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Senate changes elections

Elections to be held in spring rather than fall

BY KATIE KELLOGG

After extensive and at times heat-ed debate, the SGA passed two new constitutional amendments that will implement major changes into the way SGA elections are conducted.

The first amendment changes the time of the election of academic college senators from the fall to the spring. Freshman Class Council

members, graduate student and resi-dence hall senators will still be elect-ed in the fall as they were before. The second amendment calls for the SGA to elect a pro-tempore speaker and pro-tempore com-mittee chairpersons in the spring. When the SGA returns to session in the fall, senators will have the option of confirming the pro-tempore speaker and chairpersons, or rejecting them and instituting

replacements Sophomore senator Matt Winer proposed the amendments and said the changes will have a posi-tive effect on the way the SGA

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- Wesli Spencer Student Body President

"These new procedures will counter most of the problems [the SGA] has because we start so late," he said. "The committees are often forced to rush anything they do in the first months of the year and while they often turn out excellent programs, I know that with more time and planning they could be extraordinary programs." Student Body President Wesli

Student Body President Westi Spenicer also was enthusiastic about the new amendments. "This is a major leap for SGA in our mission to serve students and it is ground-breaking in that it will provide focus for the committees to create pro-grams and initiatives within their respective domains to serve all facets. respective domains to serve all facets of the JMU community," he said.

The senate also voted by unani-The senate also voted by unanimous consent to pass a resolution saying the SGA supports making Ruckus, a free music-downloading system, available to all JMU students. Ruckus would allow students to download music for free, and for a small fee, also download selected

movies and television shows. Senior Geary Cox, SGA direcgives students the option of legal downloads and through [Ruckus] affiliates similar to iTunes, you can purchase the content.

The resolution will now be pre-sented to JMU administration for their consideration. Spencer, who has been working with Ruckus to bring the program to JMU, said he the program will be in place at JMU by April.

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Two contingency bills were also passed at Tuesday's meeting. The Breakdance Club was granted to \$1,390 to help pay for linoleum, a boom box, records, judges and an emcee for their Circles event. Relay for Life was granted \$490 from the contingency for tents to from the contingency for tents to house their registration area and their main stage, where various acts

will perform.
A constitutional amendment that would give committee chairpersons the right to vote within their own committee was proposed by junior senator Anthony Riedel. Currently, that committee chair can only vote in the instance of a tie vote.

Also proposed were finance bills that would benefit Hillel and the Association of Information Technology Professionals.

Court skips collegiate press



Case concerning administration's role in university newspapers fails to be heard

BY TOM BEPPLER

Last Tuesday, the U.S. Supreme Court declined to hear the appeal of college journalists whose dean had demanded to review all student news-

paper content prior to its publication.
The case, Hosty v. Carter, concerned student writers and editors at *The Innovator*, the campus newspaper of Illinois's Governors State University. In 2000, the paper published remarks con-demning the school's administration.

The Oct. 31, 2000 issue of The Innovator featured a story written by Margaret Hosty in which she defended a faculty adviser to The Innovator who had been terminated by the university

in August of that year.

The article also included criticisms directed at Roger Oden, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and a University Professor of Political Science at Governors State. After Oden

claimed he was subject to defamation, Dean Patricia Carter decided all future content would require explicit

The dean's demand was ignored, as the the GSU student handbook stated that student editors "will determine content and format of their respective publications without censorship or

advance approval."
In addition, Regional Publishing
President Charles Richard, who runs the

President Charles Richard, who runs the company which prints the school's newspapers, wrote, "... My interpretation of the current law precludes such administrative approval prior to printing."

In 2005, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit overturned the decisions of both a district court and a three-judge panel of the appellate court in order to rule in favor of the university in Hosty v. Carter. The Seventh Circuit Court cited Hazelwood v. Kuhlmeier, a 1988 Supreme Court precedent, which granted authority to high-school admin-

istrators to censor the publications of their students.

But in its 5-3 decision in 1988, the Court deliberately delayed the issue of whether the ruling applied to higher-education institutions. The Court wrote, 'We need not now decide whether the

education institutions. The Court wrote,
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same degree of deference is appropriate with respect to school-sponsored
expressive activities at the college and
university level."

The Court of Appeals has now settled
the question, affirming Hazelucod's
extension to colleges and universities.
With the Supreme Court's denial to hear
the students' appeal, the ruling will stand
in the three states bound by the Seventh
Circuit Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin.

JMU SMAD professor Dona
Gilliam, an attorney specializing in
entertainment law and intellectual
property law, noted that the denial of
certiorari by the Supreme Court may
have as much to do with keeping its
docket speedy and efficient as it does

with the First Amendment concerns of student editors. Gilliam explained, "This denial of cert in *Hosty v. Carter* is not an endorsement of the lower court's action, but merely a decision to not hear the case at this time. The justices' ability

to deny petitions for [certiorari] is their only control over yearly caseloads."

She added, "Allowing the Hazelwood v. Kuhlmeier decision to apply to colleges and universities is indeed troubling to

fre- speech advocates."
Roger Soenksen, a SMAD and mass communication law professor, expressed concern at the Seventh Circuit's decision not to adhere to earlier decisions made by lower courts.

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"The Seventh Circuit's ruling is disturbing in that the court ignored numerous other court opinions that protect college journalists' First Amendment rights," he said. "I think the ruling of the Seventh Circuit does pose a threat to free press on American college campuses."

Debate team members take first in tournament



of PETE BSUMEK

Juniors Corey Yarbrough and Alexis Gonzales-Black hold their district championship plaque.

BY COREY GOGGIN

Two JMU students are headed to Chicago for the National Debate Tournament after placing first in the district tourna-ment last weekend.

Juniors Alexis Gonzales-Black and Corey Yarbrough were initially ranked seventh in the tournament, but came out

on top.
"It was kind of an underdog win," Yarbrough said. "I think it's the first time ever in JMU history of a team getting first in the district."

Director of debate Pete Bsumek said, "It was a really big deal for us," since he said the team took this year to rebuild.

According to Bsumek, the JMU Debate Team has been in existence since the mid '70s. The first year the team quali-fied for the National Debate Tournament was 1979, and since then, they have participated in all but three.

will compete against the top 64 teams in the country said. "A few of the places we've next year."

between March 23 and March 27 in the tournament hosted at Northwestern University.

Their topic of debate is human rights in China and U.S. intervention. They have the same topic all year and have to be able to debate both sides of the issue. According to Yarbrough, in one round they will argue for U.S. intervention, and in the next round they will argue against it.

The team has been prepar-ing this topic since August. "We came back two weeks before school started for a little camp where we did a lot of research."

Yarbrough said. He added that there are four students on the varsity debate team and the rest are on junior varsity. The varsity team usually travels to tournaments twice a month. The junior varsity team also travels, but not as often. "We get to go to the cooler places like Georgia and California,' Yarbrough said.

"Corey and I have been debate," Gonzales-Black

been are Boston, L.A., Austin, D.C., Atlanta and nationals is in Chicago. We compete against teams from all over the nation." Gonzales-Black said this semester they've been home

at JMU for two weekends, and every other weekend they have traveled.

Sophomore Stephanie Feulner and freshman Chris Grey also represented JMU in the district tournament, but "unfortunately didn't make it this year," Gonzales-Black said. "Everyone on the team has worked incredibly hard this year.

worked incredibly hard this year, and Corey and I are indebted to all of them for the work, support and passion that they have contributed," she said.

Gonzales-Black added that she has high hopes for this year's nationals. "Last year, my partner and I came out of nationals ranked 36 in the nation. This year. ranked 36 in the nation. This year I intend on doing better, and next

year, the goal is really high."

Bsumek agreed, saying, "I
think we'll be very competitive
[at nationals]. This sets us up to set some really high goals for

Pair of armed robberies hit Hunters Ridge

place last Sunday morning in

Hunters Ridge.
The first robbery occurred at around 2 a.m. as the vic-tim was walking home from a party. A white male suspect punched the victim in the face. Two black suspects then joined in on the assault and took the victim's wallet before fleeing the scene. The victim sustained

Later that morning at approximately 3:40 a.m., anoth-er victim was robbed at gunpoint, while he was in his car. The victim was sitting in his car when the suspect went up to the victim to ask a ques-tion and then pulled open the vehicle's door, pulling a gun on the victim. Two or three other suspects were standing a short distance away as the suspect

victim was uninjured. The sus-pect was described as being a short, thin, black male wearing

a red jersey.

Police are not ruling out the possibility that the incidents could be related, however, according to Lt. Boshart of the Harrisonburg. Police Department, both crimes are still under investigation and police are examining all pos-

Boshart said that police have increased patrols in the area. Boshart also said that residents need to be particularly vigilant and call police if they

"We need people to call in even if they are unsure some-thing illegal is going on," Boshart said.

