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SNOW PLAY



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SNOWFIGHT!!!!

By **CAITLIN HAWES** | *The Breeze*

Almost 1,000 people gathered on the snow-covered Quad under the cloudy, red-tinted Tuesday night sky. Some wore armor: helmets, goggles and round plastic sleds as shields. Three girls strutted in bikinis. Someone paraded around in a banana suit. At first the waiting warriors huddled with teams, tossing playful snowballs at friends. **SNOWFIGHT continues on page 4**



ROBERT BOAG / THE BREEZE

Forecast Exceeds 1 Foot

By **MATT SUTHERLAND**
The Breeze

With winter weather on everyone's minds this upcoming weekend, James Madison University is readying itself for a large snowfall.

This weekend will mark another giant snowstorm predicted to encompass states on the Eastern Seaboard from North Carolina to New York. Several experts believe the magnitude of the storm will be similar to the amount that fell Dec. 4.

George Hirschmann, chief meteorologist at WHSV, the local ABC affiliate, said a Winter Storm Watch is being issued from Friday afternoon to Saturday evening.

"We might be getting about as much as we expected," Hirschmann said. "WHSV is predicting from 12 to 20 inches of snow. All we can say is

"All we can say is that people are going to get a lot of play time with their shovels."

George Hirschmann
WHSV chief meteorologist

that people are going to get a lot of play time with their shovels."

JMU meteorology professor Stan Ulanski also believes the area will get a significant amount of snow, but he rejects the flying rumors of 30 inches.

"It becomes more of an educated guess as the days get closer," Ulanski said. "Depending on the pattern

of the storm, I'm guessing we'll get between 9 to 12 inches."

A school cancellation doesn't come from students praying for snow or snow dance rituals or inside-out pajamas. President Linwood Rose makes the final decision.

According to JMU Policy 1309, it is the president's responsibility to close JMU due to weather concerns. The president also withholds the ability to assign a designee to make decisions on university closings on his behalf.

The president coordinates with Charlie King, JMU's senior vice president of Administration and Finance, and the JMU Chief of Police Lee Shifflett to determine whether or not classes will be feasible in the morning.

Once JMU has decided when to

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STUDENT SERVICES

Webmail Switch Set for March

Hosted on Corporate Favorite Microsoft Exchange, Accounts Boast 10 GB Quota

By **JOHN SUTTER**
The Breeze

Key Changes for Live@edu

"e-ID@dukes.jmu.edu"

- E-mail handles will change, adding "dukes." to account names.
- Faculty and staff will continue using the same e-id@jmu.edu address (Faculty staff e-mails must be stored on site and with JMU for legal and security matters; student e-mails will use Exchange servers).
- Old student e-mail addresses will be forwarded to the new e-mail address until at least mid-June when a final decision will be made.

Instant messaging

- Students can instant message, view who is online, and can create chat lists for easier access, similar to Gmail's chat service.

Password separate from e-ID

- Passwords for e-mail do not need to be changed every 90 days as they do now.
- e-ID password will still require changing (access for Blackboard, E-Campus, etc)

More storage space

- **10 GB mail storage**
- **25 GB SkyDrive:** a remote, online, server for document storage and sharing
- **5 GB online collaboration storage:** for Web sites, blogs, group collaboration

No expiration

- Students will be allowed to retain the @dukes.jmu.edu account for life.

Changes for students are coming in March as JMU upgrades its e-mail system to Microsoft Exchange and its Live@edu interface.

The new Microsoft e-mail system will replace the current "Mirapoint," or Webmail, interface that all faculty, staff and students use.

"We made the decision last spring to move away from Mirapoint," said Dale Hulvey, assistant vice president for Information Technology. "In the corporate world, to a certain extent, Exchange is the standard that everyone uses."

According to Hulvey, 45 percent of students reported using an outside mail server, such as Google's Gmail. Three years ago, he said only 10 percent of students forwarded their mail to outside accounts.

"We had been watching our IT satisfaction survey results as well as hearing different things from students, and what we saw was an increasing trend in students forwarding their mail to outside services," Hulvey said.

Many students forward e-mail

because of space concerns and the lack of support for mobile devices, including sophomore theatre major Chet Craft.

"I know a lot of people who have to use Gmail and other accounts because JMU's account isn't big enough," Craft said. "I would say a new account is a move in the right direction."

