse. But I feel very strongly that the benefits of conversion are well worth the near-term costs."
 "I think that all current college students should favor the president's plan," he said. "The rate of return that one can reasonably expect on a private account is far in excess of the rate of return within the existing system."

LETTERS: Proposal submitted

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 proposal for the College of Public and International Affairs. According to CAL, this proposed college would be formed from two existing academic units, the Department of Political Science and the Center for Liberal Arts and Social Sciences.
 Gonzalez said the arts units have begun to develop a proposed mission, goals and structure for a college focused on the arts, and the draft has been shared with faculty for feedback.
 "When that process is complete, the proposal will be presented to the provost for further consideration by the Board of Visitors," Gonzalez said.
 Other suggested models will be shared with the provost for consideration; however, no decisions will be made until fall. Specific college names have not been decided due to the large number of ideas being considered.

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Bush proposes building new oil refineries

By H. JOSEF HEBERT
Associated Press

President Bush, facing economic and political damage from soaring gas prices, offered proposals Wednesday to speed construction of nuclear power plants and oil refineries and boost sales of energy-efficient vehicles.

Bush outlined his initiatives in his second energy speech in a week, reflecting growing concern in the White House that high energy prices are beginning to slow economic growth and undercut the president's approval rating.

Speaking to small business leaders, Bush lamented that he was powerless to cut gas prices. "I wish I could," he said. "If I could, I would."

"This problem did not develop overnight and it's not going to be fixed overnight. But it's now time to fix it," he said. Bush said the problem is that energy supplies are not growing fast enough to meet the growing demand in the United States and in other countries.

"See, we've got a fundamental question [we've] got to face here in America," Bush said. "Do we want to continue to grow more dependent on other nations to meet our energy needs? Or, do we need to do what is necessary to achieve greater control of our economic destiny?"

America has not ordered a new nuclear power plant since the 1970s. Bush said that France has built 58 plants in the same period and today France gets more than 78 percent of its electricity from nuclear power.

Bush urged using closed military bases as sites for new oil refineries. The Energy Department is being ordered to step up discussions with communities near such bases to try to get refineries built. He said the United States has not built a new oil refinery since the 1970s.

Bush also called on Congress to provide a "risk insurance" plan to insulate the nuclear industry against regulatory delays if it builds new nuclear power plants. And he endorsed giving federal regulators final say over the location of liquefied natural gas (LNG) import terminals. LNG terminal projects have been stymied in some regions by local opposition, even though the need for more LNG imports has been widely accepted.

As he did last week, he called on Congress to give him an energy bill by this summer.

Bush's support for giving the federal government clear authority in locating LNG terminals comes after the House included such a provision in the energy bill it passed last week. Some lawmakers strongly opposed the measure, arguing it would deprive states and communities of a say in locating LNG import terminals, even in heavily populated areas.

To address their concern, the president is directing the Energy Department to develop a federal "risk insurance" plan that would kick in if there were lengthy delays in licensing a new reactor. Such a program would need congressional action, and White House officials would not speculate on its cost.

Energy prices skyrocket

Change in costs require lifestyle changes for some

By RONG-GONG LIN II
Los Angeles Times

The bills haven't gone up for most of Rafael Garcia's customers, and he's paying the price.

The gardener shells out \$450 for fuel each month, which is \$250 more than it was costing him last year to fill up his lawnmower, weed trimmer and 1989 Ford F-150 pickup truck.

"It's awful," Garcia said as he picked up huge palm fronds that had fallen on the lawn at a Beverly Hills home. He asked his customers to give him an extra \$25 a week. Two offered \$10, he said, and the rest declined to pay anything additional.

"You explain the gas is expensive, but they say they can't give you more money."

Higher energy costs are causing financial distress across the economy. But for the smallest businesses and independent contractors — such as the people who mow lawns or deliver pizzas or travel across town to translate court proceedings — the pain is particularly sharp, because they have trouble demanding more to cover the bigger tab.

Pump prices remain in record territory even as the price of crude oil has slipped.

Certainly, more expensive oil and gasoline have squeezed profits at many large corporations.

Automakers have warned about lower first-quarter earnings as interest in gas-guzzling sport utility vehicles has waned. Airlines and big delivery companies have raised fares or added fuel surcharges. Things made from oil, such as plastics, also have become more expensive; that was



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Julia Lambertini Andreotti, a Spanish interpreter for courts, says she now turns down assignments that are too far away from her Los Angeles home because of the cost of gas.

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Man arrested for selling terrorists missiles

By DAVID PORTER
Associated Press

A federal jury convicted a former British clothing merchant Wednesday of attempting to sell shoulder-launched missiles to what he believed was a terrorist group planning to shoot down airliners.

Jurors reached their verdict on Hemant Lakhani on their second day of deliberations. Lakhani has been held without bail since his arrest in a hotel room near Newark Liberty International Airport on Aug. 12, 2003.

The sting operation, involving undercover agents from several nations, became the first terrorism prosecution in New Jersey since the Sept. 11 attacks. The government claimed Lakhani had agreed to arrange the sale of 50 more missiles.

Lakhani's attorney, Henry Klingeman, told the jury in closings last week that his client was the victim of entrapment.

"There was no missile plot until the government created it," Klingeman said. "It's a lot like a fireman who lights a fire and then pulls the alarm so he can be the hero."

Assistant U.S. Attorney Brian Howe argued that Lakhani "pushed the deal and took steps to avoid getting caught."

Lakhani, 69, was convicted of attempting to provide material support to terrorists, money laundering and other charges. He showed no emotion as the verdict was read. Sentencing was scheduled for Aug. 8.

Klingeman did not say whether there would be an appeal.

Outside court, U.S. Attorney Christopher J. Christie called the verdict "a triumph for the Justice Department in the war against terror." He called Lakhani "a victim of his own greedy, evil, deceitful conduct."

Three others connected to the case had already pleaded guilty to money laundering or related charges but denied connections to terrorist organizations. They are awaiting sentencing.

Lakhani's trial began in January, but had several breaks while he underwent medical treatment.

Jurors saw a covertly made video of the hotel meeting that showed Lakhani laughing and joking with Rehman about using missiles against commercial planes as the two men looked out a window overlooking the airport. In a box was a disabled Russian-made shoulder-fired missile.



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In an undercover videotape, Hemant Lakhani is shown in a hotel room near Newark Liberty International Airport in Elizabeth, N.J., with a disarmed shoulder-launched missile on the table at lower right. Lakhani was convicted in U.S. District Court in Newark, N.J., April 27 of attempting to sell shoulder-launched missiles.

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JMU student rallies in D.C. for college housing

By COLLEEN SCHORN
senior writer

A JMU student was chosen by the Capital Fraternal Caucus to participate in the annual Congressional Reception and Lobby Day last week to lobby for college housing in Washington, D.C.

Junior Joanne Rupprecht was nominated on behalf of Alpha Sigma Tau sorority by Jamie Miller ('99), an alumna of the Psi Chapter of AST at JMU.

Participants of the conference were mainly meeting with members of Congress regarding the Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act. This bill would allow not-for-profit organizations to use charitable donations to improve current collegiate housing nationwide.

The conference allowed 25 collegiate Greek students and 130 Greek alumni to come together to lobby as the largest not-for-profit student landlords in the United States. The conference lasted from April 16 to 20, and students lobbied on April 19.

"Greeks own and manage \$3 billion in student housing at no cost to the American taxpayers," Miller said. "We house 250,000 students a year in 8,000 facilities with a replacement cost and capacity that universities cannot afford to bear."

Miller said the act "would allow fraternal educational foundations to use tax-deductible charitable contributions to provide grants to local house corporations for the

purpose of making infrastructure improvements to not-for-profit student housing."

The act was originally introduced in 2003 and was included with the Charitable Giving Act. Despite support in the House, it did not pass in the Senate, so now it will stand alone.

Rupprecht said these houses, as well as housing owned by other organizations, are not allowed to have tax-deductible funding given for important life-safety capital improvements.

These donations would allow improvements such as increasing fire safety. The money would not be limited to Greek housing but would be available to all organizations.

Although all sororities at JMU are on campus, many campuses do not have on-campus housing for sororities and fraternities. The money would help improve conditions of off-campus housing.

Rupprecht said that the main issue she addresses while speaking with members of Congress was fire safety. One incident brought up at the meeting was a fire at Miami University on April 10. The fire, which killed three students, was considered accidental but probably could have been prevented if donated monies could be used for improving housing.

Another fire at Western Kentucky University destroyed a fraternity house where members lived and held meetings. This was the second incident of fire in housing at WKU.

"Safety is the number one issue with

this bill," Rupprecht said. "And there will be equality throughout universities; it will not be reserved just for Greeks."

The CFC works to educate policymakers about the positive impact of Greek life, Miller said.

Rupprecht said members of the conference were divided into groups of three to five people and were given schedules of Congress members to speak with throughout the day.

In addition to the Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act, Rupprecht also discussed the College Fire Prevention Act with the people she met.

This act would increase fire safety for students by authorizing a federal matching grant program to make life-safety improvements to college housing, Miller said.

Rupprecht said one of the highlights of the conference was meeting her own congresswoman, Thelma Drake, and speaking with her about these issues.

"It was a really neat experience to go and talk to all these people," Rupprecht said. "I was glad to put our name out there and to represent JMU and the Greek system here in such a positive light."

Those who attended the conference participated in a training session which taught them how to lobby, and what to expect when meeting a member of Congress.

The event was sponsored by the North American Interfraternity Conference and the National Panhellenic Conference.

New residence halls proposed for 2006

By STEPHANIE STRAUSS
senior writer

JMU asked the Board of Visitors on April 15 to approve spending to build more residence halls in the next few years.

"There's a prediction of a fairly significant demographic boom," JMU spokesman Andy Ferrine said, as the average number of students attending college in Virginia is predicted to increase by 60,000 by 2010.

Ferrine said JMU plans to accommodate the influx by requesting money to build more residence halls. "We don't know if we'll get the students, but we're asking for money just in case," he said.

JMU's financial planning document is revised every two years, Ferrine said. This plan includes fixed costs, like the construction of new residence halls, rather than operating costs.

In 2006, JMU will request one new residence hall, which will be financed by bonds and will cost \$34 million, Ferrine said.

No firm plan has been set as to how many residence halls will be built or the locations of the new buildings, he added.

Jim McConnell, senior director of residence life, said if the budget proposal is approved, JMU will examine types of housing, decide where the location will be, and hire an architect.

Sophomore Peter Anoaia said, "I feel like the school is very ambitious to grow academically, and to go with that they need to increase the student body."

Freshman Andrew McKenna said, "If JMU is to expand its population and preserve the structure of the campus as it is, more dorms are not just desired, but necessary. The new dorms will be able to contain the tide of new students swarming in each year, while still allowing some upperclassmen to stay on campus."

