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CORRECTIONS

In the Thursday, Sept. 11 issue of *The Breeze*, the article "A Thirst For Competition" on page 11 incorrectly stated "Senior Jimmy Smariga from team Colombia, travels down from Oregon State University each semester in order to play." Smariga actually attends Ohio State University.

In the Monday, Sept. 8 issue of *The Breeze*, the article "Keg Shell Kleptomania Taps Nerves" on page 1 incorrectly stated "It's the same people that steal cadillac converters off of vehicles." It was supposed to read "catalytic converters."

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Hurricane Ike Blows Up Gas Prices, Halts Refineries

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — It didn't take long for consumers to feel the impact of Hurricane Ike at the gas pumps.

Nationwide, the average price per gallon of regular unleaded gas jumped to \$3.73 Saturday from \$3.68 the day before, as about a quarter of U.S. energy production remained out of commission.

Across the country, particularly near the storm's path, there were reports of price gouging as retailers wondered when their next shipments would arrive. John B. Townsend II, a spokesman for AAA Mid-Atlantic, said some areas saw gas prices climb by as much as \$1 because of the shutdown of offshore platforms and drilling rigs along the Gulf of Mexico and oil refineries. There were reports of prices topping \$4 in the Carolinas, he said.

Along the Gulf Coast, "prices have jumped in some cases to \$5, and that's unconscionable," he said.

Nonetheless, Townsend said consumers should not be surprised if gas prices reached record highs, as they did over the summer. "I think that for some consumers, depending on where they are, in time you may see the return of \$4 gas," he said.

In brief comments at the White House Saturday morning, President Bush warned against price gouging.

"The Department of Energy, the Federal Trade Commission and, I know, state authorities will be monitoring gasoline prices to make sure consumers are not being gouged, make sure consumers are being treated fairly," he said.

The nation's leading oil producers, including Exxon Mobil and Shell, said it was

too early to assess the damage to refineries and other operations, but power outages were proving to be a vexing problem for refiners all across the region. For instance, Valero Energy, the nation's largest refiner, reported that power was out at its Houston, Texas City and Port Arthur refineries, which it had closed in anticipation of the storm. The company said Saturday night that assessment crews found no significant structural damage to the facilities.

The storm also led to the shutdown of several pipelines. Steve Baker, a spokesman for Colonial, said that the company's Houston area stations had lost power and that two pipelines, one carrying gas and one carrying distillates such as diesel fuel and home heating oil, were shut down.

The latest disruption comes on the heels of Hurricane Gustav, which also forced oil companies to curtail production.

"The problem is we don't really know how long it will take to get the refineries back up because of so many power outages," said Edward L. Morse, managing director and chief energy economist at Lehman Brothers.

The storm illustrated the region's significance to the nation's oil supply. About 40 percent of U.S. oil refining capacity lies along the coast, with about 23 percent along the Texas Gulf Coast.

As of Saturday afternoon, 99.7 percent of the oil production and 98.5 percent of the natural gas production in the gulf were shut down, according to the Minerals Management Service. Oil production from the gulf is estimated at 1.3 million barrels per day, while natural gas production is estimated at 7.4 billion cubic feet per day.

Personnel had been evacuated from 611 production platforms, or 85.2 percent of the manned platforms in the gulf, and from 101

rigs, or 83.5 percent of the rigs.

Officials from the Energy Department said 14 of 17 oil refineries on the Texas coast between Corpus Christi and Beaumont were shut down, and the rest were on reduced runs.

Concerned about gasoline availability and prices, Bush said the Environmental Protection Agency has temporarily waived some provisions in 12 states across the region so that they can import gasoline from abroad that normally would not meet some U.S. requirements.

And the Department of Energy said Saturday night that it was ready to release emergency oil stocks from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, though no requests have come in from oil companies.

U.S. officials said Hurricanes Ike and Gustav landed a weaker one-two punch against the nation's energy and petrochemical sector than Katrina and Rita delivered in 2005.

This year's Gulf Coast hurricanes were more threatening because they came over a span of 12 days, rather than 26 days, hitting a weakened infrastructure still limping back to production.

But the storms were weaker, industry preparations were stronger, and many of the most vulnerable offshore facilities damaged in 2005 were not restored, said Kevin P. Kolevar, assistant secretary of energy for electricity reliability and energy delivery.

"I can't think of any estimate or damage as to offshore facilities that caught my attention," Kolevar said, adding: "We didn't have the kind of damage (from Gustav) to the refinery sector that we did from Rita, and they have been recovering faster than they did in 2005."

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A Part of History

ARAMARK employee and Beijing native works the 2008 Olympic Games

By **CAROLINE COURNOYER**
The Breeze

JMU students aren't the only people in Harrisonburg that get the chance to go abroad. ARAMARK Corporation, the university's dining service's company, has been sending its employees on all-expenses-paid trips to work at the Olympics since the 1968 Mexico City Summer Games.

When Beijing native Zishi Campise, a Dining Services location supervisor heard about the opportunity to work at the 2008 Summer Olympics, she jumped at the chance to return home.

Campise lived in Beijing for more than 30 years. It wasn't until she met her husband that she had a reason to leave. Zishi met her husband, an American piano tuner, in a Yahoo chat room. She was trying to learn English and he had an interest in learning Mandarin.

They communicated via the Internet for a year and a half before meeting in person, and

after seeing each other twice, the deal was sealed. They were engaged and Campise moved from the bustling streets of Beijing to the comparatively calmer roads of Harrisonburg in 2004.

Although it has only been four years since Campise left, she said Beijing had changed significantly during that time; a result of China becoming "open-minded more and more everyday."

"The way people talk and the way people act, more and more people are speaking English," Campise said.

She talked to friends who said their businesses were improving because people have a more disposable income and Americans saw how much their dollar was worth and took advantage.

"I think they are more happy than four years ago because they make more money," she said.

Campise served carbohydrates to the athletes, who needed the energy to perform well, and to the 24-hour media, who needed the energy to stay

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courtesy of **ZISHI CAMPISE**

ARAMARK employee Zishi Campise traveled to Beijing, her hometown, as part of an ARAMARK program to serve meals to Olympic athletes.

South High Street's Mr. J's Burns Down



HOLLY FOURNIER/contributing photographer

A fire ravaged Mr. J's Bagel and Deli on South High Street on Thursday, destroying the well-known eatery. There will be an updated story on what happened in this Thursday's issue.

The Future of JMU Dining



illustration courtesy of **ANGELA RITCHIE**

The new East Campus Dining Hall is scheduled to open in fall 2009 and, according to Angela Ritchie, marketing manager of JMU Dining Services, it will have a modern look but also incorporate many specific JMU elements like bluestone and purple and gold.

It will include brick oven pizza, a home-style entrée station, an upscale deli with fresh baked bread, a salad bar, an interactive bakery and an international station.

Princeton Review Ranks JMU Dining No. 5 For Second Consecutive Year

By **JOHN SUTTER**
The Breeze

You voted. Now the results are in.

For the second consecutive year, *The Princeton Review* ranked James Madison University fifth in the nation for campus food.

"A key to our success is the SGA Food and Dining Services Committee [because] they provide us with insight and suggestions which we use to continue to make our program better," said Angela Ritchie, marketing manager of JMU Dining Services.

According to its Web site, *The Princeton Review* uses student input to determine the rankings, not input from university administrations or editors of the Princeton Review. Each year the rankings are re-evaluated and published in the annual book, "The Best 368 Colleges" book.

"We are grateful that our students took time from their busy schedules to take the (Princeton Review) survey and acknowledge our efforts to provide outstanding food and value," said Stephanie Hoshower, the director of JMU Dining Services.

To maintain the ranking, Dining Services encourages feedback from students and often makes changes based on the results. Dining Services then incorporates that feedback from the students and the SGA Food and Dining Services Committee to create new and better dining options.

Student Ambassador Anthony Russo said that he emphasizes the importance of having high quality food at college to prospective students.