Craft currently uses the Webmail

interface and said he must consistently delete e-mails in order to have the space to receive new ones.

Hulvey outlined numerous differences from the former Webmail system, including an improved 10 GB of mail storage, 25 GB of file-sharing storage,

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WELLNESS



PAUL JONES / THE BREEZE

Stacey Prussman adds humor to Monday's presentation on eating disorders.

A Deadly Obsession

By **CAITLIN HAWES**
The Breeze

For Stacey Prussman, a comedian, actress and motivational speaker, her eating disorders were born on Broadway when she was 10 years old. With her parents at her side, she auditioned for the part of the orphan Annie. In front of judges, she climbed onstage and belted out a pitch-perfect "Tomorrow." Her vocals resonated throughout the room.

"You know, kid, you have a really good voice," one judge said. "But there are no fat Annies."

At first, the idea struck Prussman as obvious: Of course there were no fat Annies. After all, Annie was an orphan living in the Great Depression. Then Prussman realized the

deeper implications.

"I was too fat to make my dreams come true," she said.

Prussman, 39, spoke Monday evening in Grafton-Stovall Theatre. JMU's Student Wellness and Outreach, the University Program Board and Sigma Sigma Sigma sponsored her heart-wrenching yet humorous narrative about her eating disorders.

At first Prussman spoke emphatically, with the over-top confidence of her stand-up comedy persona, but serious tones poked through her jokes until at times her face grew puffy and red from holding back tears.

Ann Simmons, coordinator of marketing and programming for

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Larceny

- On Saturday, a JMU student reported theft of two laptop computers, valued at \$4,000, from a Hillside Hall dorm room.
- On Monday, a JMU student reported theft of a laptop, valued at \$2,250, from a Spruce House dorm room.
- On Saturday, a JMU student reported theft of a laptop, valued at \$1,800, from a Hillside Hall dorm room.
- On Friday, a JMU student reported theft of a laptop, valued at \$1,500, from a Hillside Hall dorm room.
- On Monday, a JMU student reported theft of a ring, valued at \$215, from a Denton's Apartment complex room.

Property Damage

- On Friday, a JMU student reported a vehicle with a slashed tire in R2 lot, resulting in \$75 of damage.

Alcohol & Drugs

- On Saturday, police arrested two JMU students, who also received judicial referrals, for an alleged weapon violation, alleged marijuana possession, alleged underaged possession and alleged underaged consumption.
- On Jan. 27, police arrested a JMU student, who also received a judicial referral, for alleged marijuana possession at Chandler Hall.

- On Saturday, police arrested a JMU student for alleged marijuana possession at Hillside Hall.
- On Jan. 28, police arrested a JMU student for alleged marijuana possession at Dingleline Hall.
- On Jan. 27, police arrested a JMU student for alleged marijuana possession at Hanson Hall.
- On Jan. 28, a JMU student received a judicial referral for alleged drug possession at McGraw-Long Hall.

Nation&World

FROM BLOOMBERG NEWS AND *THE WASHINGTON POST*

Dalai Lama and Obama to Meet

WASHINGTON — The Dalai Lama is scheduled to visit Washington on Feb. 17-18 and, despite China's opposition, is expected to meet President Obama at some point during those two days, sources close to the exiled Tibetan leader said Wednesday.

Obama was criticized by human rights groups for postponing a meeting with the Tibetan leader in October in the run-up to a summit with China's president, Hu Jintao. During the summit, Obama told Hu that he was planning to meet with the Dalai Lama.

Over the past several days, the United States and China have publicly clashed over the planned meeting and other issues, including the Obama administration's decision to sell \$6.4 billion in weapons to Taiwan — which China claims is part of its territory. The disagreements have led to the impression that the Obama administration is embracing a new "get tough" policy with China, but U.S. officials and independent analysts close to the Obama administration deny that is the case.

"Anybody who thought U.S.-China relations were going to be smooth just hasn't been paying attention," one U.S. official said, speaking on the condition of anonymity. "We all knew this was going to happen."

On a trip to Hawaii in January, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton told reporters that she believed U.S. relations with China were "mature enough" to deal with problems when they arise.

The Obama administration needs China's cooperation on a multitude of international issues — such as its efforts to persuade Iran to give up its alleged nuclear weapons program, its attempts to persuade North Korea to return to the negotiating table about its nuclear weapons program, climate change and the global financial crisis.