SENIORS: Week to celebrate graduation

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team and graduation, an event sponsored by the Duke Club. Students viewed a highlight video of JMU's football season and enjoyed food specials and the company of friends.

On Wednesday, seniors flocked to D-hall to share one of their last meals together, sponsored by the Senior Class Challenge. The first 200 seniors ate for free, giving many seniors the opportunity to eat at D-hall despite not having a meal plan.

Student director of the Senior Class Challenge, Chrissy Deery, felt that D-hall was the perfect place to educate students about the Senior Class Challenge.

"Since D-hall was a big part of all four years for so many JMU students, it seemed like the perfect place to come together and spend one of our last JMU meals together," Deery said.

After sampling their favorite foods at D-hall, seniors ushered into Highlawn Pavilion for a '90s Extravaganza sponsored by the Student Ambassadors. The event of-

fered seniors a chance to celebrate their last week and relive the decade that included slap bracelets, wind pants and "Saved by the Bell." Music from groups like Ace of Base and MC Hammer gave students a blast from the past as they danced the night away.

Today, seniors will have the opportunity to hear Mark Warner, senior vice president for student affairs and university planning and analysis, impart his advice before graduation.

The event, titled "Unconventional Wisdom — Dr. Warner's Parting Thoughts," is sponsored by the JMU Alumni Association and will begin at 5 p.m. in the Great Room of the Leeolou Alumni Center. Later on tonight, a late-night breakfast hosted by UPB will be served at the College Center from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Finally, on Friday the senior movie "Hitch" will be playing in Grafton-Stovall Theatre. In addition to the events planned, seniors can redeem their 20 percent off coupon at the JMU Bookstore before they leave campus to stock up on apparel from their alma mater.

AFFAIRS: Search preps to commence

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university planning, will have numerous responsibilities as they will be expected to play an active role in residence life, the university centers, University Recreation and divisional budget coordination.

In addition to the leadership they will provide in several areas, the new AVP will be responsible for the line supervision of three directors. Warner can't stress enough what an important position for campus the AVP is.

"This AVP position is integral to creating the type of student-centered environment we desire on this campus," Warner said.

Sophomore Ashley Atkinson is excited that JMU is adamant about having leaders on campus that can appreciate the students and their needs.

SENATOR: Makes H'Burg appearance

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legislation of Virginia's "Megan's Law" to protect children from sex offenders.

"As a father and a public servant, I know the importance of keeping you and your family safe," Deeds said.

Deeds also received legislation to construct the Virginia Land Conservator Foundation. He wants to keep the prices of prescription drugs for all citizens, especially the elderly, low and affordable.

He supports smaller class sizes, early childhood education, updated, technology-advanced classrooms and a rise in teachers' salaries. He also wants to enforce that a higher education system is vital for an economically thriving Virginia.

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JMU Clubs: A Positive Influence

ENERGY: Professions affected

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why Mattel Inc. raised prices on some toys 2 percent to 4 percent in January.

But boosting prices often isn't possible for small businesses, which fear losing customers, or independent contractors, who often pay for fuel out of their own pockets. And with profit margins thinner, they look for ways to earn more or spend less. This kind of spending diet has been showing up in recent reports of softening retail spending and consumer confidence, economists have said, adding to the list of symptoms of slowing growth in the U.S. economy.

Luis Martinez, for example, is paid 75 cents for every Domino's pizza delivery he makes in the San Fernando Valley, on top of his hourly minimum wage. And the delivery compensation hasn't changed, he said, which is a problem because of the hills his 1995 Toyota Tercel must climb — and the gas that uses up — to make some deliveries.

"We work for tips, because the price of gas is so high," said the 33-year-old, who spends \$23 three times

a week to fill up, compared with \$14 a year ago. "It's very bad."

Martinez, his wife and three kids have cut back on weekend outings and purchases of clothes and shoes. Trips to McDonald's are out of the budget. "Now we stay home," Martinez said.

Some business owners hope that fuel prices will ease so they won't have to pay their drivers more.

"Our customers are already getting hit at the pump, so why hit them twice?" said Kevin Jonas, a manager at Conroy's Flowers in the Miracle Mile district of Los Angeles. The florist charges \$10 for a delivery, a price that last changed a year ago.

Julia Lambertini Andreotti, a Spanish interpreter, has begun rejecting jobs that require her to travel more than an hour from her Studio City apartment because she doesn't get reimbursed for gasoline expenses.

Lambertini Andreotti, 44, says she takes side jobs to make up for lost income, including proctoring exams for interpreters and teaching her craft.

Army officer accused of raping fellow officer testifies sex was consensual

By SAMIRA JAFARI
Associated Press

An Army officer accused of raping a soldier in her barracks room testified Wednesday that a night of dancing, flirting and kissing led to consensual sex, not rape.

First Lt. Mike Hall, 35, told a military judge at his court-martial that 1st Lt. Jennifer Dyer invited him into her room and that, during two short episodes of intercourse, he stopped both times when she said "No."

Dyer, 26, has accused Hall of forcing her to have sex twice last August at Camp Shelby in Mississippi.

The defense contends Dyer, a New Jersey National Guardsman at the time, made up the rape story to get out of the Army and avoid being sent to Iraq.

Hall said he met Dyer briefly on the afternoon of Aug. 8 and later that day offered her a ride to the officers club.

He said she flirted with him by leaning in close during conversation, touching his arm and revealing a tattoo on her lower back by pulling down the waist of her pants. He said they slow-danced and she tried to teach him to say, "Take me home, take me to bed" in Arabic.

Hall said they left the club separately. But he said they ran into each other outside their barracks, Dyer approached him and they started kissing. He said Dyer suggested they go to her room.

"We were having sex and it was not long at all before she said, 'No.' I immediately rolled off," Hall testified.

"As any guy would, I made sure she meant 'No,'" Hall said, without elaborating.

He said he tried to leave because "I didn't want to feel like I was raping her." But he said Dyer approached him at the doorway and they began

to have sex again, until Dyer said, "No. I can't do this."

He said he left and went to sleep in his room until military police woke him up a few hours later.

Dyer, called back to the witness stand Wednesday, denied showing the tattoo to Hall at the club and denied trying to teach him any Arabic. She said she does not speak Arabic.

Dyer went public with her story on CBS' "60 Minutes," complaining that Army investigators doubted her claim and put her in a hotel room without access to a phone for two days. After being given two weeks' convalescent leave by the Army, Dyer refused to return to Camp Shelby, and was not there when her unit was sent to Iraq.

Dyer has since been honorably discharged and returned to her law enforcement job with a sheriff's department in New Jersey.

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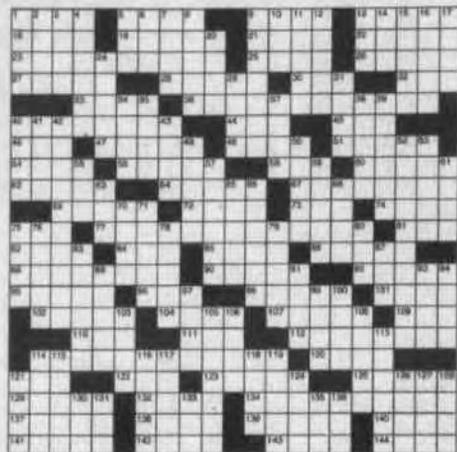
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 - 123 Harden
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 - 129 "Gladiator" extra
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 - 138 Martin Balsam film?
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Clockwise, from top left: Sawhill Gallery's undergraduate art show allows students to show off their works of varying mediums April 25. Freshman Katie Naeher's "Tiger" incorporated three individual acrylic paintings to form a tiger's face. Junior Brian Reed's piece, a work of oil and mixed media, included actual bones.



Senior Holly Garlow's Polaroid transfer, part of her "Inevitable Uncertainty" exhibit, exudes a surreal feeling with an actual photograph.

Zirkle House showcases Emily Shields's acrylic "Wave Swinger" as part of her "Carnival Lights" exhibit.

Sophomore Walker Tufts' "Somatomomous" also used mixed forms of media, and sophomore Caitie Sellers' "Contradiction on a Pedestal" was formed using steel wires.



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HOUSE EDITORIAL

JMU needs a reading day, week before exams stressful too



Traditionally, exam week is known as the week from hell. However, the demonic five days have slowly shifted to the week before exams. Exam week now pales in comparison to the five papers and two tests that are all due the week before finals.

Next week, sleep deprivation isn't even a concern, but this week it is. With so much work, a person should feel overjoyed at the thought of getting more than three hours of sleep a night. Even though this stress-filled week might not be the case for everyone, those few will be the people who next week are repeating the complaints the rest of us have been uttering all week long.

It might help if professors who give final tests and final projects separated the days they are due by more than one week.

However, this appears something they cannot do and therefore, JMU should institute a reading day. This would be one day the week before exams where no classes are scheduled and the library is open for 24 hours. Students would be able to take one day to spend doing the massive amounts of work they have to do or to start studying for the multitude of exams that they face the following week. Or those students who are extremely prepared or do not have stressful lives can just take the day off.

Other schools in the state of Virginia, such as UVa. and Virginia Tech, enjoy reading days. JMU is raising the national opinion of our great school with the winning of a national football championship, so why not have a reading day to improve the productivity of students during the stressful last two weeks of school? It could significantly improve the outcome of exams, especially in the spring when the weather outside is hard to resist.

Even if a direct improvement of exam scores is a bit of a stretch, the idea of a reading day is not. Considering that the last holiday students were given was spring break, how could giving us a reading day to help with exams be bad? It could be the exact boost students need to push through the stressful weeks at the end of the semester.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Policy-makers should move past religion

If you hadn't heard, Justice Sunday, as it's being called, was this past Sunday. On that day, a group known as the "Family Research Council" hosted a religious telethon with the theme being "stopping the filibuster against people of the faith."

In reality, democrats plan to use a filibuster to stop the confirmation of judicial nominees. The FRC describes itself as an organization that "formulates public policy" and "promotes the Judeo-Christian worldview as the basis for a just, free, stable society." With that in mind, you should also know that our Senate majority leader, Bill Frist, was not only in attendance, but was a key speaker in their fight to smear those who have legitimate differences over social policy as religious bigots.

These are scary times. Religions should not be "attacking" politicians on the basis of their religion, or lack thereof. This leads me to think these religious extremists are going to close the gap between church and state. Under no circumstance should we as Americans feel that "our God" is inadequate or wrong.

I, myself, fall into the "Judeo-Christian" realm of religion but find it very disheartening when my government takes on the form of a quasi-clergy favoring one religious belief over another. We need policy-makers that can step beyond the realm of their own religions, and we need to stop these republican evangelical leaders who are smearing people of good faith and chipping away at our First Amendment rights.