"Our food may not be as good as your mom's," Russo said, "but it is good enough to get you through the whole

year without getting sick of it."

He added that, "D-Hall food outweighs the D-Hall dash. Every Sunday this summer, I woke up craving D-Hall breakfast."

Dining Services tries to stay attuned to student trends by creating new concepts such as Festival's new pasta station, El Bows and Market One's updated 'BURGer Junction.'

Nicole Ferraro, the former chair of the Food and Dining Services committee, has been impressed with the way dining services accepts new ideas and listens to students' opinions.

"I've been really impressed with how passionate dining services location managers are and how open they are to our suggestions and meeting our diverse needs," Ferraro said.

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OLYMPICS: ARAMARK Employee Returns Home

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awake. She worked six days a week, 10 hours a day for six weeks, but it was all worth it when she got to be there when China won its first gold medal in women's 48 kg weightlifting.
"It's a very, very special life experience," Campise said. "It's China. It's my country. I'm very proud of the Americans too. I just love two countries."
After living in both countries, Campise sees that the United States and China are more alike than people would like to think and she viewed the Olympics as a way to bridge the gap between the two countries.
"The Olympics is like a window; the world can see China and the Chinese can see the world," she said.
Most of the Americans Campise encountered expected China to be a complete culture shock, as if

they were traveling to another side of the universe. However, their expectations were wrong and they found Beijing to be just like New York City or any other American city.
The security checks were also not foreign to the Americans, however, they are stricter in Beijing, according to Campise, who said they have intense, thorough security checks just to ride the subways.
Awarded two tickets to every event, Campise was able to enjoy the Olympics and the city when she wasn't working.
Before the Olympics started, she got a chance to visit her parents and take Americans sightseeing to the best restaurants and historical sites in China.
ARAMARK has been the official catering service for 14 different Olympic Games, the most recent being 2004 Summer Games in Athens, Greece, according to the press release.

9/11: Ignorance Reason for Hate

9/11, from front
"I'm Creek, and that was very, very profound to me seeing a Creek Native American up on the screen [as a listed victim of hate crime]," Pahilbrick said. He then held his pale-skinned arm to that of junior Vinod Narayan, of Indian descent, in an effort to show how different they looked but how people of their similar backgrounds were falling victim to the same hate.
During the movie, one scene was reminiscent of the recent display of campus preacher Brother Micah as two Christian brothers condemned all non-Christians to hell.
"There are so many people who can't accept differences — if it's not the same, it's not right,"

said Amy Shepard. "I feel that so many Americans want to be right and they want to feel approval so bad that if there is something different about you, your name or religion then there is something wrong with you."
Students in the discussion felt that ignorance and family influence were the reasons for hate.
"You have 6.5 billion different personal experiences on the planet and the people that are committing these hate crimes had to have come from some experience," graduate student Raphael Perrino said. "Everyone starts from a clean slate and it underlies the importance to have diversity in the classroom and community."
JMU ISA feels that the student body and staff is a very consider-

ate and welcoming community to all ethnic backgrounds. ISA president Pratik Banjade felt the event that tested JMU the most was the shootings at Virginia Tech.
"ISA was slightly worried of any possible backlash that Korean students could have faced, but we saw the exact opposite," said Banjade, referring to the Korean shooter Seung-Hui Cho. "ISA was very happy to see students of all backgrounds showing love and care to students of Korean descent during some trying times."
After conversations about the tragic events of 9/11 and the hate crimes that took place in its wake, Banjade led the discussion group in a moment of silence that ended the somber event.

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COLUMBINE: Survivor Stresses Ending Racial Prejudice

Columbine, from front

Eliminate Prejudice

Isaiah Shoels and Matthew Kechter were two of Scott's best friends at school. They were with Scott in the library the day of the shooting.

"It's hard for me to take you there to the library that day."

Scott, struggling to talk about it, said that when they first heard the gunshots they thought they were firecrackers. But after realizing that it was more serious, their teacher told them to get under the tables.

The three friends crouched down together. The door opened and a student that had been shot managed to get inside before falling to the ground. When Dylan Klebold and Eric Harris came in, Scott said he remembered them firing at people and then they saw Shoels.

Shoels was one of only a handful of black students at the school. The killers began making racial slurs towards Isaiah, taunting him and teasing him. They would point the gun at him and then laugh.

"The last thing Isaiah said was 'I want to see my mom' and then they shot him in the head."

The last thing his friend heard before he died was racial prejudice. He said that unfortunately there are still people in the world that are prejudiced towards people of another race.

His friend Kechter, who was on the other side of Scott, didn't have a chance to say anything because he was killed right after.

Scott had a hard time reliving the death of his friends, but he said it just goes to prove his point that school violence needs to be stopped. Scott said the best way to eliminate prejudice was to look for the best in others.

But for most, it is hard to look for the best in Klebold and Harris.

Go to Five People and Tell Them How Much You Care

After watching the death of his two friends, Scott knew they had to get out.

"I was the first person in the library to stand up and look around."

He heard a girl in pain and turned to help her out of the building. Those who were fortunate enough not to get shot helped the other injured. They made a run for it and once they were outside, they ducked behind a cop car. They turned back to the school and heard more shots only to realize the killers had come back to the library.

"If we hadn't gotten out when we did, more of us would have died."

While the injured were getting taken care of, another one of Scott's friends tapped him on the shoulder.

"He said 'Hey I think there is another victim there laying in the grass,'" Scott said.

All he could see was a bookbag, never a per-

son. He later realized when he and his family got the news that the person his friend was pointing to was his sister.

"That was Rachel out there lying in the grass."

He and Rachel had ridden to school together the way many siblings do, but on the way there that morning they had a fight. He said it was something stupid and he slammed the door in her face when they got to school.

"The next time I saw her face it was in a cassette."

Scott said he would give anything to tell her that he loved her, but since he can't he advocates calling those that you love and telling them even if you think they already know.

But the signs were there, because the last few weeks before her death Rachel began writing abnormal stories. She wrote about dying and illness. One of her poems a few weeks before she was killed started out, "It isn't suicide, I would consider it homicide."

Rachel's funeral was broadcasted on CNN and it was the largest viewing of a funeral in the network's history. Scott said he has received more support and encouragement from strangers than he realized. He said his point isn't for any other reason other than telling Rachel's story, which he and his family have made a priority.

The final point of Scott's plan was to make sure people knew how rare life was and how

important it was to make sure that friends and family know how much you care.

Scott's biggest regret is how he left things with Rachel that morning, and he wanted the audience to understand how short life is.

He told the audience to close their eyes and picture everyone they loved and cared about standing in one room.

"Imagine that you have to say goodbye to those people," Scott said.

He closed with encouraging the audience to get on the phone with those people and tell them that you love them, because it is the one thing he can't do with his sister.

Rachel's Challenge

Scott's story ended with saying that he was so glad that Friends for Rachel was reaching college-aged students, especially after Virginia Tech. He dared everyone to accept Rachel's Challenge, which is going out and putting the five points into everyday life.

He said he was only disappointed about one thing.

"I was hoping to get to meet the Duke Dog. My feelings are kind of hurt."

But the banner outside the convocation center stating "Rachel's Challenge" was full of signatures of those pledging to carry on Scott's plan and prevent school violence by the time the Convocation Center had cleared out.

FOOD: Wide Number of Options Keep Students Happy



ADRIENNE GOLDBERG/The Breeze

Dining Services provides a vast array of food for students to choose from. Options range from sushi to sandwiches.

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As a vegetarian, Ferraro said that she has no trouble eating on campus and actually finds it easier because of all the different options available.

"I think as a vegetarian, there are a lot of fresh options and meat alternatives," Ferraro said.

Even though JMU is ranked fifth in the nation for best food, some students still are not completely satisfied with the quality.

"Last year, I didn't know what to expect, but this year the surprise factor is gone," sophomore Lauren Miutz said.