-from staff reports



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Early Sunday morning two armed robberles occured in Hunters Ridge. Both crimes are under investigation and may be connected.

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Property damage

A JMU employee reported that a parking meter appeared to be struck in M Lot between Feb. 27 and Feb. 28.

A JMU student reported the theft of a purse and wallet from an unoccupied and unsecured bus stop at the tennis courts Feb. 23 between 11:12 a.m. and 11:25 a.m.

A non-student reported the theft of a tire and four lug nuts from a vehicle parked in the R2 Lot Feb. 24.

A JMU employee reported that products were stolen out of two vending machines at Rockingham Hall between Feb. 24 at noon and Feb. 26 at 5:14 p.m.

A JMU student reported the theft of a JAC Card and JMU residence hall room key that were left unattended at the Festival Center dining area Feb. 26 between 7 and 7:15 p.m.

Underage possession of alcohol and alcohol violation

A JMU student was charged with underage possession of alcohol and an alcohol violation at Chandler Hall Feb. 24 at 12:05 a.m.

Vandalism

A JMU employee reported a parking meter mechanism was removed from the D3 Lot and later found damaged between Feb. 23 at 2:30 p.m. and Feb. 24 at 8:53 a.m.

Underage possession of alcohol

A JMU student was charged with underage possession of alcohol at Potomac Hall Feb. 25 at 2:01 a.m.

Drunk in public

A JMU student was charged with being drunk in public at Frederikson Hall Feb. 26 at 12:34 a.m.

Number of parking tickets since Aug. 29: 17,971 Number of drunk in publics since Aug. 29: 67

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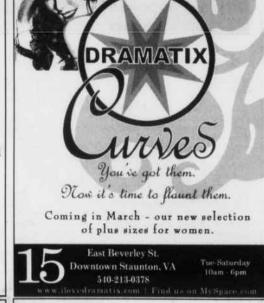
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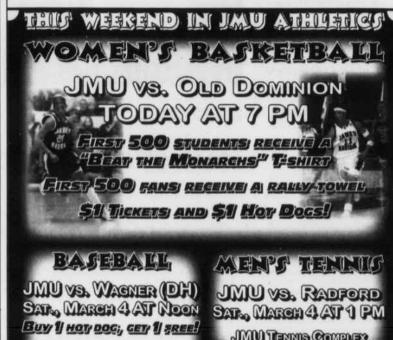
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Students disappointed by lack of housing contracts

This year's changes give priority to rising sophomores

BY KELLY CONNIFF

Students waited anxiously on the evening of Jan. 31 to log on the Office of Residence Life Web

site to register for on-campus housing.

Although a large portion of students move off campus following their freshman year, a sizeable portion make the choice to stay.

Many students agree that there are many ben-

Many students agree that there are many benefits to living on campus.

"I'm directly next door to my major's building, which means I'll have an easier time getting to class," said sophomore Christina Nelson. "I also live in a substance-free dorm, which is ideal because it's quiet."

However, a number of students were disappointed to find themselves without on-campus housing for next year, when they had expected to be granted a spot.

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Students seeking on-campus housing for the 2006-'07 school year were advised to sign onto the ORL Web site at 10 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 31. After logging in, students were able to apply for a housing contract, and if space permitted, they were sent an e-mail asking them to accept a contract. If students were not sent an e-mail, they were

waitlisted, meaning that they must remain on a list because the number of applicants exceeded the number of beds available.

"Being waitlisted is frustrating because you have no idea what will happen to you," Nelson said. "You're in the balance, and you don't know if you need to find an on-campus roommate or an

For the past two years, ORL has implemented two new systems in order to allocate housing to

For the 2004-'05 school year and in years before that, "Contracts were awarded based on class standing, which meant that sophomores rarely got housing," said Jim McConnel, senior director of Residence Life. "We surveyed [students in] residence halls and found that many of the students in the standard of the stand dents currently living on campus wanted to give sophomores contract priority."
In 2005-'06, students were awarded contracts

based on the time at which they signed up, and then all students who received contracts were weighed equally.



Due to changes in housing contract policy and a lack of on campus housing, more students have been preparing to live off campus.

For the upcoming school year, students were still offered contracts in the order that they applied; however, sophomores were given precedence and offered contracts first.

Feedback really indicated that the majority of students wanted a two-year on-campus living ex-perience," McConnel said. Priority is now given to rising sophomores, then upperclassmen currently living on campus, and finally, newly admitted transfer students.

Some students had already prepared themselves for the idea of living off campus, knowing that they

would have slim chances of living on campus.

"I can't quite see how anyone who was a sopho-more and above this year could be furious with ORL," said sophomore Michelle Fleeger. "I pretty much knew that there was no way I was going to get a spot on campus unless I applied to be an RA."

JMU currently has a request at the Va. General Assembly asking for permission and funds to build

new dorms.

"Our goal is to gain around 400 beds within the next 18 to 20 months," McConnel said. "We're looking into building new first-year dorms by Chesapeake Hall, as

well as some apartment-style housing. We always want to be able to accommodate incoming freshmen, and of-fer additional housing to upperclassmen if possible." Students that have been waitlisted can choose to

remain on the waitlist, or seek off-campus housing. Students that are waitlisted have the ability to stay on the list through August.

"Waitlisted students that are anxious about their living situation should seek off-campus housing," McConnel said. "Our office can't control the list, but we definitely want to work with those who feel comfortable staying on the list."

SGA President Tom Culligan and Mark Warner, VP of student affairs, celebrate

Glenda Rooney, assistant to the provost, said James Madison Week is a "celebration of the founding of James Madison University and rec-ognition of James Madison's presi-

lebrity guests such as Oscar-winning actor Richard Dreyfuss and will take place March 14 through 18.

James Madison Week, a celebration of JMU and the 255th birthday of the fourth President, will feature ce-

BY LAURA COMEAU

dency ... It is a celebration of the quality institution we have become,

the institution we are now and will be in the future." Events begin Tuesday, March 14 with guest speakers Robert Hawkes, an assistant professor of history at an assistant processor or instory at George Mason University, and John A. Campbell, a senior affiliate fac-ulty member in the department of communication at the University of Memphis. Hawkes will present on "George Mason: An Uncommon American Hero." Campbell, hosted by the Center for Constructive Ad-

cy and Dialogue, will present "Intelligent Design, Evolution and Public Education: An Invitation to Conversation." His presentation will introduce the following day's debate on the teaching of intelligent

James Madison Week to draw

actor, comedian, scholars

debate on the teaching of intelligent design.

On Wednesday, March 15 there will be a wreath-laying ceremony and birthday cake at the James Madison statue by Varner House. Entertainment will be provided on the Quad by Madison Dance and the Duke Dog, among others.

Wednesday's festivities will feature Oscar-winning actor Richard Dreyfuss and best-selling author Michael Beschloss. Dreyfuss, as seen in "Jaws." "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," "The American President," "The Goodbye Girl" and "Mr. Holland's Opus," will deliver the Madison Day reading and participate as a judge during and participate as a judge during the debate. Beschloss, a historian of the presidency and author, will give the Madison Day lecture. This year, James Madison Day events can be viewed on live video Webcast via the JMU Media site.

The James Madison Commemorative Debate and citizen forum for the Madison Cup will follow the ceremony. Teams will debate both sides of intelligent design.

"This topic was chosen for its timeliness with the recent federal court case decision," said Pete Bsumek, director of debate, "and to follow the tradition for the Madison Cup debate to have a Constitu-tional and Bill of Rights theme, be-cause James Madison is considered the father of the Bill of Rights." The week will conclude Satur-

day, March 18 with the JMUbilee.
"The basis behind the event is to
Bring One Campus, One Community, All together One," chief event
coordinator junior Corey Schwartz said. "This event is carnival in na-ture with live music, free food, a performance by national comedian and alum Tim Young, games, rock climbing and much more."

More information regarding James Madison Week events can be found at jmu.edu/birthday.

More than 300 students to participate in ASB

BY CARLY LEDUC

More than 300 JMU students will be forgoing fun in the sun this Spring Break to devote their time to helping others in need. Alternative Spring Break trips train and

immerse students in a purposeful week-long service experience with national and interna-tional communities. It is designed to connect students and community members while en-hancing personal growth, mutual awareness and life-long learning. All trips provide stu-dents with issues and experiences they can-not find on the university campus.

Groups of students, with guidance from two trained student trip leaders and a learning partner (a faculty or staff mem-ber), are sent to perform service work dur-ing Spring Break.