Jack Hirsch
senior, computer science

Church doesn't make wrong decision

For the April 25 issue, Jeff Stottlemeyer did not do much research of the issue positions of the top candidates for the papacy from Africa and Latin America in his critical letter of the choice of the new pontiff. Francis Cardinal Arinze witnessed a massive growth of Catholics in recent years as the number of Catholics rose to thirteen million in his home country of Nigeria. Arinze has traveled frequently throughout Africa, engaging in talks with non-Christians and has told them that they, too, could be saved. However, Arinze takes the same staunch position on doctrinal issues as Pope John Paul II did and all previous pontiffs have. In his 2003 address at Georgetown's commencement, Arinze said, "...the family is under siege, opposed by an anti-life mentality as seen in contraception, abortion, infanticide and euthanasia...it is scorned and banalized by pornography, desecrated by fornication and adultery, mocked by homosexuality, sabotaged by irregular unions and cut in two by divorce."

Latin America, home to nearly half of the world's Catholics, has lately been challenged by a growing divide between the rich and poor. Claudio Cardinal Hummes has been a strong supporter or working to solve social injustices, particularly hunger and poverty. For these efforts, he should be commended. He too, however, holds the line on doctrinal practices. He resolutely opposes abortion, contraception and non-marital intercourse. He regards abortion and human cloning to be serious moral crimes. Though the Catholic Church may have been able to bring back

some Catholics, it has lost on these progressive issues, the candidates Stottlemeyer proposed would not have been the ones to accomplish the job.

Maureen Doherty
senior, political science/
public administration major

ORL not accommodating students well

As the May 6 move-out day approaches, I'm reminded of a girl I was working with on a group project that was due the Friday before spring break. She had to stay up most of the night before to complete the project and then had a two-and-a-half hour drive home.

This girl, like so many other people who have classes they have to prepare for on Friday, deserve the same chances as everyone else to be able to devote every ounce of their energy toward those classes and then have ample time after the class to pack and go.

The Office of Residence Life's current policy on move-out day, "24 hours after the last exam or Friday, whichever comes first" rule needs to be changed to "24 hours after the last exam or Friday, whichever comes second" rule.

Possible reasons for not changing this rule, according to the RAs I spoke with, were that it would interfere with the vacations of the RAs or to alleviate stress on them, but the RAs could easily make adjustments to next year's vacation plans to accommodate a change in the move-out deadline.

The first priority of housing is that on-campus residents have their basic need of shelter met throughout the year, and that should include proper time to move out after exams. If your final exam is Friday, you should be allowed a day of recovery to get your stuff together. Like the girl above, many students are too busy focusing their efforts on their exams to be able to effectively plan their departure.

While the case could always be made that the students should be more responsible, wouldn't it be nice if, during these stressful times, the Office of Residence Life policies could be more accommodating instead of compounding our stress?

Orrin Konheim
sophomore, geographic science/history

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THE WRITING ON THE WALL



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Lessons learned out of class

BRIAN GOODMAN
staff writer

For some it was a first, for some the last, but we've finally reached the end of another year in college. It was a year full of lessons for all of us, though as always, the most important things learned were not taught in a classroom.

First, I have learned that Mother Nature is in the midst of menopause. While she flashes from 85 and sunny to 55 and rain, everyone around her gets sick. At least this makes meteorologists' jobs easier; all they have to do is make something up, from beach weather to snow, and they'll probably be right — provided they include a pollen count of "high."

I've also learned that miracles do still happen. Changing weather patterns apparently also caused hell to freeze over, for our football team won the national championship. In one season, our football games went from outdoor band concerts to an actual sporting event. We are the "American Idol" of football teams — no one knew our name a year ago, and now they can't get enough.

At least, that's what it looks like by our application rate. I have also learned that there are a lot of people who want to come to our beloved JMU. Our campus will be swamped next year by the largest class to date, compounding an already abysmal housing system. The Office of Residence Life, already bursting at the seams with students, now seems to be close to declaring a state of emergency and asking the federal government to build refugee camps on Hillside field for incoming freshmen. We are so overpopulated and out of space that they will soon be building residence halls on the median of Interstate 81.

Though they don't have to worry about expanding the parking lots, for Res-

ervoir and Port Republic already act as auxiliary lots during rush hour — I'm sure I'm not the only one that has learned that this year. In the grand scheme of things, Harrisonburg is not a place deserving of traffic jams, though the city is designed almost to guarantee them. I would almost wager money that the guy who designed the city flies around in a helicopter from 3 to 6 every weekday afternoon and laughs his head off at the poor folks who had the audacity to try to go to Wal-Mart.

In any case, at least you can't get a ticket when you're parked on the street. Most of us have learned, some more than once, that it is a different story on campus. Last I checked, our compassionate Parking Services had gifted us with over 20,000 tickets since our winning football season started. Their tactics would make the mob proud; not only do they charge you "protection money" for the ability to commute to class normally; they charge you for anything they deem "out of line." Parking services even uses other students to rat out their peers and enforce the boss's rules. For those of us on campus, loading and unloading cars has become a three-person job — one to move stuff, one to stand watch and one to sit in the running car and peel out if a blue shirt is spotted. Somewhere, John Gotti is smiling.

I have personally learned a few things, also. I've learned all too well how painful it is to be alone while surrounded by people. I've learned the hard lesson that good old friends are worth their weight in precious stones, while bad new friends should really just be stoned to death. As a Christian, I've learned that this world is the closest to hell I'm ever going to get. And as a result, I've learned that Switchfoot was right — we were meant to live for so much more.

Brian Goodman is a sophomore SCOM/history major.

BREEZE READER'S VIEW

Religious groups omitted in *The Bluestone*

TIM DRUMMOND

I picked up a copy of *The Bluestone* today, excited to have something commemorating my first year at the school that I've grown to love so much. My excitement quickly turned to indignation, with a touch of betrayal, when I saw the way *The Bluestone* has blatantly ignored any sort of religious organization.

I am a member of the newly formed male Christian a cappella group, Clear Cadence. The first thing I looked for was something about us, commemorating the first year of my group's existence. Nothing, I might be understanding of that, since we are not an official student organization yet, but JMU's female Christian a cappella group, Into Hymn, shared the same fate. The other six groups, however, each have their own pages, complete with pictures

and glowing write-ups. Into Hymn has been around since 1999, plenty of time to get noticed. And I would think that a group like theirs who can attract 500-plus people to their semester concerts would attract enough attention to be in the yearbook.

Speaking of large groups, I also couldn't help but notice the obvious disinterest in all the other religious organizations as well as the religious a cappella groups. I find it extremely ironic that the two largest student organizations on campus, Campus Crusade for Christ and Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, receive nothing more than a line stating their name under "religious organizations" that takes up about a quarter-page, while there is a four-page section devoted entirely to beer pong. Four pages devoted to a game promoting underage and binge drinking, when we have so many organizations on campus

fighting against those things — my sympathy goes out to groups like REACH and the "Most of Us" campaign.

JMU has a large and active Christian community rarely seen on college campuses, and *The Bluestone* has chosen to ignore it completely. I am not writing this because I think these organizations need *The Bluestone* to publicize them in order for them to flourish; we're doing just fine without it. We're not looking for your approval. But the reason that I am disappointed is you are not serving your campus as a yearbook should, objectively devoting pages to all facets of campus life.

Here's to all the religious groups on campus. God still loves you, even if *The Bluestone* doesn't.

Tim Drummond is a freshman music industry major.

BREEZE PERSPECTIVES

Eminent domain abused in New England

TIM ROSE
contributing writer

Eminent domain is a legal process in the United States where a government entity can seize private property so that it may be used by the public. While using this process, a government must provide fair compensation for the property taken and the land must be used for public benefit. In the past it has been used to obtain private property for roads, schools and other things of that sort. The nature of eminent domain has always been that private property was purchased by the government and then stayed in public ownership.

A situation has arisen in New London, Conn., where the municipality has imposed eminent domain on a number of residents for the sole purpose of using their land to develop it further. The idea is that once the land is further developed, it will have the ability to generate economic growth and more tax revenue. The town of New London has advocated that this can be considered public use and that they should be allowed to use eminent domain to take the homes.

The difference between this situation and how eminent domain usually takes place is that the government is planning on buying the private property and then selling it to a private developer. What is wrong with this whole idea is that this municipality is trying to exploit a law that has been used many times with great success in the

United States. What makes it worse is that if the Supreme Court, which is hearing this case, decides that this is a proper use of eminent domain, then this same event can be replicated indefinitely in the future. If the Supreme Court agrees with the municipality, it will become legal in the United States to use eminent domain with the excuse that the government can generate higher tax revenues or economic growth, and it will not be a problem if the land does not stay in public ownership.

This is clearly an abuse of power by the municipality and may be the source of hardship for countless other families in the future. If the Supreme Court allows the use of eminent domain, it should be appalling news to everyone. The justice system of the United States is based on the moral participation of every citizen in the country. When the system is allowed to be exploited in ways not intended, it is only necessary to count time until it is exploited again.

Democracy only works when it is used by just individuals willing to do the right thing over what is simply easier. Any management text will tell you that you must find the right people to work for you, in which case the business almost won't need management. The same can be said about running a municipality. The right people will do the right things. This is a blatant abuse of eminent domain, a Constitutional right, by a government doing something unjust. We can only hope the Supreme Court feels the same way.

Tim Rose is a sophomore business major.



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An "I-think-you're-really-fishy" dart to the girls across the hall from me, who not only allow their guy friends to use our hall bathroom, but also use our shower to clean their disgusting fish tank.

From a girl who is tired of sharing her bathroom with a boy and a fish.

A "thanks-for-understanding" pat to the cute girls whose apartment I drunkenly mistook for mine.

From a graduating senior who still doesn't know his way around Sunchase.

A "thanks-for-the-barf-bag" pat to the nice girl who generously gave me something to throw up in Saturday night while waiting for the drunk bus.

From a freshman that had way too many shots that night.

A "you-make-us-want-to-go-on-a-murderous-rampage" dart to our downstairs neighbors with horrendous timing.

From two angry girls who cannot understand how you manage to always blast your horrible bass lines on the nights they need the most sleep.

A "way-to-party-hard" pat to the two girls who passed out on the floor in the middle of the hallway and woke up at 7 a.m. because people were going to church.

From a fellow hallmate who enjoyed seeing two girls passed out in the hall instead of their own beds.

An "always-Downy-fresh" pat to the resident who always leaves their detergent in the laundry room.

From a thankful freshman who hasn't had to pay for detergent all year.

A "you-best-watch-yourself" dart to the guy who thinks he can take advantage of our friend who doesn't see what a loser you really are.

From two junior girls who are tired of seeing their friend hurt.