"China resolutely opposes the visit by the Dalai Lama to the United States, and resolutely opposes the U.S. leader having contact with the Dalai Lama in any name or any form," Foreign Ministry spokesman Ma Zhaoxu said Wednesday, echoing a similar statement by a senior official in the Communist Party's United Front Department on Tuesday.

White House spokesman Bill Burton said Tuesday the meeting was still planned, although no date has been set.

"The Dalai Lama is an internationally respected religious and cultural leader, and the president will meet with him in that capacity," Burton said.

U.S. Calls for Toyota Action

WASHINGTON — Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood stepped up pressure on Toyota on Wednesday to fix defects that have caused the recall of millions of vehicles because they may suddenly accelerate, causing drivers to lose control.

LaHood told reporters in Washington he planned to call Toyota President Akio Toyoda "and explain to him that this is serious business." LaHood also told a House panel that drivers should stop driving the recalled vehicles, a comment he later called a misstatement.

The remarks underscore a growing crisis at Toyota that has caused it to lose \$29.5 billion in market value since the current recalls began and has tarnished its reputation for quality.

"Up until the last couple days that we had all expected the consumer hit wouldn't be as serious as the media hit they were taking," said Wes Brown, an analyst with market research firm Iceology in Los Angeles. "Now things may start to shift that image hit to the consumer side that had been steadfastly loyal. They are really starting to run the risk of escalating things tremendously."

LaHood told a congressional panel Wednesday morning that owners of recalled cars should "stop driving it and take it to a Toyota dealer."

"What I said in there was obviously a misstatement," LaHood told reporters later. "If you own one of these cars, take it to the dealer. If you are in doubt, take it to the dealer and have them fix it."

Toyota said this week it would fix the defect by having dealers install shims in accelerators. LaHood said the government is investigating to see whether an electronic throttle system is the cause, as at least seven lawsuits allege.

Before his testimony, LaHood

told reporters in Washington he will phone Toyoda to be certain his agency "pushed them over the line" so that Toyota is doing all it can to resolve defects.

Separately, the Japan-based carmaker has been ordered by Japan's government to investigate brake-related problems with the latest version of its Prius hybrid car, the nation's transportation ministry said Wednesday.

The ministry said it has received 14 complaints related to Prius brakes. It has also asked other carmakers to look into similar reports. Such requests are "routine," said Masaya Ota, an official in the ministry's recall division.

Toyota began shipping steel plates to U.S. dealers on Feb. 1 as a fix for sticky gas pedals that have caused the carmaker to recall about 2.57 million vehicles in the U.S. and Canada.

Debt May Affect Bond Rating

NEW YORK — Moody's Investors Service said the federal government's Aaa bond rating will come under pressure in the future unless additional measures are taken to reduce budget deficits projected for the next decade.

The United States retains its top rating for now because of a "high degree of economic and institutional strength," the New York-based rating company said in a statement Tuesday. The ratios of government debt to the U.S. gross domestic product and revenue have increased "sharply" during the credit crisis and recession. Moody's expects the ratios to remain higher compared with other Aaa-rated countries after the crisis.

President Barack Obama projected Monday the U.S. budget deficit will rise to a record \$1.6 trillion in 2010, representing 10.6 percent of U.S. gross domestic product, the highest level since World War II. The Treasury will sell \$2.43 trillion in notes and bonds this year, a 16 percent increase from the record \$2.1 billion sold in 2009, according to the average forecast in a Bloomberg News survey of 10 primary dealers that trade with the Federal Reserve.

"If the current upward trend in government debt were to continue and become irreversible, the

rating could come under downward pressure," said analysts led by Steven A. Hess, senior credit officer at Moody's in New York.

How the government handles the credit crisis and recession without impairing its balance sheet and the economy's ability to rebound will be issues that could weigh on the U.S. rating, the report said.

Obama proposed plans to offset spending by more than \$1.2 trillion over 10 years, including a freeze on domestic programs and higher taxes and fees on households earning more than \$250,000 and banks that benefited from the financial industry bailout.

The plan showed larger deficits and higher debt levels than in the original budget, Moody's said. The ratio of debt to GDP in the U.S. will continue its trend higher, reaching 76.5 percent in 2019 compared with an earlier forecast of 70.1 percent, Moody's said.

