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JMU uses judicial process to handle policy violations

by Cyndy Liedtke
senior writer

Many colleges, including JMU, have a unique internal way of dealing with policy violations and criminal actions — the campus judicial system.

JMU's judicial system is designed to further personal development, according to University Judicial Coordinator Mike Way. "I believe, and the courts have said, that discipline is a part of education."

JMU's system teaches people to be responsible community members and to manage their own behavior, and holds people accountable for their behavior, he said.

Students can be charged with major violations, minor violations and flexible violations, which can be classified as minor or major, depending on the circumstances. The incidents can occur on or off campus.

Academic dishonesty does not fall under the judicial system; the Honor Council handles honor violations.

According to the 1995-'96 *Student Handbook*, major violations include sexual assault, violence to persons, computer misuse and right of expression. Flexible violations include drugs, hazing and gambling. Minor violations include littering, pets and smoking. Penalties for students found responsible in judicial hearings include fines, disciplinary probation, restitution, suspension from university housing, expulsion from university housing and suspension and expulsion from the university.

The judicial system is not a court of law, and all actions remain secret unless the accused grants permission for records to be released. Criminal actions proceed in open court with public and media access to records.

JMU abides by the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, which keeps all educational records, including judicial records, private.

Because judicial proceedings are separate from police and criminal action, incidents that proceed through the judicial system are not reported in campus crime statistics.

A case can reach the judicial system in many ways. Any member of the university community may inform the judicial coordinator's office of a possible violation.

Sometimes, judicial charges will follow an arrest by city police. Way said the university decides on judicial

charges for off-campus incidents on a case-by-case basis.

"If we believe it has a significant impact on the educational mission of the institution, we will proceed [judicially]," Way said. Such cases would include extreme violence, sexual assault and distribution of drugs.

According to Director of Public Safety Alan MacNutt, campus police can also be involved in the process. In the case of lesser alcohol offenses, the arresting officer often decides whether to proceed criminally or judicially.

Campus police exercise discretion in other misdemeanor cases as well. The police also consult with the commonwealth's attorney or follow the attorney's guidelines to determine the type of charges to file, MacNutt said.

Regardless, "A crime is a crime," he said. "If we are aware that a crime has been committed and we don't consult with the commonwealth's attorney, that would be obstructing justice," he said.

Douglas Stark, commonwealth's attorney for Harrisonburg and Rockingham County, said in cases that could be viewed as a criminal or judicial offense, his office works with JMU to try to avoid "parallel tracks."

"Typically what will happen [is] we will talk with the officer or someone from the JMU police department," Stark said. "If it's an incident that has an impact on the wider community . . . then the decision probably will be made to charge the individual criminally."

Universities have received criticism, including two recent lawsuits against Virginia Tech and Radford University, for handling crimes such as assault or sexual assault through the internal judicial system.

Stark said rape should always go criminal, although he is sure there are incidents at JMU of which his office never becomes aware. If the police never become involved, the commonwealth's attorney's office many never be informed.

Way stressed that the victim makes the decision whether to proceed criminally, judicially or both. "It is always, always the victim's option. We have no say in that. I always encourage victims to pursue criminal charges. That is my obligation as a citizen."

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Court cases bring attention to campus judicial hearings

by Cyndy Liedtke
senior writer

Two recent lawsuits involving discontent with the result of a campus judicial hearing for sexual assault placed such hearings in the spotlight.

While the lawsuits stemming from incidents at Virginia Tech and Radford University alleged very different damages, both questioned whether university judicial proceedings should handle serious offenses such as sexual assault.

Both sides in the Virginia Tech case are awaiting a decision from Chief U.S. District Judge Jackson Kiser on whether the case will continue.

Former Virginia Tech student Christy Brzonkala filed an \$8.3 million civil suit against the university and two football players Dec. 27, 1995, alleging the university improperly handled judicial proceedings in the rape she reported. Virginia Tech has asked that the suit be dismissed.

On March 8, U.S. District Judge Samuel Wilson dismissed a lawsuit by Radford graduate student Richard Baffour. Baffour claimed he was denied due process in campus judicial proceedings, where he was found responsible of sexual misconduct and suspended for two semesters. The judge found all procedures had been followed.

Most of the time, the media do not report on judicial hearings because they are conducted in private. Universities follow the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, which keeps the proceedings private, unless the accused students want to have an open hearing.

According to reports in the *Roanoke Times*, in the Virginia Tech case, Brzonkala said she was raped by Tony Morrison and James Crawford in their dorm room Sept. 22, 1994. She did not report the incident until April 1995, when the two men were charged judicially with assault.

The case proceeded through Virginia Tech's judicial system. There was not enough evidence to take action against Crawford. Morrison was first suspended for two semesters and found responsible of sexual misconduct.

After two appeals, Morrison was eventually found responsible of abusive conduct, and his penalty was reduced to probation and counseling. He was permitted to return to the football team, where he was a star player.

Eileen Wagner, Brzonkala's attorney, said her client is looking for justice and to inform others about such situations. "I think Christy Brzonkala wanted to teach everyone in the country about what's going on."

Another aspect of Brzonkala's suit alleges universities use judicial proceedings to get around the 1992 federal Students' Right to Know Act, which forces most colleges and universities to report crime statistics.

Colleges should not handle felonies, Wagner said. The suit asks that before a college proceeds judicially with a felony, an incident report must be filed with police, making the incident part of the public crime statistics.

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Ebony Exposure Weekend celebrates cultural pride

by Mike White
staff writer

Three days of partying, job hunting and bonding awaited participants of Ebony Exposure Weekend. The event, promoted as "a culturally unique experience celebrating African-American pride," was held from Thursday to Saturday.

The Center for Multicultural Student Services, with assistance from the University Program Board, Black Student Alliance, JMU Alumni Association and a volunteer student committee, organized the event.

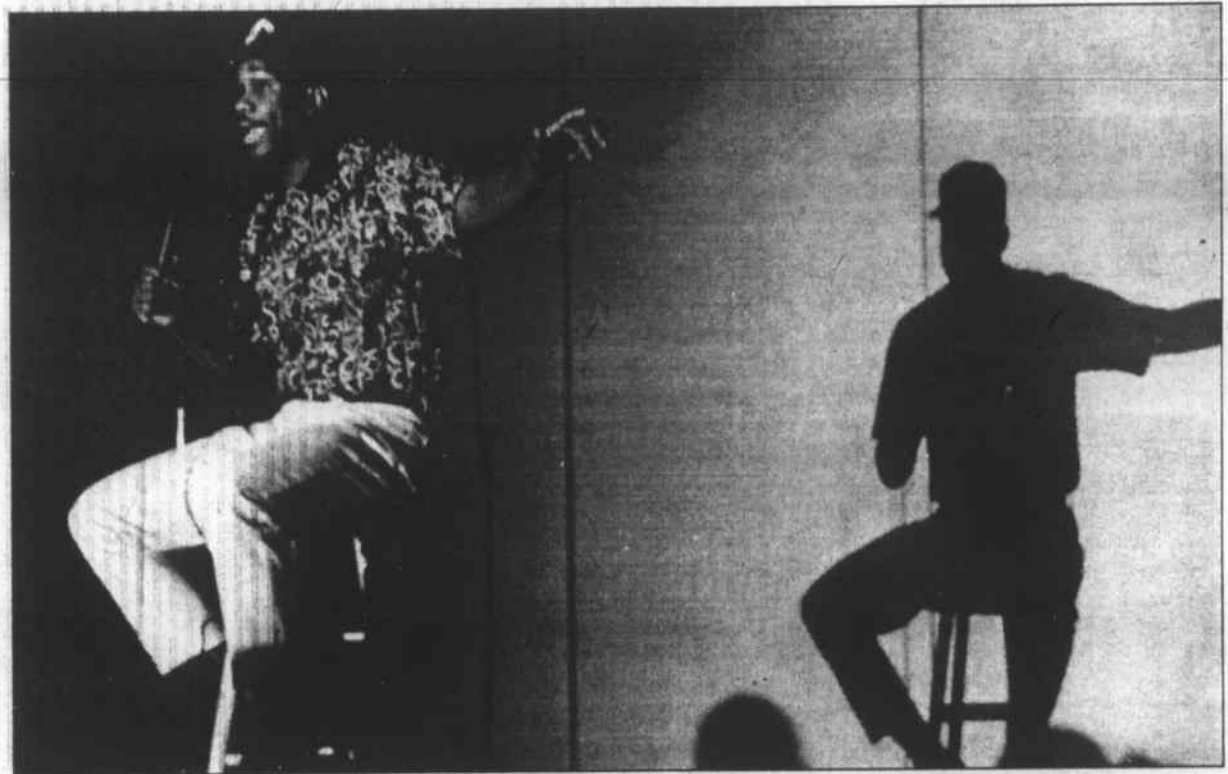
The first events of the weekend took place Friday night and included a BSA Casino Night and a comedy show in Phillips Hall Ballroom.

The show featured comedians Redd Grant, who has appeared on Black Entertainment Television's "Comic Review," and Rodney Johnson, who has appeared on the TV programs "Fresh Prince of Bel Air" and "In the House."

The show included a two-on-two "snaps" contest. The object of the contest was to deliver the funniest insult. Four volunteers from the audience teamed with each comedian. A member from each team would say an insult, and if the audience responded negatively, the contestant would have to leave the stage. Sophomore Curtis Lassiter was the last person standing and won \$20.

"Pictures of Reality," a job fair held Saturday, was sponsored by the Black Alumni Chapter of Alumni Association. Alumni gave a series of presentations on topics including "Dress for Success" and internships. It allowed students to network with black alumni.

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JENNIFER BAKER/staff photographer

Comedian Rodney Johnson performs Friday night in Phillips Hall Ballroom as part of Ebony Exposure Weekend. Johnson works on 'In the House' with L.L. Cool J.



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"We've been able to get more alumni participation," said Lyn Savedge, director of Alumni Chapters. Employees of Baltimore Orioles, NAACP and Xerox Foundation attended.

BSA sponsored a cookout in Purcell Park following the job fair. During the picnic, Greeks were able to participate in a basketball tournament. That night, participants socialized at the Ebony Exposure party.

Monyette Foreman, a graduate assistant at the Center for Multicultural Student Services, said the purpose of the weekend was to "offer some type of programming for the African-American students in the springtime."

Event organizers invited students, faculty, staff, alumni and visitors from the community to the events. This year, the Office of Admissions mailed fliers to prospective students inviting them to the event.

Center for Multicultural Student Services scheduled a step show for the weekend. "We invited step teams from different schools to come and perform," said Darrel Peterson, a graduate assistant for multicultural student

Judicial

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Way said, "In this system and in nearly all systems I know, I am not the prosecutor. It is students, faculty and staff who bring charges. It is the victim's choice."

Many times, sexual assault victims will choose to proceed judicially because of what can happen to victims emotionally during a criminal trial.

Hillary Wing-Lott, sexual assault education coordinator, said each victim is different, and while some may find the criminal process cathartic, others are more comfortable with the judicial setting.

Very few victims report sexual assault, and sometimes a victim who reports can be re-victimized in the court system. Judicial proceedings, therefore, are a viable option for victims of sexual assault, she said.

"I am a firm believer in giving the victim control back," Wing-Lott said. "And that means giving options."

Some judicial cases can also be tried in a court of law. While some say this is a case of double jeopardy, Way said judicial and criminal proceedings are separate and serve different purposes.

"In my opinion, the criminal system is punishment," he said. "You are punished because you break the law. Our punishments are intended to be educational; they're not intended to be punitive."

Stark said if a case proceeds judicially and criminally, it is not double jeopardy. "It's not a criminal proceeding. It's called judicial, but it is a unique, non-criminal set of remedies that the college community has agreed to live under...."

"There is conduct that comes under the judicial system that clearly is criminal... or could be criminal."

Way said judicial sanctions can help prevent further assaults.

"I have been led to believe that if you rape, you're likely to repeat it,"

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"When it comes to really serious violent crime, [colleges] are in over their heads and can't serve anybody's right," Wagner said.

Hillary Wing-Lott, JMU sexual assault education coordinator, said it is true campus crime statistics don't reflect the number of rapes that actually occur.

Although one in four college women will be sexually assaulted during their college careers, not that many report the assault. JMU's 1995-'96 Student Handbook lists one reported rape in 1993 and one in 1994. Rapes reported to Wing-Lott or the judicial coordinator's office are not part of the statistics.

"I feel concern at times about the false sense of security that [the reports] give to people," Wing-Lott said. She added, though, she does not know how to change that, and she doesn't disagree with the secrecy of judicial hearings and their outcomes because it is a federal law that is difficult to change. She stressed the importance of awareness that the crime statistics only show crimes reported to the police.

JMU University Judicial Coordinator Mike Way disagrees with the notion that colleges shouldn't handle crimes such as sexual-assault.

"I think that's a mistake," he said. "Why would any violation of university policy not be handled by the university? Does that mean that we should say

he said. "And I believe that the best possible education for a rapist is to be confronted by his victim and to hear the pain and anguish it has on his or her life... and to see their victims as human beings."

Stark said, "The advantage that the judicial process has is that it can do stuff such as putting people on probation, making people go to counseling... the criminal system is awkward."

Way compared a case resulting in criminal and judicial charges to a store employee stealing funds from the store. The employee would face criminal charges in addition to getting fired by the store. "JMU has the right to enforce our own standards and to hold people to a higher standard of behavior."

When both criminal and judicial charges are filed, the university will usually wait until criminal charges are resolved before proceeding with the judicial case, Way said.

Besides the punishment involved, the burden of proof in criminal and judicial cases is different. Criminal cases have to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. Judicial cases have to prove someone is responsible by a preponderance of the evidence.

The time frame for judicial cases is also much quicker than criminal cases. Most judicial cases are resolved within 17 days, Way said.

Stark said most criminal misdemeanor cases take 60 to 70 days to resolve, with felonies taking much longer.

Students facing judicial charges have an entire list of rights as outlined in the Student Handbook. Accused students can consult a lawyer for advice, but lawyers cannot speak during proceedings. The process begins when someone comes to the judicial coordinator's office to report an incident. Then, the office follows these procedures:

- The judicial coordinator's office decides what charges to file, if any.

services. Many teams canceled their appearances, and the step show had to be taken out of the line-up of events.

Ebony Exposure Weekend will "definitely continue to incorporate" the Black Alumni Career Day in the future, Peterson said, and will "include more collaboration with other organizations on campus."

Tatia Daniels, director of the Center for MultiCultural Student Services, said that this year, "we really tried to involve as much student input as possible." The organizers tried to create the weekend "in conjunction with students and not just for students."

Participants were generally enthusiastic about the events. "I think it continues the process of bringing people together," freshman biology major Stan Darden said.

Commenting on the lack of a major musical performer, senior accounting major Lou Golden said, "The musical event didn't have anything to do with it." The most important part of the event was "people just coming together."

Once a student is charged judicially...

- ... Accused receives letter and meets with hearing officer from judicial coordinator's office
- 1. process explained to accused
- 2. present evidence, ask for accused's story
- Hearing officer decides if accused is held responsible; decides sanction if responsible
- *If accused rejects decision, process starts over, 3 students and 3 faculty from Judicial Council
- 1. hear evidence
- 2. decide responsibility and any sanctions

If accused appeals decision, 2 students and 2 faculty hear appeal, decide responsibility and possible sanctions

*victims can reject decisions in cases of extreme violence or sexual assault

SOURCE: Mike Way, Judicial Coordinator

ALICIA HOOD/staff artist

The student then receives a letter informing him or her of the charges.

- A hearing officer meets with the accused and presents the evidence against him or her. The victim can be present or submit a statement to be read at the hearing. The accused gets the chance to tell his or her story.
- The hearing officer decides if the accused is responsible. If the student is found responsible, the hearing officer decides the penalty. If the accused is not satisfied with the outcome, he or she can reject the decision. In cases of sexual assault or extreme violence only, the victim can reject the decision at this level.
- After a rejection, the process

starts over and three students and three faculty members from the 32-member Judicial Council meet and hear the evidence without knowing the previous decision. The council decides if the student is responsible and any penalties. The penalty can be harsher than the original decision. If the accused is unhappy with the decision, he or she can appeal.

- In the appeal, two students and two faculty members of the Judicial Council hear the evidence. The group can affirm the previous decision, reduce the penalty or find the student innocent. The penalty cannot be increased.
- JMU President Ronald Carrier is

that's it, that we're not going to deal with those issues? Of course not. We should take a stand on that... It should be in our standards of conduct, and it is our obligation to respond to it."

Way said he is sure some people in his job at other schools have different opinions about whether judicial proceedings should be secret, but it doesn't matter. "It is a moot question. We can debate that issue... and it makes no difference. It is a federal law."

Some campus newspapers have challenged the secrecy of the hearings, with only University of Georgia having success in court. Legislation is pending at the federal level that could open up proceedings, but that could be several years away.

Mark Goodman, director of the Student Press Law Center in Washington, D.C., said the Virginia Tech lawsuit has brought public attention to the secrecy of judicial proceedings.

More schools are realizing how bad it looks to keep the proceedings private, he said. In the next few years, he thinks more schools will begin giving descriptions of judicial proceedings without releasing names.

"Honestly," Goodman said, "it's not going to be that much longer after that before they open the process from start to finish."

Honor council policies vary in Virginia

Honor code violation procedures, penalties differ at four-year public schools across the state

by Suzanne Compton
staff writer

JMU President Ronald Carrier's reduction of an Honor Code violation penalty below the minimum regulation has many questioning whether the honor system is adequate.

An examination of Virginia's public university and college honor councils shows they vary in procedures, penalties and administrative involvement.

The *JMU Student Handbook* states violations of the Honor Code include "using unauthorized materials or receiving unauthorized assistance during an examination or in connection with any work done for academic credit" and "falsifying class attendance records or materials related to course registration, either for oneself or someone else."

Copying another student's exam, receiving exam material prior to exams, taking an exam for another student, falsifying data or information and plagiarizing are some of the violations of the JMU Honor Code.

According to Virginia Tech's homepage, honor code violations include cheating, plagiarism and falsification.

Louise Dudley, director of University of Virginia University Relations, said a student who lies, cheats or steals can be found guilty of violating the Honor Code at the UVa.

A major way the honor system varies between Virginia schools is in the allocation of authority concerning decision-making.

The final decision of guilt or innocence and the severity of the penalty lies totally in the hands of

students at some schools. At other schools, the honor council recommends a verdict and penalty to a member of the administration for final review.

According to Tarek Elsayy, vice chair of the honor council at College of William & Mary, a seven-student member Honor Council Hearing Board recommends a decision and penalty concerning a particular case to the dean of students.

The dean of students has three options. The dean can uphold the recommendation, lower the penalty or send it back to the honor council for reconsideration.

Amy Szczepanski, honor council president at Mary Washington College, said the college has a student-run honor council, but the council must have the Board of Visitors' approval for any amendments to the Honor Code.

The administration has no control in the decisions made by the honor council.

The student-run honor council "allows students to hold themselves and the system in high esteem," Szczepanski said. "It also allows students to place more trust in each other, and the rule can be handed down from the faculty or administration."

Chris Sikes, JMU Honor Council president, said there are advantages and disadvantages to a student-run honor council because, the honor would be in the hands of the students.

Because students are only involved with the honor council for a couple of years, they would not be as experienced in handling cases and therefore would be at a disadvantage, Sikes said. By having the administration review the case, there is a last line of defense to check the

Virginia Universities Honor Code Penalties	
George Mason	Vice Provost approves or modifies suspension and expulsion penalties
James Madison	Min. penalty: F in course and suspension. Max. penalty: F in course and expulsion
Mary Washington	Community service, probation, loss of credit, suspension, loss of credit for entire semester, expulsion
University of Virginia	Expulsion for students found guilty of lying, cheating or stealing
Virginia Tech	Min. penalty: a 'zero' grade in the class and 25 hours of university service. Max. penalty: F in the course and expulsion from the university

source: Suzanne Compton

KRISTIN SIMMER/contributing artist

decisions made by the honor council.

Szczepanski said, "We are starting a filing system for all our cases, and we record why sanctions were given, so it will cause less confusion in the future."

The only faculty involvement in Mary Washington's Honor Council is the faculty adviser, who ensures due process is followed during the review of a case, Szczepanski said.

Severity of penalties is also handled differently at various Virginia colleges and universities.

According to Girard Mulherin, associate dean of students and faculty

honor adviser at George Mason University, a five-student hearing board decides the guilt or innocence of an accused student. Four of the five students must agree on a guilty verdict and penalty in order to convict the accused student.

