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FALL 2003 ON-CAMPUS ENROLLMENT SUMMARY

On-campus headcount enrollment increased to 15,769 in Fall 2003, up 157 students (1.0%) from 15,612 in Fall 2002. Enrollment in Fall 2003 included 14,805 full-time and 964 part-time students, of which 14,683 were undergraduates, 702 were graduate students, and 384 were non-degree seeking students enrolled in regular credit courses. There were 298 more full-time and 141 fewer part-time students than Fall 2002. Full-time undergraduate enrollment increased by 312 (2.2%). Out-of-state students accounted for 29.7% of on-campus enrollment in Fall 2003, compared with 29.0% in Fall 2002. There were 3,388 entering class students, up from 3,283 in Fall 2002. Based on historical patterns, we can expect 91% of the entering class students to return for Fall 2004. We can also expect 80% of these new students to graduate within six years. Undergraduate transfers decreased from 646 in Fall 2002 to 607 in Fall 2003. The number of enrolled students returning grew, with 10,166 full-time undergraduates returning in Fall 2003, 95 students more than Fall 2002.

Applications for admission to the entering freshman class declined 3.7% to 15,056 in Fall 2003 from 15,639 in Fall 2002. Overall, the University accepted 9,404 (62.5%) of its applicants for the entering class, up from 9,048 (57.9%) in Fall 2002. The yield rate (the percentage of those offered admission who accepted the offer and enrolled) decreased slightly from 36.3% in Fall 2002 to 36.0% in Fall 2003. The yield rate for Virginia applicants decreased from 42.0% in Fall 2002 to 41.4% in Fall 2003. The out-of-state yield increased from 28.4% in Fall 2002 to 29.1% in Fall 2003. The percentage of minority entering class students in Fall 2003 was 9.9%, down from 10.6% in Fall 2002. The number of African-American entering class students in Fall 2003 was 64, down from 113 in Fall 2002. In-state African-American entering class students decreased from 101 to 49. Asian-American/Pacific Islanders continued as the largest minority with 180 entering class students, up from 149 in Fall 2002.

Mean SAT scores for entering class students in Fall 2003 were 580 verbal, 587 math, and 1,167 composite. The 2003 composite is two points above the composite of 1,165 for Fall 2002. The highest mean SAT score since recentering began in 1995 was 1,186 in Fall 1995. The 2003 national average SAT composite score was 1,026, while the average for Virginia was 1,024.

On-campus males continue to decline in both headcount and proportion. The number of undergraduate males decreased from 5,930 (41.2%) in Fall 2002 to 5,889 (40.1%) in Fall 2003. Entering male freshmen increased from 1,167 (35.5%) in Fall 2002 to 1,220 (36.0%) in Fall 2003.

Graduate enrollment increased 2.6% from 684 in Fall 2002 to 702 in Fall 2003. Full-time graduate enrollment increased from 431 in Fall 2002 to 438 in Fall 2003. Graduate students represent 4.5% of on-campus enrollment.

Ten-year summary tables appear on the next page. More detailed enrollment tables will be published in the 2003-04 James Madison University *Statistical Summary*. Copies of the *Statistical Summary* are placed on reserve in Carrier Library. Also, the *Statistical Summary* is available online at <http://www.jmu.edu/instresrch>.

TABLE 1
Total Fall On-Campus Headcount Enrollment
1994-2003

Fall	Undergraduate	Graduate	Non-degree Seeking	Total
1994	10,152	795	592	11,539
1995	10,503	859	565	11,927
1996	11,643	759	561	12,963
1997	12,551	743	420	13,714
1998	13,225	723	466	14,414
1999	13,668	680	466	14,814
2000	13,824	609	528	14,961
2001	14,069	651	432	15,152
2002	14,402	684	526	15,612
2003	14,683	702	384	15,769

TABLE 2
Entering Class Acceptances and SAT Scores
1994-2003

Fall	Applied	Accepted	Enrolled	Percent Accepted	Percent Enrolled	Mean SAT Composite (Recentered)
1994	11,712	6,167	2,289	52.7	37.1	1,192
1995	12,314	6,989	2,539	56.8	36.3	1,186
1996	13,322	8,434	3,258	63.3	38.6	1,172
1997	14,005	7,688	3,062	54.9	39.8	1,174
1998	13,157	7,818	2,973	59.4	38.0	1,175
1999	12,980	8,494	3,039	65.4	35.8	1,170
2000	13,573	8,712	3,226	64.2	37.0	1,171
2001	14,114	9,080	3,249	64.3	35.8	1,163
2002	15,639	9,048	3,283	57.9	36.3	1,165
2003	15,056	9,404	3,388	62.5	36.0	1,167

TABLE 3
STUDENT ENROLLMENT BY GENDER AND ACADEMIC LEVEL
FALL 1994-2003

Year	Undergraduates		Graduates		Non-degree Seeking		Total	
	Male/Pct	Female/Pct	Male/Pct	Female/Pct	Male/Pct	Female/Pct	Male/Pct	Female/Pct
1994	4,688 (46.2)	5,464 (53.8)	255 (32.1)	540 (67.9)	216 (36.5)	376 (63.5)	5,159 (44.7)	6,380 (55.3)
1995	4,800 (45.7)	5,703 (54.3)	304 (35.4)	555 (64.6)	234 (41.4)	331 (58.6)	5,338 (44.8)	6,589 (55.2)
1996	5,250 (45.1)	6,393 (54.9)	261 (34.4)	498 (65.6)	243 (43.3)	318 (56.7)	5,754 (44.4)	7,209 (55.6)
1997	5,586 (44.5)	6,965 (55.5)	283 (38.1)	460 (61.9)	176 (41.9)	244 (58.1)	6,045 (44.1)	7,669 (55.9)
1998	5,759 (43.6)	7,466 (56.4)	254 (35.1)	469 (64.9)	203 (43.6)	263 (56.4)	6,216 (43.1)	8,198 (56.9)
1999	5,837 (42.7)	7,831 (57.3)	232 (34.1)	448 (65.9)	177 (38.0)	289 (62.0)	6,246 (42.2)	8,568 (57.8)
2000	5,807 (42.0)	8,017 (58.0)	211 (34.6)	398 (65.4)	200 (37.9)	328 (62.1)	6,218 (41.6)	8,743 (58.4)
2001	5,829 (41.4)	8,240 (58.6)	227 (34.9)	424 (65.1)	159 (36.8)	273 (63.2)	6,215 (41.0)	8,937 (59.0)
2002	5,930 (41.2)	8,472 (58.8)	221 (32.3)	463 (67.7)	145 (27.6)	381 (72.4)	6,296 (40.3)	9,316 (59.7)
2003	5,889 (40.1)	8,794 (59.9)	221 (31.5)	481 (68.5)	122 (31.8)	262 (68.2)	6,232 (39.5)	9,537 (60.5)