She said she liked the new additions at Tidewater in Dukes, but gets frustrated with the long lines at many of the dining locations.

Ritchie said that a positive dining experience is a "quintessential part of the overall college experience." Since many students normally eat two meals a day on-campus, the better food allows for a better overall college experience.

According to the *Princeton Review* Web site, former number one, Virginia Tech, fell two spots to number three and was replaced by Wheaton College in Wheaton, Ill., and Bowdoin College in Maine came in second.

For a complete list of the rankings, go to princetonreview.com.



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From the guy below you who thinks you sound less like Fred Astaire and more like a jackhammer.

A “you-guys-want-some-cookies!?” pat to the Craving Cookies delivery guy.

From four girls who thought it was hilarious that you impersonated Corky Romano, especially since we secretly wished you would.

A “that-was-my-freshly-cashed-paycheck” dart to the person who felt the need to steal from my locker at UREC and pay himself for my hard work.

From a surprised sophomore who now realizes that we do indeed learn among fools here at JMU.

A “nobama” dart to the crazy liberal who peeled the McCain sticker off my car.

From a McCain supporter who doesn’t buy into the Obama hysteria.

A “way-to-go-little-buddy” pat to the ecstatic freshman at UREC for finally getting the hang of the swipe-wait-walk method of avoiding turnstile crotch-shots on his way out.

From a proud senior who wants to remind you that you are now exempt from having to pay the POLE TOLL!

A “that’s-what-you-call-broadcasting?” dart to the people responsible for showing the JMU football games on TV.

From a sophomore who was really sad when she couldn’t even hear the Marching Royal Dukes play, let alone tell what the score was.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Of Course The Media Misses The Point

How could anyone be shocked to learn that mainstream media outlets aren’t out to present hard facts? The days of strong, investigative journalism have long since given way to the soft gossip reporting that permeates the modern media. No longer do we have Dan Rather asking why America refuses to do anything about Russia invading Afghanistan or Ted Koppel giving us the day-to-day of the Iranian hostage crisis.

Instead, we get round-table discussions about the family life of political candidates or the portrayal of long-standing cultural greetings as “terrorist fist jabs.” We get the White House handing out not only pre-packaged fluff pieces but also giving talking points to Fox News commentators such as Bill O’Reilly.

For example, how many mainstream news stories have there been about the preemptive raids on protesters in St. Paul during the Republican National Convention? Almost none. Yet our federal government, in conjunction with local police, sponsored raids on groups of people who planned on doing nothing more than expressing their opinions in a constitutionally justified way. These people were held for the duration of the convention, often without being formally charged.

More appalling though, is that in some cases independent journalists are being arrested. Amy Goodman, producer for the independent news outlet Democracy Now!, was arrested for nothing more than inquiring as to why her co-producer and cameraman had been detained. It seems a bit early to be making cries of “police state,” but this is something that Americans should know is going on right in their own country.

Don’t expect the mainstream media to tell you everything you need to know. Educate yourself. Turn off the news and read.

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More guns are not the answer

It would be foolish to think that JMU students would silently consent to allow the carrying of concealed weapons on campus. I do not foresee such a policy change in the near future, but I will not wait until it is too late to make a statement. While I predict that the students here will not stand for any kind of policy change pushed by Students for Concealed Carry on Campus (SCCC), I do not fully trust the administration of JMU to listen to students on this issue.

Two years ago, 81 percent of students voted to include a \$9 fee in tuition to fund clean energy initiatives. The higher powers at JMU not only refused to create the “green fund,” but raised our fees by more than \$300 anyway. This goes without mentioning the atrocious and inexplicable changes in our beloved campus hangout, Taylor Down Under, which few students seem to approve of.

The answer to gun violence is not more guns. The victims of Columbine and Virginia Tech were not killed because they were unarmed. They were killed because a few troubled young men slipped through the cracks of society and were driven to violence. Allowing students on campus to carry firearms would not make such troubled individuals less violent.

SCCC claims that guns belong in the hands of potential victims who have the right to defend themselves and that current gun laws serve the purpose of keeping dangerous weapons out of the hands of dangerous people. But the fact is that even the current restrictions on obtaining a firearm are insufficient. Let us remember that Seung-Hui Cho obtained his gun legally, and the Columbine shooters’ shotguns were bought at a gun show.

Even if people were given a greater opportunity to defend themselves with guns, it would not stop people from being killed. Think about it: If someone kills another person in defense of their own life, their attacker is dead. A life would be

Allowing guns on campus will only breed more opportunities for violence.

saved, but one would be lost, too. It is not our job to determine whose life is more valuable.

This is not to disrespect the family members and friends of gun victims. My aunt was murdered with a handgun 10 years ago and, after years of wishing her killer dead, I have only recently learned to view him as another human being. I am only asking that we remember that those who use guns for violence are people, too, and their families suffer as well.

I also know for a fact that even if my aunt were armed that fateful day, she would not have used a gun to defend herself.

Allowing guns on campus will only breed more opportunities for violence. The answer is not defense, but acknowledgement of the root causes of gun violence. We need to provide more help for troubled teens, question the values and activities of our society that cause so many to turn to violence and make more room for those who might not fit into the conventional culture of today’s society.

Defending yourself from guns by using a gun? Talk about a band-aid solution to a bullet wound.

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THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS

Sharing The Road is The Law

The idea for this week’s column nearly hit me while I was riding my bike the other day. A friend and I were soaring down the epic hill on Cantrell Avenue when a black Honda slowed



SARAH DELIA

down and pulled up next to us. We were pedaling on the road (like all law-abiding bikers should) and were as close to the sidewalk as we could be without actually riding on it.

The driver of the car, an older woman, yelled some choice four-letter words in our direction and then proceeded to throw a can of unopened Coke at us, nearly hitting my friend’s head. Luckily she missed, and as we stopped to catch our breath she yelled, “You’re not supposed to be on the road!”

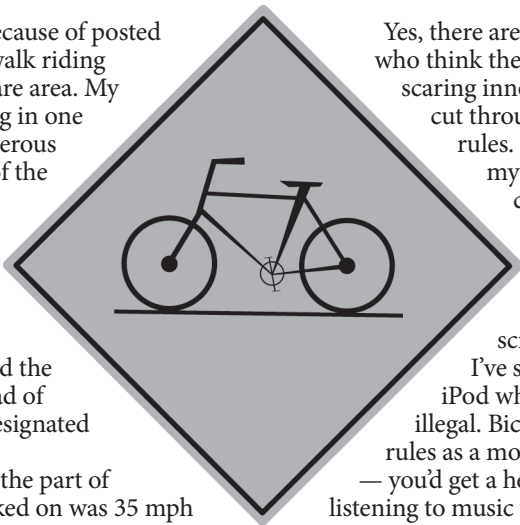
The woman couldn’t have been more wrong, but when someone is shrieking at you and armed with an unopened can of something ready to fire at will, it’s not exactly the time to educate on bike laws. If she’d been more rational, I would have explained that in Virginia, cyclists must “ride with the flow of traffic on the right side of the highway,” according to the Virginia Department of Transportation’s Web site. Bikes can only be ridden on sidewalks if local ordinances do not prohibit it.

In Harrisonburg, you can be cited a warning or given a ticket if riding your bike on the

sidewalk downtown because of posted signs prohibiting sidewalk riding around the Court Square area. My friend and I were riding in one of Harrisonburg’s numerous bike lanes at the time of the can-throwing incident and, unfortunately, this bike lane (like others around Harrisonburg) was not very big. Half the cars that whizzed by ignored the lane and honked instead of respecting the space designated for bikers.

The speed limit on the part of Cantrell Avenue we biked on was 35 mph (bikes are not allowed to ride on the interstate and certain other highways) by the way — not the 50 mph most cars were going.