The first time a student is convicted of violating the Honor Code, he or she receives a failing grade in the course. The second violation results in suspension; expulsion occurs the third time the student violates the Honor Code, according to Mulherin.

The honor council can enforce

penalties up to suspension, but the vice provost must approve or modify a suspension or expulsion penalty, Mulherin said.

If the student is found guilty, a faculty member also has the option to modify the grade in the class in which the honor violation occurred, Mulherin said.

In the April 15 issue of *The Breeze*, Sikes said, "Expulsion is the maximum penalty and usually occurs if the student is found guilty of a second violation or if a student is involved in a combined judicial and honor offense," Sikes said. "If the Appeal Board finds the student guilty, the honor council president sends a letter to the president of the university for final review."

According to Sikes, the president "has the option to affirm the guilty conviction and penalty, dismiss all charges, order a new hearing or reduce the penalty to the minimum penalty, but not below the minimum penalty."

William Nelson, JMU Honor Council coordinator, has a lot of experience and advises the council on matters that arise, Sikes said.

According to the Tech homepage, the Virginia Tech Judicial Panel, which consists of four students and one faculty member, determines whether the accused student is guilty. A guilty verdict requires four supporting votes from the panel.

The Review Board then has the job of "reviewing decisions of the judicial panel and to consider appeals, where such review and consideration do not constitute a rehearing of any case," according to the homepage. The board also forwards the recommendations of

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Long-time professor of management dies

by Stacey Danzuso
news editor

Otto Charles Brenner, 62, professor of management, died in his Harrisonburg home Wednesday.

Brenner, of Harrisonburg, was born Aug. 15, 1933, in Jersey City, N.J., the son of the late Otto John and Anna Fieger Brenner.

He graduated from New York University with a bachelor of science in management. He received his master's degree and Ph.D. from Stevens Institute of Technology in industrial management and industrial and organizational psychology.

Brenner came to JMU in 1977, and he taught both graduate and undergraduate business classes.

"He was a great guy and nice professor," said sophomore Kristan Sumner, who was in Brenner's Industrial Psychology course this semester. Sumner, who had spoken to Brenner on Tuesday, said he was shocked by Brenner's sudden death.

Members of the management department informed students in Brenner's classes of his death on Thursday.

Peter Veglahn, professor of management, spoke of Brenner's activities outside of teaching. "He was a very active flyer. He had a hot air balloon he liked to take up. He was active in gliders. He clearly loved those activities."

Veglahn also mentioned Brenner's students held him in very high regard. Brenner was voted Outstanding Professor in the College of Business in 1981, 1983, 1985 and 1987.

Brenner is survived by his wife, Rosemary Owens Brenner of Harrisonburg, daughters Terry Kell of Stockton, N.J., and Rosemarie Doyle of Rosemont, N.J., and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at Kyger & Trobaugh Funeral Home in Harrisonburg by Rev. Rachel Hamburger and Professor of accounting Joe Hollis. The burial will be tomorrow at Prospect Hill Cemetery in Flemington, N.J.

Contributions may be made to the National Foundation for Ectodermal Dysplasias, P.O. Box 114, Mascoutah, Ill., 62258, on behalf of his grandson, Brandon Doyle, or the disabled veterans.

JMU POLICE LOG

by Teresa Martinez
police reporter

Campus police report the following:

Driving Under the Influence/Possession of Marijuana

• Student Thomas A. Riedel, 22, of Manassas, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence and possession of marijuana in Z-lot at 2:25 a.m. April 19.

Service of Warrant for Harrisonburg Police

• Student Jennifer N. Shaw, 20, of Keezletown, was served with a city warrant for petty larceny at 3:30 p.m. April 17. Shaw reportedly was caught shoplifting at Wal-Mart.

Possible Recovered Stolen Property

• Three students were apprehended after traveling in a reportedly stolen golf cart near X-lot and the football practice field at 12:45 a.m. April 17.

Officers observed the students traveling down the hill by White Hall to the practice field. The subjects were about to enter X-lot when another officer confronted them. The subjects abandoned the golf cart and fled toward Interstate 81.

The officer pursued and apprehended the subjects.

Possible theft charges are pending.

Destruction of Public Property

• A student was charged judicially with destruction of public property for driving a Ford Bronco across new sod in the Bridgeforth Stadium

area at 10 a.m. April 16.

Damages are estimated at \$35.

• Unidentified individuals reportedly broke the outer pane of a window in the northeast corner of the party room in McGraw-Long Hall at 8:26 p.m. April 18.

Destruction of Private Property/ Attempted Burglary

• Unidentified individuals reportedly smashed a window of a vehicle in Z-lot at 3:56 a.m. April 16.

The responding officer heard a car alarm and found the window smashed by a piece of paving that was laying inside the vehicle. The perpetrators fled the scene.

Grand Larceny

• Unidentified individuals reportedly stole a wallet from Godwin Gymnasium at 5:15 p.m. April 17.

The wallet is purple and contains a JAC card, numerous other cards and cash.

Fire Alarm

• Burnt popcorn activated a fire alarm in Weaver Hall at 2:11 a.m. April 17.

• Burnt hamburgers in an oven activated a fire alarm in Bell Hall at 3:34 a.m. April 19.

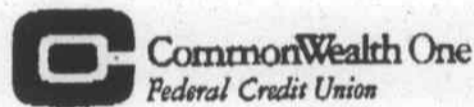
Harrisonburg Fire Department responded to remove smoke from the area.

Number of drunk in public charges since Jan. 11: 40



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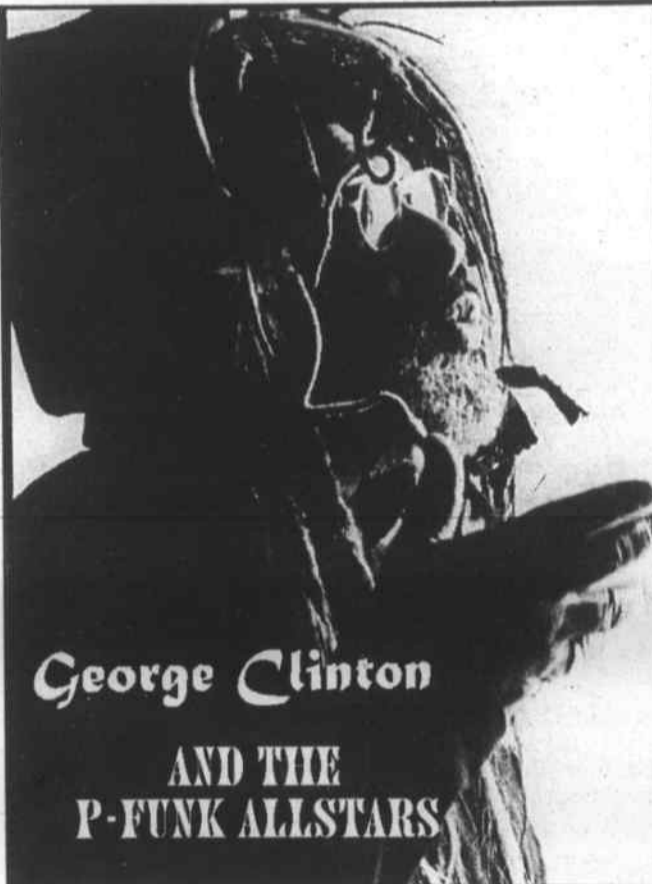
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Housing registration completed; ORL offers housing alternatives

by AnnaKarin Kullman
contributing writer

Amidst students' worries of obtaining university housing in the wake of an enlarged freshman class, the search for student housing has finally come to an end.

Room registration ended Thursday at 7 p.m. Jim McConnel, director of the Office of Residence Life, said the close of registration results in only 12 vacant beds for males and three vacant beds for

females in university housing.

The 15 vacant beds will first be given to students on the housing waiting list and then to transfer students, McConnel said. Freshmen will not be given priority.

The first residence hall to fill up was Wampler Hall, McConnel said. Most of the rooms were taken by the end of in-hall registration. In-hall registration allows students who already reside in a residence hall to make first claims to housing there. Students could reserve a room in

their present residence hall April 9.

Frederikson, Hanson and Ikenberry halls were the next fastest to fill, McConnel said. All three were almost filled after suite night, April 12, when students with groups of six could register to live together.

To accommodate the amount of students needing university housing next fall, 30 apartments have been filled, each holding two people, at downtown Harrisonburg's Denton's, McConnel said. When some construction is completed, another 13 apartments will be available for students.

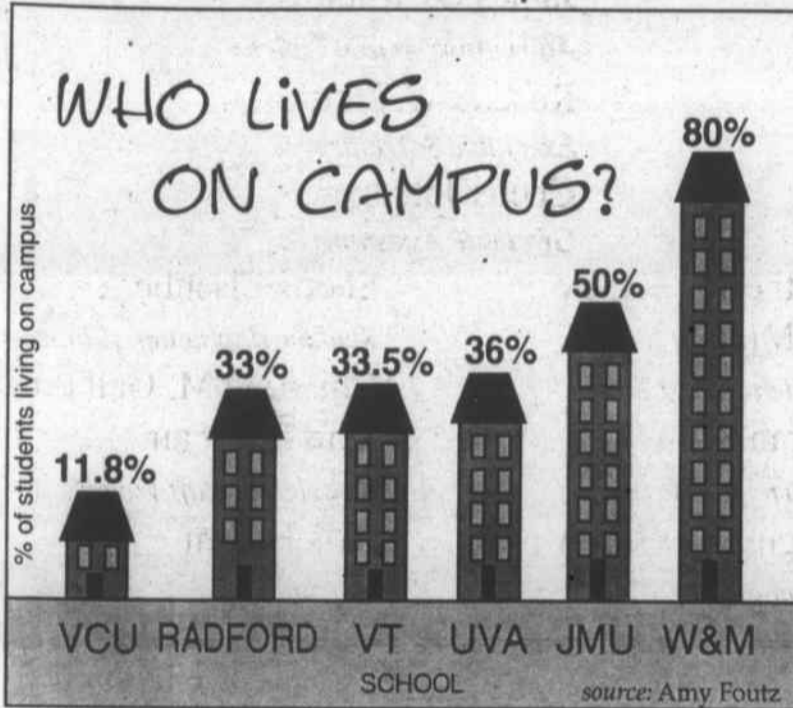
McConnel said 20 apartments at Hunters Ridge, holding four people each, have been filled, even though JMU has not yet signed a lease for these apartments. JMU will pay for basic telephone services and utilities.

"We are waiting for the final approval from the attorney general and the final signature from the Prudential Funkhouser Associates," McConnel said. "Our intent is to be there [Hunters Ridge] next year."

McConnel said the students who signed up to live in Denton's and Hunters Ridge range from seniors to rising sophomores.

Right now, the 2,700 beds available for freshmen matches the 2,700 expected incoming freshmen as set by admissions, McConnel said. There are 2,515 upperclassmen registered to live on campus, he added.

If more than 2,700 freshmen come



CATHERINE MATTINGLY/staff artist

see HOUSING page 9

Restaurant reservations for graduation day prove scarce

by Jeremy Ray
contributing writer

Students looking for restaurant reservations on graduation day may find themselves out of luck.

Many seniors will choose to shift their celebratory events to local restaurants on Friday night instead. Places of choice include Clayborne's Dinnerhouse, Joshua Wilton House, Nestor's Italian Restaurant, L'Italia, Pargo's Spirited Foods, Red Lobster and several other local restaurants.

Senior nursing major Meghan Ibach said she is going to Clayborne's Friday night with the other six people in her family after her nursing pinning ceremony.

"It's a nice atmosphere, and the selection of food is good," she said. "I've been there five or six times."

Because it's hard to get reservations on graduation day, she's having a cookout after the graduation ceremony, she said.

Joshua Wilton House has been booked solid for May 3 and 4 since January and will serve more than 190 people graduation day. It is replacing the menu with a \$35 four-course meal.

"We opened reservations on Jan. 6, and within a couple of days had reserved all the tables," Karen Kelly, a hostess at Joshua Wilton House, said.

L'Italia is still taking reservations but is already expecting more than 500 people for graduation day as well.

Red Lobster anticipates being busy May 4 but will only offer call-ahead seating.

Other students have figured out ways around the entire reservation process.

Senior marketing major Mark Vorhees said he plans to go to Red Lobster Friday night. "I worked there, so they're saving me a table," he said.

Senior Kerry Callahan said she and five others are going to Nestor's Friday night because they take reservations, and she heard the food is good there. Saturday night, she said she and her friends have

arranged to gather at an outdoor picnic area.

"About 30 of us seniors are getting together. All the parents got together and arranged it," she said.

"It's good because we get a last chance to see everyone together. It's a good way to end the whole year," she said.

The Blue Foxx Café said it anticipates a full house May 4 and encouraged early reservations.

"I'm sure we're full on graduation day. We always are," Jay Wyckoff, bartender at the Blue Foxx Café.

see RESTAURANT page 9



RICK THOMPSON/staff photographer

Owner of L'Italia Gervasio Amato answers a phone that rings often this time of year as students make graduation day reservations.

On-campus housing not available to all during band camp

by Angie Krum
focus editor

For those members of the Marching Royal Dukes expecting to live on campus during band camp this summer, a change of plans is in effect.

Band and guard members who will live off campus in the fall will not be able to stay in residence halls, even if their leases do not start by Aug. 17, the first day of band camp.

However, students who have housing contracts for the 1996-'97 year will still be able to move into residence halls early.

Every year, members of the Marching Royal Dukes (MRDs) come to JMU one week early to prepare for fall performances and competitions. This summer's band camp, required for all MRDs, will be held August 17-24, just before the rest of the students lug their packed cars and belongings to JMU.

Usually, JMU provides students with campus housing during this week of band camp, whether they live on or off campus during the academic year. However, summers from now on will prove differently for the nearly 400 MRDs. This is the first year the option for off-campus students to reside in the Hillside area is not being offered.

"Usually only three or four off-campus students stay in Hillside. My students never took advantage of the option," Pat Rooney, director of bands, said. Therefore, the option has been discarded.

The question remains, where will off-campus students stay if their leases have not begun?

"We have not turned the band away. Early arrival housing for off-campus students is a privilege provided by ORL, but the band office has not asked for it this year."

Maggie Burkhart
assistant director of residence life

"They probably are going to have to stay with people whose leases have started. The bad thing is, they will have no place to put their stuff, unless they live out of their cars, if they even have cars."

Junior Josh Floyd, band member, who has lived on campus during band camp for the last three years, said, "Usually about 30 to 40 off-campus students choose to stay in Hillside for a few days."

William Posey, director for concert and support services, said band members "usually split on the Thursday of band camp for their off-campus housing. It usually works out that leases are given earlier."

However, getting an earlier lease is not that easy. According to a manager of an area apartment complex, attempts to give band members earlier leases will definitely be made. But, if there is a large turnout of students who want earlier leases, earlier move-in dates cannot be guaranteed because of the great rush it will cause to get the apartments ready.

The number of students requiring on-campus housing has generally gotten smaller each summer because students opt to move only once, right into their apartments, according to Maggie Burkhart, assistant director of residence life.

It's not a residence life mandate that off-campus students cannot live at JMU during band camp," she said. However, the band office never approached the office of residence life to provide the service this summer.

According to Burkhart, if MRD students wanted to live on campus during band camp, the band office needed to submit a proposal. They have not done so as of yet. "That's just what the band decided they wanted to do," she said.

Because only a small number of students have chosen to remain in the Hillside area during band camp, providing costs and supervision for each residence hall containing band students has been an extra burden to band staff members.

However, Burkhart said, "We have not turned the band away. Early arrival housing for off-campus students is a privilege provided by ORL, but the band office has not asked for it this year."

Junior Carri Hope, next season's guard section leader said she thought the change would not affect band members too much. "I don't think anybody will really care because most students' leases start early," she said. However, band camp is a sort of "bonding time," she said, and members will miss some this year due to the new arrangements.

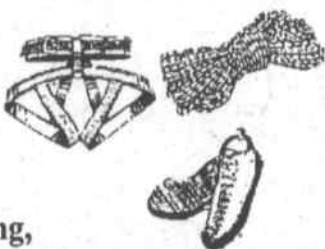
Sophomore Alison Carmody, band member, said, "I think it's kind of lame — no one will have a place to live. The first I even heard of it was in a newsletter" mailed out April 2.

MRD students like Carmody and Lark, who are living off campus next fall, are working on getting earlier leases.

Lark said, "I don't think it was a good idea to close the Hillside option." But according to Rooney, the band staff has "yet to hear from anybody" who has a problem with this year's arrangements.



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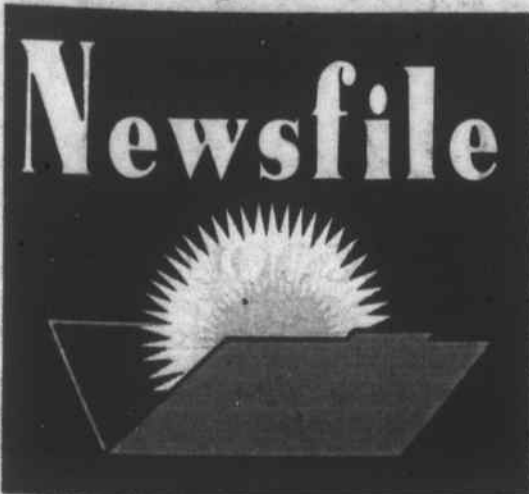
The winner will be announced at the Pig Roast on Godwin Field, Saturday 4/27

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Improvisational comedy group will hold annual auditions

Cillia, the improvisational comedy group, will hold its annual auditions today at Theatre II on South Main Street next to Kinko's.

Auditions are open to both students and non-students. No previous acting or improvisational experience is required. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend.



Group sponsors events for Holocaust Remembrance Day

Today B'nai Brith Hillel sponsors the following events for Holocaust Remembrance Day: reading of names of Holocaust victims, poetry and short stories, the commons, all day; display of pictures, facts and Holocaust documents, Phillips Hall Ballroom, all day; candlelight vigil, the commons, 7 p.m.; and Holocaust survivor and speaker Nesse Godin, ballroom, 7:30 p.m.

Health Program Planning class sponsors AIDS Awareness Day

Health 458, Health Program Planning, will sponsor AIDS Awareness Day, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., April 23.

Students can stop by the commons and Lakeside area to receive a free bag of information on HIV/AIDS and have a chance to win free coupons from Mr. J's Bagels and Regal Theaters.

UPB presents George Clinton and the P-Funk Allstars

University Program Board presents George Clinton and the P-Funk Allstars at the Convocation Center, 8 p.m., April 24.

Admission is \$12 in advance for JAC card holders, with no limit, and \$14 for general admission and at the door.

For more information contact UPB, X7822.

Virginia Wine Festival offers tasting and sale of vintages

Ash Lawn-Highland in Charlottesville will host the Virginia Wine Festival, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., April 27-28.

The local wineries will offer choice vintages for tasting and sale, and they will introduce special new vintages for festival goers to taste and purchase before they reach retail shops.

Festival features include Monroe Gardens in full bloom, gourmet cuisine and musical performances throughout the day.

Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. The fee includes admittance to the festival, a complimentary tour of James Monroe's home and a commemorative wine glass. Tickets are available at the door or call (804) 293-9539.

Recycling cycle



ANGELA TERRY/senior artist

WEEKLY EVENTS

Monday 22

- Cycling Club/Team meeting, Taylor Hall, rm. 404, 5 p.m.
- EQUAL meeting, Taylor Hall, rm. 305, 5 p.m.
- Science Fiction/Fantasy Guild, Taylor Hall, rm. 306, 7 p.m.
- Animal Rights Coalition, Keezell Hall, rm. 310, 7 p.m.
- College Republican meeting, Taylor Hall, rm. 404, 7:30 p.m.
- Brass Ensemble, Wilson Hall Auditorium, 8 p.m., free.

Tuesday 23

- Circle K meeting, Warren Hall Allegheny Room, 6 p.m.
- "Feeling Good About Who You Are: The Ultimate Natural High," presented by Natural Highs, Taylor Hall, rm. 306, 7 p.m.
- Students for Camp Heartland meeting, Warren Hall Allegheny Room, 7 p.m.
- AED meeting, Burruss Hall, rm. 31, 7 p.m.
- "Leaving Las Vegas," sponsored by UPB, Grafton-Stovall Theatre, 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., \$1.50.
- Spring Bands Concert, Wilson Hall Auditorium, 7:30 p.m., free.
- Young Democrats meeting, Warren Hall Allegheny Room., 8 p.m.