The budget deficit in 2009 was \$1.4 trillion. The White House goal has been to reduce the deficit to about 3 percent of GDP, which most economists say is sustainable. But the budget presented Monday predicts it'll average 4.5 percent over 10 years.

Powell: End Gay Ban in Military

WASHINGTON — Retired Army Gen. Colin Powell, who opposed allowing gay men and lesbians to serve openly in the armed forces when he was the nation's top military officer, said Wednesday that he supports efforts to lift the ban on their service.

"Attitudes and circumstances have changed" in the 17 years since Congress, with strong military backing, mandated the "don't ask, don't tell" policy, Powell said in a statement issued by his office. Noting that he has said for the past two years that Congress should review the legislation, Powell said he "fully supports the approach" outlined in testimony Tuesday by Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates and Adm. Mike Mullen, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Mullen told the Senate Armed Services Committee that it is his "personal belief" that lifting the ban is the "right thing to do;" Gates said the Pentagon

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is preparing to repeal the ban, despite significant opposition from senior Republican, and some Democratic, lawmakers.

Backing from Powell provides the current military leadership with significant additional support. A registered Republican who served as secretary of state under President George W. Bush, he threw his support to Barack Obama's presidential campaign in October 2008.

Although gay men and lesbians do not have to reveal their sexual orientation to the military under legislation adopted in 1993, their discharge is required if it becomes known to their commanders. It was Powell, then Joint Chiefs chairman, who first proposed the "don't ask, don't tell" formulation as a compromise less than a week after President Bill Clinton's inauguration, as Clinton moved to implement a campaign promise to end an absolute prohibition against military service by gay men and lesbians.

President Obama, who like Clinton received strong support

from gay voters, made a similar promise during his own campaign. Like Clinton, too, he has delayed acting on the emotional issue to avoid distraction from his economic and foreign policy priorities, according to White House aides.

Powell said in 1993 that he was not morally opposed to homosexuality, but that he believed their open presence in the military would undermine morale and order. In his statement Wednesday, he said that "the principal issue has always been the effectiveness of the Armed Forces and order and discipline in the ranks."

"I strongly believe that this is a judgment to be made by the current military leadership and the Commander in Chief," Powell said. "It is also a judgment Congress must make," he said, adding, "I fully support the new approach" presented by Gates and Mullen.

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IN BRIEF

HARRISONBURG

Four Arrested for Robbery

Harrisonburg police arrested four men for a weekend robbery in Woodbury Circle. Around 1:45 a.m. Sunday, a man said he was assaulted and robbed of his cell phone. As the suspects were running from the area on Meadowlark Drive, police detained a 17-year-old, two 16-year-olds and one 15-year-old. They were charged with robbery, assault by mob and conspiracy to commit a felony.

ROANOKE

Harrington Death Ruled Homicide

A medical examiner has determined that the death of missing Virginia Tech student Morgan Harrington was a homicide but has no further information. The medical examiner's office said it appears that Harrington, 20, did not wander away on her own from the John Paul Jones Arena in Charlottesville in October or die of exposure. Her family has planned a funeral for Friday in Roanoke. They have also created the Morgan Dana Harrington Memorial Scholarship for students at Virginia Tech.

VIRGINIA TECH

Policy Tells Parents Violations

A newly enacted policy will allow Virginia Tech to contact a student's parents or guardians following a first time offense drug or alcohol violation. The rule matches a 1998 amendment to the Family Educational Rights Protection Act, which says schools may disclose information to a parent about an alcohol or controlled substance violation of a student under the age of 21. Radford University made a similar change last year. At JMU, parents are notified after a student gets a second strike from Judicial Affairs.

WILLIAM & MARY

Retirement Policy Changes

The College of William & Mary will phase out a policy giving automatic raises to faculty members in their last two years before retirement. The policy was designed as an early retirement incentive, but officials said there was concern that this system limited funds for raises for others.

VIRGINIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Prescription Bill Moves Forward

A bill suggested by Harrisonburg Police and proposed by Harrisonburg's Delegate Matt Lohr passed committee Tuesday. The bill would require a photo identification to pick up prescriptions like morphine, oxycodone and methadone. The goal would be preventing prescription drug abuse and fraud.

POLICE BEAT

Police: No Jaywalking Laws in City, Campus

By MEGAN MARTIN
contributing writer

Senior Makenna Johnson was walking back to the parking lot after a class on the Quad at noon Jan. 25 when she was struck by a car.