In previous years, students have vol-unteered in soup kitchens, planted trees, re-paired trails and constructed playgrounds, as well as built relationships with those whom

they were helping.

There are 23 Alternative Spring Break trips this year. There are 15 domestic trips (destinations less than 1,000 miles away) and eight international or long-distance trips. In addition, there are nine affiliated

trips, most of which are affiliated with reli-gious organizations.

Student coordinator senior Steve Atwell will be traveling to Atlanta to work with hun-ger and homelessness by assisting with an gency called Cafe 458. It is a dignified solu-

agency cannot call 450s. It is a dignification to the typical soup kitchen.

Each trip has anywhere from 10 to 14 participants, Atwell said. Prices for the domestic trips were \$220 including the cost of travel, trips were \$20 including the cost of travel, food and lodging for the week. Prices for long-distance trips were considerably more — ranging from \$350 to \$1,600 — as a result of plane tickets and other factors associated with international travel.

Domestic trips for 2006 include working at the Gesundheit! Institute in Hillsboro, W. Va., to make Patch Adams's vision of mixing holistic healing and health care a reality. Inter-national trips include a trip to Montego Bay, Jamaica, to work at the Committee for the Up liftment of the Mentally III with the homeles and mentally ill in Jamaica.

The focus of an Alternative Spring Break trip is on the service," Atwell said. t that students looking for a trip first figure out what type of social issue they would most like to work with, and, from there, select a trip. The focus is on the service, not the destination. As far as trips go, they are all great.



Junior Alexandra Caspero helps teach yoga poses to a group of third graders last March. During an ASB trip to Nassau, Bahamas, student volunteers facilitated wellness and fitness games with students at Urian McPhee Elementary School.

Spanish Prime Minister causes schism

BY JOHN WARD ANDERSON

Shortly after his election in 2004, Socialist Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero ended a quarter-century of cozy church-state relations by block-ing mandatory religious classes in public schools. He then took wider aim, saying his govern-ment would relax abortion laws,

ment would relax abortion laws, ease restrictions on divorce, legalize gay marriage and permit gay couples to adopt children.

In response, the archbishop of Madrid called the Spanish capital "a hotbed of sin."

Pope John Paul II accused Zanatas and "committee delaring and accused Zanatas and "committee delaring". patero of "promoting disdain towards religion" and said the Catholic Church in Spain would never yield "to the temptation to silence it."

Things got particularly nasty when the media joined the fray. A radio station sent reporters into confessionals with hidden micro-phones and broadcast unsuspecting priests warning against the evils of birth control, homosexu-

evils of birth control, homosexuality and surfing the Internet.

Two months ago, a disc jockey from an anti-government, church-owned radio station in Madrid posed as Zapatero and called Bolivia's socialist president-elect, Evo Morales, to congratulate him for joining the Cuban-Venezuelan leftist "axis." Morales fell for the gag, leading to red faces all around.

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With exchanges like these, the battle between the church and Zapatero's government has spread from parliament to streets, pulpit and confessional, creating some of deepest political and social

to democracy 28 years ago.
"This is a government that is
deeply secular and reform-oriented," said government spokesman Fernando Moraleda, arguing that Spain needed to adapt to its posi-tion as a modern member of the European Union. "We can't allow Catholic doctrine to be superior to the government and the gov-

to the government and the government's legitimacy."

Church supporters say Zapatero's government is simply anti-clerical — as socialists traditionally are in Spain — and out of touch with Spanish society, which is more than 80 percent Catholic. They accuse the government of toying with a carefully ment of toying with a carefully crafted constitutional balance between church and state that has helped keep Spain peaceful and democratic since the death of the longtime dictator, Gen. Francisco Franco, in 1975. Clashes between the Spanish left and the church the Spanish left and the church helped propel Franco to power during the 1936-'39 civil war. "The situation today comes from this government breaking

with the consensus of the past. The peaceful, democratic transi-tion" that followed Franco "has started to fracture," said Carlos Corral Salvador, a political and sociology professor at Madrid's Complutense University. Government backers say the

opposite — that the church is out of step with Spanish society, as evidenced by surveys in which four out of five Spaniards call themselves Catholic but half of those say they are non-practic-ing. Conservative church lead-



Jose Moya, a flower vendor in Barcelona, Spain, said the Catholic Church and government should try to meet halfway. Many Spaniards say they are caught in the middle of a battle between the church and state, eager to support the church but wanting to curtail its powers.

"It is an internal battle of the "It is an internal battle of the church, between bishops who were appointed by the Polish pope who are against modern-ization and who are very con-servative, and other priests who are more modern and have less voice," said Alberto Moncada, crossident of Sevicionists Without president of Sociologists Without Borders, referring to John Paul, pontiff from 1978 until 2005.

Zapatero "is doing what the ople want, what he was electpeople want, what he was elected to do," Moncada said. "The

are struggling to retain their in-fluence not only with the gov-ernment but with moderate, younger priests and a flock that is demanding liberalization.

Texting causes injury, survey says

Many students text me friends in class just to make it through those 50 minutes, but

through those 30 minutes, but it might be more than just their grades that are suffering. Their thumbs might be suffering, too.

A survey released by Virgin Mobile reported that cell phones are now the cause of 3.8 million cases of repetitive strain injuries per year in Great 3.8 million cases of repetitive strain injuries per year in Great Britain. For the 700 million text messages sent every year in the United States estimated by Virgin, this could spell trouble. The survey's data were supplied through 72point.com, which is an independent press agency in the United Kingdom.

Dr. John Scipione from the State College Family Chiropractic Center, said people's increased use of technology on a daily basis has had many health

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"Just for instance, we're doing a lot more computer

work now than we used to," Scipione said. "It's not just in the office place now but home as well."

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Scipione said the kind of technologies people are using can also have potential health effects. "Now, there are most smaller devices, and you're having to use your thumb and hand much more than in the past."

For students who are used

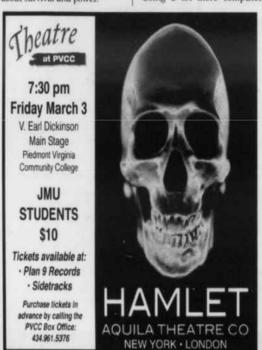
For students who are used to text messaging, many feel it is not a very labor-intensive task. Linda Eck said, a task does not have to be labor-intensive to cause injury, however. "As with any repetitive task, like keyboarding or mousing, if you're using the same fingers over and over again, you can get repetitive overuse injury." she said. "Any muscle can get fatigued if you use it for too long."

Eck said injuries like these are very common among students and not always minor, For students who are used

dents and not always minor, especially because they use computers and cell phones so



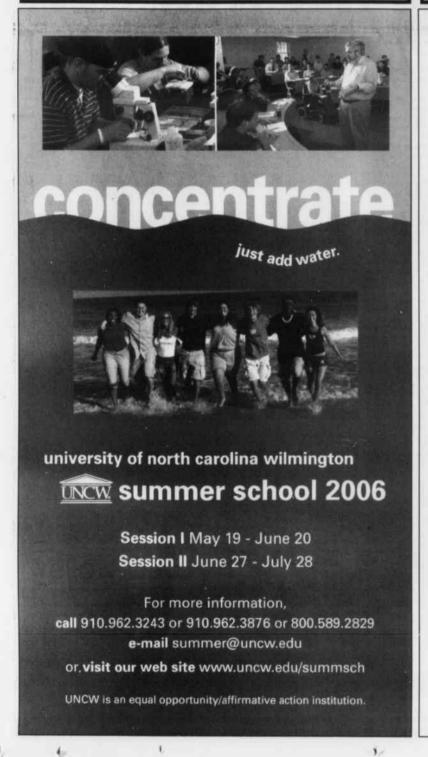
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OPINION

Justices reserve justice for jugs, not journalists



Supreme Court loves blond The U.S. Supreme Court loves blond women with immense breasts. It gets old sitting around in black robes hearing important cases that impact the freedom of Americans, and in turn justices sometimes just want to see a Playmate enter their revered halls; it's merely human nature.

While a somber Anna Nicole Smith had her day in high court Tuesday, one week earlier the Supreme Court declined to hear an

lier, the Supreme Court declined to hear an appeal from college journalists looking to remove restrictions placed on their publication.

In Illinois's Governors State University's newspaper The Innovator, a story was published that criticized the school's administration. In these the administration told the lished that criticized the school's administration. In turn, the administration told the paper they would now be reviewing all content before the paper is published. And that is how you lose your freedom of speech.