Wednesday 24

- Junior Class Council meeting, Warren Hall Piedmont Room, 5 p.m.
- Habitat for Humanity meeting, Taylor Hall, rm. 402, 5:30 p.m.
- Caving Club meeting, Jackson Hall basement, 6 p.m.
- Outing club meeting, Keezell Hall, rm. 310, 6:30 p.m.
- Baptist Student Union Revival Core prayer, BSU House 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- Harmony meeting, Taylor Hall, rm. 302, 7 p.m.
- "Leaving Las Vegas," sponsored by UPB, Grafton-Stovall Theatre, 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., \$1.50.
- Sophomore Class Council meeting, Warren Hall Massanutten Room, 7:15-8:15 p.m.
- Faculty Voice Recital with John Little, Anthony-Seeger Auditorium, 8 p.m., free.
- George Clinton and the P-Funk Allstars, Convocation Center, 8 p.m., \$12 in advance with a JAC card, \$14 general admission and at the door.

Thursday 25

- Madison Mediators meeting, Baker House, 5 p.m.
- EARTH meeting, Taylor Hall, rm. 404, 5-6:30 p.m.
- Baptist Student Union Fellowship, BSU House, 5:30 p.m.
- Baptist Student Union Thursday Night Fever, BSU House, 5:30-7 p.m.
- BOND meeting, Warren Hall Piedmont Room, 6 p.m.
- Fellowship dinner at the Wesley Foundation, JMU Methodists, 6 p.m. and the New Life Singers Rehearsal, Wesley Foundation, 6:45-7:45 p.m. Call 434-3490.
- International Affairs Association meeting, Maury Hall, rm.101, 7 p.m.
- "Sonic Outlaws," sponsored by UPB, Grafton-Stovall Theatre, 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., \$1.50.
- Campus Crusade for Christ, "Prime Time," Miller Hall, rm. 101, 8 p.m.
- Symphony Orchestra, Wilson Hall, 8 p.m., \$8 and \$6, call X7000 for tickets.
- Muslim Coalition meeting, Warren Hall Allegheny Room, 8-9:30 p.m.



Anti-terrorism legislation will affect unauthorized foreigners

WASHINGTON — Anti-terrorism legislation awaiting President Clinton's signature would make deporting illegal aliens much easier and potentially affect hundreds of thousands of foreigners without authorization.

Immigrants rights and civil rights groups were unaware of the little-noticed provisions nestled in an anti-terrorism bill that Congress approved this week. On Friday, they said they denounced the provisions as an unwarranted attack on individuals' due process rights.

The bill sharply curtails the sometimes cumbersome immigration hearings process, making it far speedier to deport illegal aliens. It also reduces the rights of federal courts to review deportation and exclusion decisions.

And immigration officials would receive new authority to deny entry to asylum-seekers arriving without valid travel documents. Immigration officers at airports and other ports of entry would decide on the spot, bypassing the current asylum hearings process before an immigration judge.

Charlottesville-based magazine targets cyberspace audience

CHARLOTTESVILLE — Stranded on the information superhighway? Snared in a World Wide Web over technology? Actually puzzled about virtual reality? A new Charlottesville-based magazine hopes to provide some answers.

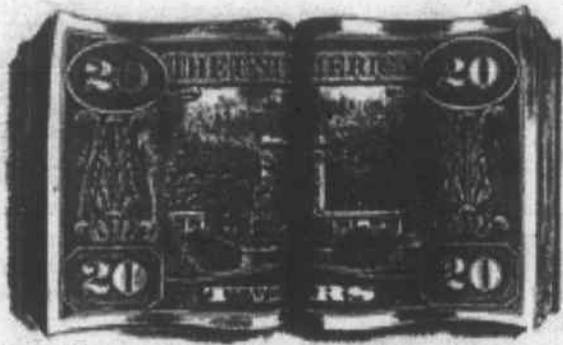
Ping, which bills itself as "a guide to emerging technologies, news and cyber-culture," landed in front of book and computer stores for the first time last month.

The free monthly magazine has yielded so much interest, its founders say, that they have taken it across the mid-Atlantic region, with drop zones for the just-published April 15 issue in Washington, Baltimore and Western Maryland as well as in Central Virginia.

"We're really looking at something other than just another 'techno' magazine," said James Arnette, a Charlottesville entrepreneur and Ping's publisher. "Hopefully, this is a magazine that anyone who has an interest in technology can pick up and get something out of."

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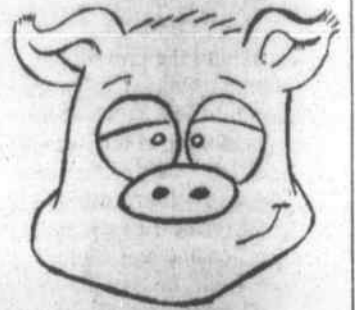
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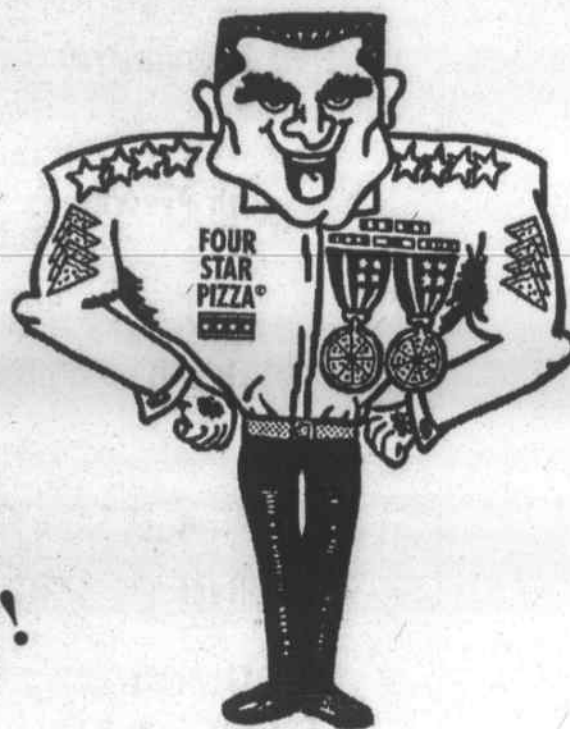
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Honor

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verdict and penalty to the university provost, who takes final action.

The recommendation will not be implemented until the provost has approved the verdict and the penalty, the homepage states. If the provost does not agree with the recommendation, the honor system may hold a rehearing or reconsider the case. Once the provost approves the recommendation, he or she must notify the Review Board in writing with the decision and reasons for the decision.

Virginia Tech has six classes of possible penalties. The severity of the violation will determine the penalty. The minimum penalty is "zero grade on the assignment or on any grade affected by the offense and 25 hours of university service," according to the homepage. The maximum penalty is an F in the course and expulsion from the university.

Concerning Carrier's decision regarding a recent Honor Code violation case at JMU, developments are limited. Jeff Nobel, executive assistant to the president, and the Honor Advisory Board have met to discuss the issue, but details of the meeting were not released, according to Sikes. Carrier has not spoken to or contacted the Honor Council on the case.

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Other students just plan to go somewhere that doesn't accept reservations and hope that the line will not be too long.

"I'm not sure where I'm going. I know Pargo's will be packed," senior accounting major Tim Coleman said.

He said he is probably going to get deli meats from Kroger Saturday for lunch to avoid the busy restaurant scene.

Senior Scott Allison said he has not made reservations for himself and his three guests because he has had other things on his mind.

"I haven't even thought about it. I've been thinking about finishing up [school]," he said.

Housing

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to JMU this fall, then some of the rooms in the freshman halls will be made into triples, McConnell said.

HoJo Inn will provide student housing next year for the first time since the 1991-'92 academic year, McConnell said. Freshmen not placed on campus for the beginning of fall semester will be placed in HoJo Inn until space is available on campus.

In the 1991-'92 academic year, in spite of use of HoJo Inn, 9 percent of students exceeded university housing capacity, McConnell said. This number decreased to .5 percent after three weeks.

McConnell said during the following two years, the percentages of occupancy on campus were under 100 percent without using HoJo Inn or Wine-Price Hall.

At the beginning of the 1994-'95 academic year, 1.3 percent more students were living on campus than the allowed capacity, McConnell said. This percentage went down to 1.1 percent after the third week.

To house the excess, Wampler and Wine-Price were available, and lounges in some Village halls were made into four-person rooms.

There was an excess of 1.5 percent students on campus at the beginning of this academic year, McConnell said. To accommodate, all Village lounges were converted into four-

person rooms, and 40 of the Village rooms became triples. After three weeks, the number of excess students went down to 1.2 percent.

Some students are compensated for a little overcrowding, McConnell said. If students living in triples in the Village remain there between the third week of school and first semester midterm, each student will receive a housing discount of about 28 percent.

Students living in triple rooms in the Village after first semester midterm will receive a discount of about 53 percent, he said.

Shannon Greene, a prospective student visiting campus from Springfield, said it would not be a problem if she were placed in a triple. Greene also said she would "not be happy" if she lived in HoJo Inn and would rather live on campus. The housing situation would influence her decision on whether to come to JMU.

Greene's mother, Linda Greene, said she would not mind if her daughter was placed in a triple, but she would not like to see her daughter placed in HoJo Inn.

Dan Lawson, a prospective student from Stafford, said he would not mind being placed in a triple or HoJo Inn. The housing situation would not affect his decision about whether to attend JMU.

According to McConnell, there should be no reason for students currently enrolled not to receive housing for four years.

"We don't anticipate having to renege on

any promises for now," he said.

However, starting next year, JMU will no longer have a formal written policy in admissions books to guarantee four-year housing to students, McConnell said.

The written policy will be abolished because JMU does not want to "mislead the expectations" of non-freshman students regarding on-campus housing.

Other schools in Virginia have different approaches to providing on-campus housing for students.

According to Lisa Smith, a Virginia Commonwealth University Housing Office employee, VCU guarantees housing for four years. Only 11.8 percent of the students live on campus, living in one of the two dorms on campus or various apartments and suites. The majority of the students prefer to commute.

Lisa Keiper, Radford University's assistant director for residence life, said Radford has no written guarantee to provide on-campus housing but informally does so anyway. Radford has 33 percent of its students living on campus.

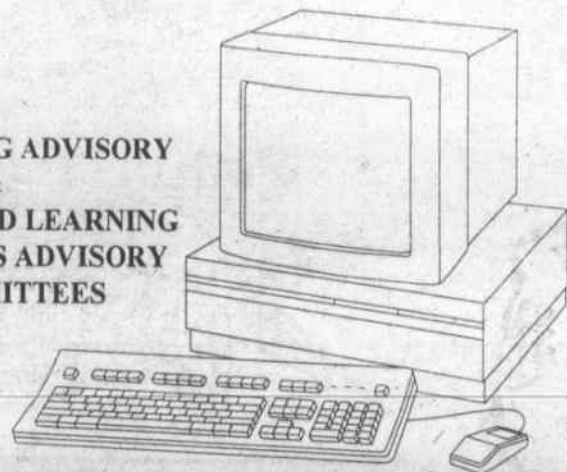
Edward Spencer, assistant vice president of student affairs, said Virginia Tech houses 33.5 percent of its students. Virginia Tech only guarantees housing to freshmen.

Amy Foutz, Shelley Weaver and Kristy Weeks contributed to this story.

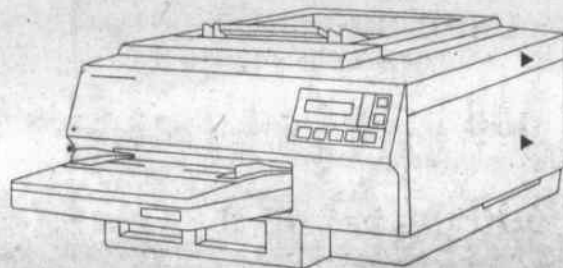
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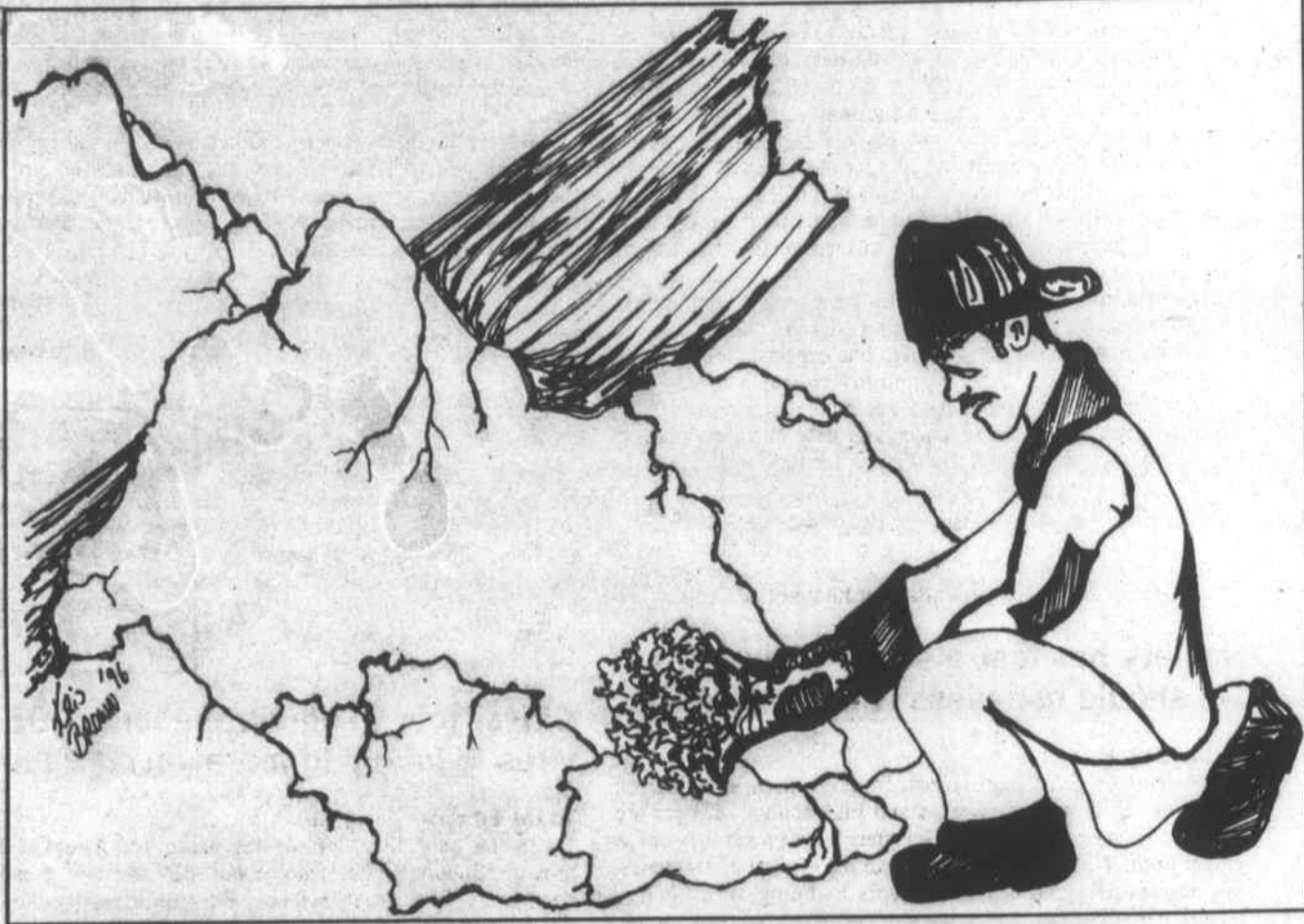
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Nominated by Gary McCoy & Tatia Daniels

& Delta Sigma Pi - Nominated by Justin Smith

EDITORIAL



Tears still falling a year later

Most Americans have never set foot inside Oklahoma City, but millions of hearts grieved with its citizens Friday when they commemorated the one-year anniversary of the worst mass murder ever to terrorize the United States.

At 9:02 a.m. on April 19, 1995, a truck packed with explosives obliterated the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building, killing 168 people, injuring more than 500 others and propelling the country into a period of mourning from which it has not yet recovered.

Mourners gathered in the streets of Oklahoma City on Friday to hold a 168-second silent vigil — one second for each victim who died — and weep over their memories of the day of the tragic explosion and the lives it stole.

On the site where the building once stood, survivors, victims' relatives and rescue workers held a private service before attending a large public service where Vice President Al Gore addressed the mourners' healing process.

"Let there be no mistake. One year is a very short time. In the human heart, it can be the blink of an eye," Gore said, according to the April 20 *Washington Post*.

Though the dead have been buried and suspects Timothy James McVeigh and Terry Lynn Nichols await trial for 11 counts of conspiracy and murder, the wounds have yet to heal. A year after the fatal blast, tears are still falling not only in Oklahoma, but across the nation.

During the past year, plans have begun to erect a \$10 million memorial to the victims of the explosion. Also, Project Heartland, a program created by the Oklahoma mental health department specifically to counsel people

affected by the bombing, has treated more than 3,000 individuals.

As so many work to come to terms with the tragedy, the investigation of the bombing continues with many unanswered questions still looming.

A trial date has not been set, but even if a jury convicts McVeigh and Nichols, the tragedy will not come to an end.

"Never again will Americans hear the words 'Oklahoma City' without instantly remembering the death and destruction of April 19, 1995."

No matter who is convicted, how many memorials are constructed or how many people seek help for working through their grief, the United States has been altered forever.

Never again will Americans hear the words "Oklahoma City" without instantly remembering the death and destruction of April 19, 1995. And never again will Americans believe terrorism cannot strike close to home.

Perhaps Gore, in the same *Post* article, expressed it best when he said, "America cannot forget and will not forget Oklahoma City."

Nor should the memory of the tragedy fade. A single act of terrorism ripped the life from 168 innocent people and shattered the illusions of millions more. The lost lives can never be reclaimed, but Americans can honor their memories.

Only by remembering the incredible, omnipotent pain inflicted by this bombing can Americans unite to ease their pain and work together to prevent similar terror from ever striking again.

The house editorial reflects the opinion of the editorial board which consists of the editor, managing editor and the opinion editors.



Dart...

A dart to the JMU students who contribute to the high level of binge drinking, 14 percent higher than the national average.

Sent in by a number of JMU students who are ashamed to be associated with this embarrassing fact.

Pat...

A pat to the Order of Omega for donating \$2,000 to the Knowles Family Assistance Fund.

Sent in by a student who is grateful for the charitable donation.

Dart...

An Honor-Code-pledge dart that should read: I have neither given nor received unauthorized assistance on this test, and I will uphold the JMU Honor Code even if the administration does not.

Sent in by a student who does not believe the administration follows its own rules.

Pat...

A big pat to Alpha Kappa Lambda and Pat Cavanaugh for putting together an awesome concert Sunday. Thanks for showing JMU there is more to Greek Life than a Friday or Saturday night at the Row.

Sent in by a Greek who is tired of getting a bad name.

Dart...

A dart to Wal-Mart's photo center for not developing the pictures of my roommate's birthday gift (a stripper) performing because they are unsuitable.

Sent in by someone who can't send the pictures to her roommate's mommy now.

Pat...

A you-are-lazy-like-us pat to all the cool professors who cancelled class in lieu of the beautiful weather last week.

Sent in by a student who just can't study when it is nice outside.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Writer's bias may have tainted facts; Funkhouser treats its tenants fairly

To the Editor:

Editor's Note: On April 11, The Breeze printed an article about a hearing between Prudential Funkhouser & Associates and its tenants. The reporter who wrote the article rented from Funkhouser two years ago and had lived with two of the tenants during that time and, therefore, may have had a personal interest in the outcome of the article. The Breeze apologizes to its readers for a possibly biased article and to Funkhouser Prudential for perhaps unfairly portraying its company in a negative light.

On April 11, *The Breeze* printed a story by David Mooney about a lawsuit filed by Prudential Funkhouser & Associates Inc. Property Management Division, acting as agent for the owner of a rental property. The suit was brought against several JMU students. *The Breeze* editors have graciously allowed me to respond.

To provide context for evaluating my comments, I will introduce myself. My name is Barry Kelley. I graduated from JMU in 1983. While in school, I rented an apartment on Federal Street. The name "Little Bohemia" was coined for this street by Madison College students back in the early '70s. Having experienced life as a student renter, I have a personal understanding of how students might feel taken advantage of by some landlords. However, our company, more than any other in our area, provides a means of open communications to avoid any misunderstandings.

Although Mr. Mooney and his friends are entitled to their opinions, I disagree strongly with Mr. Mooney's characterization of the events in question. The defendants knowingly, willfully and maliciously destroyed someone else's property. Much of this was admitted in court, and the judge awarded us the majority of the damages we sought (about \$1,200 of about \$2,200). We are quite certain the tenants in question were responsible for this damage because, as a part of our company's standard procedures, we do a written move-in and move-out inspection. Dannie Allen is the co-worker who performed both inspections. (Dannie graduated from JMU in 1989 and was also a renter of a house in Harrisonburg while attending school.) On the inspection report dated July 6, 1994, there is no mention of any of the incriminating items Mr. Mooney quotes the tenants as reporting. The defendants were present for this inspection.