A "you-helped-decrease-my-stress" pat to the girl working at the library who let me check out books on her JAC card when I had too many overdue fees.

From a very stressed-out senior who had to finish her research project which was due the next day.

A "thanks-for-the-giggle" pat to the guy in D-hall who was flexing his muscles and checking them out while he thought no one was looking.

From a freshman who finds it amusing when guys check themselves out and thinks your efforts have reaped benefits; those muscles were nice.

A "you-are-a-crazy-psychotic-freak" dart to my roommate's girlfriend who comes over drunk when he's not here in the middle of the night and asks me to play board games.

From a guy who thinks you're dirty and just wants to get some sleep.

A "you-must-have-had-to-go-badly" dart to the sorority girl that thought it appropriate to urinate behind another sorority house in broad daylight.

From the house you insulted who would have chalked it up to being a stupid freshman had you not been wearing letters.

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UP FOR DEBATE

Alliances have potentially lost necessity to United States

Jonathan Kelly, contributing writer

The long-held alliances that the United States maintains with other nations are crucial to American foreign policy because allies are helpful in sharing the burdens of difficult foreign missions. This is not the same as requiring allies for national defense. In this, the situation is reversed — American allies need the protection of the United States because the United States shoulders the defense responsibilities for many of its allies, which leaves them free to put their resources into other domestic policy areas.

When the United States pursues a foreign policy objective, however, it is very preferable to have allied assistance behind us so that the costs of the mission will be less for our nation. When allied nations work together on a dangerous mission, the costs in resources and human lives are spread more evenly and each participant's losses are lessened.

America is better able to pursue its foreign policy goals when there are willing allies to give assistance. It is difficult enough to rally allies for such goals, and there is no need to make the job harder than it already is by alienating potential helpers.

However, it goes without saying that America must look after its needs first and foremost. Traditional foreign allies will not always be willing to support the goals of the United States. When that is the case, the President must make his decisions based on the need to ensure the safety and well-being of the American people, whether or not those decisions are popular abroad. A fundamental truism informs us that what is popular is not always right, and what is right is not always popular.

Brian Goodman, staff writer

Our allies are like women — some are more high maintenance than others. Most western nations, such as England, Germany and Australia, are like your good female friends. They are fun, stable, and not much work to keep up with — same great taste, none of the calories. Canada and Mexico are like the ditzy neighbors next door; as relatively inconsequential as they are, it is easier and more pleasant to be friends than to not talk.

Some countries, France among them, are a necessary headache. France is the whiny blonde, clutch-the-pearls valley girl in your project group; you wish you never had to see her again, but you need to work with her to get the job done. Japan, on the other hand, is the unpopular yet brilliant girl who everyone, for some reason, wants to sit next to in math class.

Russia would be the Yeti-like goliath of a woman who plays more sports than I take credit hours; she knows at least 10 ways to kill a man with common household items, but is slightly lacking in social graces. Israel, in contrast, is the poised new girl in town, quite able to stand on her own but always looking to make friends. It is advantageous to stay on good terms with both.

And then there's South Korea, the snotty little daddy's girl in the middle of her rebellious phase. She loves the successes she has accomplished, economically and socially, at the expense of her allies' money and military. And now that she's able to stand for herself, she starts complaining about the very military presence and foreign capital that got her where she is in the first place. If the lady wants to stand alone at Kim Jong Il's door, we should let her. A Hyundai is not worth the constant commitment of our troops, regardless of how good the warranty is.

Meagan Mihalko, senior writer

Arguments can be made that alliances with foreign countries are a necessity to the United States' existence. However, just because we banded together with allies to end World War II doesn't mean that the United States should maintain those entangling political alliances today.

George Washington said it best in his farewell address when he warned America against becoming involved in political alliances with other countries.

Implementing a foreign policy that is more isolationist than the current policy may seem selfish in some ways. But at what point will the United States realize that there are nagging issues at home that need to be dealt with? In a society that is so concerned about the future, one would think that remedying situations at home would take precedence.

However, it is important to remember that cutting off alliances doesn't mean we necessarily have to cut off relations with the global community. It simply would break the formal ties that bind us to certain countries. Cutting permanent alliances would allow countries to choose which issues they want to become involved in. It is the permanence of these alliances that brings about more problems than one can foresee. Once the United States is formally allied with others, there is the constant pressure to maintain a healthy relationship with that country.

As a country the United States should have the right to choose which issues are important and worth being involved in. We should not have to constantly deal with foreign pressures, because in the end, it is our country that is truly at stake.



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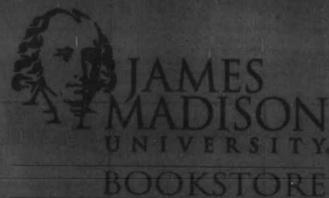
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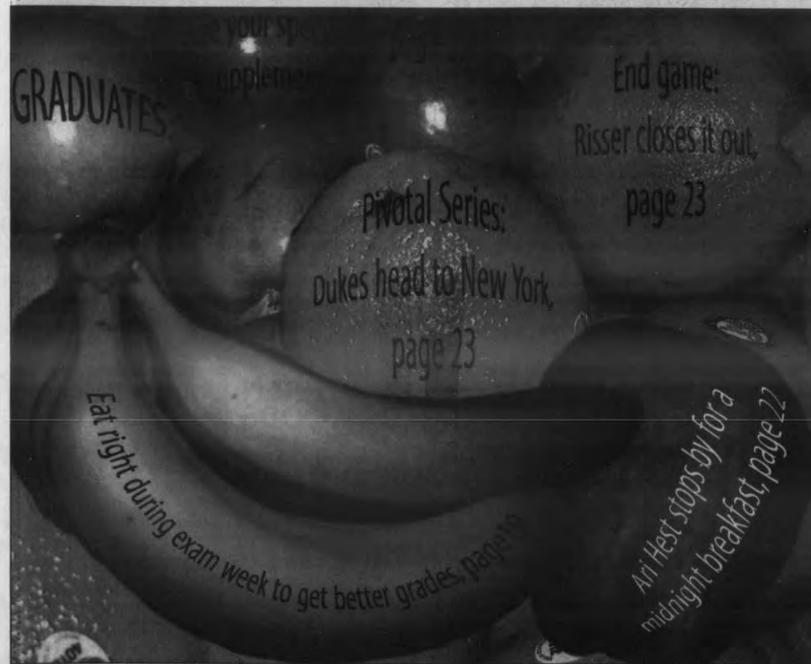


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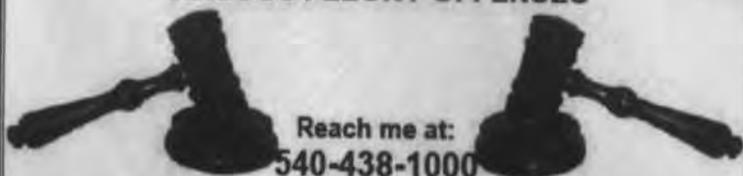
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FOOD *for* THOUGHT

Some snacks may improve your exam grade

BY HALI CHIEF
senior writer

The saying goes you are what you eat — and this certainly is true. According to *psychologytoday.com*, the foods we consume influence how our brain works. Making smart choices in our diet can lead to better moods, more motivation, improved memory and enhanced mental performance.

Final exam week is just around the corner and maintaining a healthy, balanced diet can help reduce stress, improve concentration and help you earn A's on your upcoming exams.

Maintaining a balanced diet means including various sources of vitamins, minerals, fiber, protein and carbohydrates. Here is a list of the most important vitamins, minerals and food sources from which your body can get these nutritional benefits:

Vitamin C: Broccoli, legumes, oranges, potatoes and strawberries.

Vitamin E: Almonds, canola, sunflower oil, walnuts and whole-grain flour.

Beta-carotene: Apricots, carrots, cantaloupe, pumpkin, squash and sweet potatoes.

Folic acid: Beans, fruits, green leafy vegetables, grains and whole wheat breads.

Zinc: Eggs, hazelnuts, milk, nuts, peanuts, soybeans and whole wheat grains.

B vitamins: Eggs, milk, fish, poultry, whole grains, bananas, citrus fruits, dairy products, meat and poultry.

Selenium: Chicken, mushrooms, tuna, garlic, Brazil nuts and whole grains.

Magnesium: Almonds, avocados, brown rice, cashews, citrus fruits, and soybeans.



Easy Breakfast Burrito

from *foodfit.com*

Ingredients:

1 egg
1 ounce shredded, reduced-fat cheddar cheese (or other cheese such as monterrey jack or mozzarella)
1 whole wheat flour tortilla
Salt and pepper to taste
Prep time: 5 minutes. **Cook time:** 15 minutes. **Yields one serving.**
Directions: Heat two non-stick skillets over a medium heat on the stove — one for the tortilla and one for the egg. In a small bowl, whisk the egg with salt and pepper until the yolk and white are evenly mixed. Place the tortilla in one skillet to warm it about one minute per side. Pour the egg mixture into the other skillet and stir until light, fluffy and cooked through. Lay the warmed tortilla on a plate and place the cooked egg in the middle. Sprinkle with the cheese, roll up tightly and serve.

Peanut Butter and Banana Breakfast Smoothie

from *recipezoo.com*

Ingredients:

1 banana, cut into chunks
1 teaspoon peanut butter
1-4 ice cubes
1/2 cup low-fat or skim milk
Prep time: 5 minutes. **Yields one serving.**
Directions: Puree the banana in a blender, processing for about 30 seconds. Add the peanut butter and process again. Add the ice cubes and process until they are crushed. Finally, add the milk and process until smooth.

Banana Fruit Smoothie

from *foodfit.com*

Ingredients:

1 cup orange juice
2 cups plain low-fat yogurt
4 small bananas
Honey to taste
Prep time: 5 minutes. **Yields four servings.**
Directions: Place all the ingredients in a blender. Blend on high speed until smooth.

Local coffee joint plans to stay open 24 hours during exam week

BY LAUREN BLOSSE
contributing writer

Finals week often means sleep deprivation and all-nighters, and Brooks McMullan, the owner of Cups To Go, understands that predicament. Located on Peach Grove Road — just around the corner from the McDonald's on Port Republic Road — Cups To Go will be open 24 hours a day from May 1 to 5.

"I know that students need a place to go when they're studying late at night," McMullan said. "Kids were telling me that other places close at 10 or 11 p.m., so that's where I got the idea to extend our hours."

McMullan encourages students to bring pillows and blankets to the store if they want to get comfortable while studying. "We'll even wake you up if you want to take a

short nap," she said. "The place is perfect for study groups, because we have such a large space."

At 4,500 square feet, McMullan has already booked graduation and birthday parties at Cups To Go, which has a capacity of 303 people. The store also has a calendar of events that includes jazz music and open-mic nights.