On campus, the situation isn’t much better. With students plugged into their iPods while simultaneously texting, it’s nearly impossible to alert someone that you are right behind them. Not to mention jaywalkers and cell phone talkers who are in a completely different world from the one around them. I’ve received looks of horror from people I’ve tried to avoid hitting, even after ringing my bell (yes, I have a bell). I’ve also had glares of disgust thrown my way from individuals who actually think I am trying to purposefully run them down.



Yes, there are those obnoxious bikers who think they own the road and enjoy scaring innocent bystanders as they cut through traffic and ignore road rules. Last semester while on my bike, I was hit by another cyclist who couldn’t decide which direction she wanted to go. In the end, she decided that running into me while screaming would be best. I’ve seen a biker listen to his iPod while biking, which is totally illegal. Bicycles are bound by the same rules as a motorized vehicle in Virginia — you’d get a hefty fine for driving while listening to music with headphones.

The fact remains that there is a lack of understanding when it comes to cyclists. Most of us are not out to scare the crap out of you, we just don’t want to waste gas and add to the already traffic infused campus. We enjoy exercise and don’t take up another space in the parking lot.

And if you do run into a rude cyclist or, more likely, someone trying their best to avoid running into you while you are using your day-time minutes, all we ask is this: please use words — preferably not four-letter ones.

And for God’s sake, don’t throw a Coke can.

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Marching >> To Their Own Beat



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The Marching Royal Dukes practice songs and choreography for an hour and a half Monday through Friday on Hillside field.

Drumroll, Please

‘Virginia’s finest’ marching band prepares for football games, Macy’s Day Parade

By BRETT WILSON
contributing writer

The sun was just beginning to set as nearly 500 students gathered on Hillside field. The triumphant trumpets blasted the Olympic fanfare the powerful palpitations of the drumline could be felt from across the Hillside lawn. The color guards’ bright flags tossed and turned, and a male voice could be heard through a large amplification system. For James Madison University’s marching band, class had begun.

The Marching Royal Dukes dominate Bridgeforth Stadium on Saturdays with their crisp purple and white uniforms, shiny instruments and their unmistakable passion for the game of football. This year’s MRD team is even more distinguished, however, being the largest marching band this university has seen.

Senior elementary education major Sara Critz said the vast number of band members — 472 — was a little overwhelming at the start of the season.

One week before classes began, the

MRDs were hard at work practicing their drills in the summer heat during band camp. Critz admitted that band camp can be a stressful ordeal, but it was something that she had been looking forward to all summer.

“The environment of the school is so different,” Critz said. “We have the whole school to ourselves...it’s like a crazy Choices-week atmosphere.”

Critz holds one of 70 student leadership positions as a drum major. She and several other students take shifts keeping the nearly 500 instrumentalists, color guard members and even the JMU Dukettes stepping in unison during practices and on game days.

Marching Band director Scott Rikkers said that it is the student leaders that make his job a lot easier.

“I can leave and know everything will be OK,” Rikkers said.

Band leaders are given a specific curriculum in order to do their job effectively and to not appear condescending to their peers.

Though he has several students and

faculty members to lighten the load of such a hectic position, Rikkers still insists upon writing the choreography for every show, though it is not his favorite part of the job.

“This is so time-consuming and I could easily hire it out, but I’m a control freak,” Rikkers said. “It’s a labor of love.”

Rikkers had earlier tried to construct a way for 470 students to form the letters “J” “M” and “U” in this season’s pregame show, but was stuck.

Marching band is undoubtedly a very big commitment, but the MRDs show a strong sense of enthusiasm for what they do.

“We’re not marching band majors,” junior accounting major Holly Crane said. “We’re here because we genuinely want to be here.”

Crane is the leader of the mellophone section, and admits that her position can be strenuous. Though she knew her coursework would be heavy this semester, there was no question in her mind

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Murphy’s Kids Get Ready for Spaghettifest 6

Rocktown is warm-up for upcoming festival

By JESS NOVAK
The Breeze

With Spaghettifest 6, an annual three-day music festival, fast approaching, Murphy’s Kids and Blatant Vibe performed Wednesday night to get fans excited about the upcoming festival.

“It’s always great to be here!” shouted John Charlet, lead singer of Murphy’s Kids, from the stage of Rocktown Bar and Grill.

The show was put on by local concert production and promotion company Blame it on the Train Productions, which is working to bring another major act to the JMU campus. Last fall, the student-run organization brought Pink Floyd tribute band The Machine to Memorial Hall and raised more than \$5,000 for the Susan G. Komen Foundation. Currently, BI-OTT has not decided on a charity to donate to this season.

The Richmond-based Murphy’s Kids, featuring Reid Attaway, John Charlet, Adam Bonini, DJ Kyriakides, Nate Koch and Dave Gibson performed following fellow JMU favorite, Blatant Vibe. Members comprising students and alumni Aaron Walker, Daniel Attaway, Kunal Jhanjee, Julian Astri and Casey Flanagan, warmed up the crowd with old favorites and their own version of Queen’s “Another One Bites the Dust.”

“This is our first time out to see music,” said freshman Jessica Ashley with friends Katherine Peters, Laura Filkoski and Ben Rellick. “We are up for seeing anyone, anywhere, but this is our first show at JMU, so we’re excited to see what it’s like.”

Judging by the smiles on their faces at the end of the show, it seemed to be a good first choice.

“I’ve been seeing Murphy’s Kids for over two years now,” Rellick said. “I’m from Richmond and always try to make it to their shows, but haven’t seen them since April. I can’t wait for Spaghetti Fest.”

Rellick isn’t the only one anticipating Spaghettifest 6, set to take place the final weekend in September at Natural Chimneys Regional Park in Mount Solon.

“We are so excited for the festival this year,” said Walker, Blatant Vibe’s keyboard player. “We want to learn two new songs and another cover in 14 days for it and we plan on playing all our tightest-sounding, crowd-pleasing best songs. It’s going to be bigger than ever.”

With all the buzz surrounding the weekend-long music festival, last Wednesday night’s show served as a perfect warm-up for both fans and the bands. After hours of nonstop energy on stage, the crowd asked for more and the bands delivered.

Blatant Vibe entertained the audience with funky instrumentals and Kunal Jhanjee’s dexterous raps. Murphy’s Kids played a slew of favorites, including “Are You With Me,” “Stand for Tomorrow” and “Hands On.”

At one point in the night, Charlet stopped and asked how many people would also be joining them at Spaghettifest. When the entire floor erupted in a wave of raised hands and voices, the whole band could not help but smile.

“That’s amazing,” Charlet said. “That is going to be an incredible weekend and I can’t wait to see you all there.”

This year Murphy’s Kids and Blatant Vibe will be taking the main stage on Friday evening and will be joined throughout the weekend by Scratch of the Roots, Midnight Spaghetti and the Chocolate G-Strings, The Afromotive, Future, 40 Dollar Mule, HeartGetsMonkey, DJ Maskell, Red River Rollercoaster, Rubberlegs and many more.

Taste of Africa Now Downtown

Blue Nile moves to new space; fun atmosphere and authentic Ethiopian cuisine remain the same

By RACHEL CHERMERYNSKI
contributing writer

Walking into Blue Nile Ethiopian Cuisine one notices the light from the many windows shines on the beautiful, traditional style of the family-owned Ethiopian restaurant. An array of flowers, a tin ceiling and historic paintings that line brick-patched walls highlight the decor.

However, it didn’t always look this refined and unique to the culture. Just this April, after moving from its location on Route 11, Mickey Arefaine, daughter of the restaurant’s owner, and her friends worked with a designer to remodel the new restaurant that is now located in downtown Harrisonburg.

Since the current building — formally Walton Hotel — is more than 100 years old, the 26-year-old Harrisonburg resident said she tried to maintain the history, yet add her special touch as well.

“It was cool to have total creative control,” Arefaine said. “It definitely has a lot of character.”

She said that Blue Nile attracts people from all backgrounds and ages, including families and students and staff from the surrounding universities.