According to Johnson, she approached the corner of Warsaw Avenue and South Main Street, checked to see if both lights had turned red, stepped off the curb and crossed

between two large trucks.

At the turn between the new Performing Arts Center and Buffalo Wild Wings, Johnson said she stopped to look both ways before crossing over the next two lanes of oncoming traffic. Before she could look back to the left, she was struck by a student driver. Within minutes, police and ambulances had arrived.

Johnson was taken to Rockingham Memorial Hospital with non life-

threatening injuries. She ended up with a dislocated knee and whiplash that she said left her unable to move her neck without pain.

Johnson was given a ticket for violating Virginia Traffic Code 46.2-926: "Pedestrians stepping into highway where they cannot be seen."

"A cop came into my hospital room and wrote me the ticket," Johnson said. "She didn't see me, and I didn't see her, but since I wasn't in the crosswalk, I got

charged. There's nothing I can do."

Every day, people cross South Main without using crosswalks or during inappropriate times.

Only one other known accident on South Main, which was fatal, was reported to the Harrisonburg Police Department last year, according to Mary-Hope Vass, HPD spokeswoman. In January 2009, a car struck JMU

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COURSE MATERIALS

A New Way to Save

Bookstore to Offer
Textbook Rental
Program in Fall 2010

By KALEIGH SOMERS
contributing writer

Freshman Jonathan Rivas was unpleasantly surprised with just how easily textbook costs added up in his first two semesters.

"As a freshman, something that truly shocked me was how expensive textbooks can be," Rivas said. "In total, for my first year I have spent approximately \$500 to \$600 on textbooks."

If Rivas had been able to rent his textbooks, he could have saved more than \$100, according to Follett Higher Education Group, the company running JMU's Bookstore.

In an effort to meet the demands of college students across the nation, Follett launched a bookstore textbook rental program in seven of its 850 college campuses last fall, saving students what the company said was an estimated \$2 million on textbook costs.

By spring 2010, 27 campuses offered the program.

The JMU Bookstore will be one of 400 more campuses testing out the program in fall 2010, according to Elio DiStaola, the director of Follett's Campus Relations at JMU.

This would be "a product of a pilot program with very, very positive results and very positive student feedback," DiStaola said. He believes the company seeks to understand what students want, and then adjust the program accordingly.

Many students already participate in the Bookstore's Buyback Program, selling their books back to the Bookstore at the end of a semester for instant cash back. But these sales depend on if a course will be



GRAPHIC BY ANNA YOUNG / THE BREEZE

taught again and what books are already in stock. The rental program comes with a built-in guarantee that the Bookstore will take the textbook back, whether or not it's in high demand or mint condition.

Borrowers can highlight or take notes in the books, and they also have the option to purchase the books during the rental period. Any books currently available for purchase at the Bookstore will be available for rental in fall 2010.

Used books can be up to 25 percent off the new price, but rentals will be available for more than 50 percent off, which DiStaola believes students will see as major savings up front.

The program is still in the

developmental stage and many details about specific program operations are still being considered. As of now, payment and pick-up options will remain unchanged. Students will still have the option to purchase their textbooks.

"Renting books for classes that I would never use in the future would be very helpful and I think would save money," senior Amanda Daley said. But for classes in her sports medicine major, she said buying the book is a better option so she can use them as future references.

DiStaola believes students will see the program as a convenient and

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FACULTY SENATE

Proposals Still Not Decided

Senators Do Not Vote on
Open Classes for Seniors
Or Excused Absences

By AARON KOEPPER
The Breeze

Two proposals will go under discussion again after last week's Faculty Senate meeting: one allowing seniors to enroll in classes regardless of prerequisites and another regarding an attendance policy excusing missed absences for students representing JMU at off-campus events.

First introduced by professor Val Larsen in the Senate's Dec. 3 meeting, the first policy would have let seniors to enroll in undergraduate courses without having taken the necessary prerequisites.

Proponents of the bill argued during the Jan. 28 meeting that seniors should be allowed to explore options for their education, while opponents argued the proposal was a hassle for professors and students.

"Prerequisites are there for a reason — so you don't have to teach the previous two years of knowledge to students," Speaker Pro Tempore Arch Harris said. "To me, a more intelligent way to do this is to have students go to professors and ask to be admitted into the class."

Opponents of the proposal argued that since students can already take a class without its prerequisites and without the permission of the instructor, the proposal isn't needed.