"We hope to extend that to poetry readings and a variety of other things. We're expanding," she said. The store is outfitted with computer work spaces, and offers free Internet access with the purchase of a drink.

An Atlanta native, McMullan and her husband moved to Harrisonburg five years ago. She originally opened her shop across town in 2003 and moved into the old Eagle Carpet warehouse in February 2005. "It's a huge space. It used to be a tractor showroom," she said. "The shop was originally my husband's

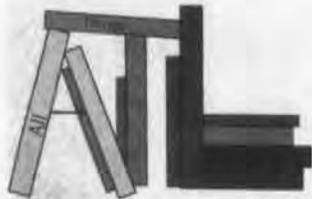
idea. He's a big coffee drinker and I'm a big tea drinker." Aside from gourmet coffees, teas and smoothies, Cups To Go also offers a variety of sandwiches, soups and snacks.

"We offer homemade soups every day, and they're all from scratch," McMullan said. "People bring in their recipes, and we give them a try. We've made everything from chili to 'Harvest Cider Soup' to potato soup. We try anything."

Junior Jennifer Desrosiers, an employee of Cups To Go, said, "I like working here. It's quiet and it's a really great place to study."

McMullan said, "Our goal is to extend our hours permanently to 24 hours a day. It's not just for the students' benefit, but also for people who work late shifts and people who, for a variety of reasons, just can't sleep."

Cups To Go will be open 24 hours a day from May 1 to 5. Normal hours are 6:30 a.m. to midnight.



'Bachelorette Party' speaks of 'love, lust and life'

By ERIN WEIRETER
staff writer

It's said that the best writers can only write what they know and what they live and experience for themselves. If this is true, I can only imagine what Karen McCullah Lutz's ('88) time as a student at JMU was like. If her book "The Bachelorette Party" is any indication, this woman's social life as an undergrad makes our JMU scene look like a third grade birthday party.

And come on, now. I'm a junior — I've had plenty of time to acquaint myself with the typical weekend festivities here. You and I both know it certainly doesn't involve clowns, balloons and birthday cake.

Girls, get ready. The co-writer of "Legally Blonde" and, more importantly, one of JMU's own, has written a completely wild novel about love, lust and life in the fast lane. "The Bachelorette Party" is absolutely a must-read.

After being left at the altar by her soap opera star boyfriend, Zodie Roberts just wants to forget about all things matrimonial. But when her best friend Grey gets engaged to her seemingly perfect and virtuous cousin Helen, Zodie is once again thrown into the mix of wedding plans.

Of course this means a bachelorette party, which Zodie dreads. She realizes Helen's idea of fun is yoga and tea time with young mothers who blab incessantly about their children — two things Zodie couldn't possibly care less about. But she makes a promise to Grey to make sure Helen has a good time and maybe even loosen up a bit. So Zodie bites her tongue and jumps right in, determined to make the event worthwhile.

Here's where the book gets really interesting, and I don't mean there are funny moments and witty one-liners from the characters that typically characterize this type of book. Don't get me wrong, Lutz fills the pages with them, but I'm talking about the raw, in-your-face and jaw-dropping events that typify this party.

Let me just say this — if I am ever a bride-to-be that acts like Helen does, I pray to God that I have sensible friends who will slap some serious sense into me.

With that said, it's comforting to know that this is just fiction, because trust me, I laughed hysterically at the chaos that ensued when this group of women hit the town, and more specifically, when an insanely drunk woman just days from her wedding made a complete fool of herself.

I'm not going to sugarcoat it — this book is not for you nice girls with high moral standards. And I say this in the nicest way possible, because I absolutely loved the book. I just think the somewhat raunchy nature of the writing could be slightly hard to swallow for some people.

Personally, I thought Lutz's attitude that came across in the book was phenomenal — I've finally found a book that actually says what all girls are thinking. So please, do yourself a favor and read this book. Honestly, who knows how to have a better time and tell a better story than a JMU girl herself? She obviously knows what she's talking about.

Ryan Seacrest honored with star on Hollywood Walk of Fame

The host of "American Idol" has become an idol himself.

Ryan Seacrest was honored with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame Wednesday in a ceremony attended by his Fox TV colleagues, "Idol" judges Paula Abdul, Randy Jackson and Simon Cowell.

"Listen, Simon," Jackson said to Cowell during their ceremonial speech. "What would we say about this day?"

"Ill-deserved," the famously grumpy Cowell replied, dryly. "I cannot believe that April the 20th is going to be Ryan Seacrest Day. I am officially taking this day off my diary."

Seacrest, 30, a 15-year radio veteran, confessed, "I remember getting up this morning at 3:30 a.m. on my way in to do the morning show, and I thought, 'One person is going to come today.' ... I thought this would be the most unpopular star dedication ever."

After the ceremony, Seacrest told AP Television News, "I actually thought it was a joke when I heard that they were going to do this."

—Associated Press



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Broadcaster Ryan Seacrest is joined by fellow cast members from "American Idol," Paula Abdul, Simon Cowell and Randy Jackson, as he is honored with a Hollywood Walk of Fame star Wed., April 20, 2005, on Hollywood Boulevard in Los Angeles. Seacrest was honored for his achievements in radio and broadcasting.

A fashionable exit from Ms. Lee

As I write my last fashion article, I am feeling somewhat depressed, but excited about what the future may bring. Since I have been writing this column for some time now, I think you should know a little bit about the origin of my fashion obsession.

Even as a toddler, my mom told me that I loved clothes too much. Much to her dismay, this passion wasn't just a phase. I remember getting abnormally excited to go shopping at Limited Too. Though favorite stores have come and gone in my life, my love of fashion has not. Getting the Best Dressed superlative in high school only fanned the flames.

However, since being at JMU, I have discovered something that I love almost as much as the art of fashion — writing about it.

Hopefully you will see me one day reporting the looks of the season on the "Today Show" as the coveted editor-in-chief of *Vogue*.

Making this campus Fashionab-Lee has been one of my most fun endeavors here. Yes, it even ranks higher than shopping for a graduation dress. Case in point: I was recently in Richmond at Brooks Brothers helping a guy buy something for a formal. The man who was measuring him asked me how I liked JMU. I, of course, replied, "I love it." He then said, "Yes, that's what I hear." He explained to me that every JMU student he comes across always has that same reply. I couldn't have been prouder, especially since it came from an employee at a great store for men.

I often racked my brain trying to think of a burning fashion topic that my fellow JMU students would appreciate. I knew that what Karl Lagerfeld for Chanel and hot designer Roberto Cavalli were designing these days wouldn't cut it. So I decided to tailor my articles toward the broke, yet fashion-conscious student population.

My fashion mantra has always been to keep your look fresh and up-to-date, which doesn't mean

spending more money than you have. Nor does it mean giving up your classic pieces, like blazers and jean skirts. Simply put, it requires occasionally spicing up your look.

If I leave you with anything, I want these simple words of fashion wisdom to remain. First, fashion should never have a negative connotation. It is about fun, freedom and looking fabulous — what is more positive than that? Find your signature look. This may be a style like elegance or trendiness (unfortunately, even grunge is a style), or it could simply mean wearing a cut and shape of clothing that looks best on you. Know what works, and then work it! Confidence is crucial. Do you think that models strutting down the runways of New York and Milan think they look

anything less than gorgeous in what they're wearing? No way. Think about the "Sex and the City" episode when Carrie felt uncomfortable wearing the Dolce & Gabbana swimsuit, and she ended up tripping on her stilettos. Don't let that be you — strut what your momma gave you!

Also, always update your accessories. By doing so, you can keep the rest of your clothes simpler, since great accessories speak for themselves. On the other hand, don't be head-to-toe trendy. Wearing this season's prairie skirt, wedged heels, oversized bag, embellished tank and a coral necklace is overkill.

Remember my timeless advice for as long as you live. Being fashionable is more than having style, grace and fabulous clothes — it's an attitude. Strive to develop a fashion-forward attitude, and best of luck with future purchases and outfit selections!



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Fashionab-Lee



The myth of the older man

By M.K. MALONEY
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OK, you're right. It's not a myth. Sleeping with an older man is hot. The only myth about older men is that they are the sole benefactor when they date younger, perky women. Want to know why these women are so perky? They are getting laid by an older man.

There are hundreds of fantasy scenarios that both men and women share. For example: CEO and secretary, president and intern, teacher and student, doctor and nurse, dirty old man and baby sitter, or French maid and millionaire. These fantasies don't just come out of nowhere. Men like them because they feel they are taking advantage of a hot, "innocent" woman. Women usually like the fantasies for two reasons: the money and the experience of their partners. Please allow me to suggest a few other reasons to give these fantasies a whirl.

My best bud from home, Speck, and I spent many months thinking about what type of older man is the hottest. We concluded that it was the mid-40s, divorced, overworked businessman. The logic behind this was that these are the ones that think they deserve it the most. You can build up sexual tension with a shoe if it is overworked and undersexed. OK, bad analogy. I'll also add that we were 14 when we came up with this. Yup, I lead a messed-up, sex-obsessed life.

For most of us, at some point, we are going to get tired of what I'll refer to as "bam-bam-bam." Men — don't be insulted. I know very well that a lot of you are capable of great sex. And you guys have great word of mouth. I'm referring to the other guys. An older man has had more experience. He knows how to give her what she wants while getting what he wants, which, let's face it, is not exactly rocket science.

Older men also are good people from which to learn a thing or two. They are never afraid or embarrassed to tell you what they want. The logic behind that is, if I am willing to get caught with an older man, I might as well make it worth it.

But for those of you who date only older men be careful. Sometimes it's not as glamorous as you expect. With their infinite wisdom comes infinite emotional baggage. They may have become good in bed because of their past experiences, but not all past experiences are helpful. Hearing about their past five wives may interfere with the hot sex they are supposed to be dishing out. If you date too many of them, these wild fantasies may become not so wild. I guess that's the thing about older men — they get old.

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Sophomore shortstop Davis Stoneburner makes an off-balance throw to get a Maryland runner.

Diamond Dukes overcome by 'Fear of Turtle'

By MATTHEW STOSS
sports editor

Tuesday afternoon the JMU baseball team hosted the University of Maryland, looking to smooth over a rough stretch of baseball. In their past eight games, the Diamond Dukes are 2-6 with their pitching staff absorbing the brunt of the damage.

In those eight games, opponents have scored 77 total runs and are averaging nearly 10 a game off Diamond Dukes' pitching, forcing Madison to go deep into its bullpen.

"The problem has been the last two weekends have been offensive weekends," JMU sophomore first baseman Dan Santobianco said. "Guys who should be starting are coming in, in middle-relief."

Against Maryland (20-24), the ball went to a career reliever. Sophomore right-hander Clay McKim made the first start of his collegiate career, tossing four innings and giving up two earned runs in the Diamond Dukes' 6-3 loss to the Terrapins at Long Field/Mauck Stadium.