The Ethiopian food is one of the many reasons people return because it is fresh,

healthy, organic and grown locally. The cuisine consists mostly of everyday Ethiopian foods like chicken, assorted vegetables, lentils, lamb and tofu.

“But the seasoning is what makes it so unique,” Arefaine said of the flavorful spices that coat the food. Also, their homemade signature bread, injeria, used to scoop up food, is what makes Ethiopian food different from other ethnic cuisine.

If you aren’t a daredevil when it comes to trying new foods, Arefaine suggests coming for the buffet, which is served everyday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

“That way, you can try everything out at once, and see what works best for you,” Arefaine said.

When eating in the upstairs dining area, customers have the choice to be seated at tables, or eat on the traditional mesobs (wicker-hourglass-shaped tables) for a true Ethiopian experience.

However, the food is always served on one large platter, which people eat off together.

“It expresses the Ethiopian culture and is a bonding thing to be together with your friends and family,” Arefaine said.

While the food is one of the main attractions, the restaurant’s nightlife is also a reason to come out. The full bar and lounge located in the basement, coated

with bluestone walls and brick columns, attracts the 20-somethings, and is open daily until 2 a.m.

A live DJ comes every Friday and Saturday night with no cover charge, along with local bands playing throughout the week.

From hip-hop to hard rock, Blue Nile charges only a \$4 cover charge to watch the bands, which Arefaine says goes directly to the group to show the restaurant’s support.

To check out the upcoming calendar of shows, visit Blue Nile’s MySpace site at www.myspace.com/bluenileshows or check out their wide-ranged menu at www.bluenileva.com.



photos by JESSICA DODDS/The Breeze

Bernard Fauntleroy, a Harrisonburg resident and friend of the owner, eats at Blue Nile on a Tuesday night.



COMEDIAN: Charms JMU

Comedian, from front Robinson said. “I feel like comedy chose me. I started seeing that regular people could perform successfully in comedy and it opened up a whole world to me.”

Relating to regular people seems to be one of Robinson’s talents. Besides involving the audience directly through singing, jokes about specific audience members, and holding a question-and-answer session and signing autographs after the show, Robinson called volunteers to the stage during the show to participate in a “James Madison Idol” where he provided music via his keyboard. Junior Elizabeth Chidester was one of the mock contestants and sang a selection by Jewel.

“It was kind of a rush,” Chidester said about singing in front of the audience. “He [Robinson] is very musical. He picked the perfect song, I didn’t even tell him what to play; he must have read it on my face.”

However, some of the more risqué content in Robinson’s act left some students a little puzzled and slightly uncomfortable. When two female volunteers joined Robinson on stage, one took the liberty of kissing Robinson in front of the crowd.

“I didn’t really pay to see that,” said one

junior from the audience who chose to remain anonymous. “It felt inappropriate and gives JMU a bad reputation.”

Stand-up comedy is about trusting one’s instincts though, said Robinson. He explained how a live audience’s reaction is immediate and allows him to make adjustments to his material, while filming television shows and movies involves much more trust in the team he is working with. And when it comes to future projects, Robinson is always looking to challenge himself with new roles as an actor, as well as a writer or director.

“As you grow and mature, things keep moving in a natural progression,” Robinson said. “Things happen so organically, all you need to do is plant the seeds and see what happens.”

Currently, Robinson is talking with writers about an independent project and is always thinking of new developments for his professional career. As far as personal growth and success in his field, his advice to aspiring actors as well as college students is to have confidence in one’s self.

“You have to be believable,” Robinson said. “It starts with you; you are the character. Just believe.”

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BAND:

Marching To Success

Band, from page 9 whether or not she would participate in the marching band this season.

“I can’t see myself not doing band,” Crane said.

As if their performances at every football game and various appearances around the Harrisonburg community were not enough, the MRDs also plan to represent Madison on a national level at this year’s Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade. The Dukes were selected among 200 other applicants to participate with nine other marching bands in this year’s show, and Rikkers could not be more excited.

“It is our responsibility as the largest and most visible student organization on campus to be ambassadors for JMU...Now we’re going on national television,” Rikkers said.

Composed of students with diverse majors, career goals and instruments, the MRDs, much like all Madison students, come together to produce one magnificent show. It is without a doubt that James Madison students have one more thing to take pride in.

Coen Brothers Return to Comedy Roots in New Film

Daily Trojan (University of Southern California)

LOS ANGELES — Imagine the career of Joel and Ethan Coen as a pendulum — one whose distance from the center (between drama and comedy) grows wider with every film they release.

The American masters probed the darkest depths of tragedy with last year’s “No Country for Old Men,” and the new “Burn After Reading” swings their career back into the realm of comedy, closer to inconsequential farce than ever before.

The film is seemingly a spy movie, weaving together several threads around an ousted CIA agent Osborne “Ozzie” Cox (John Malkovich) whose drunkenly composed memoirs fall into the hands of two hapless gym employees (Brad Pitt and Frances McDormand).

Also in the fray are a federal marshal (George Clooney) and Ozzie’s cheating wife (Tilda Swinton). Naturally, as this is a Coen brothers comedy, almost everyone is a moron.

The Coens built their careers on the backs of endearing idiots placed into typically serious situations: blackmail, espionage and murder. As in

previous films such as “Fargo” and “The Big Lebowski,” those unsuspecting fools again form the backbone of the film’s comedy.

Some of the characters, such as Clooney’s somewhat-good-hearted Harry or McDormand’s definitely good-hearted Linda, merely make poor decisions in the face of unfortunate circumstances. Special attention must be paid to Pitt’s character, Chad Feldheimer who might be the most banally stupid character the Coens have ever concocted.

Pitt brings the house down in almost every scene as the blithe Chad, whose success as a comic character lies mostly in his complete lack of dimension. Chad is impossibly dim, a stereotype of a personal trainer who might be more comfortable in a one-shot cutaway gag on “Family Guy” than in a feature-length comedy.

While much of Pitt’s performance is undeniably funny, its simplicity removes any of the pathos of the Coen brothers’ previous characters in his mold. Beyond the sheer stupidity of the way he speaks and acts, Chad cannot be sympathized with as a human being, a testament to the inconsequentiality of the film itself.

The film’s sole truly memorable comedic performance in the vein of other Coen characters belongs to Malkovich. As in “Being John Malkovich,” the actor effortlessly parodies his image as an effete elitist and former analyst who thinks he is smarter than everyone else. Ozzie is the only character anchoring the film to any dramatic impact, and he’s also the closest the Coens come to recreating any of the memorable tragicomic situations of “Fargo.”

The Coens are known for adapting famous shots from other films, such as much-more-subtle Quentin Tarantino’s, and it is telling about their understanding of Ozzie’s importance to the film’s weight that they use him to occupy a shot taken directly from “Fargo” that originally involved Peter Stormare and an ax.

The basic dichotomy between Malkovich’s complex characterization and Pitt’s simple one is really why the comedy in “Burn After Reading” works so persistently. The core of the Coen brothers’ talent as comic directors lies in their mastery of multiple modes of comedy.

A lot of the humor in “Burn After Reading” comes from the characters’ dialogue, such as the

subtle or unsubtle way in which everyone repeatedly mispronounces words. The Coens’ typically wonderful use of profanity, particularly two oft-repeated expletives belonging to Chad and Ozzie, also makes up a lot of the film’s laughs.

The film also relies on visceral or sophomoric scenes involving sudden violence or sex gags, as well as numerous broad parodies of the spy genre itself. Everyone except Ozzie seems slightly aware of their presence in a spy movie — or at least they act like they’ve seen too many on-screen moments of espionage.

One of the film’s funniest moments plays with this awareness, as a childishly serious Chad demands ransom from the bewildered Ozzie, ending in the film’s best physical gag.

“Burn After Reading” entertains much in the same way as some of the Coen’s most recent comedies. It breezes by, an often funny and completely forgettable 90 minutes of comedy.

Sadly, more consequential than “Burn After Reading” itself is the memory of “No Country for Old Men” that it sparks and the ensuing anticipation as the Coens swing back toward what might be another dramatic masterpiece.