In the end, the Seventh Circuit Appeals court ruled in favor of the university, citing

Hazelwood vs. Kuhlmeier (1988) as precedent That case essentially found that, because That case essentially found that, because high school newspapers were primarily teaching tools and not journalistic outlets, the school district had the power to censor the paper. Of course, college students are not high school students. By ruling in favor of the school administration based on Hazel-wood, the Seventh Circuit effectively turned college news into a sham and a numeric.

wood, the Seventh Circuit effectively turned college news into a sham and a puppet.

While school newspapers receive funding from their respective institutions, it does not mean they are public relations outlets. The notion that a paper would be shut down for disagreeing with the administration is simply un-American. When the ruling party in any situation takes control of the press, they effectively imprison their subjects by they effectively imprison their subjects by constricting possible information.

Disagreements are to be handled in a reasonable manner, not through an abuse of

power. The actions taken by GSU were immoral, and the Supreme Court's failure to attend to this case is just as disheartening. Until a court rules, college press in three states may be subject to complete control by their universities. Aside from hoping the Supreme Court finds time to hear this case, which should never have occurred in the first place, the respon-sibility now lies in this administration.

While the ruling is in effect for these Midwest states, it does not mean it must be followed. Any administrating body with decency and common sense should know better than to enforce restrictions on their newspapers. Likewise, these publications should choose their words carefully so as to be trusted by the students and taken seriously when a problem does arise. College journalists trust the administration to do the jobs they were hired for, and the administration should pay college journalists the same respect.

BREEZE PERSPECTIVES

You don't have to be wealthy to be healthy

Expenses, strangers and bears — oh my! Seeing as how fitness is rated a top priority for JMU students, you'd think we would all be more inclined to relieve ourselves of the humdrum workouts we drag

rated a top priority for JMU students, you'd think we would all be more inclined to relieve ourselves of the humdrum workouts we drag our feet through every day. The perfect opportunity to get away from campus, learn new skills and meet amazing people lies within the plethora of programs offered through the UREC Adventure Program. However, I am exceedingly disappointed when I sign up for amazing trips, such as rafting the Gauley River (the largest and most unruly river east of the Mississippi) or cross-country skiing through West Virginia's wilderness, and they are canceled due to lack of interest. Why is this so? Why is it that I end up employing my precious puppy-dog look and occasionally resort to offering my friends dibs on my soul in order to get them to sign up for a trip? I have taken it upon myself to debunk the myths of this campus program.

It's a fact: college students are poor. Spending their precious moolah on what may turn out to be a "Grizzly Mam" experience is a waste. In a survey, I asked the average JMU student how much they thought adventure and trip programs usually cost. Receiving answers from between \$300 and \$500, I realized they really had no idea what the program was, never mind how much it costs or who runs it. In reality, you can have an outdoor experience beyond your wildest dreams for the mere cost of \$20 — transportation, trained student leaders and sometimes food — included.

Who goes on these trips, anyway? Despite the stereotype, fellow adventures are not burly mountain men (and women) who deny the existence of the straight razor and the invention of deodorant. Typical

existence of the straight razor and the invention of deodorant. Typical JMU students meet lots of new friends on these excursions, whether

it be to a museum in D.C. or backpacking through the Shenandoah

it be to a museum in D.C. or backpacking through the Shenandoah Valley. Those who go expect a good time and leave with their camera memory cards full and their phone number distributed.

So, you want to live a healthy lifestyle and be fit and all that jazz, but don't want to get maliciously ripped apart by a quadruped? No problem. Most programs require no prior experience, so you won't look like an idiot when you ask where the bathroom is in the middle of the Valley. The students who lead the trips are certified in Wilderness First Aid and CPR, as well as buttressed with situational skills. I'd like to think that as JMU students, we take pride in our intellect and willingness to learn new things. Why not apply that desire to our personal fitness? In the same survey, it was reported that many would like to take part in a trip, but didn't have the skills or outdoor experience necessary. The initiative is there. Stop griping that there's

would like to take part in a trip, but didn't have the skills or outdoor experience necessary. The initiative is there. Stop griping that there's nothing to do on weekends and learn how to belay a climber, navigate using a compass or even become a trip leader yourself.

While UREC is cheap, convenient and safe, it isn't the only means for exploration outside of JMU. The adventure staff has a gamut of maps, books and videos for the inner explorer in you. Whether you want to plan a bike ride around Rockingham or bare the below freezing winds of Mount Everest, their expertise can point you in the right direction. Many programs are offered at the actual University Recreation building, in case your allergy to fresh air or boulders hinders you from leaving campus.

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Nothing to do this weekend? Want to mix up your workout regimen and fraternize with the gorgeous adventure staff? Check out their little black book or browse the UREC Web site and see if anything tickles your fancy. I guarantee your cheap, slightly plump college burn will thank you for it.

Traci Cox is a freshman English major.

LOVER OF WOMEN, CONQUERER OF NATIONS

I ain't got time to bleed

ву Вовву МсМанон

This week, images of carousing bead throwers at Mar-di Gras have been juxtaposed on our televisions with Senate hearings seeking to ascertain which Michael (Chertoff or Brown) is ultimately respon-sible for the government's pisspoor preparation and response to Hurricane Katrina. In turn, these images have given pun-dits free rein to talk incessantly about the shortcomings of the about the shortcomings of the government's response and the appropriateness of the Mardi Gras celebration. Sadly, neither the congressional witch hunt nor the media finger wagging have met the immediate needs of the communities affected by Hurricane Katrina, who are of the communities affected by Hurricane Katrina, who are still in the process of digging out these many months later. Many students, however, are stepping in to change that: this weekend, students from across JMU and around the country will embark on Alternative Spring Breaks (ASBs) to join others in serving communities, not only on the Gulf Coast, but all across the United States and all across the United States and Latin America. For one week, these students will feed the homeless in soup kitchens, tutor youth in after-school programs and labor to clear debris where houses once stood, bringing relief to the less fortunate and serving as a sign of compassion

and hope for our culture.

In the interest of full disclosure, I should tell you some of my history with ASBs, because I cannot tell you this story without telling you my story. Last year, I felt called to take part in an ASB to Arcadia, Fla., a town that had been hit by four major hurricanes (Bonnie, Charley, Dennis and Ivan) in the fall of Dennis and Ivan) in the fall of 2004 and were gracious enough to allow volunteers to help in the reconstruction effort. As our group drove into Arcadia, we saw the town's water tower (proclaiming "WELCOME TO ARCADIA") laying on its side, learning later that the costs of removing the tower were too much for the town to afford. With no way to move it, this mangled mass of metal that was their water tower now served their water tower now served as a cruel reminder of the stag-gering destruction that the hur-ricance caused.

ricanes caused.

Despite the incredible loss, our group found an uncommon hope and joy among the people living and working in Arcadia. We received our assignments

from Martha, a volunteer from Martha, a volunteer co-ordinator who worked tire-lessly to rebuild her commu-nity. Martha's own home had been destroyed, but rather than rebuilding her home first, she chose to live in a camper out-side her parents' home until the neediest in the community had been served. We worked with the Rev. David Harris, a Meth-odist minister who opened his odist minister who opened his church to all those who wanted to serve his community and devoted much of his time to work-ing with families affected by the hurricanes. Whatever our the hurricanes. Whatever our group gave to their community, whether a painted house or a tiled ceiling, the people we interacted with gave us infinitely more in their wisdom and experience, offering us insight into how they found such beauty and hope in the destruction around them.

Indeed, my experience

Indeed, my experience leads me to believe that the interactions and conversations interactions and conversations with the people you work for and serve with will yield more fulfillment and empowerment than anything else you do on your ASB. While the jobs and assignments will soon collide and congeal in your mind, these people will stick out as a reminder both of your experience and of our greater need rience and of our greater need for solidarity as people. Only circumstance and geography circumstance and geography separates us from Martha and the Rev. Harris, and if nothing else, the ASB experience awak-ens us to this understanding of the interconnectivity of all people, to the fact that our similarities greatly outnumber our differences. In that awakening, we are transformed, both in our understanding of ourselves and

the world around us. So, while we are far away serving others and affecting positive change in the world, bleeding hearts from across the political spectrum and the me-dia will still be embroiled in a dia will still be embroiled in a Charlie Foxtrot of name-calling and finger pointing, all at the expense of the people we are serving. Instead of complaining or finger-pointing, those of us dedicating a week of our lives to an ASB have taken the mantra of former Minnesota governor Jesse "The Body" Ventura: "I ain't got time to bleed." Work needs to be done, and we are needs to be done, and we are the ones to do it. Bobby McMahon is a senior po-

litical science major, and offers his thanks to all those who have chosen to give themselves in service to the people who need it most.