"For a spot start, I think he did a good job," JMU coach Spanky McFarland said. "Inexperienced pitchers will try to make a perfect pitch, put more on a fastball when all they really need to do is locate well."

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Closing Time

"Closers are about intimidation. It's about I'm here, come and hit it."

— Travis Risser

Closer specializes in saving the day; holds career record

By MATTHEW STOSS
sports editor

Few professions in life allow for entrance music. Some of the more well known include the professional wrestler, the game-show host and the baseball closer.

Closers are legendary for their tunes, perhaps even more so than wrestlers — minus the signature glass-break of Stone Cold Steve Austin.

Those with notable closer entrances include the New York Yankees' Mariano Rivera who is escorted to the mound by Metallica's "Enter Sandman," the Los Angeles Dodgers' Eric Gagne who champions Guns N' Roses' "Welcome to the Jungle" and finally, the most famous, the San Diego Padres' Trevor Hoffman who warms up to AC/DC's "Hell's Bells."

For the JMU baseball team, the closer's mantle belongs to Travis Risser. The sophomore right-hander, who also uses "Hell's Bells" for his walk from the bullpen, is the Diamond Dukes' career saves leader with 10, including converting three of five opportunities this season.

"That's big," Risser said of entrance tunes. "You don't want to play a song that's soft. Closers are about intimidation. It's about I'm here, come and hit it."

Against Risser, opponents haven't been hitting much. In 40 and one-third innings, the Palmyra, Pa., native has relinquished 37 hits and struck out 36 batters, who are hitting a mere .243 against him.

"The thing with Riss is he's a competitor," sophomore catcher Dan Santobianco said. "No matter if his arm is feeling good or bad, he doesn't think anyone can hit him."

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MATTHEW STOSS/senior photographer

Sophomore closer Travis Risser comes set in Tuesday's afternoon game against the University of Maryland. Risser has saved three games this season in limited opportunities.



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Junior second baseman Michael Cowgill connects in JMU's non-conference match-up with the University of Maryland at Long Field/Mauck Stadium.

Madison needs to win

Baseball team on verge of CAA tournament berth

By MATTHEW STOSS
sports editor

After Tuesday's matinee with the University of Maryland, the JMU baseball team can say goodbye to non-Colonial Athletic Association adversaries until May 17 when it hosts one more Atlantic Coast Conference team in the University of Virginia.

Before taking on the Wahoos, Madison has a few games that carry larger implications.

Currently, the Diamond Dukes (5-7 CAA, 17-24 overall) are in sixth place in the CAA, which

means they would be the final seed in the CAA tournament May 25 to 28 in Wilmington, N.C.

"The next four weekends are as big as any," JMU sophomore catcher Dan Santobianco said.

"Much bigger than [Maryland]." What the next four weekends hold are conference matchups, which will determine whether or not the Diamond Dukes make it into their conference tournament.

The first series kicks off this weekend when JMU travels to the University of North Carolina-Wilmington for a three-game set with the first-place Seahawks, who are 11-1 in the CAA as of April 26 with an overall record of 27-14.

"Every game is important," sophomore pitcher Clay McKim said after Tuesday's game against Maryland. "The idea that

we come every day ready to play is important. We need to take two or three from the teams below us and one or two from the teams above us."

The teams above are more numerous than the teams below, consisting of the University of Delaware, which currently claims third in the CAA standings with a 7-5 record in conference. Overall, the Fighting Blue Hens are 19-19.

Just below the Hens is George Mason University, which at 8-7, sits in fourth place and has an overall mark of 23-13.

The Diamond Dukes have dates with Delaware and Mason May 13 to 15 and May 20 to 22, respectively.

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Dukes look to wound Hofstra's Pride

JMU heads to N.Y. for series with CAA front-runner

By MATTHEW STOSS
sports editor

Friday the JMU softball team leaves for Hempstead, N.Y., to make a date with Hofstra University — one of two teams tied for first place in the Colonial Athletic Association.

"It's pretty big," JMU senior

pitcher/outfielder Liz George said. "[Hofstra] has a reputation and teams get nervous, anxious and timid, but we won't."

And with good reason. Rolling into this weekend's series with the Pride, the Dukes have won a record, nine straight games and are riding the proverbial hot streak into their date with the conference leader.

Last weekend, JMU swept a three-game series with the University of North Carolina-

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George picks up CAA honors for second time in '05

By MATTHEW STOSS
sports editor

The Colonial Athletic Association really likes Liz George. For the second time this season, the CAA decided to honor JMU's senior pitcher/outfielder with a weekly conference award.

"It feels good," George said. "You just try not to let it go to your head and try not to think too much of it."

On Monday, the Virginia Beach native was named the CAA Player of the Week for her numbers both in the batters' box and in the pitching circle. The left-hander went 2-0, while posting a 1.75 earned-run average.

"Changing speeds keeps batter off-balance," JMU coach Katie Flynn said.

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FILE PHOTO

Reigning CAA Player of the Week Liz George delivers against Wilmington last weekend.

RISSER: JMU sophomore pitcher holds record for saves

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With a fastball that tops out around 93 mph, Risser has what separates closers from the rest of the pitching staff.

"You have to have a plus pitch — his is his fastball," JMU coach Spanky McFarland said. "It's rare that you see a closer with average pitches. You've got to have that plus pitch."

Risser refined his craft in the off-season, pitching in the Central Illinois College League, a summer wooden-bat league for college players. However, one thing that didn't carry over from the CILCL is the wooden-bats.

"They're definitely better," Risser said. "You can pitch inside more and if you jam them, the bat breaks in two. Hitters feel more comfortable with the aluminum bats."

And with that comfort, simultaneously deprive pitchers of certain happiness.

"As a pitcher, it's the great-

est feeling in the world breaking someone's bat," McFarland said. "And I'm sure that if we were using wood bats, he would break a lot of them."

In addition to a bat-breaking low-90s fastball, the 6-foot-2-inch, 210-pound Risser has an arsenal that includes a sinker, a slider and a split-finger fastball. But unfortunately for the Diamond Dukes, Risser hasn't been able to get into as many closer situations as they would prefer.

The last save opportunity the Diamond Dukes had was April 20 when they beat the University of Richmond 12-7 in Harrisonburg, but due to a depleted and injured pitching staff, Risser was forced into the starter's role — the first of his career. Sophomore right-hander Clay McKim picked up the save in Risser's stead.

"I'm trying to use him more," McFarland said. "It's not fair to him, or to the team to have a

good pitcher and not use him. He's all for it. He wants to pitch. Ideally, it'd be with a lead in the ninth, but we don't have a lot of those."

Before the Spiders, the last save JMU recorded was April 12 against Radford University when Risser nailed down a 3-2 win at home.

"It's been tough," Risser said. "There hasn't been too many save opportunities — but it doesn't matter, you still need to get the job done."

And when he doesn't, there is a major drawback. Blown saves usually equate to team losses.

"If you can't let the past go, you're not going to be a very good closer," Risser said. "You have the weight of the game on your shoulders. It's probably the toughest job in baseball. If you can't get it done, you blow the game."

At least he's got entrance music.



Sophomore right-hander Travis Risser holds the career record in saves for the Dukes. He has 10 total and three on the season, his latest coming April 20 against the University of Richmond.

MATTHEW STOSS/
senior photographer

LOSS: JMU needs a win

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"These games are big for two reasons," JMU coach Spanky McFarland said. "We need wins and it would be a big confidence boost to a get win against a first-place team."

The club below JMU is Hofstra University, which occupies seventh place at 6-9 in conference and 18-22 overall. The Pride is one of two series the Diamond Dukes get at home — the other one being Delaware. Madison hosts Hofstra May 7 to 9.

"The key is taking two of three from Hofstra and two of three from Mason," Santobianco said. "A sweep would be nice too."

Ten Dukes on archery team named All-Region

JMU won the men's compound and women's recurve team titles at the East Region Archery Tournament held at Penn College.

Freshman Braden Gellenthien won the individual men's compound championship, edging his senior teammate Ian DeVivi.

The men's team beat Penn in the men's compound final 247-246.

The women's recurve team defeated Columbia 185-174 in the finals. The team was made up of senior Stephanie Pylypchuk, junior Katrina Weiss and freshman Geetha Mthew.

Weiss finished second in the women's recurve individual competition and freshman Jessica Fasula was the runner-up in the women's compound. She was edged out by Penn's Beth Robinson, 103-100 in the final.

Ten of the team members were named to the All-East Region Team. The honors are based on performances in the East Region tournament and the U.S. Indoor/East Region Tournament held in March.

— from staff reports

Women's lacrosse drops final game of season to Georgetown

The JMU women's lacrosse team's season came to an end Wednesday at Georgetown.

The Dukes dropped their final game of the season to sixth-ranked Georgetown University 13-8 at North Kehoe Field.

GU's Coco Stanwick led the Hoyas with five goals.

JMU freshman Emily Haller had three goals for the Dukes, but they weren't enough. Sophomore midfielder Kelly Berger added two for the Dukes.

Senior attacker Jessica Brownridge, freshman midfielder Julie Stone and sophomore midfielder Brigid Strain finished out the scoring for JMU.

Senior goalkeeper Amy Altig had six saves and junior goalkeeper Livvy King had one save.

Despite JMU winning 13 draw controls, the

Hoyas controlled the field in most other areas. They outshot the Dukes 31-24 and recovered 27 ground balls. JMU recovered 23. Georgetown also forced four more caused turnovers.

Despite their high preseason hopes the Dukes will not play in the Colonial Athletic Association championship tournament, a tournament they have won the past two years.

The Dukes finished the season at 2-5 in CAA play and 7-9 overall.

Hofstra University is in first place in the CAA with a 6-1 record. George Mason University and Towson University are tied at second place and are both 5-2 in the CAA.

The CAA championship tournament will be hosted by Hofstra April 30 to May 1. The University of Delaware received the fourth spot in the tournament.

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TERPS: Dukes fall to Terps in ACC play

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The Terps jumped out to a three-run lead early, scoring on an RBI single in the first and a single and a double in the second.

"It was different," McKim said. "The last time I started was in a summer league game. I was asking guys when I should start getting ready."

After the second inning, the bats went silent for both sides.

The Diamond Dukes (17-24) threatened in the fourth when they had the bases loaded, but came up short when a strikeout ended the inning without Madison scoring.

"They had us out on our front foots and we hit a lot of ground balls," Santobianco said. "Our approach could've been better."

In the top of the eighth inning, Maryland added one more run on a ground out that put the Terps on top 4-0.

"It was a bizarre day. We hit the ball harder than they did, and they scored," McFarland said. "Our defense had been stellar of late and it didn't do so well today."