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	Alcohol	412	366
	Non-Compliance with Official Request	76	69
	Drugs	45	32
	Disorderly Conduct	23	24
	Theft	21	29
	Failure to Comply with Disciplinary Decision	21	42
	Responsibility for Guests	20	31
	False Alarm or Fire Drill	18	2
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	Unauthorized Use of University Property	14	12
	Violence to Persons	13	8
	Obscene Conduct	9	8
	Destruction of Property	8	19
	Newman Lake	6	1
	Unauthorized Entry	4	0
	Weapons	4	8
	Personal Abuse	3	3
	Trespass	3	11
	Littering	2	1
OFF CAMPUS VIOLATIONS	Fire Suppression / Detection Equipment	2	7
	Harassment	1	0
	Projectiles	1	6
	Smoking	1	1
	Parking	0	2
	Falsification of Official Information	0	7
	Interference with Judicial or Honor Council	0	1
	Computer Misuse	0	1
	Soliciting, Selling, Petitioning, etc.	0	1
	TOTAL	723	719
OFF CAMPUS VIOLATIONS	Violation	Fall	Spring
	Alcohol	233	120
	Drugs	5	4
	Non-Compliance with Official Request	5	3
	Violence to Persons	0	1
	TOTAL	243	128

Parris Keys Win in First Meet

Madison hosts season debut, dominates field

By **ALEX VAN REES**
contributing writer

NEW MARKET — Saturday's race at the New Market Battlefield is one that the Dukes will remember for while.

Women's cross country began its season strongly with the James Madison University Invitational, placing the top three and 10 out of the first 11 runners to cross the finish line.

"I think we have a chance to be better than last year," JMU coach Dave Rinker said. "If they

all stay healthy and continue to have a positive attitude, I think we can be better competitors than last year."

Rinker was pleased with what his girls were able to do in their first race of the year.

"We really tried to be as loose on strategy as we could this first race and let them feel their way through the first one," Rinker said. "For the conditions today, I thought we ran very well. I was real happy."

Junior Alison Parris finished the race first with a time of 19:36:20 and junior Jessica Propst followed about twenty seconds later at 19:58:20. Junior Lynne Colombo took third with a time of 20:03 on the humid day in New Market.

Parris ran a personal best time for the course

by over a minute, previously topping out at 20:48.

"I'm really excited for the way the season has started," Parris said. "I'm really excited for the rest of the season."

Senior Caitlin O'Malley placed eighth with a time of 21:14 after being hurt and unable to run in the JMU Invitational in 2007.

"I am very happy with my performance this time," O'Malley said. "I could have done better, but there is always room for improvements over the course of the season."

JMU took first place in the meet with ease by earning only 17 points. Mary Washington placed second with 54 points, followed by

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CAROLINE DAVIS/The Breeze

Madison placed 10 of the first 11 runners at the JMU Invitational, totaling a first-place score of 17.

Records Fall, Madison Prevails



ROBERT BOAG/contributing photographer

JMU senior quarterback Rodney Landers attempted only six passes Saturday, but ran 26 times for 206 yards, a new JMU record for QBs.

Landers sets JMU QB rushing record with 206 yards, two TDs

By **MATTHEW MCGOVERN**
The Breeze

Rodney Landers extended his arms abruptly, pausing for a moment before he clapped his hands emphatically after Griff Yancey rushed for JMU's final touchdown of the game, a 52-38 victory over Massachusetts on Saturday.

Landers had nearly rushed for a touchdown on the previous play, when he faked a handoff and ran 17 yards to the 1-yard line with about two minutes left.

A week after being at his most efficient in the passing game against North Carolina Central University, the senior quarterback indulged his penchant for the run. Landers broke the school rushing record for a quarterback — the third time he's done it — setting the mark at 206 as he also ran for two touchdowns. He only attempted six passes, completing four of them for 85 yards and another score in the Dukes' Colonial Athletic Association opener.

"I was just making reads and taking what the defense gave me," Landers said after the game. "You know, passing — I just do what the coaches ask me to do. We didn't throw it around that much, but when we threw it we were effective and I think that's the more important thing."

The play that electrified the crowd the most was a 47-yard touchdown pass to redshirt freshman receiver

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Friday CN8 broadcast features Abdul-Wahid

By **MATTHEW MCGOVERN**
The Breeze

A milkshake was boiling in his stomach, but Hassan Abdul-Wahid didn't let on that the heat of a cable television audience was getting to him.

With lights bearing down on him and cameras rolling, the James Madison University defensive end made an impressive cameo appearance on CN8's broadcast of "Out of Bounds: On Campus" on Friday night.

Wearing stylish Polo glasses and a sharp goatee, Abdul-Wahid settled into his chair on set with the casual aura of a professional. He sat opposite host Gregg Murphy and Colonial Athletic Association commissioner Tom Yeager, and in front of a crowd of JMU students and the Marching Royal Dukes.

The television rookie even withstood an unanticipated invitation to talk trash. When Murphy asked Abdul-Wahid for an estimated sack total for Saturday's game, he was a little taken aback.

"They kind of set me up with the 'How many sacks are you guys gonna have tomorrow?' line," he said.

In fact, being on the show was a sudden surprise in itself.

Abdul-Wahid was contacted by a JMU official about the possibility of making an appearance on the show a couple of days prior to the broadcast, but was later told it fell through. Less than an hour before he ultimately walked on set, JMU equipment manager Pete Johnson grabbed him from the Athletic Performance Center

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Winning in a Flash

A de Rooij second-half goal edges Kent State

By **WES SHAW**
The Breeze

For the second straight game, women's field hockey was held to just one goal by its opposition, and for the second straight game, the Dukes came away with a victory.

After shutting out the eighth-ranked Virginia Cavaliers in Harrisonburg on Wednesday, Madison prevailed over the Golden Flashes at home Sunday, winning 1-0 on the heels of sophomore Dolores de Rooij's second-half goal.

Junior Kelsey Cutchins played 70 shutout minutes in goal with the Dukes improving their

record to 4-1.

"We're always excited to take the win," JMU coach Antoinette Lucas said. "I don't think we played all that well, but we had three of our starters out for most of the game and that made a big difference. We need to come out and step up a little bit harder."

JMU played without Tara King, Meghan Bain and Randi Segear for a majority of the game. King left with an undisclosed injury, while Bain and Segear were both "having a tough time" during the game, according to Lucas.

Bain has played in all five games for the Dukes this year after being struck by a car last March on Neff Avenue. She recovered miraculously fast and defied doctors' odds by

See **FLASH**, page 13



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The Breeze

Madison senior midfielder/forward Ashley Walls has a goal and an assist in 2008, and has started all five games for the Dukes. Her sister Lauren leads JMU with four goals this season. Lauren, also a senior midfielder/forward, has taken 30 shots — twice as many as JMU's next leading shooter, Dolores de Rooij.

FOOTBALL: Dukes Survive Against UMass, Win 52-38

FOOTBALL, from page 11

Kerby Long, who has been tagged as JMU's up-and-coming playmaker. Landers sat calmly in the pocket, delivering the strike to Long as he streaked down the right side of the field with no coverage for a 28-10 JMU lead with less than a minute remaining in the first half.

On the next play from scrimmage, JMU senior cornerback Evan McCollough intercepted a pass from Massachusetts quarterback Liam Coen at the UMass 42-yard line, setting up a field goal that gave Madison a 31-10 halftime lead. McCollough shifted left, then right, and bounded in front of his receiver for the nifty grab.

But the game was far from over, thanks to UMass' discovery of junior receiver Victor Cruz, who burned the JMU defense with 11 receptions for 248 yards in the second half. Cruz had only two receptions for 14 yards in the first half, while his 262 yards in the game set a UMass receiving record. Coen was 26-for-39 in the game, throwing for 339 yards and three touchdowns.