In addition to making clear the facts of the case, I think it is also important to note the possible sources of bias that may have led Mr. Mooney to color his report (unintentionally perhaps). First, Mr. Mooney was a roommate of the defendants during the 1993-'94 school year. Although this does not automatically make him a biased observer, it certainly raises questions about his ability to be impartial in this matter. Second, Mr. Mooney did not attend the trial, and part of the article is based on hearsay (the observations of a friend of the defendants). Third, although Mr. Mooney did contact our office, he did so only three hours before his news deadline, and the person with whom he spoke was unfamiliar with all the facts of the case. I was out of town.

I think it is also important for people to know something

about the owners of the property who have had to pay \$1,000 out of their own money to repair the damages made by the defendants. The owners run a poultry farm in Singers Glenn just outside of town. They purchased the house as an investment using their savings. The plan is to pay off the mortgage on the property by the time their 8- and 12-year-old sons go to college. Without this additional income, it will be difficult to afford to send their children to college. The additional money the defendants did not have to pay due to their destructive actions came out of this fund.

We treat the residents of the homes we manage with honesty, fairness and respect for person and property. We ask no more of our tenants than the simple courtesies one expects from a fellow citizen in a civilized society. I and my colleagues think Mr. Mooney's biased and inaccurate account of the recent legal action we took against these students grossly misrepresents the facts of the matter. I thank *The Breeze* for this opportunity to respond, and I encourage anyone who lives in a property we manage to contact me regarding our policies.

Barry Kelley
Prudential Funkhouser & Associates

Society has lost a sense of morality; we should re-assess what we believe

To the Editor:

We believe everything we hear from our friends and see on television. University professors and high school teachers are infallible because they have their degree, so whatever they say is gospel truth. We trust in everything we read from our textbooks, our newspapers and our periodicals as being an objective reporting of all events.

All journalists and news correspondents are neutral; they never lie and could never be mistaken. In fact, the more popular and prestigious they are, the more truthful they become. Nothing would ever be written down unless it was the absolute truth.

We believe in "love," "sensitivity," "tolerance" and "diversity." We hold tolerance to be the supreme virtue. We don't influence anyone to believe in anything, we won't impose your morality on others and we will receive the status quo's stamp of approval.

We believe politics and religion should not be mixed because the Constitution says there is a "wall of separation" between church and state. We're not sure where, but we're sure it's there somewhere. We believe organized religion is the root of all evil, that is if there is such a thing as good and evil.

We believe all is predetermined and no one has control over their actions and urges. We believe it is OK to sodomize, as long as we're sincere, even if we're sincerely wrong. We believe it is OK to fornicate as long as it feels good, and if our lust is strong enough. We believe people should have the right to be irresponsible and not have to pay the consequences of their actions. We want equal responsibility for all.

We know that no one knows for sure exactly when life begins, or at least we don't know. This is because we refuse to believe anything can be known for sure, and this we are sure of.

We believe all animals should be protected from harm and

that mass murderers have a right to live, but unborn children do not. We believe convenience is more important than the sanctity of human life and that all women should have the power to play God.

We are confident unborn children would be better off dead than alive. We are positive they would just be abused and would just kill themselves anyway. We are sure they would just grow up to be as ignorant, irresponsible, reprobate and miserable as we are, not to mention indoctrinated.

Asher Gann
Junior
social science



Class, tour to educate about AIDS; virus is infecting more young adults

To the Editor:

In the past, *The Breeze* has promoted awareness and provided important information about AIDS and HIV to the JMU community. The Health Sciences Program Planning class feels AIDS awareness must continue as the virus begins to infect more and more daughters and sons of America.

In studies just released from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, AIDS is now the leading cause of death of Americans age 25 to 44 according to the World Wide Web site "AIDS Support Groups" (ASG). It is wrong to think homosexual males are the only population at risk. ASG says AIDS cases among women increase by 17 percent each year. One in four new infections of HIV in the United States occurs in people younger than 22 years of age, showing JMU students are at a high risk of contracting HIV.

On April 23, the JMU Health Sciences Program Planning class will inform the JMU population of the causes and risks of HIV and AIDS. Our members will man tables on the commons 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., as well as in the Lakeside area, where they will pass out condoms and informative brochures.

The Camp Heartland bus tour is returning to JMU at 4 p.m. on the same afternoon. The tour promotes HIV and AIDS awareness by presenting young speakers who are affected by HIV.

We feel compelled to inform students who are at high risk of the possible effects of this disease.

Morgan Marchant
Junior
health sciences

Carrie Owen
Junior
health sciences

Bad days gain plague classification

Your alarm clock doesn't go off in time for you to make it to your mandatory attendance class. When you finally do wake up and bang your head on the top bunk, you wander dreary-eyed into the bathroom to find that all the hot water in Harrisonburg has been sucked into another time zone. So, you either skip the cleanliness thing for a day or brave the icy waters now reigning in your shower.

After getting clothes out of the laundry basket, dressing while walking to class in the cold rain, you sit down to relax and learn while sighing a deep breath of relief.

Just when nothing else could possibly go wrong, it does. All of a sudden, the professor starts passing out Scantrons and number two pencils. Surprise, it's test day!

Everybody has these unwanted episodes that creep up on them like dark shadows. Bad days. They're just part of a little thing called life.

Unfortunately, you can't get rid of them, no matter how much you beg, cry or curse. Trust me, I've tried.

I've decided bad days should be classified as plagues. Think about it.

They come unexpectedly. They make you reflect on the past and future as you search for some sort of escape. They force

you to skip classes. They cause you to argue with your friends and loved ones. They even give you an automatic bad hair day.

The most frustrating thing about a bad day is no matter how many Contacts you take to alleviate the pain, their motto of it lasting 24 hours doesn't hold true. After surviving your morning routine in hell, you continue to expect the worst.

Guest Columnist

— Angie Krum

Your worst fears are confirmed when your JAC card is rejected at the vending machines, and you somehow manage to lock yourself out of your room — twice.

About halfway through a bad day, awkward situations tend to work their way in as well. For example, that guy or gal who has been flirting with you all semester will pick your bad day to finally ask you out.

This wouldn't normally be a problem if you were even the

faintest bit interested in him or her. Unfortunately, B.O. turned you off the first day of class.

Or, you may end up dealing with the infamous 30-second elevator conversation with a stranger.

These can be kind of fun at times. As long as you are absolutely positive you'll never see the person again, use the situation to relieve some stress.

Ask the stranger a really personal question like, "Do you prefer oral sex over intercourse?" and then firmly walk out on your floor as if nothing occurred. Of course, on a bad day, some stranger will end up asking you that question.

Sometimes days like these make you want to volunteer to be one of those dummies that drives head-on into a brick wall.

With your luck, you would forget to buckle the seat belt and miss the whole point of the accident.

It's too bad you can't click your heels and go back home to the rainbows like Dorothy did. At least she had little munchkins to sing her happy tunes.

But you have to keep faith; tomorrow will come. Just make sure you double check your alarm clock.

Angie Krum is the focus editor and a junior English major.

Holocaust Remembrance Day

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Remembering The Voices That Were Silenced...



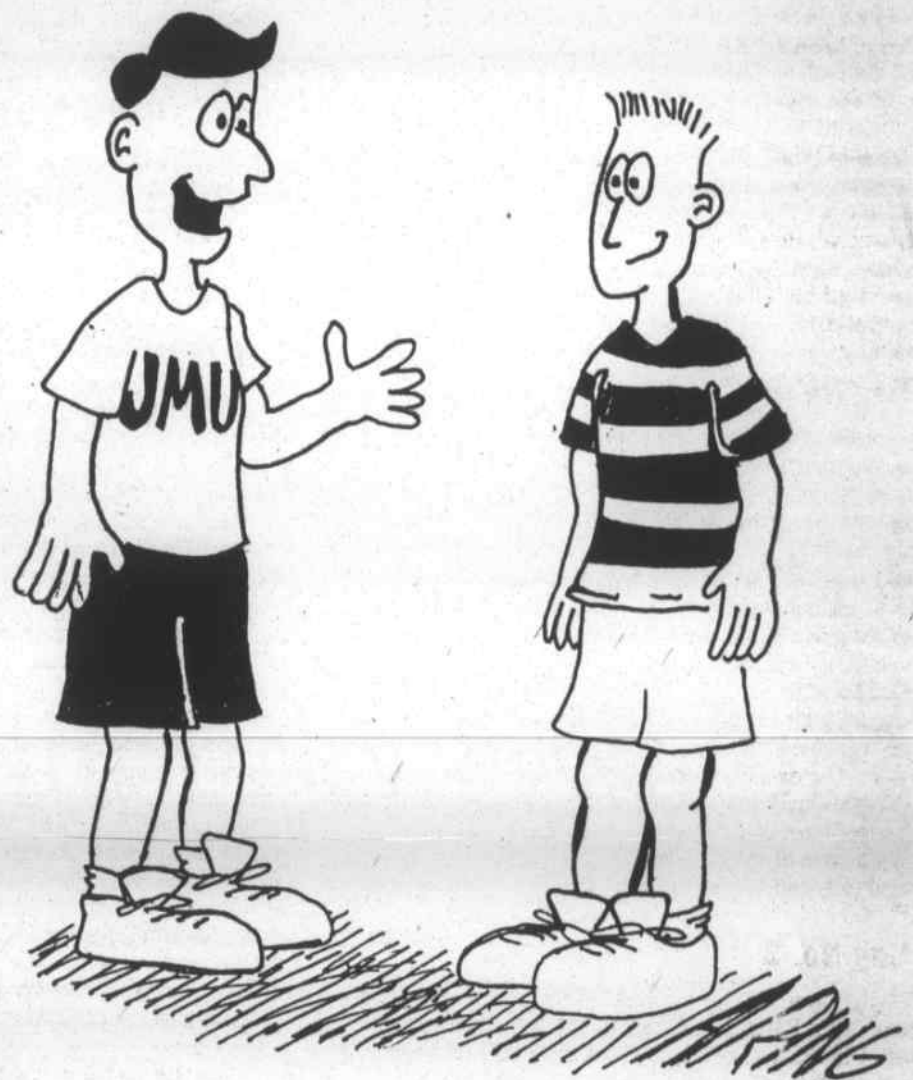
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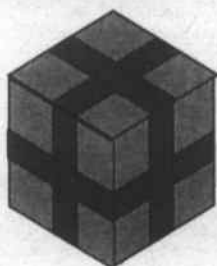
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Star searching in London

When I first set out for London, I was convinced I would meet Princess Diana.

I knew if I could just spend five minutes with Di, she would like me. We'd do a little shopping at Harrod's, drink high tea at the Palace and just sit back and talk about those crazy relatives (or should I say ex-relatives) of hers.

While I still haven't met Di, many of us here in London have had celebrity encounters. Here are a few examples:

Sighting No. 1

We all experienced one of the biggest celebrity sightings as a group. One night, we were sitting in a theater waiting for a show to begin when actor Alan Rickman came through a side entrance.

Guest Columnist

— Jen Nowitzky

You'll know him as the dynamite-fisted, bad-accented, even worse-bearded, villainous role of Hans Bruber in "Die Hard," the open-zippered, silver blade-sharpening Sheriff of Nottingham in "Robin Hood Prince of Thieves" and, most recently, as the Dom Perignon-esque, finely aged Colonel Brandon in "Sense and Sensibility."

So naturally, we did what any normal group of American students would do in the middle of London when an esteemed actor came within about two feet of us — start pointing at him quite indiscreetly, staring at him incessantly and whispering in what we thought were quiet voices but were actually closer to the sound of fire alarms going off in the middle of the night when you're in the midst of a deep sleep.

Junior Ben Heidt, who claims to have gotten closer to him than anyone, said, "I almost tripped him; it was cool. He smiled."

Luckily, both Alan and our group survived the night without any physical harm or everlasting humiliation.

Sighting No. 2

The next sighting was stumbled upon by junior Ian Cohen as he was riding the London underground one afternoon.

Looking across the car, Ian noticed a woman standing with an Elite Modeling Agency bag. Ian has an internship lined up with the company this summer, so he went up to the woman to ask a few questions. She informed him she was a model and introduced herself.

When Ian returned home, he casually mentioned that he had met a model named, "Shalom or something like that."

"Shalom Harlowe!" someone shouted back at him. What Ian failed to understand was he had just been talking to one of the greatest super models in the world today. She's just beginning to be known as one of the best, but you can find her in numerous fashion spreads and on the catwalk at all of the big designer's shows.

Sighting No. 3

Possibly one of the funniest sightings was made by sophomore Ang Barger. One day, as she was running through Piccadilly Circus, she saw hundreds of screaming teen-age girls camped out in front of a hotel.

Trying to see what was going on, she snuck up to the back of

the crowd. The excitement was the appearance of pop band Take That, the UK's version of New Kids on the Block. Take That has recently announced its breakup after many successful years and just finished its final tour around Europe.

The teens, who began screaming and crying when the band stepped out of the car, prompted one bystander to say, "I don't understand. They wake up every morning and take showers just like you and me."

Sighting No. 4

The event causing the most talk and excitement, however, was the very first of the London celebrity sightings.

One night, a small group of us was walking home when we ran into 1980s rocker and current London disc jockey Boy George.

His initial appearance took us off guard, as he was dressed in blue and white striped pants, a sparkling silver hat and white makeup.

But as we looked a little bit closer, we realized it was really him. After a few moments of consultation, someone yelled "Boy George!" Much to our elation, he turned his head to us. It was really him.

At this point, we had a dilemma: Should we sit back and play it cool or should we run after him? After some serious debate we did what anyone would do — we took off after him.

Who cares what anyone thinks? This is Boy George! Maybe we could get him to sing "Karma-Chameleon" or "Do You Really Want to Hurt Me?"

Maybe he'd invite us over to his house for a nightcap. Maybe we'd hang out with him all the time and get to be lifelong friends. The possibilities were endless.

We were running.

We just had to catch him.

"Maybe we could get him to sing 'Karma-Chameleon' or 'Do You Really Want to Hurt Me?' Maybe he'd invite us over to his house for a nightcap. . . . The possibilities were endless."

Then, all of the sudden, we stopped. One by one. What were we doing? This probably happens to him all the time. And here we are, American students running after him like fools.

We all looked at each other, our faces grinning in sheer delight, and headed home to share our exciting encounter with everyone else.

Now these are just a few of the many celebrities we've seen. There's another huge list of "casual sightings."

Sinead O'Connor was spotted walking down the street a mere block from our house.

Kelsey Grammar stood next to someone during the changing of the guards at Buckingham Palace.

Two students saw B.B. King in Amsterdam's airport. The point is, there are celebrities everywhere around here, but you never get sick of seeing them. The hardest part is knowing what to do once you've spotted them.

As my cousin who lives in London pointed out, "They just walk down the street like everybody else. But no one in London would ever stop them."

But, hey, the end of our semester is coming, and we're becoming a little more bold. Why not go out with a bang? The desire to bump into celebrities is becoming fierce around here. With just a few weeks left, we are more determined than ever to have the ultimate celebrity sighting.

I still haven't given up on Di. She's in London, and so am I. And with the star-gazing skills I've picked up this semester, I'm convinced there's a strong possibility our paths will cross.

Hey, stranger things have happened.

Jen Nowitzky is the assistant focus editor and a junior mass communication major studying in London this semester.

Doing what is right for the right reasons

The story about the JMU student who signed his friend's name on the attendance sheet has traveled beyond the campus and onto the front page of the April 12 *Richmond Times-Dispatch*. And whether we agree with the administration's decision to let both students "off the hook," the incident brings up an interesting and often discarded concept — honor.

What does it mean to have honor? Is it just "doing the right thing," or is it doing something for "the right reasons"? Or is it some abstract, old-fashioned notion that we take for granted because it never seems to be emphasized at JMU?

When I was in high school, the honor code was a big deal. We had to "pledge" everything we turned in. Signing our names was not enough; we had to write out the whole thing: "I have neither given nor received help with this work." Not only did writing this teach me "i" before "e" except after "c," but it also instilled in me an appreciation and perhaps even a reverence toward honor.



Just Say Yes

— Christine Yesolitis

As a high school senior applying to colleges, I noticed some schools simply mentioned, "By the way, we have an honor code," while other schools stated up front, "Our honor code is everything."

One school whose honor code impressed and even intimidated me was Mary Washington College. When I applied there, I was required to write an essay on the subject. It was really easy to recognize the message they were sending me; if I didn't have honor, they didn't want me. Unfortunately, JMU was a school that barely mentioned an honor code, and being here for three years hasn't changed that image for me.

Thursday's house editorial said, "The Honor Code . . . is something for which most JMU students have high regard."

Give me a break! If JMU students held the Honor Code in such high regard, they would know what it says and that it is unjust, outdated, and above all, unconstitutional, as William J. Roche's well-written guest column in the April 18 *Breeze* so brilliantly pointed out.

Virginia Military Institute students have a high regard for honor. Their college experience is based on it. Even if their honor code seems harsh to outsiders, it can be so because the school has less worry of students breaking it. They know what honor means.

So do University of Virginia students. In fact, they are not even required to show a picture ID when they write checks in Charlottesville. Local merchants simply ask, "Do you go to UVa.?" and the answer "yes" will suffice. Somehow, I just can't see that happening in Harrisonburg.

I'm not saying JMU is completely without honor. We still feel safe leaving our keys, JAC cards and book bags to save a table in D-hall or Dukes.

But can we go home for spring break and be sure our televisions will still be here when we return? Can women go to a party, enjoy a couple of drinks and not fear being taken advantage of?

Certainly other schools like UVa. and VMI have these problems, even with their strict honor codes. With our mediocre honor code (which JMU doesn't take all that seriously), we must worry even more.

Can we trust the administration and the housing office to be up front about what's going on at around campus? Or do we have to leave it to *The Breeze* and the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* to tell us instead?

Thursday's house editorial made one good point: The Honor Code doesn't seem to apply to the whole university. If the Honor Code is supposed to ensure basic fairness (which is a questionable statement to begin with), why shouldn't it apply to more than just the students?

Honor is not just doing the right thing, nor is it just doing something for the right reasons. It is doing the right thing for the right reasons, and perhaps we all need to re-examine what this means. We can all agree the Honor Council and the administration should.

Christine Yesolitis is a senior mass communication major.

The Breeze opinion section would like to congratulate its senior columnists on their upcoming graduation . . .

Rick Thompson

"Fried Eggs"

Adam Schrecengost

"In Funk We Trust"

Thanks for all your hard work and good luck in your futures!

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Proposed Gen. Ed. is a positive step

When the late Ernest Boyer, president of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and a leader in the theory of higher education, visited JMU on Founders' Day in March 1995, he articulated his vision of an increasingly fragmented society that could be brought together if we focused on what we have in common as humans. He passionately believed a general education program could do that if it built common bonds of shared knowledge and experience between students and faculty.

Guest Columnist

— Linda Cabe Halpern

Among the eight areas of general education Boyer advocated are the exploration of language in listening, speaking and writing, the study of the human life cycle in nutrition, health and wellness, and discovery of our own common membership in groups and institutions. His vision of a common bond of learning that distinguishes a liberally educated college graduate is a compelling one.

Other issues and concerns have contributed to the proposed JMU General Education Program, and many of them are subjects of national debate. There is an increasing fear in our society as a whole that a college degree no longer means what it once did. Graduates are perceived as lacking skills of clear writing and oral communication, critical thinking and working collaboratively with others.

Colleges and universities are being held accountable by state legislatures, and citizens are being asked to demonstrate their achievements. Many writers have decried a lost cultural heritage, though in our increasingly global society, such discussions have become politically loaded. Many attacks within the academic community have focused on a lack of structure and integrity within the curriculum, not just of general education programs, but of various majors as well.

The current proposal for a new general education program has received a great deal of attention recently. I would like to

share my vision of that proposal and also some of the concepts and issues that have influenced the development of the proposal.

"General education" describes the core curriculum taken by all students at a college or university. JMU's current General Education Program is the Liberal Studies Program, and the proposed new program has a working title of "The Human Community." Structurally, the proposed program is very different from the Liberal Studies Program, but their goals and ideals have much in common. Both programs have as a foundational mission the idea of providing students with a strong and challenging liberal arts education.

The General Education Committee at JMU sought to balance the idea of common learning as articulated by Boyer with the need to provide flexibility and choice. The "JMU way" has always been to encourage student decision-making and choice — we are not the sort of school to say all students must take a single course.