THROUGH MURKY WATERS

Bigfoot hunt a step in the right direction for us all

BY ALEX SIRNEY

It's not exactly a dream job. Picture Jonathan Kent, BBC correspondent in Indonesia, setting off bright and early one morning, muttering something under his breath about

muttering something under his breath about local legends, jumpy farmers and malaria. Kent can't have been exceptionally excited about his mission — find Bigfoot.

Hours later, however, after tramping through tropical jungle and meeting with the excited locals, Kent found himself staring at the unbelievable — actual footprints.

"All I can tell you is they were big, they were foot shaped and they were there," he wrote for the BBC.

They were there, It's really very hard to

They were there. It's really very hard to argue with that, as much as it flies in the face of common sense. They were foot-shaped,

and they were there.

The Indonesian government has, undercent sightings in the state of Johor. It is planning an expedition into the jungles to find the beast and is selling permits to citizens

for the right to do the same.

Whether or not they find Bigfoot is ultimately unimportant. What is important is that, despite the joys of the Internet, plastic shopping bags and flying cars, a national government of no small consequence can still find it worth while to use money and time to stop and chase after legends.

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It just proves how little we know for sure about the world around us.

Indonesia's pursuit of this ape gives us all hope. It's reminiscent of the birthday or holihope. It's reminiscent of the birthday or holi-day celebration when you were about 4 years old and blindly tore through those presents even though you knew, deep down, there was no way a pony or a bike was in those sock-sized boxes. You still tried, despite all odds, and were finally rewarded, that one time, be-cause it was bike-shaped, and it was there. It certainly seems like a fool's errand

It certainly seems like a fool's errand — people with much more time on their hands have been hunting the Bigfoot, Sasries, even, if local legends from around the world have any truth to them. Yet, there is still that one little sentence — "They were

foot shaped, and they were there."

That sentence is a wake-up call. Not about Bigfoot, although it may someday be a legendary moment in scientific discovery, but instead for world culture. There are many more serious issues that need the time and attention Bigfoot's stealing right now, but when was the last time anyone really noticed? When did we last think about repressive regimes in strategically uniter. ally noticed? When did we last think about repressive regimes in strategically unimportant countries, looming environmental disaster or even fiscal irresponsibility and domestic poverty as being "big and there?" Do we even know for sure what problems are "big and there?" More importantly, when was the last time we dropped everything and assembled a team to look into these problems once and for all? It's socially irresponsible for us to continue sweeping the evidence under the carpet, just like conspiracy theorists have suspected about Bigfoot, UFOs and Area 51 for years. We should take an example from

the issues from Indonesia and tackle that are irrefutably "big and there," even though Indonesia undoubtedly has issues

bigger and more omnipresent. It's not a governmental or political lesson alone, either. On a personal level, we could all use that kick-start to confront the things that haunt our personal legends. Whether it be something as serious as alcoholism, depres-sion or an eating disorder, or something as benign as that cute guy or girl a row back in art history, the evidence is big and it is there. It's time we stopped ignoring it. It's time we looked around our dorms, our universi-

to the evidence that is staring us in the face.

Kent is trying to tell us something — he is pleading with us to believe, against everything we've been taught is rational, that there is something weird and wonderful out there. I'm inclined to believe him — after all,

there are plenty of things in our lives that are weird, wonderful and defy rationality. And, mercifully, not all of them are epic social cri-ses. Some are, but sometimes the footprints are just evidence that your roommate ate the last of the Easy-Mac. And that's OK, too.

It's just time we saw the evidence with open eyes and realized how much is there to be seen in all areas of our lives.

Alex Sirney is a junior anthropology/SMAD major who welcomes feedback and pictures of UFOs at sirneyac.



ns are based upon one person's opinion of a given situation, person or event and do not necessarily reflect the truth.

A "way-to-insult-a-complete-stranger" dart to the professor in the elevator who called me lazy when he saw I was going up one floor.

From a junior business major who, despite spending three years in doesn't appreciate your uninvited comment.

A "how-many-men-does-it-take-to-empty-the-garbage-cans?" dart to JMU for spending our increased tuition on unnecessary manpower. From an upset senior who doesn't understand why the answer is seven: Four to take out the trash, and three to smoke cigarettes and watch

An "it's-the-little-things-that-count" pat to the person who found my library book and returned it for me.

From a grateful and relieved English professor who was sure the library police were going to find her and beat her down.

An "irony-is-not-a-good-scheduling-policy" dart to JMU for scheduling our Spring Break the same week as the Iditarod. From a frustrated senior who doesn't like reserving room in her beach bag for gloves and a fleece.

A "where-is-your-sense-of-tradition?" dart to the administra-tion for moving the humanities and social sciences graduation cer-emony from the Quad to Hillside.

From a graduating senior who is disturbed by this lack of respect for historical precedent.

An "it's-not-all-bad" pat to our beloved and begrudged univer-sity, for still being a pretty cool place to get our learn on. From an Opinion Editor who felt, in the Spring Break spirit, that three entries about JMU was just not enough.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Truth, not fear, is the anti-drug

arah Delia's recent column on the recreational use of Adderall offers inflammatory, doom-filled warn-ings of paranoia, delusions, addiction and death. I wish to set the record straight on the risks, so that JMU students may make an informed choice, including a well-informed choice to abstain. In a haze of fear and misinformation, no one is able to make free choices.

Although the FDA has recently warned of Ad-

derall's possible connection to stroke, it also notes that the same number of deaths "would be expected to occur in this population without [Adderall] treatment," and that stroke is only a danger for those with heart defects. In short, it is not a concern for most.

Addiction, similarly, is possible but not a guaran-tee. In fact, prescription users of Adderall run the high-est risk of addiction, because their dosing is habitual and punctual. Respecting side effects, I could not find paranoia listed as a side effect at all, and notes that halparanoia listed as a side effect at all, and notes use includination is "rare" and occurs mostly in people with an underlying psychological vulnerability.

A doctor's note, or lack thereof, does not make

a substance safe or unsafe. Further, the motives for drug use extend far beyond GPA or superficial body concerns. Our lives are already fraught with too many real dangers and tough decisions. We do not need our newspaper to pile overblown prob-lems on top, particularly when *The Breeze* exists to provide objective, well-informed content. Perhaps the straight-edge contributors should stick to Mi-nor Threat and thinking straight.

> Ben Merriman iunior sociology major

Students should pack the Convo tonight

I am writing this letter to encourage all JMU stu-I am writing this letter to encourage all JMU students and faculty to attend Thursday's basketball game between the Lady Dukes and interstate rival ODU. Although the Lady Monarchs clinched first place in the CAA, the Dukes deserve strong fan support to finish strong in second place with the potential to reach the WNIT or even the NCAA tournament.

Anyone that knows anything about college basketball knows that all is possible with the hard work and dedication our ladies have exhibited this season. With four players averaging double figures in scoring, the Lady Dukes are playing great basketball.

scoring, the Lady Dukes are playing great basketball. Junior Meredith Alexis has already broken several school records this year. Coach Kenny Brooks and his

staff are doing an excellent job molding new players into seasoned veterans. Be it the starting five or the bench, everyone on the team exhibits talent and potential. As no players are leaving after this season, we can only expect more next year.

Their undefeated record at the Convocation Center this season, is displayed to a sparse, yet

Center this season is displayed to a sparse, yet enthusiastic crowd of Dukes fans. Let's change it up and bring back the "Electric Zoo" on Thursday. We owe it to these outstanding athletes to support them at the final game of their winning season.

> Matthew Eng senior history majo

Dining survey can feed town-gown relations

This week our JMU e-mail accounts were This week our JMU e-mail accounts were flooded. One piece of mail was quite interesting, the JMU Dining Services survey. While most are interested in the grand prize of an iPod, perhaps students should be taking it more seriously.

Think about how important the food on cam-pus is to you. If there were more healthful options, would you be more apt to dine on campus? What about if all the produce was supplied by local Rockingham County farmers? This is what farm-

to-school programs aim to do.
I'm sure Aramark food services would be interested in knowing that JMU students actually care about the food that they are eating and where it comes from. Not only is local produce a healthy option, it also saves energy costs, making this an envi-ronmentally friendly option as well. Local farmers in the Harrisonburg area will benefit financially, and JMU's community relations will be enhanced. This is a situation where everyone wins.

So when the time comes to fill in that little com-nt box at the end of your survey, make sure to d, "I want a farm-to-school program at JMU." Maybe you can even get a free iPod.

Laura Yennie

More information needed on port deal delay

In response to Monday's House Editorial, I would advise *The Breeze* to first print a factual news story to enlighten readers more about the controversy before presenting an opinion piece.