Before Cruz's explosion, UMass' first major

strides occurred midway through the second quarter, on third-and-one from the JMU 44-yard line. With the Minutemen down 21-3, UMass tailback Tony Nelson burst through the line of scrimmage into open space, as Scotty McGee chased him down from behind, diving and dragging him down by his ankles at the 2-yard line.

Nelson scored two plays later, cutting the JMU advantage to 21-10 with less than two minutes left in the half. He finished the game with 20 rushes for 109 yards, but Madison's 10 unanswered points to close the period had a devastating effect on the Minutemen.

"We were extremely unsettled in the first half," Massachusetts coach Don Brown said. "I thought we settled down and played much [more] solid in the second half, but when you dig yourself such a hole, plus you're trying to overcome over 200 yards in returns, it's a difficult day."

JMU junior cornerback Scotty McGee accounted for almost 200 yards himself, as he returned three punts for 92 yards and four kickoffs for 104.

"The biggest statistic was the return yardage

we had," Matthews said. "It just really changed the game."

UMass changed the tone of the game early in the third quarter. After JMU went three-and-out to open the half, UMass snatched the momentum with a five-play scoring drive to make it 31-17. Coen connected with Cruz three times on that drive, including a 20-yard touchdown pass.

A crossing pass to Cruz that turned into a 69-yard gain brought the Minutemen to the JMU 5-yard line with less than half of the fourth quarter remaining, and UMass scored a touchdown three plays later to bring it to 45-38.

But Landers jump-started Madison's next drive with a 22-yard completion to junior tight end Mike Caussin, bringing JMU to the UMass 49-yard line with less than six minutes remaining. Yancey's score with under two minutes left gave JMU the 52-38 advantage, which held up in Madison's first conference game.

After taking care of business against its CAA foe, Madison can finally devote its full attention to a grudge match against Appalachian State on Saturday.



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Sophomore running back Griff Yancey rushed 19 times for 88 yards and three TDs.

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BROADCAST: “Out of Bounds” Ignites JMU Fans Before UMass Game

Broadcast, from page 11
across campus, where he was spending some down time.
“We were watching a movie with the team and they just got me up — I was sleeping,” Abdul-Wahid said.
His laid-back demeanor on set belied the spontaneity of the situation. But Abdul-Wahid’s appearance wasn’t the only surprise of the night. Former JMU standout return man Delvin Joyce made an on-air prediction from the audience. Not surpris-

ingly, he chose Madison.
Lenn Robins, a writer for the New York Post, compared the rivalry between JMU and UMass to the Mets-Phillies rivalry in baseball, and later Robins hand-picked a Phillies fan from the student audience to play foosball with him during a part of the broadcast that Robins left the set for.
It was the first time “Out of Bounds” visited a college campus for a broadcast, and Comcast’s participants were pleased with the outcome.
“I’ve been doing college sports for 22 years,” Rob-

ins said. “And a lot of people say, ‘Why don’t you do the NFL, why don’t you do the NHL,’ and I did some stints on that. But the energy about being around young people — people in college that got their whole lives ahead of ’em — I just feed off of it.”
The crowd of students was urged to make noise throughout the broadcast, and didn’t disappoint. After his appearance on stage with Abdul-Wahid, the CAA commissioner flatly said that the students’ zeal was one of the main reasons Comcast chose JMU for its first on-campus broadcast of

“Out of Bounds.”
“There’s been such a tremendous upsurge in the last couple years,” Yeager said. “And it started a little bit before the national championship in ’04 and it’s really taken off since then. And you’ll see everything you’ll see at any big-time stadium in the country shrunk down to 15,000 people there tomorrow.”
The official attendance for Saturday’s game was 15,747, as anticipation continues to build for Madison’s marquee matchup against Appalachian State.

FLASH: Field Hockey goes to 4-1

Flash, from page 11
recovering so soon and being able to compete this season.
“She’s going to be fine,” Lucas said.
Netherlands native de Rooij scored the game-winning goal with 26:13 remaining in the contest, about nine minutes into the second half. It came off a free hit, assisted by senior Lauren Walls.
“I can’t even remember [what happened],” de Rooij said. I remember that I just had the ball, it was an open goal and I just pushed it in.”

Less than a minute later de Rooij had another chance to score, but she missed wide left on an open net.
Sunday’s victory was Madison’s third shut-out of the season, and third victory by the score of 1-0.
“Our defense was actually a little bit shaky today, but we’ll



de Rooij

take a shutout anytime,” JMU’s fifth-year coach said. “We have some work to do on our defense for sure.”
As of Sept. 9, the Dukes are ranked ninth in the country in the National Field Hockey Coaches Association Poll.
Its win over UVA last week will certainly push Madison into the top eight in this Tuesday’s poll.
The rankings are important to the Dukes, as they want to stay as high up as possible leading up to the NCAA tournament in November.

“We definitely want to stay a top-10 team and we definitely want to be number one at the end of the season,” de Rooij said.
The Dukes will travel to Richmond and Washington, D.C. to take on the Spiders and the American University Eagles this weekend. The road trip is JMU’s final opportunity for a tune-up before CAA play begins Sept. 26 at Delaware
Madison will not play in Harrisonburg again this month, competing on the road four times before it hosts Drexel on Oct. 3 and Hofstra Oct. 05.

MEET: XC Starts Season Out With Win

Meet, from page 11
George Mason with 100.
The Dukes are pleased with where they are so early in the season.
“We have been working really hard,” junior Amber Lussier, who finished with a time of 21:52, said. “We are all working well together and we have come a lot further than last year. I think we are doing really well.”
This is the first of just four tune-up meets for the Dukes before CAAs on Nov. 1 in Fairfax. JMU’s top-seven squad will travel to Minnesota in two weeks to compete in the Griak Invitational.
“We just need to get more into race mode,” Rinker said. “For your first race, we all are still a little tired. We have worked really hard and we just have to get race ready. We aren’t there yet, but we will be soon.”

October Looms As MLB Regular Season Winds Down

The Hartford Courant
We’re in the stretch now. Two weeks from today, the season will be in the books.
We won’t get into Shea and Yankee Stadium this week; we’ll remain in denial and wait as long as possible before acknowledging that they’re really being torn down.
Instead, we examine what’s left of the division and playoff races. Things are shaking out a little early this year, so this is the time
Anyway, only one race is over, the Angels nailing down the AL West this past week.
Let’s look at what’s still possible in the closest divisions:
AL East:
The Red Sox, like all defending champions, know how to win and are a tough out. But the Rays, with their two thrilling wins at Fenway last week, showed they’re learning that survival skill, too. Those were playoff-type games, and to win them a team has to have a certain will, be able to, as Paul O’Neill would say, “hang on a little harder.”
The Rays are in good shape to nail it down, as long as they’re not swept by the Red Sox at Tropicana this week. If they are caught in the division, there doesn’t appear to be any way the Rays could fall out of the playoff picture.

AL Wild Card:
Barring a complete collapse, which is unlikely for a defending champ, you’d figure the Red Sox are in. But the deal isn’t quite closed. They play the Rays and Jays this week and they need to win three of those six to rest easy and line up their pitchers.
NL East:
The Mets are at the spot where they spiraled into their historic collapse last season. Don’t look for a repeat. Johan Santana’s win over the Phillies last Sunday night was the key.
The Mets are done with the Phillies, so the division cannot be stolen from them head-to-head. Advantage- Mets.
NL Wild Card:
This is shaping up as the one race that may go down to the wire, which seemed unfathomable a couple of weeks ago the way CC Sabathia was pitching and the Brewers were playing.
But the Brewers look tired and the Astros -- Astros? -- have won 14 out of 15. Even the Phillies, who are playing the Brewers this weekend, can harbor hopes of being the wild card if they can’t catch the Mets.
The Brewers have six games, home-and-home, against the division-leading Cubs, which could wipe them out altogether.
The Astros have an easy schedule the rest of the way, once they make up the postponed games against the Cubs. All they have left are the Marlins, Pirates, Reds and Braves.