By basing the new program on common learning objectives, we can build a program in which there are things in common across the various paths through general education, but there is also room for individual preference and for meeting the particular needs of students who come to college with diverse experience and expectations.

The objectives are grouped into five clusters, each of which broadly describes an area of human knowledge:

- "Skills for the 21st Century" incorporates skills of written and oral communication, critical thinking, information retrieval and use of computer technology.
- "Ideas and Expressive Forms in the Human Community" addresses fine arts and literature and relates them to cultural and intellectual history.
- "The Natural World" is based on using investigative, quantitative and analytical methods to gather evidence and develop models describing the natural world.
- "Social and Cultural Processes" explores the ways in which groups of people build societal and cultural institutions and structures and how we understand them.
- "Individuals in the Human Community" invites students to study individual human behavior in relation to the community, including issues of social and personal responsibility.

The new program introduces students to the underlying principles and ways of knowing that distinguish those areas of human knowledge at the same time as providing the opportunity for exploration in depth of specific fields of inquiry. Each cluster area will have multiple paths that students can choose.

Another concept that distinguishes our proposal for a new general education program is that each cluster area is defined not only in terms of specific knowledge, but also in terms of related skills and experiential learning. Pilots for a wellness component in the new JMU program, for example, combine knowledge about wellness with physical activity and work with computerized health analysis.

An interdisciplinary, team-taught sequence in the ISAT program and a sequenced pilot in the College of Science and Mathematics both combine learning about concepts of science and mathematics with experiential components and discussions of the role of science in contemporary society.

Such sequences of courses are a response to the often-repeated concern with lack of curricular structure in general education programs. If material learned in one course can be foundational to material learned in the next course in a sequence, then what is learned one semester can truly be built upon during the next.

Sequencing will allow for the development of general education courses which can be more challenging and can provide greater opportunities for synthesis of material and application of concepts and skills.

By incorporating these principles into our new General Education Program — common learning based on objectives, a broad understanding of areas of human knowledge coupled with exploration of selected subjects in depth, choice among paths through a cluster area and a sequential structure — we can develop a new program that will be rigorous, challenging and flexible.

JMU students will be able to join the society of the 21st century with a strong and coherent liberal arts education and foundation in important life skills.

I look forward to working with the JMU community to achieve these ends.

Linda Cabe Halpern is the dean of general education.

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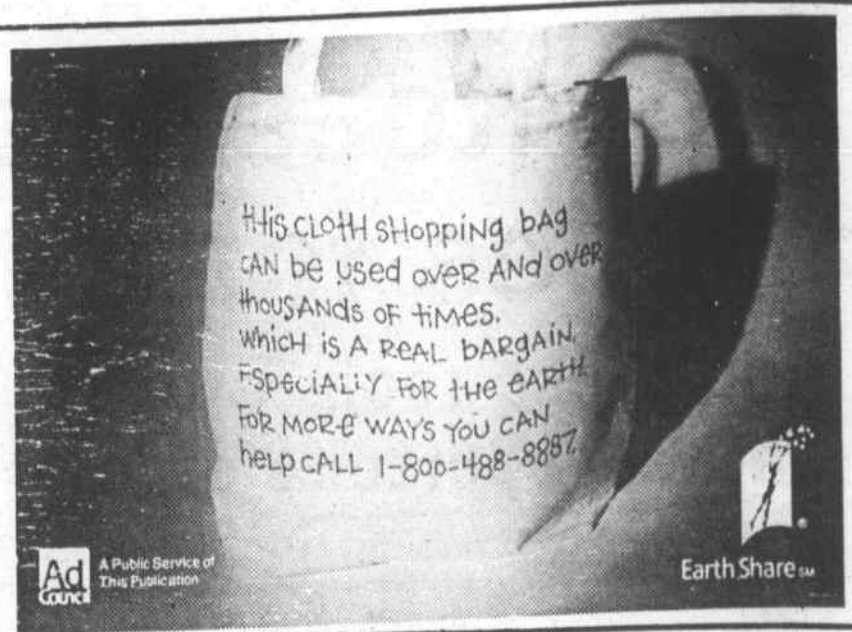


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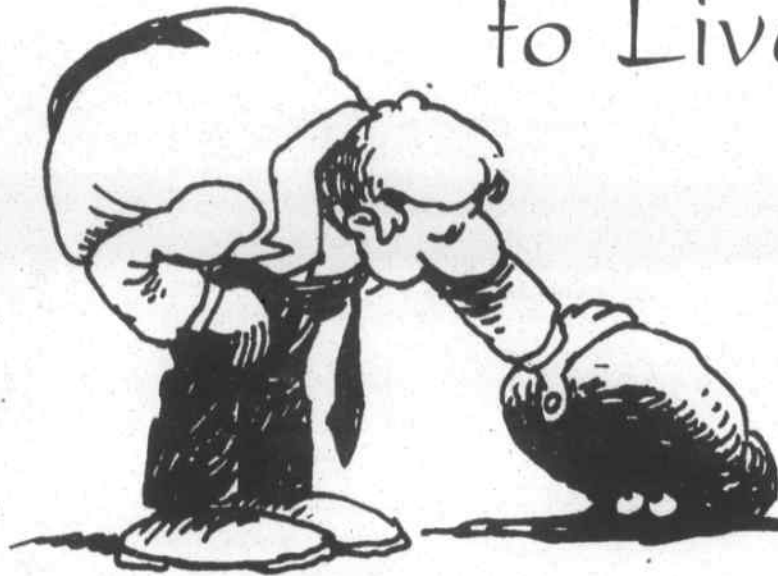


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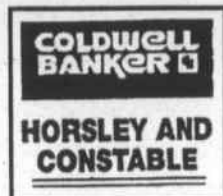


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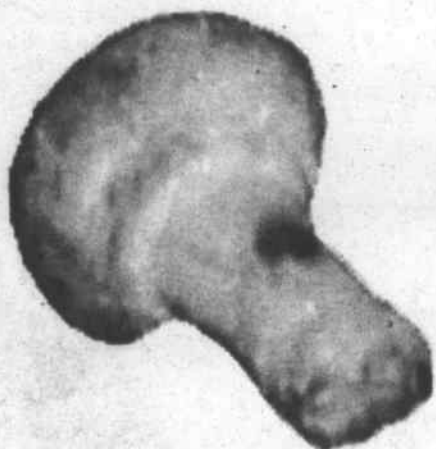
Potatoes and pasta — key staples for a healthy summer

Add these recipes to your warm-weather repertoire of low-fat menus

by Maggie McClure
contributing writer

Ah, summer vacation . . . a time to play . . . and work! Whether it is a summer internship or a job at the beach, it's important not to let a hectic summer schedule, (or that summer job budget) keep you from eating healthy.

Having lived at the beach all last summer, I know firsthand the difficulties of establishing healthy priorities when financial resources are limited. In fact, one of the first things I realized is that bad-for-you food is cheaper! However, being the relatively health-conscious person I am, I had to find a way to eat well without spending a lot of money. Fresh fruits and vegetables, despite their cost, are worth the price. In addition, maximizing two dietary staples helped a lot.



1. Potatoes

A large baked potato has about 220 calories, 2 fat grams, and potatoes are cheap! Besides being inexpensive and really good for you, potatoes are easy to prepare. If you get tired of just baking them and you crave something naughty like french fries, try this recipe for Un-fried French Fries. A favorite in our apartment, this recipe satisfies the craving for fries, without the guilt. They only have half a gram of fat per serving vs. 16 grams for the same amount of the fried variety.

Un-fried French Fries

.5 grams of fat per serving, 291 calories

5 large baking potatoes
light vegetable oil cooking spray
2 large egg whites
1 tablespoon cajun spice (like Old Bay seasoning)

Preheat oven to 400 degrees.
Slice each potato lengthwise into 1/4 inch ovals; then slice each oval lengthwise to match sticks.

Coat a baking sheet with three sprays of vegetable oil. Combine egg whites and cajun spice in a bowl. Add the match stick potatoes and mix to coat.

Pour the coated potatoes onto the prepared baking sheet and spread them into a single layer, leaving a little space between them. The egg white mixture gives the fries a crispy texture.

Place the baking sheet on the bottom shelf of the oven. Bake for 40 to 45 minutes, until the fries are crispy, turning them over every six to eight minutes with a spatula so they brown evenly. Serve immediately.

Recipe from *The Kitchen with Rosie: Oprah's Favorite Recipes* by Rosie Daley



2. Pasta

Our kitchen shelves were always fully stocked with spaghetti, linguine, bow ties, elbow macaroni, etc. Noodles are easy to fix. Add a little non-fat butter spray, garlic salt and pepper, and you have a quick meal! If you have a little more time, you should try this low-fat summer recipe for Garden Fresh Pasta.

Garden Fresh Pasta

4 grams of fat per serving, 120 calories

4 oz. uncooked angel hair pasta
1 tablespoon olive oil or oil
1/2 cup sliced green onions
2 garlic cloves, minced
1 medium tomato, seeded and chopped
2/3 cup chicken broth
2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
1/2 cup chopped arugala leaves or fresh spinach
2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese

Cook pasta as directed on package. Drain; keep warm. Meanwhile, heat olive oil in large skillet over medium heat. Add green onions and garlic; cook until onions are crisp-tender, stirring frequently.

Add pasta, tomato chicken broth and mustard; cook two to three minutes or until thoroughly heated.

Remove from heat. Add arugala and Parmesan cheese; toss.

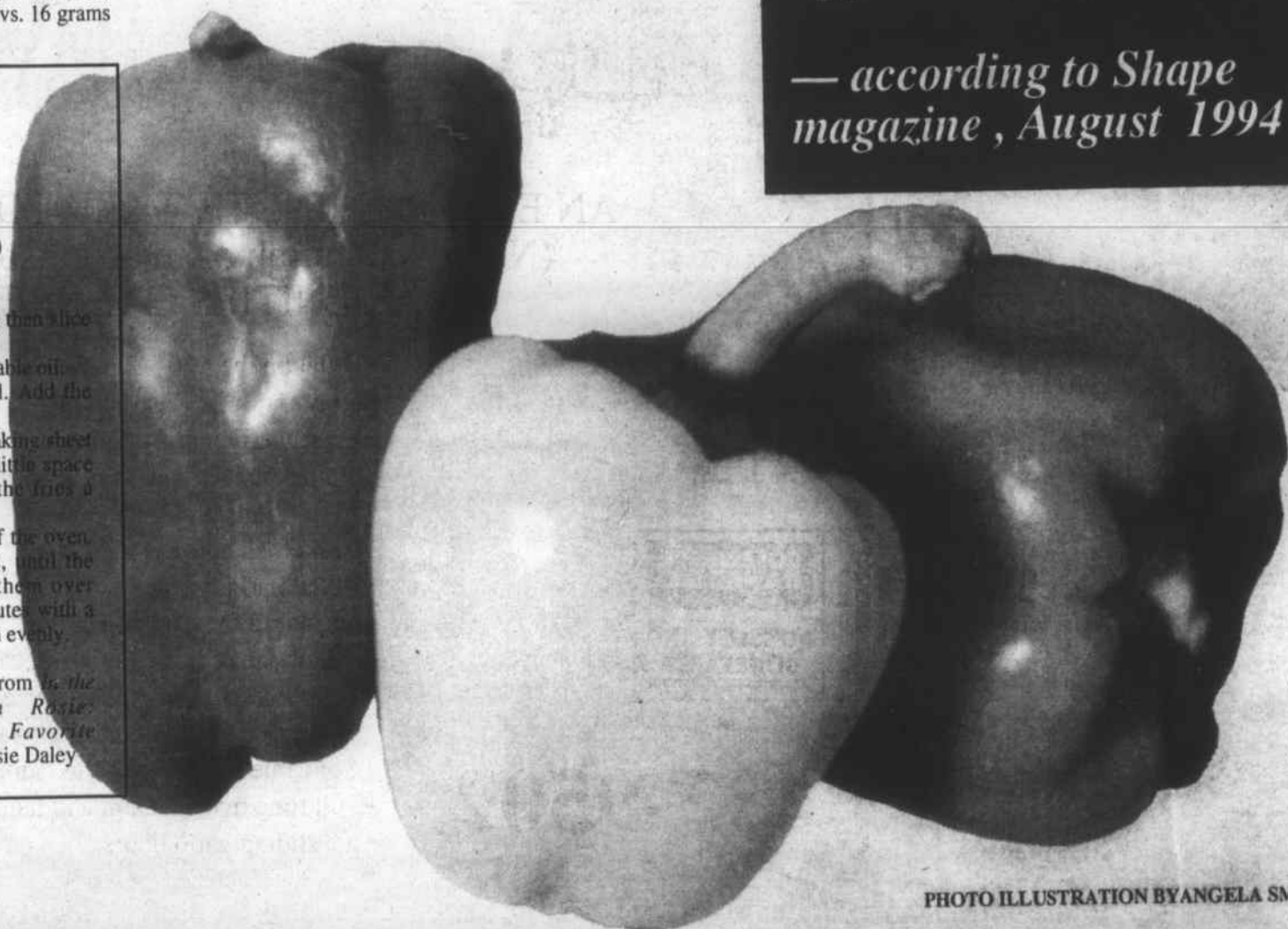
Serve immediately.

Recipe from *Great Tasting Lowfat Recipes* by Pillsbury

Successful Substitutions:

- 1 egg = 2 egg whites
- 1 square of chocolate = 3 tablespoons dry cocoa and 1/2 teaspoon liquid oil
- sour cream = nonfat yogurt
- cream = skim milk
- 1/4 cup oil = 1-2 tablespoons oil and either 2 tablespoons of nonfat yogurt or 1/4 cup apple sauce

— according to *Shape magazine*, August 1994



BECOMING ONE WITH THE EARTH...

The Earth Day celebration at JMU was a little different from most — it included biking, bands, sideshow tricks and hackysacks. Most importantly, it included education on how to treat our Mother Earth.



(l) Freshman Christy Fisher and Janelle Snyder string cans at the festival. Hackysackers (l to r): sophomores Jay Morelock, Paul Curtin and Dave Mackey. (bottom left): Saturn Battery from Buffalo, N.Y., plays in Taylor Down Under.



If you went to Let's Go today, you may not remember those non-Styrofoam days. But this time we'll have a weeklong earth celebration that started Saturday and ends Sunday. It will continue with a different theme each day.

More than 50 students showed up on the 10-mile bike ride "to promote alternative means of transportation," said senior Carla Komich, EARTH president. She hopes to get the local government to support the ride.

"It's not a fund-raiser" Komich said. "It's just a fun day." Komich said the ride would be leisurely. Some bikers said they were not too worried about the weather. "It should be OK," sophomore Danielle Pacheco said. Her friend sophomore Erin Deal added, "I'm pretty sure it will be fine."

Senior Chris Cossu, who also went on the ride, said it was a great experience. "We were riding our bikes... and these people were cheering for us," he said. "And when they got to the end of the ride, they gave us a big approval."

Cossu and her friend senior Meghan M... "We don't eat you!" Cossu added. "The cows were really happy to see us."

Another JMU spring tradition, Hackysack, was held on Hillside Field Saturday afternoon. The event was organized by Habitat for Humanity and University Program. Speakers on environmental and social issues were also present.

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story by Christine Yesolitis photos by Rick Thompson and Kyle Buss

u may have already noticed it's another one time is different because today is part of the Saturday with the bike rally, "Pedal for the theme each day this week.

on the commons for the second annual 10-ve methods of transportation," according to ent. She said one of the goals of the rally is port a network of bike paths throughout

d. "It's more about raising awareness."

isurely paced so anyone could do it easily. worried about the distance. "I bike a lot, so it e Pack said. "Hopefully it'll be fun." Her m pretty pumped up about it."

nt on the trek, related an interesting incident Keetzletown.

these cows were running along side us," she d of the fence, they were mooing in, like,

han McCracken yelled as they were riding, the cows just made it all worth it."

ck for Humanity, kicked off the Earth Day eevening. The festival, sponsored by EARTH, Program Board featured bands, displays, and issues.

ne third annual 24-hour hack-a-thon portion the festival.

Despite a rain shower, the hackers continued through the night into Sunday morning. "I love it!" said hacker junior Scott Frost. Another hacker, sophomore Paul Curtin, said, "I hack for money, fame and fortune!"

People at the festival said they enjoyed the hack circles as much as participating in

only game where the object is to make sure n does get the ball," spectator senior Matt

Not all the hackers planned to stay the full time. Sophomore Ashton Ennis said he planned to stay the full 24 hours, but he ended up leaving early.

All the proceeds generated by the hack-a-thon and a 24-hour, on-the-hour raffle will go toward Habitat for Humanity's trip to Zambia this summer, as well as the house they plan to build next fall, according to freshman Jen Fricas, who organized Habitat's involvement in the festival.

"We're hoping that people will also just make a donation," Fricas said. To encourage donations, she set up a fish bowl filled with "things to think about" that relate to housing situations.

For example, one slip of paper read, "Count the number of windows

rage donation as much as thinking You might make a donation, or it might just Fricas said. ing raffle tickets for bikes for a dollar a piece

and selling T-shirts, according to sophomore Troy Farmer, the 1996-'97 EARTH president-elect. Proceeds will go to the Virginia Wildlife Center in Waynesboro, he said.

Five bands, including Saturn Battery from Buffalo, N.Y., agreed to play for the festival free of charge. The East Coast Bluegrass Band, the Shirts, Gefilta Phish and the Buzzard Rock Bayou Boys also played.

"I came to play music to help save the planet," JMU alumnus Bill Hunt, of Gefilta Phish, said.

The festival had to move to Taylor Down Under because of the rain around 4 p.m., and the bands also played inside. The Buzzard Rock Bayou Boys had the audience singing lyrics along with them: "Squirrel heads in gravy, squirrel heads in sauce, squirrel heads in gravy!"

The Bayou Boys' music was not the only unique aspect of the Earth Day festival. Sophomore Tim Gordon demonstrated hammering skills and sideshow madness by hitting a nail into his nose through his sinus cavity.

"The first time, it hurt pretty bad, and I sneezed a lot," he said, "But after that, it went in pretty easy.

"If UPB wants to pay me, I'll be happy to do it!" Gordon said.

The event had a serious side as well, found in both displays set up by EARTH and Habitat and in the words of the speakers.

Professor of anthropology and sociology Nikitah Imani talked about waste and social imbalance.

"Everything we give unto the earth will be returned," Imani said. "If we give to Mother Earth our garbage ... she will give back to us that same waste."

Imani said he

believes the solution to the waste problem is justice, balance and equality. He explained that although many people do not want to shoulder the burden of waste, it is a common problem we all must shoulder.

Corrine Kills Pretty Enemy, a Native American from the Lakota tribe in North Dakota, read an original poem about the government flooding her people's reservation to make a reservoir in the '60s. "I must have cried a bucket of tears when I wrote this," she said. "Nobody knew what happened, how we suffered."

The

Lakota tribe was never compensated for the loss of the reservation. Kills Pretty Enemy has been asked to read her poem before Congress when her tribe lobbies for monetary compensation sometime this year.

On Sunday, students commemorated Earth Day not by celebrating, but by changing their concerns into action — cleaning Newman Lake.

Students from EARTH and Center for Service Learning gathered by the bridge near Greek Row at noon to clean out trash floating in the shallow part of the lake, picking it out with rakes. Along with the usual Styrofoam and beer bottles, they pulled up more unusual things, from hot dogs and tennis

balls to dead fish, fowl and rodents. One year, the group even pulled out a frozen turkey, according to Komich.

"The lake is really gross," said sophomore Joe Janda, who raked up a dead baby duck. "I feel a social responsibility to get rid of the grossness."

Because of the murky waters, most participants stayed on the banks of the lake while fishing out litter, but freshman Janelle Snyder used her rake as a pole vault to a bank of rocks in the water. "I don't know how I'm gonna get out," she said, but Snyder was successful at "pole vaulting" back to the shore.

Next year's Community Service-Learning Center staff also participated.

"They are in training, and they wanted this to be part of their training," Director of CS-L Holly Smith said. "It's neat to combine it with Earth Day," she said.