The editorial board should understand that the state-owned Dubai Ports World is run by the small Dubai emirate that is pro-tolerance and market-oriented. The United Arab Emerites hosts strategic U.S. bases and has been cited for good cooperation in the "War on Terror" by the State and Treasury departments. However, security concerns should have prevented the deal at its early stages. But trashing the DPW deal now will give Al-Jazeera and the anti-American talking heads a field day to claim another example of Western bigorry toward Arabs and Muslims as second-class people, even when they adopt westernized, capitalist orientations.

The delay should force the executive and legislative branches to review the implications of the deal. By doing so, the dirty election-year politics must be The editorial board should understand that the

By doing so, the dirty election-year politics must be thrown out. Washington can do better by closing the operational gaps vulnerable to terrorist infiltration. Additionally, it must devote greater attention to the area of port security by strengthening the U.S. Coast Guard and the U.S. Customs and Border Protection. DPW must designate an American in charge of se-curity-related issues and allow government scru-tiny to its operations. After all, Washington seems to be excellent at scrutiny and surveillance that it claims to have prevented another major terrorist at tack with a domestic wiretapping program and the Patriot Act. But I wouldn't start outsourcing more security-sensitive industries for that matter

> Jeff Genota freshman political science major

Help Dukes stay undefeated at home

The JMU basketball team is 12-0 this season at The JMU basketball team is 12-0 this season at home. Let me clarify; that's women's basketball. Yes, friends, JMU has a women's basketball team that is in second place in the CAA conference, and on Thursday they take on first place Old Dominion.

The women's basketball team has postseason written all over them. ODU comes here with an undefeated CAA proceed and they are 14-consequent.

defeated CAA record, and they are 14-consecutive year CAA champions. Meanwhile, JMU has won 21 of 26 this season, and only lost to ODU by nine points last month. We have to "cram-the-convo" and help the Dukes give the Monarchs their first loss of the

season and put an end to ODU's winning streak.

If you're not excited yet, maybe free stuff will help.
The first 500 students through the door will get a "Beat The Monarchs" T-shirt. The first 500 fans will get a raily towel. The Student Duke Club has gathered over 90

prizes worth \$750 that will be raffled off to SDC members. The first 50 members to the game will get a buyone-get-one-free pizza card to Anthony's Pizza. There will also be \$1 general admission tickets (students are free with JAC Card) and \$1 hot dogs!

Whether you're a Women's Basketball fan or not, get your roommates together and make it to the Convocation Center on Thursday night by 7 p.m. It is sure to be the best matchup this s

> Zac Hittie senior ISAT major

Why I joined the Peace Corps

Considering that this is Peace Corps Week (Feb. to March 4), I figured that it would be appropri-

ate to write a letter about my "employer."

I graduated from JMU without a due or care in the world. After an irsightful road trip, I joined the remaining jobless graduates in an attempt to get out of my parents' house and on my own. Be careful what

my parents' house and on my own. Be careful what you wish for, as the saying goes. I got out of my mom's house all right — 5,000 miles away in Kenya.

It wasn't always supposed to turn out this way — I wasn't a flower child or a product of the hippie generation, bent on shirking responsibility and denouncing capitalism. I got a BBA in economics. I belonged to a fraternity and shopped at Wal-Mart. I didn't join the Peace Corps to escape the United States, or because I couldn't find a "real" job. I chose instead to live in rural Kenya with a bunch of coffee farmers (who don't drink coffee), in a house without running water, and drink coffee), in a house without running water, and with electricity that cuts out when it rains (which isn't

often), making about 25 times less money than I would have been earning had I stayed here. And for what? For an accurate understanding of Peace Corps, experience is required. I've slaughtered three goats since I've been here. I eat fresh papaya and mango and bananas whenever I want. I walk along dirt roads at sunset with 200 giddy schoolchildren in tow. I speak Swahili. I play soccer barefoot and teach groups of 60-year-old mamas how to keep a cash book. I get my water from a well. I am a small

business advisor, according to the Peace Corps.
But I'm really just a human being, an American,
a 24-year-old cynical idealist, a walking contradiction, just trying to come to my own understanding
of existence. I'm a Peace Corps volunteer.

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BY JAMES IRWIN

They are a cut above everyone else,

sometimes higher. Historically, in Colonial Athletic Asso-ciation women's basketball, there's Old Do-

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minion and then there's everyone else. The Monarchs are a dynas-

Monarchs are a dynasty, and their 14-straight conference championships creates an aura about therm. They re the unstoppable force.

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"It is impressive,"

JMU coach Kenny Brooks said. "What
they've done is remarkable."

The Monarchs face JMU Thursday
night at 7 p.m. in a battle of the top two
teams in the CAA, banking a 16-game
overall and 18-game conference-winning
streak. They'll tip off at the Convocation
Center with nothing left to conquer, having secured the CAA's regular season title
last week. Thursday is nothing more than last week. Thursday is nothing more than a statement game for ODU (18-7, 16-0), to show everyone else that No. 1 can walk into No. 2's house and take care of busi-

The Dukes have other plans.

"I've been looking forward to this since we lost to them back in January," JMU junior center Meredith Alexis said.
"We're going to beat them and send a
message to the rest of the conference."

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Tonight's Matchup

1 Old Dominion (16-9, CAA 18-7)

G - T.J. Jordan 13.6 ppg. 3.0 rpg G — Shantel Wilson 5.3 ppg. 5.0 rpg

Lamrana Davis 10.5 ppg. 4.5 rpg Shorida Triggs 11.7 ppg. 7.3 rpg — Paula Musiri 7.7 ppg. 3.5 rpg

No. 2 JMU (13-4 CAA, 21-5)

- Andrea Benvenuto 5.9 ppg, 6.0 apg

n 13.1 ppg, 3.7 rpg ley McCall 12.2 ppg, 6.0 rpg

Young 15.8 ppg, 9.9 rpg

edith Alexis 16.4 ppg, 11.2 rpg



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Dukes' junior center Meredith Alexis takes a jumper. She is the team's leading scorer (16.4 ppg).

The third time's a charm?

Madison to face Northeastern in CAA tournament

BY JOHN GALLE

After a dismal 5-22 season, the JMU men's basketball team has a clean slate going into the Colonial Athletic Asso-ciation tournament, albeit as the 12th seed, and will face conference newcom

er Northeastern University (No. 5 in Richmond.

The ams have met twice during the regular season, with Northeast-

Friday CAA Tou NU vs. JMU 2:30 p.m. ern winning both matchups. In the first game, JMU played Northeastern

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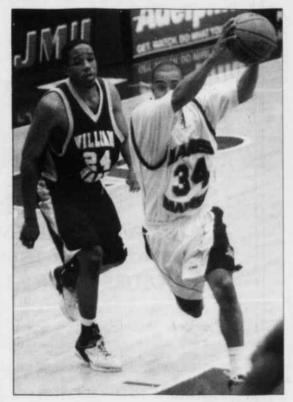
tight in an exciting one, but lost 86-83 despite the memorable final seconds when the student section surged to-ward the opposite end of the court to pressure Northeastern's free throws. The second meeting was more forget-

table, as Northeastern trounced the Dukes 77-55 in Boston. "We have preached to the team that it's a new season." Dukes' coach Dean Keener said. "We can wipe some of the bitter taste out of our mouths if we go down and have a good showing this weekend. We feel like we can beat anybody in the tournament, but yet anybody can beat us."

Northeastern, in its first year in the CAA, finished 12-6 and earned the fifth seed in their CAA tournament debut.

"[Northeastern] is a team that was t for the American East Conference, but now they've come in and won 17 games in the CAA," Keener said. "That's a heck of a credit to their

team and their coaches."
As for JMU, a 2-16 conference re-



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cord does not sit well with anyone, par-ticularly the seniors looking to finish on a more positive note.

Senior guard Daniel Freeman said that he expects to see a little bit more from the senior dass than what he's seen in the regular season.
"I expect all of us to step up and

lead this team to victory," Freeman said. "We're 0-0 right now, and hopefully we'll go in there and play our best ball at this time and get a [win]."

Keener said he and his staff are looking to devise a game plan, along with a lineup, to help combat the offensive force of senior guard Jose Juan Barea
— arguably the best point guard in the
CAA — along with the new threat of
sophomore forward Shawn James. Barea leads the league in scoring and assists per game, while James leads the nation in blocks.

In their most recent meeting on Feb. 15, JMU struggled in stopping the two as

2005-'06 Final Men's Basketball **CAA Standings**

	Conf./ Overall
UNC-Wilmington	15-3, 22-7
George Mason	15-3, 22-6
Hofstra	14-4, 22-5
Old Dominion	13-5, 21-8
Northeastern	12-6, 17-10
VCU	11-7, 18-9
Towson	8-10, 12-15
Drexel	8-10, 15-15
Delaware	4-14, 8-20
Georgia State	3-15, 6-21
William & Mary	3-15, 8-19
JMU	2-16, 5-22

MATTHEW STOSS/file photo

JMU junior shooting guard Ray Barbosa drives against William & Mary. Barbosa averages 9.9 points a game and leads the team in 3ointers with 47. From beyond the arc, he is shooting 33 percent and 40 percent overall.