In the Diamond Dukes' half of the eighth, they hit the ball hard enough to

score. After juniors Matt Bristow and Matt Sluder reached on singles, Santobianco knocked them all in with his seventh home run of the year. The blast put JMU within one run, 4-3.

"It was a fastball high in the zone," Santobianco said. "It was the first fastball I'd seen all day and I wanted to make sure I jumped on it."

That was as close as JMU would ever be. In the top of the ninth, Maryland tacked on two more runs on an RBI single and sacrifice fly to put the Terps up 6-3.

The Diamond Dukes would go quietly in their last at-bats, managing only a two-out double from junior third baseman Nate Schill.

"It was kind of backwards day," McFarland said. "You would've predicted a high-scoring game because it's college baseball. But you never know what you're going to get."

Next, Diamond Dukes get the first place University of North Carolina-Wilmington Seahawks, opening a three-game Colonial Athletic Association series Friday under the lights in Wilmington, N.C. First pitch is set for 7 p.m.

GEORGE: Senior southpaw named CAA player of the week

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For the season, George is 11-5 with 1.75 ERA in 29 appearances, 15 of which were starts. In 113 and two-thirds innings pitched, she has relinquished 101 hits and only 28 earned runs while striking out 63.

"Good hitters are very disciplined," George said. "As a pitcher, you need to get them out of that and make them hit your pitch."

George was also honored for her damage done at the plate. For the week, she hit .438 with four RBIs, four runs scored, two doubles and a triple. Overall, she is hitting .320, which is good enough for second on the team. George also is third on the squad with 16 RBIs and runs scored with 18.

"She's naturally gifted with great strength and mentally very tough," Flynn said.

But George isn't the only double-

threat the Dukes are packing. Carrera also pulls double duty, pitching and hitting with a bit of success. Carrera leads the team with a .325 batting average and is second on the team in ERA with a 1.84 mark and racking up 80 strikeouts in 125 and a third innings pitched.

"A lot of people have one [player who pitches and hits]," Flynn said. "But I guess we are fortunate to have two. Part of our recruiting philosophy is to have utility players."

"Some coaches are afraid to let their pitchers bat—we aren't. If you can swing, we are going to put a piece of aluminum in your hand."

George won CAA Pitcher of the Week March 21 and as a junior won CAA Player of the Week for April 26, 2004. She was named All-CAA second team as a pitcher and an outfielder last season.

Two former Dukes to play for Jets and 'Skins in NFL

Two former JMU football players signed contracts with NFL teams following last weekend's NFL draft.

Running back/kick returner Delvin Joyce ('01) signed with the New York Jets, and senior tight end Tom Ridley signed with the Washington Redskins.

Joyce played for the Dukes from 1997-2000 and Ridley was part of the 2004 Division I-AA national championship team.

Ridley, who was originally recruited by JMU as a quarterback, had three receptions for 32 yards in JMU's national title game against Montana. The Oakton native also had two games this past season with four receptions. He had catches in each of JMU's first three playoff wins.

The 255-pound Ridley averaged 12.4 yards per reception as the Duke's top tight end during the 2004 season. He earned third-team All-Atlantic 10 Conference honors and played in the Hula Bowl in January.

Before Joyce signed with the Jets, he played for the New York Giants in 2002 and 2003. He missed last season due to injuries. While playing in college, Joyce became the first Division I-AA player to reach the 1,000-yard career mark in each of the statistical categories of rushing, receiving, kickoff returns and punt returns.

Joyce holds JMU's career record of 5,659 all-purpose yards and team career marks for punt returns, kickoff returns and combined kick return yards.

— from staff reports

SOFTBALL: Dukes get hot in April, look to take Hofstra

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Wilmington. In a midweek two-game set before that, the Dukes swept Mount St. Mary's College, and the weekend of April 16-17, Madison swept George Mason University in Fairfax.

"We're up and we're ready," JMU junior pitcher/third baseman Briana Carrera said. "It feels like we are not going to lose."

As it stands, the Dukes (6-6 CAA, 25-21 overall) are in fourth place in the CAA and are in sole possession of the last seeding slot for the four-team CAA tournament May 12 to 14.

Before the Dukes can get there, they have to go through not only Hofstra (8-2, 30-14) but also fifth-place University of Delaware (5-7, 24-20) who will be vying for that last tournament seed.

"If we can take two from each, that would be great," Carrera said.

JMU opens a three-game series with Hofstra Saturday afternoon in a doubleheader, which will showcase the best of the CAA. Currently, the Dukes have the top-rated earned run-average in the conference, allowing a minuscule 1.89 runs per nine innings. Conversely, the Pride comes in brandishing the second-best offense in the CAA, hitting .274 as a team.

"For the last 20 years, they've banged the ball," JMU coach Katie Flynn said. "They've always been a strong hitting team."

Over the weekend, Madison will put its faith in the good pitching beats good hitting convention — but with a twist.

"I think good defense beats good hitting," Flynn said. "Our pitchers know they need their defense behind them because they're not going to overpower anyone."

Hofstra isn't the only team swinging a hot bat. Right now, JMU has seen the resurrection of their offense from an early season slump. Against Wilmington, the Dukes whacked 27 hits and scored 22 runs in the three-game series. As a team, Madison is hitting .262.

"The pitching has been pretty good all year, but now the hitting is coming around," Carrera said. "It's going to be tough for Hofstra because we are bringing our A-game."

Wednesday, the Dukes returned to JMU Softball Complex to practice for the first time since Sunday's 11-3 slaughter-rule beating of the Seahawks. The days off were due to the last week of school before final exams, Flynn said.

JMU and Hofstra square off at noon Saturday. "It's important that we keep our attitudes up," JMU senior catcher Ashlee Schenk said. "We're on a high note right now, to just take a game from them right now would be a positive. Our first games showed us a lot. It showed us that no one was going to take us lightly."



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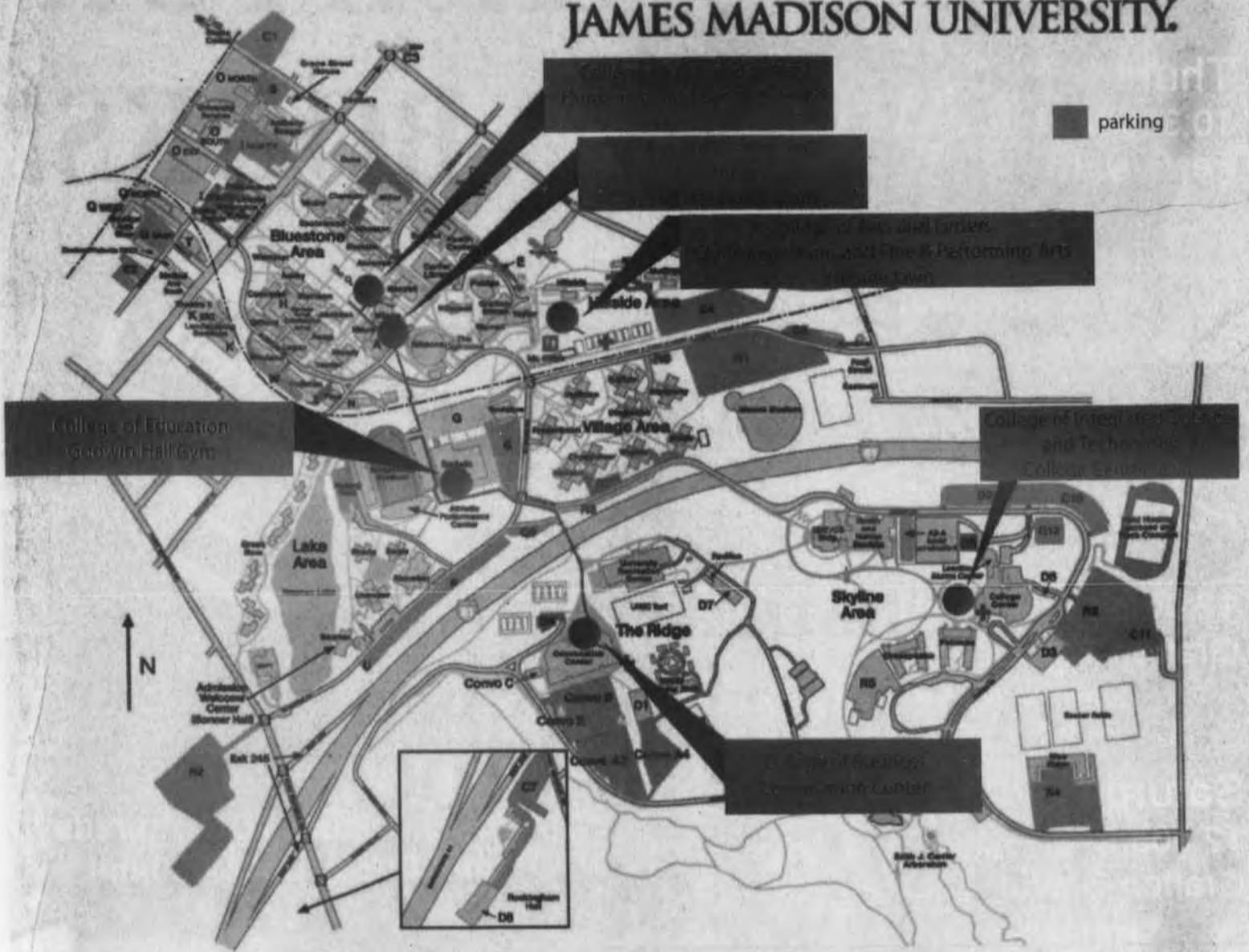
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Hillside lawn
 11:15 a.m.

- College of Integrated Science and Technology**
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 - Health Sciences
 - Nursing
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 - Social Work
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 - Kinesiology & Recreation Studies

Godwin Hall Gym
 11:15 a.m.

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- Biology
 - Chemistry
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 - Physics

- College of Arts and Letters**
Humanities and Social Sciences
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Minorities at disadvantage for timely graduation

BY ZACH AHMAD
U-Wire

Since the civil rights movement, racial minorities have made great strides in the world of higher education. Yet when it comes to graduating on time, many are still at a disadvantage.

Even as college enrollment among minorities continues to rise, the latest figures from the Department of Education's graduation rate survey show a significant gap in rates for black and Hispanic students compared to their white peers.

About 39 percent of blacks and 42 percent of Latinos at all degree-granting institutions who first enrolled in 1996 graduated within six years, compared to 58 percent of whites and 55 percent of students overall. Four-year rates reveal the same disparities, with whites graduating at a 36 percent rate and blacks and Hispanics both at 19 percent.

School administrators said the primary reasons are cultural. Mary Cothran, director of multi-ethnic student education at the University of Maryland — where six-year rates for black students are 17 percent lower than those for whites — said minority students often receive inferior college preparation at a high school level, putting them at a disadvantage.