The proposal failed to pass in a straw (unofficial) vote, and the Senate decided to send the proposal back to committee. Members will rewrite it as an "opt-in" policy, where professors who want to have seniors without proper prerequisites in class could opt to waive the requirements.

"I would think they have pre-reqs for a reason," junior accounting major Reva Vashist said. "I don't think because you're a senior you can take whatever class you want."

But sophomore marketing major Nicole Behr disagreed.

"I think that's a really good idea," Behr said. "If you see a class that could benefit you in the future, you should be able to take it. You just have to accept if there are prereqs, you wind up falling a little behind."

The second proposal, regarding attendance, was developed by media arts and design professor Roger Soenksen and was first presented at the Senate's Oct. 2 meeting.

The policy would have set up a new excused absence policy for JMU where professors would be required to excuse "students acting as duly authorized representatives of the university at events and times approved by the appropriate dean."

This proposal was voted down at the Jan. 28 meeting in favor of considering a proposal that would leave the ability to decide excused absences exclusively to instructors, not the dean.

"How does the dean know what the appropriate accommodation [for an absence] is for a nursing course?" Harris said. "That's a decision that has to be made by the instructor."

Soenksen and Harris said they believe the key problem is that some professors' attendance policies are too strict and are unfair to students.

"My son graduated from JMU a year ago and he was in a situation where there were no accommodations at all [for absences]," Harris said. "I understand the problems that students have."

The modified forms of both proposals will be in committee until the March 25 Senate meeting. President Llnwood Rose will be speaking with the senators during the Feb. 25 meeting.

What do you think of these two policies? Comment on this story at breezejmu.org and share your opinions.

STUDENT HEALTH

Speakers Use Lighter Approach to Heavy Topic

By AMANDA CASKEY
The Breeze

After a night out with friends at the University of West Florida, Kelly Addington felt disoriented and asked her designated driver to take her home.

That night, Addington said she was raped by her boyfriend of the time, with absolutely no recollection of what happened. For weeks she had no idea what he had done, but she had recurring nightmares of being trapped.

Two months later, she found out she was pregnant, and then she realized what had happened.

Becca Tieder, her best friend, was devastated when Addington told her the shocking news more than 10 years ago. Though Addington had a miscarriage, she said Tieder was there for her every step of the way.

"The dreams aren't about me. I'm scared for your lives, because I don't want anyone to go through what I did."

Kelly Addington

"Let's Talk About IT" speaker



NATE CARDEN / THE BREEZE

Becca Tieder shares what it was like learning her best friend had been raped after a night out as students at the University of West Florida. The pair has since created uniteforchange.com and they speak on national tours.

"Obviously just being a girl, it is something to be aware of," freshman Lisa Wallace said. "I came to just learn about that and how to prevent that for myself and my friends."

According to uniteforchange.com, founded by Addington and Tieder in 2006, one in four college women will be or has been a victim of rape or sexual abuse.

Through discussions and education of sexual abuse, the pair believes students can become comfortable with talking about all things related to sex and sexual abuse.

Addington said she still has the nightmares, but instead of being afraid, she wakes up feeling frustrated.

"The dreams aren't about me," Addington said. "I'm scared for your lives, because I don't want anyone to go through what I did."

From that moment in their lives, the two women knew they wanted to become advocates for sexual abuse victims.

One solution the women have come up with is to have a "designated sober person."

Tieder described this person as someone whom you can make a plan with before the night and, no matter what, they will make sure you stick with the plan.

Tieder said she should have been

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EDITORIAL

Student Responsibility

VIRGINIA TECH ADOPTED a new policy as a result of parents' requests. The policy states that parents will be notified when students under 21 are punished for any alcohol-or drug-related violations.

The university previously had a "three-strike" policy similar to ours, in which parents are notified after a second offense. This approach seems more effective in creating a more responsible environment for students.

The majority of students begin their college careers at age 18, meaning they are legally treated as adults in almost all aspects of the law. Informing parents after one violation creates an illusion of responsibility in a parent-free establishment and denies students the opportunity to grow without parental consequences. Va. Tech's previous strategy, as well as JMU's current strategy, provides students the chance to be treated as adults before parents intervene. This allows students to be held liable for their own actions and handle their punishment accordingly, just as it would be in the "real world."