Barea scored 23 points and James posted

a triple-double.

On a more positive note, senior forward David Cooper had an impressive 20 points and 14 rebounds in the same game. Plus, freshman forward Juwann James posted career highs in points, rebounds and free throws all against Northeastern — though it was in the first matchup back in December.

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JMU ranked No. 17 in early poll

Women's lacrosse brings in top-10 recruiting class

BY BRIAN HANSEN CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Picked to finish third in the preseason Colonial Athletic Association coaches poll, the JMU women's lacrosse team is hoping to exceed those expectations. Coach Kellie Young and the No. 17-ranked Dukes are coming off a 7-9 (2-5

CAA) season in which they feel short of many their goals.

"We were oung team and a lot of players got frus-trated easily," Young said. "This year's said. "This year's squad is different, they're having fun, they're pushing each other, and they're

Women's Lacrosse

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other, and they're Conn.
improving."

The Dukes are led by their captains, senior attacker Brooke McKenzie, senior goalie Livvy King and junior midfielder Kelly Berger. Berger led the team last year in goals (41), assists (16) and points (57). She also contributed on the defendance of the senior end by picking up 40 ground balls

McKenzie, a two-year starter, re-turns to lead the front line after a season in which she had 15 goals and 11 assists. Her experience will be crucial on a team that features the 10th-best freshman class from last year.

King finally gets her chance to emerge as the feature goalle after splitting time throughout her career with Arny Altig. King has a career-save percentage of 509 and a goals-against average of 8.20.

Madison will also feature a num-ber of freshmen, including Kim Griffin and Colleen O'Keefe, who were listed as "Players to Watch" by Inside Lacrosse magazine.

"They are very team-oriented, they work very hard and they didn't come in expecting to start, they earned it," Young said. "They are talented, disciplined players

Defending conference champion, Towson, ranked 12th in the country, was picked to finish first, followed by No. 16 Hofstra.

"The teams in our conference an strong, so it's always a competition and I expect it to be a fight," Berger said.

Towson returns the conference's top-two leading scorers from last year in Shannon Witzel and Becky Trumbo. They also return 2005 CAA Rookie of the Year, goalie Mandy Corry. Witzel led the nation with 3.74 goals per game and scored 71 on the season. Trumbo led the conference with 31 assists.

"They do a good job putting the ball in the back of the net." Young said. "They have some quick girls that are very talented offensively."

Hofstra, which went 14-4 (6-1) last year, has seven starters returning, in-cluding two first team All-CAA performers in Becky Thorn and Kim Hillier. Thorn led the team with 39 goals and 44 points, while Hillier led the team with 14

They are two players who are constantly a threat on offense and they play solid defensively," Young said. "Legiti-mately, they should finish first or second in the conference. Of course we going to try and change that."

After Towson, Hofstra and JMU, the rest of the poll is rounded out by Delaware, William & Mary, George Mason and Drexel, while Old Dominion is picked to finish last.

The Dukes opened their schedule Saturday with a 22-6 win over Long-wood at home and don't play another home game until March 26 when they host California at 3 p.m.



was picked to finish third in the CAA in the preseason coaches poll.

MEN: JMU readies for CAA

MEN, from page 8
"I think if we play them on a neutral court, it's anybody's game," freshman forward Kyle Swanston said.

Perhaps most important of all is that the Dukes are excited about postseason play and a new season. Keener said they seemed focused and have played very hard in practice. Freeman, for example, was still shooting around a half an hour after practice was season.

hour after practice was over.

"Right at the end [of practice] a couple of us said," let's go a little more," Keener said. "They wanted practice to continue and

Whoever wins tomorrow will have the tough task of facing the CAA defending champions — No. 4 Old Dominion.

"We always want to play another game," Swanston said.
"And we want to send a message in the tournament for next year."

in the tournament for next year. Whoever loses tomorrow w go home early

"I would hope [the seniors] would have a sense of urgency – to play absolutely as hard as they can, but as unselfish as they can," Keener said. "We don't want Friday to be their last game."

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WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

FINALE: JMU to host No. 1 ODU in last final home game of season

FINALE, from page 8

JMU (21-5, 13-4) has estab-lished itself as the pack leader of the remaining conference teams chasing the Monarchs and sits all alone in second place with the only undefeat-ed home record in the CAA. Since their 72-63 loss to ODU Jan. 22, the Dukes have won nine of 10. If the Monarchs are vulnerable at all, it's on the road where they're beating teams on average by 15 points per game (as opposed to 30 at home). And if there's any CAA team with a shot to beat ODU. the Dukes figure themselves to be the likely candidate.

"I always felt we had the team to beat them," junior for-ward Shirley McCall said. "But I definitely feel more confident playing here. I think it can be our sixth man. They have a swagger about them, and we want to go in there and shut them down."

The tale of the tape reveals what many already confirm. ODU and JMU are the conference's top two teams in scoring offense, scoring defense, margin of victory and rebounding margin. Both boast four starters averaging the scoring defense coints and peraging double figure points and both (along with Hofstra and Delaware) have NCAA tourna-ment aspirations. The Dukes don't lose at home and the Mon-

ence. Something's gotta give.
"I think it will be the most-"I think it will be the most-watched game in the confer-ence because of who's playing and how late in the season it is," Brooks said. "You're look-ing at the top two teams in the CAA, two hot teams that have

CAA, two hot teams that have won 25 of their last 26 games. It's good drama."

But the seemingly unbreakable quality that separates ODU from everyone else might be the deciding factor. The Monarchs don't lose to teams they're supposed to best

they're supposed to beat. Of ODU's seven losses, four were to national powerhouses and the other three were by seven points or less to out-ofseven points or less to out-of-conference opponents. The Dukes, meanwhile, even at 21-5 still don't have an eye-popping win that would rival a victory over ODU. So while it's usual territory for the Monarchs, this is JMU's regular season Super Bowl. And lately the matchup has been fairly lopsided, with ODU winning the last six head-to-head meetings.

to-head meetings. Still, the Dukes are the only team in the conference to stick with the Monarchs in Norfolk, with that nine-point loss in a game where Alexis had the flu. This one's in Harrisonburg, the matchup the Dukes have been looking forward to all season
— and a win would do an awful lot more for JMU's psyche than Brooks admits.

"We're not in awe of Old ominion," Brooks said. Dominion," Brooks said.
"We're not playing against
those 14 championships and
although we know they're a
very good team, we feel confident heading into this game."
They better be. Because
you-know-who is coming to
town and for them, Thursday
is business as usual.

Women's Basketball **CAA Standings**

Conf./ Overall 16-0, 18-7 JMU 13-4, 21-5 Hofstra 12-5, 17-9 12-5, 20-6 William & Mary 11-6, 15-11 UNC-W 8-9, 14-12 Drexel 8-9, 13-13 George Mason 7-10.11-15 VCU 5-12,12-14 Georgia State 3-13, 8-17

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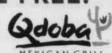
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photos by RAISA ISON staff photographer Nikki Giovanni gives stand-out performance in Wilson Hall Monday night

BY ZACH BEARD

Stand up.

Taking to the stage beside a stool, Nikki Giovanni chose to stand the entire night. And for the most part, so did the audience, as more than 1,000 people witnessed the 35th anniversary performance of Giovanni's album, Truth Is On Its Way.

Giovanni, a world-renowned poet, professor at Virginia Tech and advocate for standing up for equal rights, originally released the album in 1971. A first-of-its-kind recording, Giovanni combined spoken poetry with gospel music sung by the New spoken poetry with gospel music sung by the New York Community Choir. On Monday night at Wilson Hall, a 125-piece

choir backed the concert from five Virginia schools: JMU, Eastern Mennonite University, Mary Baldwin College, Virginia State University and Washington & Lee University.
"The album saved you and introduced you to

the black arts movement," reflected Joanne Gab-bin, executive director of the Furious Flower poetry Center located at JMU. Gabbin was 24 when the album was originally released

Giovanni, filled with the urgency of truth, while anchored by a presence like Aretha Franklin, showed that mixing gospel and poetry can sound fresh to an audience largely unfamiliar with her music

She also had the wit to fill the oversized black

She also had the wit to fill the oversized black and yellow robe she was wearing.

"She's funny, intelligent and has a lot of wisdom to offer," said Santana Christian, a jumior performing in the Mary Baldwin College choir. Christian and the rest of the MBC choir ensemble practiced two months for the event.