There will also be chances all week to learn about the impact we have on the

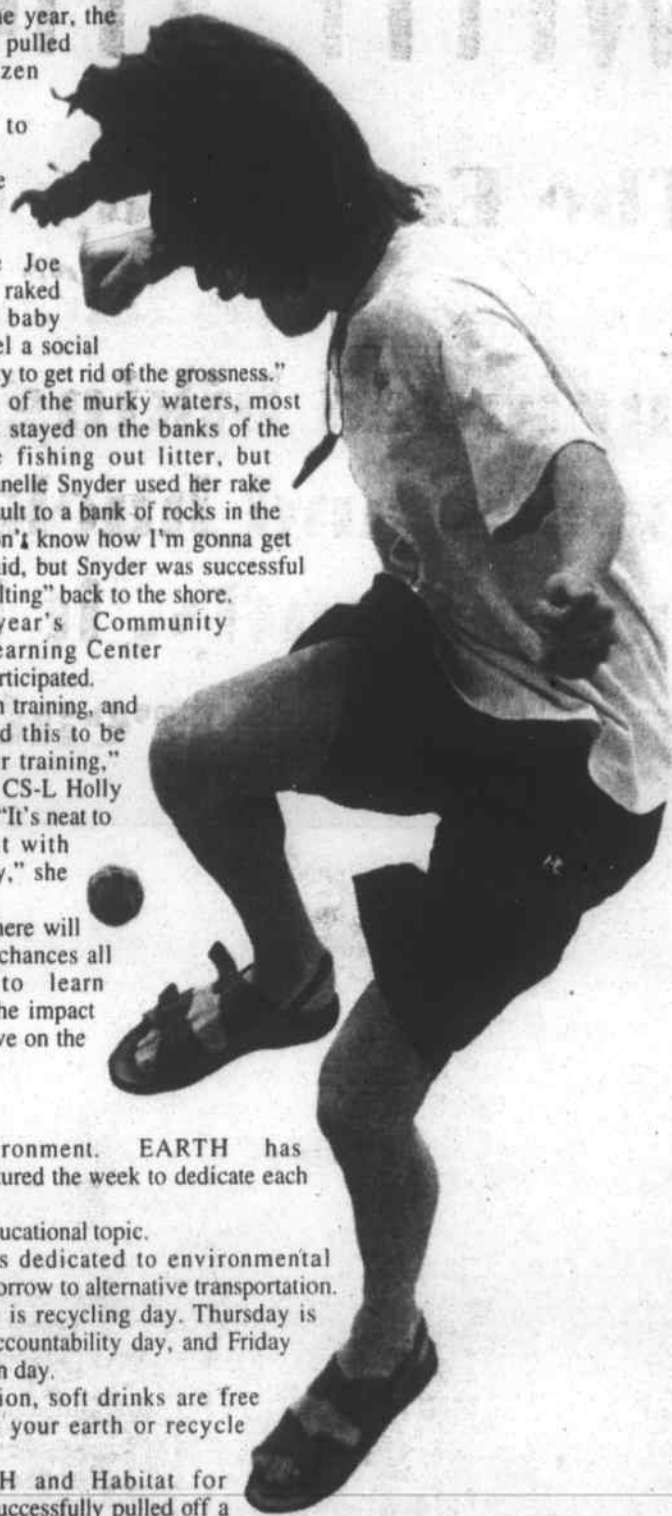
environment. EARTH has structured the week to dedicate each

day to an educational topic.

Today is dedicated to environmental justice, tomorrow to alternative transportation. Wednesday is recycling day. Thursday is corporate accountability day, and Friday is population day.

In addition, soft drinks are free today with your earth or recycle mug.

EARTH and Habitat for Humanity successfully pulled off a fun weekend filled with powerful messages, a variety of music, and many opportunities for service and education that will continue through the week.



"I feel a social responsibility to get rid of the grossness."

Joe Janda
sophomore lake cleanup worker

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THE GREEK PAGE

IFC and Panhellenic are sponsoring April 24th's George Clinton concert! The concert is at 8:00 pm at the convo center. Tickets are \$12 with a JAC card and \$14 for the floor and general public. Get your tickets from the Warren Hall Box Office or call the Box Office at 568-7960.

Pi Kappa Phi brother Mike Feichtinger will be going on a cross-country bicycle ride for PUSH (People Understanding the Severely Handicapped) America this summer. However, he's still a couple of hundred dollars short of meeting the \$4000 minimum entrance fee. He needs your help, so please give him a call at 568-7449.

All-Greek Date Auction
Come to Grafton-Stovall Theatre on Monday, April 22 at 7pm and bid for a date with your favorite Greek male! Proceeds go to John-Michael Knowles Family Assistance Fund

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On Saturday, April 13, the brothers of Lambda Chi Alpha held the inaugural Brent J. Rhoads Memorial Golf Tournament at the Lakeview Golf Course. The tournament was held in an effort to raise money for the Lambda Chi Alpha-Brent Rhoads Scholarship.

Brent was a Lamda Chi at JMU who passed away last year in an automobile accident. The event raised over \$2500 and a check was presented to Brent's parents at the barbeque following the tournament. Local businesses helped the fundraising efforts by sponsoring holes or by placing ads on T-shirts. Some of these businesses include JM's, Blue Foxx Cafe, Brooklyn's Delicatessen, University Outpost, Mike's Food Mart, and Take-Out Express. The tournament had 72 golfers including parents, alumni, fraternity brothers, and friends from other fraternities as well. The brothers would like to thank all the sponsors and participants and we look forward to seeing you next year.

LOMBARDI GRAS

On Sunday, April 15, Alpha Kappa Lambda sponsored a concert festival called Lombardi Gras on Godwin Field to raise money for the Lombardi Cancer Institute of Washington. Approximately 1,000 fans came down to see Everything, Slackjaw, Puddleduck, and the J in Mary all perform in the benefit. The event was a rousing success; around \$3000 was raised! Beyond that, everyone had a good time; the weather was perfect and the atmosphere was pure fun. The bands are already psyched to play again next year. AKL would like to thank all those who attended, and remind those who came out, and those who didn't, that Lombardi Gras will be an annual event. We're looking forward to next year!

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Film

Summer Movie Preview

'... action flicks seem to be popping up all over the place.'

Well, it's summer movie time again. Normally this would be rather exciting, but after "Fargo," any movie coming out for the rest of the year seems anticlimactic. ("Fargo" opened Friday at the Regal 1-2-3. Go see it.) It also doesn't help that few of the flicks coming out this summer look good.



Movie Critic
— Michael Robinson

Case in point, Demi Moore's "Striptease." Is it possible for there to be a good stripper movie? Probably not. Since it's impossible to equal the glorious awfulness of "Showgirls," the best "Striptease" can do is strive for mediocrity.

And because "Striptease" comes out the same weekend as "Mission Impossible," it shouldn't be too difficult to make a decision about what to see.

The "Mission Impossible" preview looks great. Lots of stuff blows up, Tom Cruise gets blown off a train, and Emilio Estevez doesn't look too bad. Ving Rhames doesn't get attacked by libidinous hillbillies, so it'll probably be pretty darn good. Plus, Brian DePalma directed "Mission Impossible," and it has been a while since there's been a really good spy movie. (No, "Goldeneye" does not count.)

Speaking of spy movies, the previews for "Spy Hard" actually look funny. Besides, a movie where Leslie Nielsen has to save the world from Andy Griffith really can't be all that bad.

It had better be good because in a summer when a "Beavis and Butthead" movie is coming out, comedy pickings look pretty slim.

However, action flicks seem to be popping up all over the place. In addition to the aforementioned "Mission Impossible," there's "The Rock" in which Sean Connery and Nicholas Cage save the world from Ed Harris; "Twister" where Bill Paxton and Helen Hunt save the world from nature; and "Independence Day" where Will Smith and Jeff Goldblum team up to save the world from aliens.

There's also "Eraser" with Arnold Schwarzenegger. I don't know if he's going to save the world from anybody, but he'll probably shoot a bunch of people and blow a lot of stuff up. That'll be cool. Who cares if it's way over budget as long as the movie is fun?

As far as the other action stuff goes, "Twister" looks incredible. Even if there's no discernible plot or likable characters, the special effects look amazing. If it can keep audiences entertained throughout, it'll be just fine. Besides, Bill Paxton's in it.

Unfortunately, Bill Paxton isn't in "Independence Day," but Bill Pullman is, and it seems like just about everybody else in Hollywood is too.

It's a big cast, big-budget, epic alien invasion extravaganza that throws in everything but the kitchen sink. Expect Tim Burton's "Mars Attacks," due this fall, to throw in the kitchen sink (and Jack Nicholson in two roles).

But "Independence Day" probably marks the first time in marketing history a U.S. President action figure will be made.

And then there's "The Rock," also known as "Really Good Actors Go Slumming in an Action Flick," but it looks like maybe it will at least be entertaining. Unfortunately, Cage doesn't have his cool "Raising Arizona" hair back, but nobody's perfect.

Sean Connery also goes slumming in the "You know, for kids" genre with "Dragonheart," where he supplies the voice of the dragon. It might be OK. Pete Postlethwaite is in it, too, and it's always good to see him scare the kiddies.

Disney also seems to be scaring the kiddies with its "The Hunchback of Notre Dame."

Let's see how many people this movie offends. I know I've always wanted a plush Quasimodo doll. The only way I'm going to see this is as a double feature with Tod Browning's (1931) "Freaks," the last movie I can remember that tried to exploit deformity. "Freaks" bombed; "Hunchback" probably won't — it's a Disney movie, so it has the saving grace of songs.

And then there's "Flipper." The "Jaws" theme is played in the trailer, so hopefully the dolphin will fight the shark. And lose.

What's a summer without a movie with Kevin Spacey? He's going to show up in "A

Time To Kill," unfortunately directed by Joel Schumacher, who was responsible for last year's "Batman Forever" monstrosity. But Samuel L. Jackson also stars in it, so hopefully he and Spacey can help overcome Schumacher. It's the John Grisham influence that might need some help.

The one movie I'm really looking forward to is Tony Scott's "The Fan" where we have Robert DeNiro pulling a Travis Buckle again. And if that's not good, I can always curl up with my laser disc of "Taxi Driver."

Now that's a good summer movie.



RICK THOMPSON/staff photographer
Brent Bowles and Michael Robinson, film critics for *The Breeze*, wait for the opportunity to talk with Roger Ebert at the annual Virginia Film Festival held at the University of Virginia over the weekend.

'James': A peachy new Tim Burton film

Most parents would not want to sit their young children in front of a film with the name Tim Burton anywhere on it. On the other hand, a healthy dose of warped, whimsical nonsense is good for the soul, and unfortunately this teaming of three fantastically warped talents — novelist Roald Dahl, director Henry Selick and producer Tim Burton — is a little less exciting than expected.

REVIEW



"James and the Giant Peach," that classic children's book which it seems everyone but myself has read, is brought to the big screen by director Selick, who was the guiding hand behind 1993's wonderful "Tim Burton's The Nightmare Before Christmas."

Using the same style of stop-motion animation, where puppets are photographed one movement at a time and played back like regular animation, Selick dares to be different

— he combines stop-motion with live action.

The single problem is that if one wishes to blend two contrasting styles like animation and stop-motion successfully, they must be offered in equal doses. About 40 of the film's 78 minutes are stop-motion. Even though that's almost half it just isn't enough.

The animation sections are just as twisted as "The Nightmare Before Christmas." Once James wrestles the peach from his hideous, conniving aunts (filmed in live action), the film jumps to stop-motion. A clay-version of James finds himself inside the peach with a collection of insects by a talented group of voices: Spider (Susan Sarandon), Grasshopper (Simon Callow of "Four Weddings and a Funeral"), Earthworm (David Thewlis), Ladybug (Jane Leeves of "Frasier") and Centipede (Richard Dreyfuss).

This voice cast seems to have a ball. Dreyfuss chews just as much scenery as he does

in any comedy and sings surprisingly well. Callow and Thewlis are delightfully funny, and Sarandon is quite unrecognizable until well into the film.

And speaking of Dreyfuss singing (in which he does a good deal better than in "Mr. Holland's Opus"), the songs by Randy Newman, who received two Oscar nominations for his "Toy Story" music, are mildly interesting. But Disney music divides into two categories: the "Alan Menken" category and everything else. And like "Toy Story," Newman's music isn't very good; at least, I can't remember any of the tunes.

Technically, however, "James and the Giant Peach" is dazzling. The stop-motion animation, like in "Tim Burton's The Nightmare Before Christmas," is eye-boggling.

Unlike the latter, Selick combines a great

deal of computer graphics here, most notably when a fantastic-looking mechanical shark attacks James and co.

In line with the music, which is mediocre at best (worth listening solely for Sarandon, Dreyfuss and Callow singing), the live-action footage just doesn't deliver the goods.

The scenes with James' aunts, both bookends to the animation, are derivative, boring and just a little too cheesy. Kids should like these scenes more than the animation of insects and a shark, which may very well scare little children. But parents who take their children to a Burton-produced film get what they paid for.

Not to say this film is too scary for children, but it may unnerve unsuspecting parents even more.

If Dahl's "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" is happy enough to keep us singing the "Oompa Loompa" song until we're 20, then what's the problem? "James and the Giant Peach" is entertaining, but disappointingly far below what would be expected from such a collection of proven talent.



Movie Critic
— Brent Bowles

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FOCUS

Students take on Southern-style moves

Country line dancing is more than just a trend *by Jill Stolarik*



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Regulars and newcomers to the Roundup practice the 'M and M' line dance to music.

Tired of doing the same old thing every weekend? Need a little spice in your life?

Grab your cowboy hat, put on your cowboy boots and come on down to the Roundup where you can dance the night away to all your favorite country hits.

Every Friday and Saturday night at the Roundup, located on South High Street toward Dayton, about 60

people of all ages, couples and singles alike, come to have some good, old-fashioned fun, Roundup owner Charlie Sutton said.

Dance lessons are given 8 to 9 p.m. both nights.

After the lessons, hand-clapping music kicks on, and the experienced, as well as the inexperienced, dancers take their places on the floor. Dancers can enjoy uninterrupted

country dancing excitement until midnight.

If someone is not in the mood to spend the night in a smoky bar or party room, "come on down and have some fun at the Roundup, where smoking and drinking is not permitted," Sutton said.

Learning country line dancing takes on a different style than everyday moves. Instead of expressing themselves through impulsive moves, dancers follow specific arrangements in a sequence repeated throughout a song.

"Learning the dance steps for each dance keeps people mentally alert, and the aerobic benefits of line dancing keep people healthy," said Charles Harris, psychology professor and member of the Leather and Lace Country Western Dance Club.

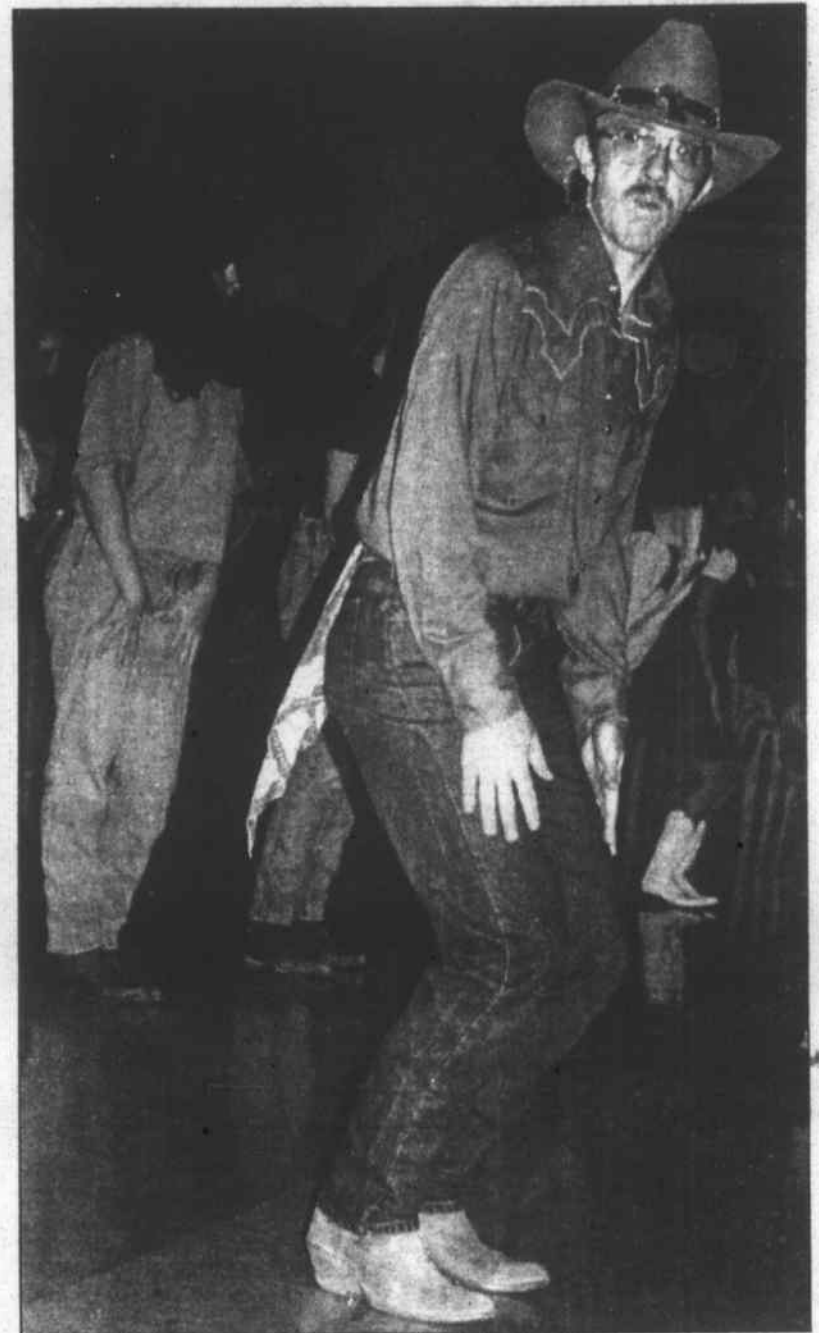
Among the hundreds of different line dances, names such as "Coyote," "M and M" and "Girls Night Out" are just a few of the many quirky titles given to the feet-stomping, hip-thrusting dances. And the tried-and-true "Achy Breaky" is frequently danced at most country bars.

A big fan of country line dancing, Harris said memorizing all the steps for each line dance may be a bit complicated at first. But after mastering basic steps, such as the grapevine, step pivot, swivel and shuffle, learning the dances will be much easier.

Weekends would not be complete without a night of line dancing for some JMU students who can't get enough of the fun.

Freshman Julie Foster has frequented the Roundup practically every Friday and Saturday night since she has attended JMU. "I go because I like the country music, the social aspect and the fact that the people are a lot nicer there than at other social gatherings."

Freshman Jason Inman also



David Nankivell, dance instructor at the Roundup, teaches line dancing every Friday and Saturday night.

enjoys interacting with the polite people at the Roundup.

"There isn't any freakin', and you don't have to worry that some angry boyfriend is going to bother you about dancing too close to his girlfriend."

Sophomore Aimee Labrecque laughed at the idea of going line dancing. But her boyfriend, junior Vince Petrolle, who was serious about going, finally convinced her to go. "To my surprise, I had a wonderful time," Labrecque said.

Although the Roundup has its share of regulars, there are always fresh faces to be seen. "I can spot the newcomers sticking out like a sore thumb," Sutton said.

Sporting everyday clothes and looking a bit out of place, seniors Nicole Obitz, Scott Walker and Judy Bullard entered the Roundup for the first time April 13.

Obitz, who needed 15 hours of outside dancing for her ballroom dancing class, decided to gain some of the hours with a night of country line dancing.

If Obitz was going to make a fool of herself she was not going to do it alone, so she dragged her friends with her, she said.

Bullard said she was eager to go with Obitz and learn some line dances. "Now I can go to country

bars and join in the line dancing."

When the night's event ended, the trio said they had a blast. They couldn't get the urge to dance out of their systems and kept practicing their moves, even after they went home, Bullard said.

Another student who ventured to the Roundup, April 13 was sophomore Diana Russo. "I felt so uncomfortable at first, but the people there made me feel so welcome," she said.

For some students, line dancing takes them back to their high school days. Sophomore Kelly Jones participated in line dancing during her junior and senior prom and graduation dances.

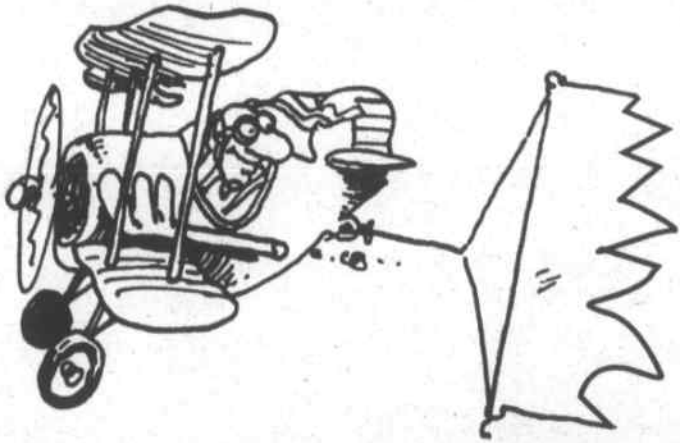
Jones, who had a lot of fun line dancing in high school, said, "I was so happy to hear that there is a place to go line dancing here in Harrisonburg."