We commend JMU for giving those students charged with a first offense the opportunity to hold themselves accountable.

JOHN SCOTT | don't tread on me

Dukes Should Help Haiti

Haiti has gone through an extraordinary level of disaster. Its infrastructure is heavily damaged, its government is crippled and its people are in unbearable despair. On Jan. 27, Haitian President René Préal stated that nearly 170,000 bodies had been counted. According to an international studies professor at the University

of Miami, the earthquake left an estimated two million people homeless — that's more than 100 times the total number of enrolled JMU students.

Imagine if you experienced an earthquake and a concrete building fell on top of you. Miraculously you survive, but you can't move. The worst part is you can hear those outside the rubble freely moving around, and you cry out for help, but nobody can adequately respond. The pain that Haitian mothers, fathers, sons and daughters felt when President Préal called off the search for survivors on Jan. 22 is unimaginable.

Go online, search the Haiti earthquake on Google or YouTube, and see those horrifying images. I guarantee you the numbness we feel toward disasters "another world away" will evaporate and be replaced with a heavy-heartedness. For if we, as humans, choose to ignore those affected by such a devastating event, we generate a moral hazard — one that festers in our hearts like an infected wound.

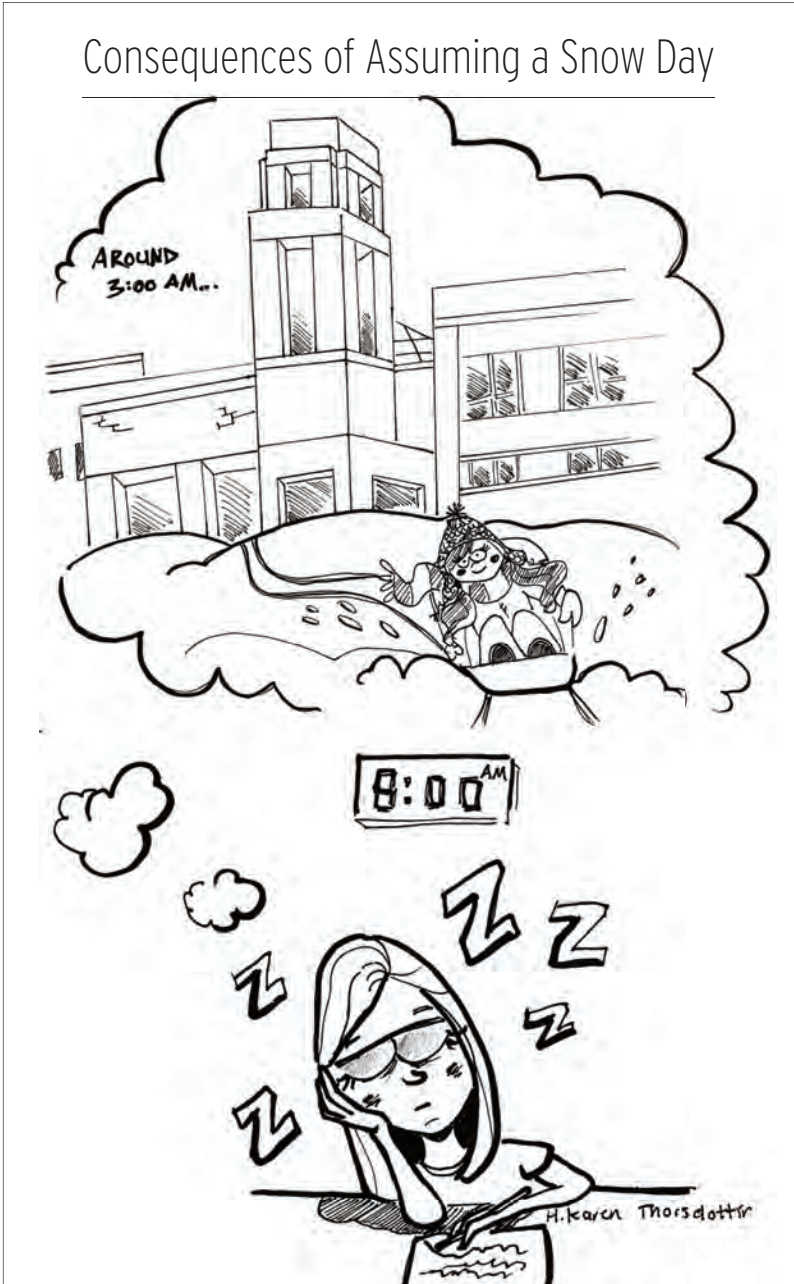
Even through so much pain and

suffering comes a small ray of hope in the form of compassion from the precious gifts of others. Best of all, there are ways students can help. Right now, a student organization, known as 30 for 30, has formed on campus. Their goal is to raise \$30,000 in the next 30 days for Haiti relief. Look for them on Facebook to help out. On Feb. 13, several organizations, including SGA, University Program Board, and Fraternity and Sorority Life, will hold a semiformal gala called For Love, For Haiti. The event is from 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. in the Festival Ballroom, and all proceeds go to earthquake victims.

But for those wanting to participate in a long-term project to help Haitians, good news is here. Last week a group of students led by members of the student organization NURC (Neo-Underground Railroad Conductors) met to plan how to inspire JMU students to contribute to Haiti relief. Any individuals wishing to fully embody the spirit of our alma mater by "being the change" please attend the weekly Wednesday night meetings at 6 p.m. in Taylor 309. Any questions, comments or concerns should be forwarded to neoundergroundrailroad@gmail.com.

Haiti will undoubtedly overcome the obstacles from the earthquake and prevail. However, they can do so more quickly with the helping hand of the Dukes. So today, I ask you to consider participating in an effort to help those so desperately in need.

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A "when-I-step-on-the-scene,-y'all-know-me" pat to the girl making a statement with her awesome purple jeans.
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From an annoyed senior who slid down Neff Ave. after leaving class at 6:15 p.m. on Tuesday.

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From a hard-working student who was actually trying to get some sleep.