"I think it's possibly related to

the schools these students attended before they came [to college]," said Cothran. "They may not have had the same level of preparation for higher education as some of the other students."

Augmenting the problem is a general feeling of isolation, particularly at more selective institutions, which tend to be less diverse. In a campus environment that is majority white, black and Hispanic students may feel alienated, putting them at a particular risk.

"These are students who are on the margins financially and who have not had the most rigorous curriculum," said Eugene Anderson, senior research associate for the American Council on Education and author of several studies on minorities in higher education. "If you add that to being put on a campus that is often very different from the environment they are from, then it does make for a very challenging situation for black and Latino students."

While they cautioned that many of the reasons for these disparities occur before students reach the college level, school administrators said they're doing what they can to address the issue. The most immediate impact a school can have, they said, is in creating a make sure minorities don't feel out of place.

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AMY PATERSON/Photo editor

Seniors Ian DeVivi and Brannon Balsley pick up their caps and gowns from the bookstore Tuesday. Brannon's grandmother, Wilma Balsley came along to get in on the action.

Can't sell back textbooks? Send them to Africa

BY RACHAEL GROSECLOSE
contributing writer

As the semester winds down and exams begin, it's time to sell back those textbooks. Each year students are left with some books that they can't sell back. If this is the case for you, you can donate your textbooks to Books for Africa.

Books for Africa is sponsored by the national organization, Better World Books. The program started in December 2002 at George Washington University. It was designed to send used college textbooks to African communities to help reduce costs of building community libraries and educational centers.

Books for Africa started at JMU when the JMU chapter of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars became aware of the project. In the spring of

2004, senior Courtney Miller, the co-chair and charter member of Books for Africa, took on the project and has been in charge of the book drive since. This year, for the first time, she has a co-chair — junior Louisa Tanguila. In addition to NSCS, the African Student Organization has joined in to help. Miller hopes ASO's involvement will help spread the word around campus.

Thanks to the help of the JMU Bookstore, University Outpost and the Psychology Club, Books for Africa has been successful every year. When the program got its start at JMU in May 2003, they collected 1,404 textbooks. This past December they collected 2,600 books. The most successful semester was May 2004 when they collected 3,212 books.

"Since many teachers change the textbooks used at the end of the school

year, the spring semester always offers more books in general," Miller said. "This semester we are hoping to collect at least 5,000 books."

During exam week, students who cannot sell back their textbooks are encouraged to leave them in the boxes marked "Books for Africa" at the JMU Bookstore, University Outpost, the CMSS office located in Warren Hall or Zane Showker Hall. Volunteers will go to these locations a few times during the week to prepare the boxes for shipping. Better World Books will then pick up the textbooks and send them to communities in Africa.

Miller hopes all students will be able to contribute to the cause. "Students in Africa are not as lucky as we are here at JMU," she said. "Their schools often do not have recent textbooks and our help is very beneficial for their schools."

JMaddy.com offers entertainment, fun

BY JANE YU
contributing writer

It all began with the infamous "JMaddy Drunk Bus" T-shirt.

"We just started to sell T-shirts but it really blew up," said sophomores Shy Pahlevani and Collin O'Brien, founders of JMaddy.com. Add two Webmasters, sophomore Pat Cassidy and freshman Charles Kelley, into the mix and you have an increasingly popular Web site that is both a business venture and an outlet for Web-surfing JMU students.

JMaddy.com features a playful assortment of pictures, reviews, film clips, articles and downloads presented at a CollegeHumor.com. Students can add to the collections by sending in their material. This free exchange results in both meaningful and occasionally crude contributions. Let the viewers have a sense of humor or beware.

Collections from the alumni weekend block party held on April 16 are popular. The site has a toolbar on the bottom with links to students' Web-necessities: Webmail, Blackboard, Google, Harrisonburg Weather, the bus schedule, e-campus and even thefacebook.com — yes, it's a necessity. There is something for everyone on the Web site: a review on "The O.C." for devoted fans, a "Party-Finder" forum for party hosts and attendees, an online marketplace for students selling textbooks, and an article section consisting of essay-style put-downs and praises for students who have something on their chests.

Students' opinions of the "Hottie-Gentlemen"

section of the Web site are divided. "I think the Hottie-player of the week is stupid," sophomore C.W. Moran said. While some students dislike it, co-founder Pahlevani says, "Prospective students love it!" One prospective student, Dave Scott, after seeing the beauty of our student body (no pun intended), wrote the group an e-mail that said, "Thanks for making my decision [on choosing a college] easier."

Pahlevani and O'Brien proudly claim that it's easy to spot attractive people at JMU.

"JMU just has the most beautiful, smartest and coolest people," said O'Brien.

JMaddy sells the quirky T-shirts students wear around campus for both profit and charity: the group is donating 10 percent of profits from the pink JMaddy shirts to the Red Cross and in the past, they've donated T-shirts to sell for Tsunami relief. Clubs that sell T-shirts as fundraisers for good causes can request to have their shirt put on the Web site for free.

Although JMaddy plans social events such as College Night Wednesdays at "The Pub" and Ladies' Night Tuesdays at Highlawn, their motto is "Business before pleasure." O'Brien said, "They [students] don't see how hard it is; it's like having a full-time job."

Cassidy said, "If you don't work, you don't eat." What projects does this entrepreneurial quartet have in store? In the fall, they will be launching a Web site called *Dormdusters.com* that will allow students and parents to purchase professional home and dorm cleaning services online.

“If you don't work, you don't eat.”

-Pat Cassidy
JMaddy.com Webmaster

Job market looks positive for '05 graduates

BY MONIQUE GARCIA
Daily Egyptian

The job market is looking bright for students preparing to enter the workforce, as labor economists predict higher salaries and more job opportunities in the upcoming months. According to a new report published by the National Association of College and Employers, the average starting salary offers to recent college graduates are climbing at a steady pace.

Business and engineering majors fared particularly well, with accounting graduates posting a 3.9 percent increase in starting salary since last spring, raising it to \$43,809. Economics and finance graduates saw a 5.1 percent increase in starting pay, with a starting offer averaging at \$42,802. And computer science graduates now make about \$51,292 to start.

Chemical engineering and electrical engineering graduates had some of the highest pay increases, at \$54,256 and \$52,009, respectively.

"Things are definitely looking up," said Cindy Jenkins, assistant director of Southern Illinois University-Carbondale Career Services. "The job mar-

ket has improved significantly since 2001, when 9/11 really caused a lot of damage. Even compared to last semester, students are getting more interviews, and more businesses are coming to campus to recruit." During the fall 2004 semester, 29 employers came to campus and interviewed 378 students. This semester, 53 employers interviewed 460 students, according to Career Services.

Ben Smith, a senior studying management from Yorkville, said, it's nice to hear the job market is doing well, although he hasn't actively pursued any job opportunities yet. "There is a saying in the business world that it's not what you know, but who you know," Smith said. "My parents were in business, and they have some friends who have been asking about my resumé. So, depending on how things work out, it's nice to know what sort of salary I am looking at."

"I went into this major before 2001, and then everything started going down hill, so this is great news." But, there are some factors that may make the job hunt more difficult for future graduates.

In March, unemployment rates decrease across Illinois,

which may make the job market a little tighter in the state. But Mitch Daniels, a labor market economist for the Illinois Department of Employment Security, said the recent unemployment decrease was most likely triggered by an early spring and may have no actual bearing on those about to graduate.

"This was an unseasonable March," Daniels said. "The unemployment rate usually drops during the spring, but it came early this year, and these are numbers we typically see in April. It could be at the end of April that the seasonal unemployment rates aren't as low as we think."

"And I think in this case, it is better to anticipate the national trend for those about to graduate, which is a positive job market," he said.

Data on liberal arts graduates is limited at this time, but as a whole, the average starting salary offer is on the rise, up 4.2 percent from last year at \$30,337. Information sciences and systems graduates saw a slight decrease in their average starting offer, dropping it to \$43,732.

Monique Garcia is a staff writer for Southern Illinois University's Daily Egyptian.

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MINORITY: JMU takes steps

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"That has everything to do with the university itself — academic advising, feeling part of the institution, feeling like you're part of the university community," said Camille Hazeur, director of the office of diversity and equity services at George Mason University. "We know from the research that if students don't feel a part of the community they have a greater of being distracted academically and subsequently flunking out."

Hazeur said her office holds regular focus groups to assess the needs of minority students and develop programs to integrate them into campus life. Those efforts, she said, have played a key role in keeping GMU's graduation rates for blacks and Hispanics — at 50 percent and 49 percent, respectively — on par with the total rate

of 52 percent.

Other schools are taking steps to address the fundamental problems behind the gap. JMU in Virginia has developed a "Faculty in Residence" program in which professors from the university are placed in public high schools across the state with large minority populations to help them develop a more effective college prep curriculum.

"These students can now acquire the skills at the high school level that will make them more competitive at the university level," said Daniel Wubah, special assistant to the president at JMU. "We don't want to just increase the number of minority students who go to college, but also make sure they go with the right preparation."

Though the program is in its first year, Wubah said JMU has already seen an increase

in minority applicants from the participating schools and that more of the students are seeking information on applying to college.

Yet despite such programs, analysts and college officials said schools are just beginning to explore their own role in preparing students at lower levels of education, and that much of the problem is still out of the hands of the university itself. However, administrators said they are committed to finding ways that they can help make a change.

"I think the institution itself — the atmosphere it creates — does have something to do with the retention of minorities, particularly at majority white institutions," said Hazeur. "We need to find places where students can feel a sense of community, whatever that might mean."



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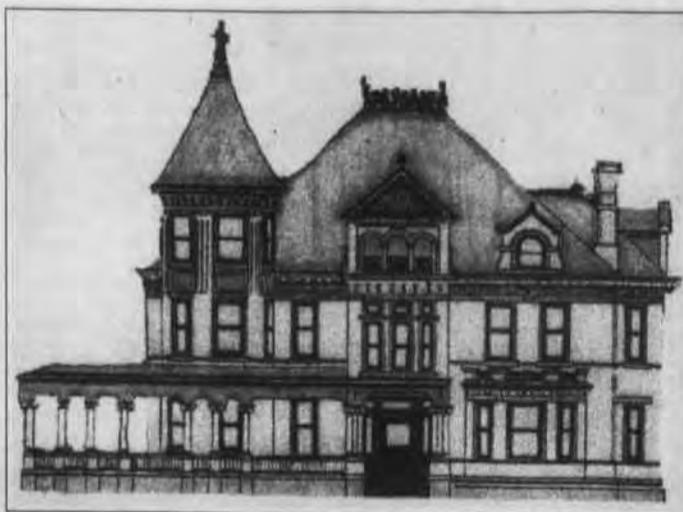
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