Some students say they would be thrilled at the idea of having a night of country line dancing at JMU. Freshman Tammy Morsey said she wishes there was somewhere on campus where she could use her new line-dancing skills.

According to Roundup instructor David Nankivell, it may take a while to catch on, but once someone enters the world of country line dancing, he or she will never want to leave.



Roundup dancer spins his partner in the two-step sequence.



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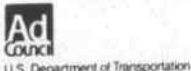
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Young Children's Program teaches education students in a practical way

by Karen Bitz
senior writer

When Angela Danners was 4 years old, she attended a nursery school program at Mary Baldwin College where college students gained practical teaching experience. As a young child, Danners looked up to the college students around her.

Now, as a junior in college, Danners' role is reversed, and she is the college student learning from teaching nursery school-aged children.

Danners is one of 25 students who work at the Young Children's Program, a teaching laboratory school located in Wine-Price Hall.

The program was originally a part of the Anthony-Seeger Hall laboratory school that housed nursery school through sixth grade classes where education students observed and taught. But in 1982 the lab school closed as a result of a state mandate that said no state institution could use funds for programs offered in public schools.

The lab school then closed, but the nursery school remained because there was no other place where early elementary education minors could be in a nursery classroom run by highly trained teachers. The program moved from Anthony-Seeger to Wine-Price in 1988.

Today's YCP functions through tuition payments, which are slightly supplemented by minimal university-funding.

As an early childhood education minor, Danners' participation in the program is a requirement. During the second semester of their junior year, all early education minors must take the six-credit class, Workshop in the Child as a Learner with its accompanying lab, Child as a Learner Lab.

In the lab, the students gain practical classroom experience, both in second grade at a public school and at the Young Children's Program.

During other semesters, these students must spend time in classrooms to eventually observe every age group in the realm of early childhood education, nursery school through third grade.

JMU is the only Virginia state university that requires early childhood students to serve a practicum, which according to Anne Marie Leonard, the director of the program, allows students to find an age group with which they feel most comfortable.

"We're really given a lot of practical stuff, which helps put everything in place and takes away from fear of going into an unknown group



Three ducks keep watch by the back door of the Young Children's Program.

of children," said junior Deborah Coe, who is serving a practicum with the program this semester.

Coe said she feels having college students in the classroom adds to the vitality of the program. "The JMU students bring a lot of excitement to [the program] and are anxious to get in there."

But many other factors enhance the program. The classroom is filled with all types of creative learning devices. Newly hatched ducklings quack in one corner; a play loft looms in the center of the room; and a huge jungle gym decorates the backyard. Nancy Guerrier, who teaches 4-year-olds, said all these things add up to create an environment perfect for any child.

Coe said she feels the teaching setting is excellent. "It's having the children explore hands-on, which is really on the up and up of new developments in education."

The YCP's dynamic method of teaching has not gone without merit. The program is state-licensed and, in 1987, was one of the first programs to be accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children, which has extremely stringent guidelines, according to Leonard.

Besides a thriving classroom environment, the children at YCP also learn through interacting with the outside world. Because of



PHOTOS BY RICK THOMPSON/staff photographer

Senior Vanna Orabana, psychology, shows several children how to make spin art.

the assistance of the JMU students, the classes are regularly able to take field trips, which usually relate to class themes.

For instance, the class has recently been learning about rocks. They studied rocks on campus and also went to a field in Dayton to see crystals.

"We give the children so much freedom to make their own decisions and decide their own choices," she said.

To enhance continuity, the children will have the same teacher for both of their years at YCP.

This year Guerrier teaches the 4-year-old class, which she also taught as the 3-year-old class last year, and Patty Stuhlmeier teaches the 3-year-old class. Both teachers have master's degrees in early childhood education, a diploma every head teacher who has worked at YCP has earned.

Dana Crittenden of Harrisonburg sends her 3-year-old, Katy, to the program. She said she appreciates how the programs allow the children to choose. "Little kids don't have the attention span to focus on different things, and this allows them to explore a bunch of different mediums."

The popularity of the program has produced

a waiting list for enrollment. The 3-year-old class has only 12 children, one-third of which are faculty children. Also, the program aims to have an equal number of girls and boys, so sex also affects a child's chance of attending. By being enrolled as a 3-year-old, a child is guaranteed placement in the 4-year-old class, which holds 15 students, the following year.

Crittenden put her son, now 7, on the waiting list when he was 9 months old, and he was unable to get in when he was 3 years old. She enrolled her daughter at birth and was able to get in.

Her son went to a similar program at Eastern Mennonite University, and she said she felt there was too much freedom given there. "The Young Children's Program has just the right balance."

Because of too much freedom, Crittenden's son had a difficult time adjusting to kindergarten after leaving EMU, she said.

During the 2 1/2-hour class session, the preschoolers participate in a wide spectrum of educational and creative activities. During the hour of free play, children can play with any of the assorted projects. After this, it is the child's responsibility to clean up.

The entire class then participates in a short group endeavor such as a song or a story.

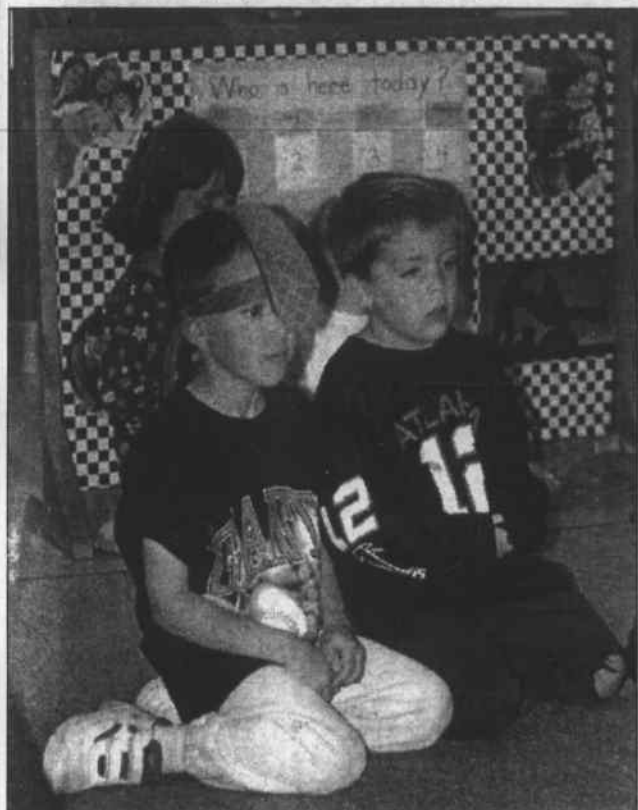
Finally, the children have outdoor play, and according to Guerrier, the children go outside year-round unless there are severe weather conditions.

"Dramatic play is extremely important," Guerrier said. "Play is how children learn; play is their work."

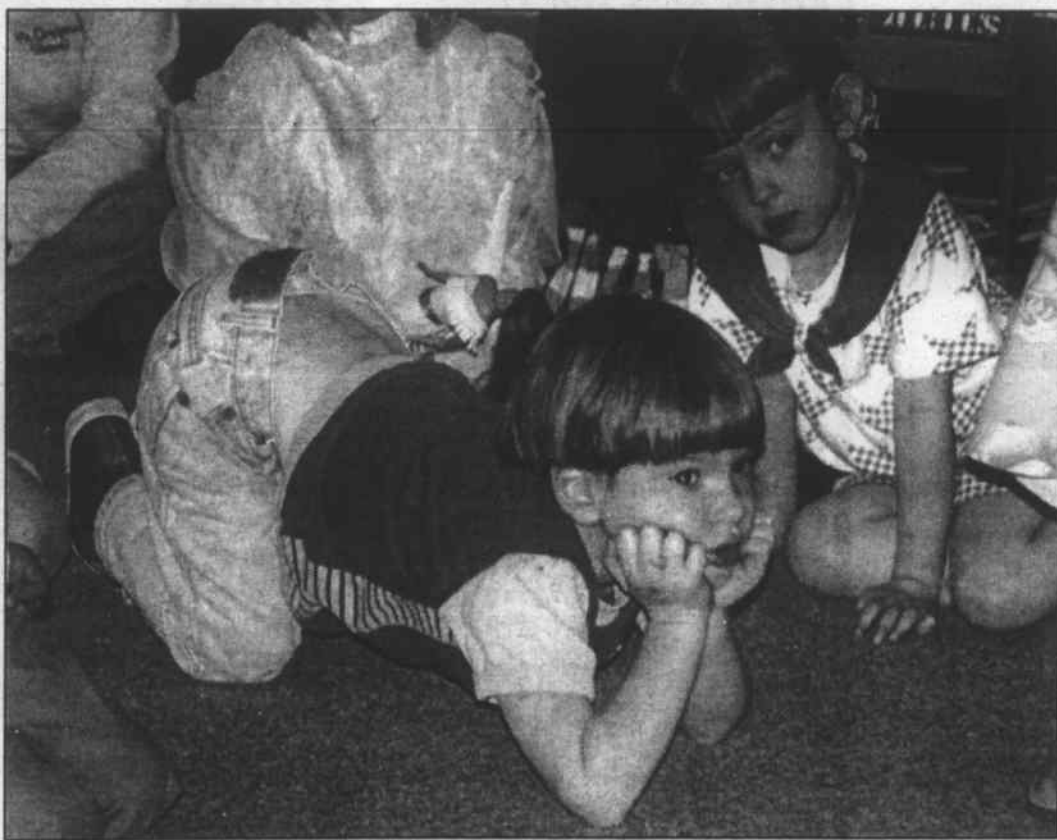
Still, even though the program may seem to focus on the preschooler, the main goal of the program is to educate JMU students, according to Guerrier. "[The] Program only exists because of JMU students. Its main purpose is to exist as a laboratory."

Learning in a practical setting has enriched Danners' education, and she said she looks to her future career with optimism and inspiration.

"If I can make even a fraction of an impact on these kids, it will all be worth it," she said.




(r) Timothy Cupp finds an innovative use for a necktie during a group session on Wednesday afternoon.

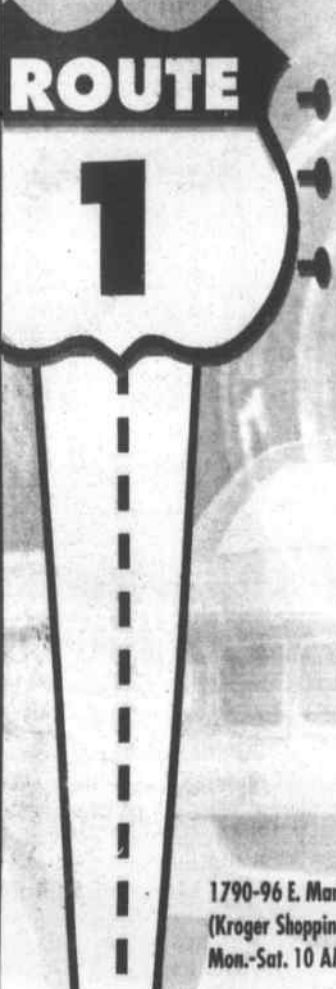


Two children watch as program director Nancy Guerrier puts together an activity.

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SPORTS

Dukes scalp Tribe, now 24-19 with 5-3 victory

by Jerry Niedzialek
staff writer

JMU completed a three-game series with College of William & Mary at Long Field/Mauck Stadium in workman-like fashion, beating the Tribe 5-1 in less than two hours of play and improving its record to 24-19.

The Dukes lost the second game of the doubleheader on Saturday, 4-3, and bounced back today with an impressive outing from sophomore right-hander Travis Harper.

Harper was overpowering on the mound, tallying nine strikeouts in as many innings. Harper also showed good control, walking only one batter and allowing only five base hits.

The win evened Harper's record to 4-4 and earned his second complete game and fourth of his career.

"Travis was outstanding for us today," head coach Kevin Anderson said. "He threw three pitches for strikes with the key being his consistency all game long."

Offensively, JMU got on the scoreboard quickly as freshman centerfielder Kevin Razler drew a leadoff walk. A ball by W&M pitcher Randy Leek allowed Razler to advance to second, and then a sacrifice bunt by junior second baseman Rusty Lowery advanced the leadoff man to third with only one out.

Razler scored the first run of the

game when senior leftfielder Juan Dorsey doubled to rightfield.

Dorsey later scored and gave JMU a 2-0 lead when sophomore third baseman Greg White singled to left. That proved to be all JMU needed offensively, as Harper and the defense were stellar all game.

"I wanted to go out there and set the tone for the game," Harper said. "The offense getting the early lead made it a lot easier to do, and the defense behind me helped out as well."

The only run Harper allowed came in the second inning when he walked Tribe sophomore Ron Bush, which was promptly followed by a double and a ground out RBI by freshman first baseman T.J. Woodley.

From the second inning on, it was all business for the Dukes.

"We played a solid, error-free game today," Dorsey said. "We got the job done and did what we needed to do to win."

JMU tacked on three more insurance runs in the fifth inning to give JMU a bigger cushion.

Senior first baseman Jay Johnson got his second hit of the game, leading off the inning with a single to rightfield. Sophomore shortstop Corey Hoch, the ninth batter in the Dukes' lineup, then blasted a two-run home run to left field to give the Dukes a 4-1 lead. That swing gave him his third home run of the year and continued to show the success



IAN GRAHAM/senior photographer

Rightfielder Macey Brooks takes a big cut against William & Mary in Sunday's 5-1 victory.

that the bottom of the lineup has had. "We have a very consistent lineup from top to bottom, with each of them able to drive the ball out of the ballpark," Anderson said.

But JMU was not through, as it scored the fifth and final run later in the inning.

Lowery laid down a perfect bunt

for his second hit of the game and then advanced to second on a Tribe error. Dorsey singled, moving Lowery to third, who later scored on a sacrifice flyout by White.

"We need to keep playing the way we are, with consistency and great execution," Anderson said.

Dorsey said, "We are starting to

get it together now, and we'll be a force to be reckoned with down the stretch."

JMU hosts the University of Maryland today at 3 p.m. and then plays its final three home games of the year when George Mason University travels to Harrisonburg to play April 27-28.

JMU inducts three into Sports Hall of Fame, honors outstanding athletes

by C. Scott Graham
sports editor

The same names, the same faces, the same memories — and many of the same jokes.

They were all part of the Homecoming feeling permeating the Convocation Center during JMU's annual Sports Hall of Fame induction ceremony Friday.

Inducted were former field hockey and basketball player Carol Horton, former teacher, coach and administrator Dr. Caroline Sinclair and former football player Charles Haley.

"It's truly great to be honored by your peers like this," Horton said. "To be asked to join an exclusive group like this and to be inducted with Charles and Dr. Sinclair is an amazing feeling."

Horton, a two-sport standout at then-Madison College and a member of the class of 1968, was the field hockey team's captain and twice named to the Blue Ridge All-Star Team. She also played two seasons of basketball at Madison.

Since her days as a collegiate athlete, Horton played club field hockey for 15 years and has coached field hockey, soccer, softball and gymnastics. She owns a Virginia record of 261 field hockey coaching wins and was named the state's Coach of the Year in 1993.

"When [JMU Athletic Director] Don Lemish called and told me that I was going to be inducted, I basically



IAN GRAHAM/senior photographer

Former JMU football star and current Dallas Cowboy Charles Haley addresses the audience in the Convocation Center Friday night.

fell off my chair," Horton said. "It's just great to be honored for something you enjoy doing so much."

Sinclair, who didn't attend the induction ceremony because of health problems, started the fencing

program at JMU and introduced the sport at the college level in Virginia.

A graduate of College of William & Mary, Sinclair was inducted into W&M's Athletic Hall of Fame in 1978 and has been selected for

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Laxers fall to mighty Loyola College in CAA tourney semifinal

by Peter Haggarty
staff writer

WASHINGTON, D.C.— The gloomy skies over American University's Reeves Field were a foreboding omen for JMU as it faced Loyola (Md.) College in the semifinal match of the Colonial Athletic Association lacrosse tournament.

The Dukes dropped a 7-6 decision to the undefeated Greyhounds (12-0), who are also ranked second in the nation behind University of Maryland.

While JMU jumped out to an early 3-1 lead, the team was only able to contain the Greyhounds run-and-gun offense for a little while.

Loyola junior Kerri Johnson scored the first goal of the game at the 26:34 mark. JMU responded with three goals in a row, but Loyola matched that feat with three of its own to close out the first half. Johnson, who had a hat trick in the game, spurred the Greyhounds' first-half offensive output with two unassisted goals.

Junior attack Shelley Klaes sparked the Dukes' second-half offensive strike with an unassisted goal just three minutes into the period. JMU managed to thwart Loyola's second-half offensive strike until about the 20-minute mark.

Loyola's offense began to capitalize on passing errors at midfield, opening the way for several fast break opportunities. The Dukes' senior goalkeeper Meg Cortezi was instrumental at stopping the fast-breaking Greyhounds. Cortezi racked up nine saves in the game.

"We did a good job making them [Loyola] move into a set-up offense," Ulehla said. "We played very aggressively, but we were unable to capitalize on key opportunities."

JMU out-hustled Loyola throughout the game but lost momentum toward the end.

"We started to get a little tired down the stretch, and we weren't moving the ball around enough," said Klaes, who led the Dukes with four goals and an assist.

While Klaes accounted for the majority of the Dukes' offensive output, Loyola had a much more balanced offensive attack. Senior Michelle Meyer and junior Stephanie Roberts added a goal each. Freshman Maria

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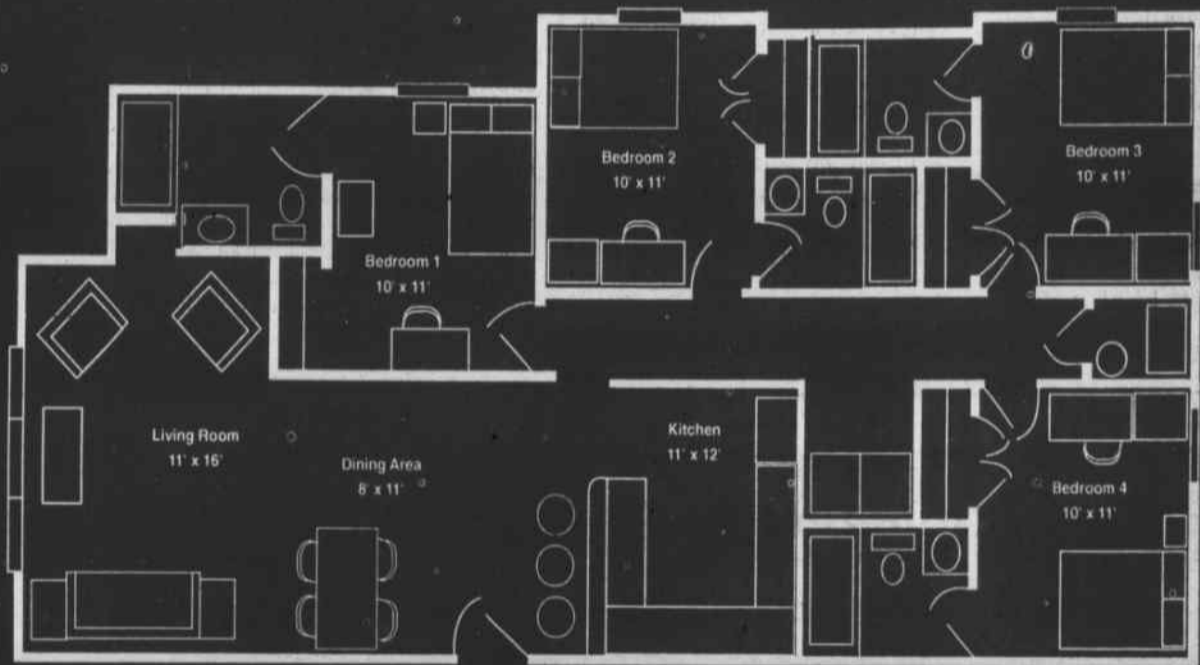
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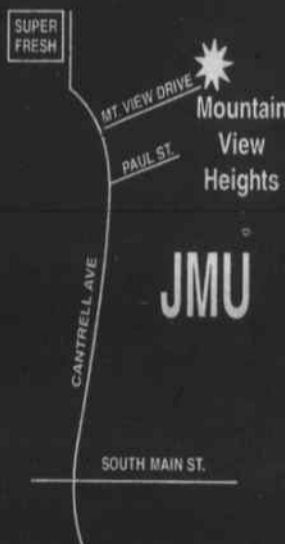
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Weather puts damper on CAA meet for JMU

by R. C. Woodall
senior writer

Despite cool weather, blustery winds and periods of stinging rain, several JMU athletes at the Colonial Athletic Association Track and Field Championships Saturday at Bridgeforth Stadium had their own moments in the sun.