And the practice resid off. Although a few

And the practice paid off. Although a few cell phones interrupted the performance, conta-gious shouts of "amen" overflowed. No one was baptized or saved, but for two hours, a revival of sorts swept through Wilson Hall, turning it into a church-like atmosphere.

At the very least, people not in attendance missed out.

missed out.

"I wish everyone [from church] could have come," said attendant Jessica White of Bridgewater, who heard about the event through her pastor. Val Gray Ward, founder of Kuumba Theatre, one of Chicago's most active professional black theater companies, also performed with Giovanni. Ward recited the poem "Creation" by James Weldon Johnson, and dedicated another to Giovanni and her mother, who recently passed away.

ly passed away. But Giovanni kept a smile throughout

But Giovanni kept a smile throughout.
"I am so hip, even my errors are correct,"
Giovanni recited from her poem "Ego Tripping." There were, however, no errors that night, which was the only contradiction found in Truth Is On Its Way.

The Purious Flower Poetry Center, which planned the event, hopes to bring Giovanni's album to a new generation by turning the concert into a CD later in the year.

PREVIEW

Professors reunite for downtown production of 'Letters"

Play reveals characters through letter recitation

BY MONICA BOOKER

A.R. Gurney's "Love Let-ters," a look into the relation-ship of a bourgeois middle-class couple, opens at The Playhouse this Saturday. The show's solo performance kicks off fund raising for the 2006 summer season of The Playhouse, now moved to its Court Square Theater location.

Directed by Playhouse Board member Christian Per-ritt, "Love Letters" proudly features the performances of two JMU school of theatre and dance professors, Tom Arthur (theatre) as Andrew and Kath-erine Trammell (dance) playing Melissa. As told the through reading of their love letters,

reading of their love letters, Gurney's play travels beyond the immediate relationship and into the psyche behind Ameri-can cultural and social values. Straying away from the tra-ditional storytelling narrative, "Love Letters" allows the audi-ence to see the characters through their written works.

ence to see the characters through their written words.

"[The production] is ostensi-bly a reading of letters, not just a reading of a play," Arthur said. "That is, the form is basic to the content. I love that."

Both professors use their ex-pertise in the arts to create a solid production.

production.

We are very different ac tors and, somehow, that makes the piece work especially well," Arthur said. Trammell and Ar-thur had also worked together on "Love Letters" in 1992, the last year of the JMU Dinner Theatre. Much of the produc-tion's strength lies in the fact that the actors authentically changed and grew over time with their characters.

changed and grew over time with their characters.

Jeff Hoodock, reviewer for The Daily News Record, wrote that Arthur and Trammel give "restrained readings, with just enough body language to imbue their characters with life." Perritt, who familiarized himself with Arthur hefore as an ardent sup-Arthur before as an ardent sup-porter of The Playhouse, said he has the pleasure to watch Arthur perform "with such mastery." Join The Playhouse staff for

dinner and champagne between 7 and 7:45 p.m. on Saturday, March and 745 p.m. on Saturday, March 4. The show begins at 8 p.m. Tick-ets are \$30 and can be purchased at the Harrison Hall box office or by calling (\$40) 433-9189. Also keep a lookout for the summer lineup shown at Court Square Theater — "The Odd Couple," June 14 to 18, and "Arsenic and Old Lace," July 26 to 30.

REVIEW

DVD REVIEW

'Walk the Line' DVD features are disappointing addition to movie

Movie not to be missed, but avoid boring extras

BY LISA RONEY

Usually amazing come with amazing features. In the case of "Walk the Line," this is sadly not true. Two DVD editions are available, the standard one and the two-disc collector's edition. Since the collector's edition is \$10 more, I opted for the standard, which doesn't leave much to say

Along with a commentary by director James Mangold ("Girl, Interrupted"), the only features included are 10 deleted scenes. "Cry, Cry, Cry," "Broken Record" and "I Still Miss Someone" are ones most worth checking "Broken Record" reveals

how Mr. Cash went from "John" to "Johnny," and "I Still Miss Someone" shows how a devastating childhood event still haunted im years later.
Die-hard fans of the film

should purchase the collector's edition, as it includes three music videos and several featurettes some of which include interviews with the families of the late Johny Cash (portrayed in the film by Joaquin Phoenix, "Ladder 49") and June Carter (Reese Witherspoon, "Just Like Heaven").

'Walk the Line" is a wonder ful movie. While it isn't as good as its predecessor, 2004's "Ray," the biopic of Ray Charles star-ring Jamie Foxx, this biographi-cal drama has the perfect blend of humor, love, loss and hope. Phoenix and Witherspoon give outstanding vocal performances, and give people not familiar with the story of the famous couple a sense of understanding when it comes to the deep love that kept these two people together.

'Invisible' tells moving story of runaway children

BY KIM GOWER

He's just like any other child: he likes to listen to music, laugh with friends, and he even dreams of becoming a lawyer. Yet, at the age of 14, he escaped from an army of rebels who abducted him. Now, each night he walks miles into town to hide from them with hundreds of other children. His name is Jacob, and his story is only one of those told in the documen-

is only one of those told in the documen-tary, "Invisible Children."

On Tuesday, Feb. 28, students were drawn to JMU's Festival Center Ballroom to watch this edgy documentary targeted to the millerinium generation and to discover the story behind its production. The Uni-versity Program Board organized the event with the help of senior Megan Bucknum, director of issues and cultural awareness for UPB, and committee members sopho-mores Lauren Blake and Jamie Dunn.

"After I saw the film, I thought it would be an insult if I did not use my po-

sition to show this film to as many people as possible," said Bucknum. In 2003, three college-aged students from California, Jason Russell, Bobby Bailey and Laren Poole, planned a trip

change the world. Their destination wa war-torn Sudan. However, upon arriva war-torn Sudan. However, upon arrival, they found that most of the Sudanese had

fled to Northern Uganda. There in Uganda, they discovered their tragic story.

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Festival Center Ballroom held a screening of "Invisible Children" on Feb. 28.

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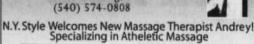
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INVISIBLE: Film documents terror-stricken Uganda children

National tour raises awareness of child army

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The "Lord Resistance Army" (LRA), a rebel army in Northern Uganda, abducts children between the ages of 5 and 12 and brainwashes them to become child soldiers. They are desensitized to violence by watching others murdered before their eyes and are then turned into vicious killers themselves.

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Thousands of children commute miles from their homes each night, to a central part of town to hide from the LRA. They are called "night commuters."

They sleep overlapping each other in public places

The film was centered on the town of Gulu. The filmmakers followed the terror-filled lives of four young boys, Jacob, Thomas, Tony and Boni, while focusing on the lack of government help provided for the children.

The creators of "Invisible Children" started a nationthe creators of invisione Children' started a national tour group whose purpose is to raise awareness about the growing issue in Uganda. Three people involved with the tour were at the Festival Center Ballroom Tuesday night and answered questions from the audience.

The speakers' main concern was the United States' involvement. In 2004, the Uganda Crisis Relief Act was passed. As a result of the film and the letters to congressmen, Uganda is now a top priority of conflict discussed in Congress, the speakers said.

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One of the speakers was Emily Manassero.

Deeply moved after seeing the film, she sold her horse to raise money, and through personal contacts with one of the creators had the opportunity to go to Uganda and help the children.

According to Manassero, one of the largest impacts of the trip was "the kids' faith, their joy. They have so much suffering and poverty, but they are the happiest kids! have ever met and so generous," she said. "And their faith in Cod, it's amazing how they trust him."

Students across the nation can help raise awareness

Students across the nation can help raise awareness too. One way is through the bracelet initiative. Ugandans create their own bracelets, each one representing a specific child, and are sold in the United States. The proceeds go back to Uganda and the educational program that is being established there.

"There's nothing special about me, about any of us [on the tour]," said Manassero. "We're nor-

mal, the only thing that is different is that we've chosen to step up and do something. It's the only way change is going to happen. Don't get trapped in the American bubble." Bucknum reflects the same attitude.

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"As college students, it is important to know what is going on in the world around us because we are going to be the future leaders," she said.

The speakers encouraged students to write letters to congressmen and get involved. On April 29, the tour is hosting a Global Night Commute in which people in many different cities across the country will join together to walk to their downtown and spend the night just as the Ugandan children do. It will be a way to urse just as the Ugandan children do. It will be a way to urge our nation to take action.

The creators are currently producing a feature film to be in national theaters soon. Senior Emilie Ball said, "It's exciting to see people use the film industry for more than just entertainment.

For more information on the film or ways to get involved, visit the Web site at invisiblechildren.com

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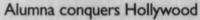
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