NL West:
A potentially great race between the Dodgers and D’Backs peaked too early, with the Dodgers rebounding from a long losing streak to suddenly grab first place by the throat. A motivated Manny Ramirez, with 14 homers and 41 RBI in his first 39 games after the trade, made all the difference.
The Dodgers, without a contending team left on their schedule, are sitting pretty.

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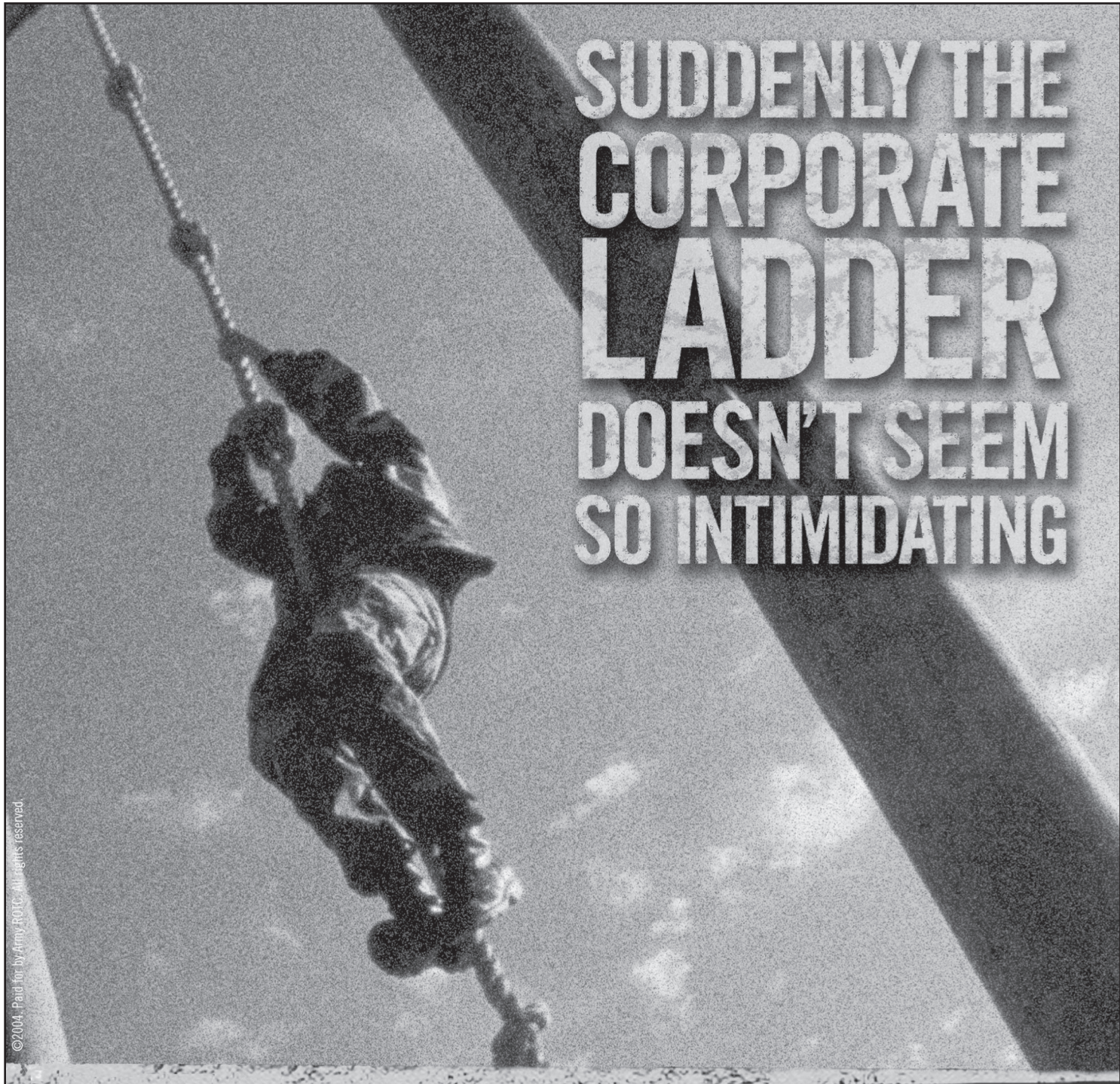
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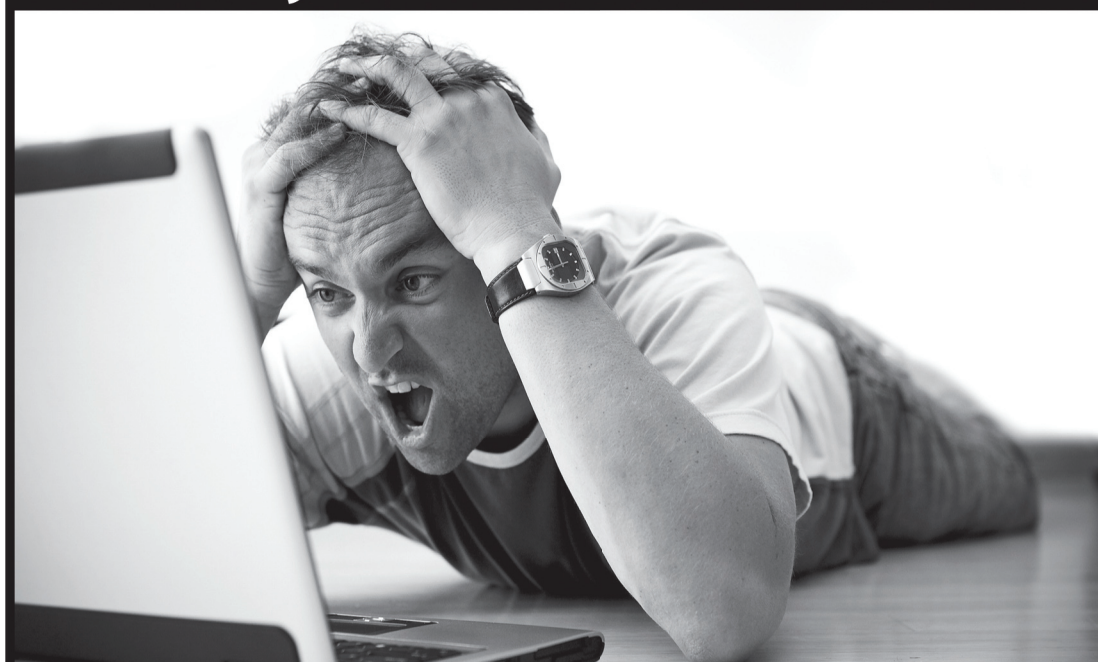
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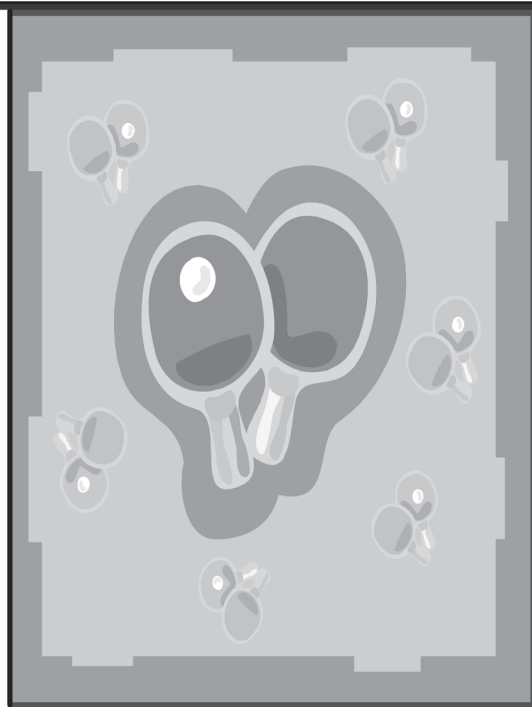


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