Although the men finished in fifth place overall to first place Virginia Commonwealth University's 146, and the women earned fourth place, falling to first place George Mason University by 153 points, the meet proved positive for a few of JMU's outstanding runners.

Junior Samantha Bates started the day for the women with a first-place finish in the 1,500-meter run, qualifying for the East Coast Athletic Conference championships with a time of 4:30. The race began with Amina Amaddah from Mason in the lead, until Bates began her final push in the last lap to win by a margin of two seconds.

"I came into this meet knowing I wanted to win the 1,500," Bates said. "I had to change my strategy a little bit because the wind was so strong, so I just stayed behind the leader and kicked it in at the end."

She also ran in the 800-meter, placing third behind teammate Diana Gillam and GMU's Staci Hubbard with a time of 2:14.11.

"The 800 was a little different because I had already had a race, so I had to keep that in mind and go out a little more conservatively," she said.

Along with Bates, Gillam, a senior, also met the ECAC qualifying



KYLE BUSS/senior photographer

JMU sophomore Matt Stevens clears a hurdle during the men's 400-meter hurdles in Saturday's meet.

standard with 2:11.82 and won second place in the 800-meter. She also earned a first-place finish with 10:02.56 in the 3,000-meter run, tearing away from the competition in her last lap.

"It was really windy conditions, and I was just looking to stay out of trouble and tuck away on the inside somewhere," she said.

Women's head coach Gwen Harris said, "She's very aggressive and very competitive. I think as nicer

weather comes around, our times will drop down."

Another ECAC qualifier was sophomore Zakiya Haley with 56.17 and third place in the 400-meter dash, despite hamstring problems.

Other top finishers for the Dukes included sophomore Amy Kott in the 400-meter intermediate hurdles, who took fourth place with a mark of 1:06.71, senior Christina Ferran, who finished fourth in the 5,000-meter with 18:11.7 and Jessica Tremblay

with 10:34.81 and sixth in the 3,000-meter run.

For the men, the day was plagued by injury and upset.

Two JMU runners, sophomore Ryan Foster and freshman Paul Lewis, were hurt and had to drop back in their races.

"Our best sprinter Paul Lewis pulled his hamstring," assistant coach Patrick Henner said. "So all the coaches are going to have to sit down and decide what we are going to do

because it is going to be tough to do well at Penn Relays without Paul."

The meet was filled with other surprises however. Junior Ken Winger wasn't expected to place in the top six in the triple jump. Fighting to qualify for IC4As, Winger finished third with a jump of 14.60 meters.

He began competing in track and field in his senior year of high school, and this is his first season back after surgery on a torn patella tendon.

"We were hoping in this first meet I could just qualify for IC4As and I did that on my first jump," Winger said. "Part of the problem I've been going through after the knee surgery, and all I do well on is my first jump. My leg is still weak, so I slowly slide down. I just need to get stronger."

In the 110-meter high hurdles, JMU had other jumping problems.

Sophomore Matt Stevens was leading down the homestretch of his heat, hit a hurdle and was knocked off-balance. He took second, with a time of 15.12.

"I stepped out of my lane and hit the bumper, which threw me off," Stevens said. "I am pleased because I am doing well but disappointed because I know I would have won if I hadn't stepped out of my lane."

Henner said, "[Stevens] did a great job in the 110 hurdles. He has had a hurt shin and hurt ankle all season so he's now coming back and starting to peak."

Some of the Dukes have been invited to participate in the Penn Relays at the University of Pennsylvania April 25-27.

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IAN GRAHAM/senior photographer

Carol Horton with JMU Athletic Director Don Lemish during Friday's ceremony.

induction into the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame. Sinclair Gymnasium in JMU's Godwin Hall is named for her.

The main attraction of the JMU Sports Hall of Fame induction ceremony was former JMU football standout and current Super Bowl champion Dallas Cowboys defensive lineman Charles Haley.

From the moment Haley walked into the Convocation Center, he was asked to sign autographs, pose for pictures and offer words of

advice and encouragement to JMU athletes.

Haley, a native of Gladys, was a first-team All-America and Virginia Collegiate Defensive Player of the Year in 1985. He completed his JMU career as the Dukes' career leader in tackles with 506.

Drafted by the San Francisco 49ers in the fourth round of the 1986 National Football League draft, Haley is the only player to be a member of five Super Bowl champion teams — twice with the 49ers in 1988 and 1989 and three

times with the Cowboys in 1992, 1993 and 1995.

"It's been a great journey," Haley, a member of the class of 1986, said. "To come back to Madison and be honored in this manner, it just makes my life that much better."

Haley said he was glad to still see the presence of what he appreciated so much during his years at JMU.

"The same generosity is here. The same honesty and the same general concern for the students is still here," he said. "That's the key to keeping a university growing and successful. And I think Madison is going to continue to grow and be successful for many years."

As a part of the Greater Madison Inc. Sports Banquet, the ceremony also honored JMU's male and female athletes of the year and male and female scholar-athletes of the year.

Senior football player Mike Cawley received the Male Athlete of the Year Award. Cawley, the Dukes' quarterback and Most Valuable Player, was a second-team All-Yankee Conference selection after leading JMU to an 8-4 record and its second straight NCAA playoff bid.

In 1995, Cawley set JMU football season records for passing yards (2,459), completions (196) and pass attempts (361). He also set JMU career marks for passing yards (6,482), touchdown passes (42), completions (479), pass attempts (863) and completion percentage (.555).

After taking a long look at Haley's massive stature, Cawley said, "I'm not sure I want to be an NFL quarterback anymore."

Field hockey standout Carole Thate received the Female Athlete of the Year Award for the third consecutive year. During her third season as a Duke, Thate led JMU to the 1995 Colonial Athletic Association championship and to the NCAA Final Four for the second straight year.

Thate is JMU's career goals and points leader and the recipient of the Honda Award,

presented to the NCAA's best field hockey player. Each year of Thate's career, she has been named the CAA Player of the Year, CAA tournament MVP and scoring leader. She ranks third on the NCAA's career scoring list (268 points) and fourth on its career goals list (116).

"The thing I want to emphasize is that I haven't done all of this by myself," Thate said. "My teammates are excellent players, too. All the awards I've won, the team has been such a big part of."

The male recipient of the Scholar-Athlete of the Year was football player Carter Robertson. Robertson has maintained a 3.521 grade-point average as a history major and political science minor.

In addition to his duties as an offensive lineman, Robertson is involved in a variety of community service activities, including Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

Gymnast Keri Erazmus, was named the Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year. Erazmus, a junior kinesiology major with a pre-medicine focus, has a 3.9 overall GPA and a 4.0 GPA in her major.

She has twice been named an All-America Scholar-Athlete by the gymnastics coaches association and has been a President's List student every semester at JMU. Erazmus is a Dean's Scholar in the College of Education and Psychology, the 1996 recipient of JMU's Bruce-Crawford-Morrison-Rummel Scholarship, and JMU's 1996 Outstanding Student in Sports Management and Leisure Studies.

"It's very special to be honored for both academics and athletics," Erazmus said. "Especially with the group of people here tonight. This is truly the top of the top."

Note: Jerry Jones, owner of the Dallas Cowboys, donated \$5,000 to JMU's football program in the name of Charles Haley, according to JMU Athletic Director Don Lemish.

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Violence runs rampant on and off court

Recent incidents involving the malevolent actions of athletes are disturbing

I have some friends who are probably laughing at me now. For years, I have taken a holier-than-thou attitude when comparing my favorite sport, basketball, to one of my least favorite sports, hockey.

My main problem with hockey is the fighting that breaks out at any given moment. Referees just stand around and watch players go at it, and sportscasters display all the blood and guts with glee on the 11 o'clock news.

I now cringe in embarrassment when noting one difference between the sports: at least professional hockey players have never gone after referees.

It's not just referees who might want to start wearing a hard hat to work. As you might remember, Philadelphia's Jerry Stackhouse got into a little boxing match a few weeks ago, and Orlando's Horace Grant got tossed recently for punching Cleveland's Danny Ferry.

Until the latter portion of this season, the National Basketball Association and its members were models for professional sports.

Unlike baseball and hockey, basketball found a way to avoid striking. There are no team owners like Jerry Jones, who continually snubs his nose at National Football League rules, or Art Modell, who would best be advised to keep away from the Dawg Pound should he ever show his face in Cleveland again.

The string of recent contact incidents between NBA referees and players is inexcusable. The NBA has taken great pains in recent years to market its games to a younger generation, and this isn't the sort of lesson NBA stars of tomorrow should deem acceptable.

Community sports coaches always recite this adage: "It's not whether you win or lose, it's

how you play the game." That's not entirely true when it comes to pro sports, when wins and losses mean everything, but it doesn't mean we should excuse the actions of Dennis Rodman, Nick Van Exel or Magic Johnson just because players get caught up in the intensity of a game.

What other profession can you name where someone can assault, or even verbally threaten, a person in higher authority because he disagrees with a decision?

Obviously, few, if any, people believe Johnson's chest-bump of a referee had the malicious intent of Rodman's head-butt or Van Exel's shove. Unlike Rodman and Van Exel,

Johnson took responsibility for his action and apologized. Van Exel, for the record, told reporters he wouldn't say he was sorry unless the referee he shoved did the same.

Excuse me? Van Exel sounds like he plays in the same sandbox as Isaiah Rider, whose mother had to leave her courtside seat, walk onto the court and verbally direct her son to leave a game from which he was ejected.

These incidents are most disturbing when you consider the recent violent off-court and off-field actions of many professional and collegiate athletes.

Washington Bullets rookie Rasheed Wallace was charged recently with assaulting the mother of his child. In a *Washington Post* article, his

lawyer called the incident "unfortunate."

Also on the "unfortunate" list: Warren Moon's wife's 911 call to Houston police last summer accusing her husband of trying to strangle her, allegations by Robert Parish's ex-wife that Chief used to beat her and Lawrence Phillips' no contest plea for assaulting his former girlfriend.

The Phillips incident is most interesting after this week's chain of events. The St. Louis Rams chose Phillips, the former

University of Nebraska star running back, with the sixth pick of this weekend's draft. Phillips, surely a top-three draft pick without the aforementioned incident, will still make millions of

dollars in his professional career.

His ex-girlfriend, Kate McEwen, whom he grabbed by the hair and dragged down three flights of stairs, learned she has lost her athletic scholarship to play on the Cornhuskers basketball team, according to ESPN. McEwen will receive a full academic scholarship and will have a chance to win back her athletic scholarship.

Nebraska women's basketball coach Angela Beck reportedly didn't renew McEwen's scholarship because of "a lack of improvement in her play," according to ESPN.

Try to remember the media blitz surrounding the Phillips incident. Imagine how bitter some people probably were about Phillips' six-game

suspension. Think about the sort of pressure on McEwen's shoulders in filing police charges against her ex-boyfriend.

Is it any surprise McEwen had "a lack of improvement in her play"?

It isn't completely fair to target athletes for these types of incidents. Sadly, violent actions against men and women have become standard in today's society. We have become desensitized to the murders and beatings that lead the nightly news out of Washington, D.C., and Richmond.

I think that's why I am so disturbed by the change in play I see in professional basketball. How often does one bad call from the officials really affect the outcome of a game? A more visible result would be down the line, when a team could lose an important game because a valuable player is on the bench serving a suspension for assaulting a player or an official.

Colonial Athletic Association Commissioner Tom Yeager suspended American University's Tim Fudd for seven basketball games this season when Fudd elbowed an opposing player so hard the player suffered a collapsed lung.

Fudd insisted his action was an accident. Yeager watched a tape of the incident a number of times and decided otherwise.

Many, including *Washington Post* columnist Michael Wilbon (who doesn't exactly frequent CAA games on a regular basis), said the suspension was too excessive.

I say if Fudd did intentionally elbow his opponent, good for Yeager. Maybe a new generation of NBA players will learn violence doesn't belong off or on the court, no matter how many baskets or players such actions stop.

After all, if I wanted to see people beating up on each other, I'd turn to the National Hockey League playoffs.



IN MY HUMBLE OPINION
ALISON BOYCE

Tourney

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PETER HAGGARTY/staff photographer

Senior defender Lellie Cherry hacks at Loyola attack Allison Valentino in action Saturday afternoon. The Dukes lost to the Greyhounds 7-6 in the CAA semifinal.

DiTommaso scored two goals, one of which ended up as the game winner.

As JMU fought back in the final minutes, it seemed to be a game of desperation as Loyola began playing a stall offense.

"I didn't want to hold the ball in the final minutes, but the way we had been playing, I knew that was our best shot," Loyola head coach Diane Aikens said.

JMU hustled a whole lot more than us throughout the game and forced us into a lot of turnovers," she said. "We were really worried about how [Jen] Gicking, [Aimee] Vaughan and [Megan] Riley were going to play."

In a game that featured four lead changes and four ties, it seemed unfair that one team had to come away victorious.

"It was a real even game, and it's a shame that someone has to lose," Ulehla said.

Aikens wasn't so optimistic about the equality of the game. "We were really lucky that we didn't lose today," she said. "JMU played a very strong game."

JMU fell to 8-7, with all of its losses to teams ranked in the top 15 in the country.

"We didn't really place too much weight on JMU's record this year," Aikens said. "We knew that they were not a weak team by any means. Today just proved that fact."

JMU next faces No. 10-ranked Georgetown University on April 25 at Bridgeforth Stadium.

Ulehla said, "We have to beat Georgetown and Yale, and that could be very important for us."

Sports Highlights

FOOTBALL

Cawley drafted by Colts

JMU senior quarterback Mike Cawley was drafted yesterday in the sixth round by the Indianapolis Colts.

Cawley, JMU's all-time leading passer, was the 205th overall pick. He was the 38th pick in the round.

Cawley had been almost positive going into the weekend that he would get the call from a team. He was projected as a low-rounder in this draft that was considered weak at quarterback.

BASEBALL

Dukes split doubleheader with William & Mary

JMU extended its winning streak to five games, then dropped game two of a doubleheader Saturday against the College of William & Mary.

The Dukes pummeled the Tribe in game one, hitting three home runs on the way to a 18-4 victory.

Game two was a lot closer, with W&M getting a run in the ninth inning to go ahead 4-3 for the win.

LACROSSE

Lacrosse awards announced

JMU placed three players on the All-Colonial Athletic Association 1996 First Team and two on the second team.

Senior midfielder Jen Gicking was a repeat first-teamer for the Dukes. She was one of three repeaters from 1995 first team.

Also making the first team were senior goalkeeper Meg Cortezzi and senior midfielder Caryn Habay. Cortezzi led the CAA in save percentage (.627).

Junior attack Shelley Klaes and sophomore Aimee Vaughan were the Dukes' second team representatives. Klaes led the Dukes in scoring while finishing fourth in the conference with 32 points.

JMU freshman Megan Riley was voted CAA Rookie of the Year. Riley was a full time starter for the Dukes and finished as their third leading scorer with 17 goals and four assists. Riley is the first Duke to receive the rookie of the year honor.

Loyola College's Michelle Meyer, a junior midfielder, won CAA player of the Year.

Loyola head coach Diane Aikens won the 1996 Coach of the Year award after leading the Greyhounds to an 11-0 record and a No. 2 national ranking.

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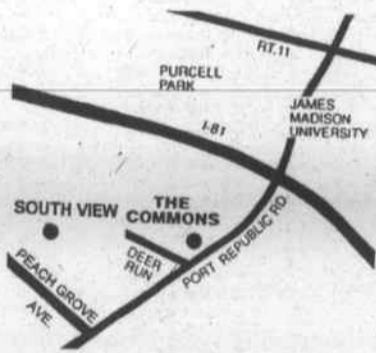
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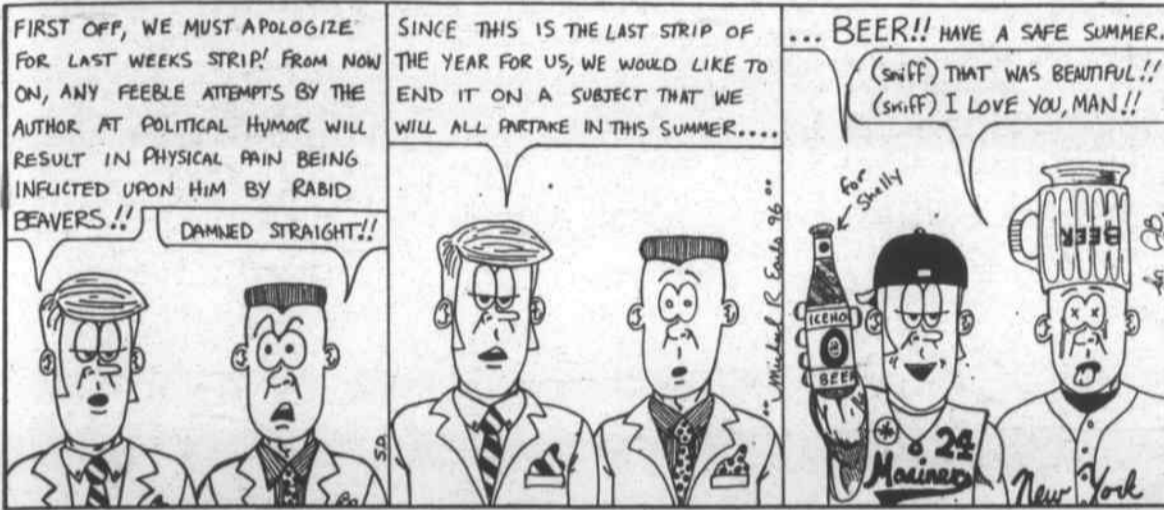
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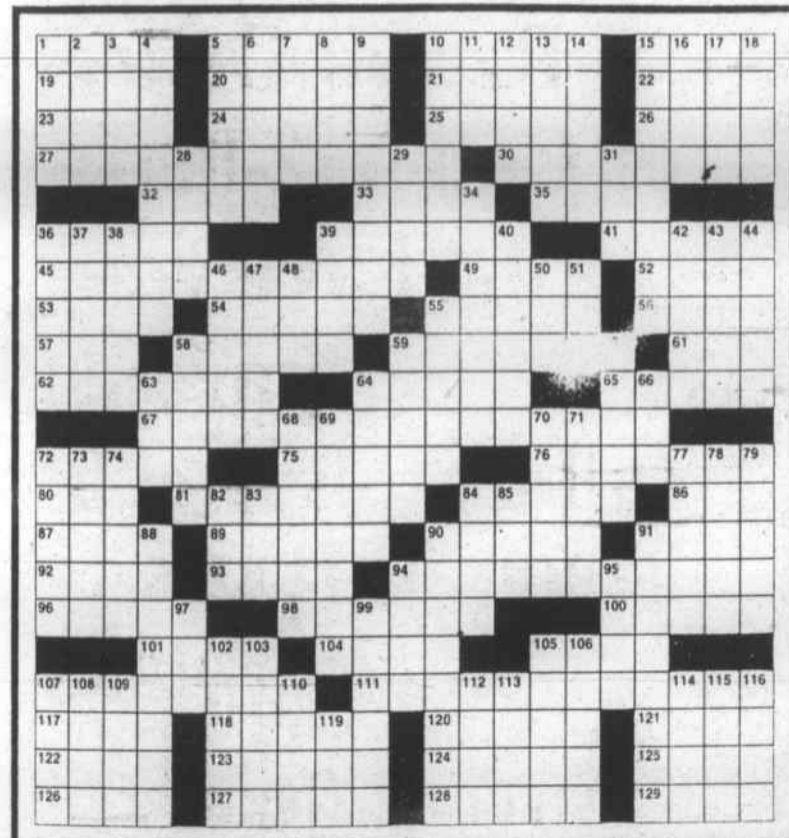
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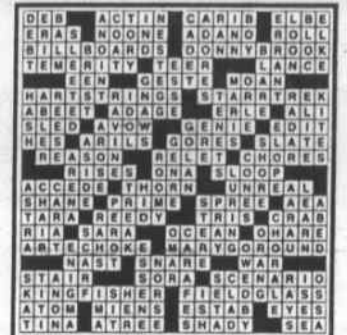


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