A "we-were-just-Snookin'-for-a-good-time" dart to the girls below us who called in a noise complaint at 10 p.m. on a few seniors trying to fist pump their last semester away.
From the "Jersey Shore."

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An "I'm-losing-friends" dart to my bottom for having so much gas lately.
From a boy who is sorry for the smell and hopes it all passes soon.

WHITTEN MAHER | gadfly

The Hazy Argument Against Legalization

After billions of dollars and millions of incarcerations, marijuana is still the most popular recreational drug, regarded largely with the tacit approval of youthful mischief. In stark contrast to our culture's nonchalance about weed, anti-drug advocates supporting the current prohibition on cannabis growth, sale and distribution portray the substance as harmful and dangerous. Yet they find more effective arguments in the



consequences of its illicit nature than anything else. Arguments against legalization invariably rely on statistics about the dangers of marijuana use.

But the lion's share of marijuana's "danger" stems from the mere fact of its illegality. In reacting to marijuana so strongly, policymakers have failed to curb consumption and, worse, cast the soft drug into a shadowy realm — along with anyone involved in it.

I'd never say to a concerned parent that cocaine, heroin, LSD, etc., don't pose a real danger to youth. I would, however, point out that if you lump marijuana in with more harmful addictive drugs, your children are far more likely to encounter the latter if they have any experience with the former.

And the concern really is hard drugs; teenage toking doesn't drive suburban moral panic. Instead, it is the notion that pot is innately tied to the real nasty stuff. Kids don't find hard stuff just anywhere, though. They are largely exposed to it through their dealer in the course of buying weed. But again, this is only because marijuana is illegal. It is not because the drugs are similar in nature. ("Like the mild, relaxed buzz from the Pineapple Express I sold you? Then you'll love this blow!" No one has said this. Ever.)

To claim that the mere use of marijuana (the psychoactive substance) leads to using other psychoactive substances misses the point. The point is that, having committed a crime by purchasing marijuana (the "illegal" item), someone is substantially less likely to be deterred by the "illegal" classification of other substances.

Marijuana is only a gateway drug in that it is the gateway to the illegal. Regardless of how you feel about the gateway theory, you cannot deny the role legality plays in it. Current policy conflates a soft drug with hard ones, facilitating exposure to substances with far more risk.

Were marijuana legalized, an individual would have to make a bigger decision to cross the line between legitimate consumption and criminal possession; countless studies show that this line currently means very little to the supermajority of Americans who have crossed it merely to smoke marijuana. One sees

If so many problems spring from marijuana's illegal status, changing that status solves them.

how the most important thing — the most destructive thing — about marijuana is its illegality.

A classification of "illegal" does not inoculate against a progression into substance use or abuse. (The War on Drugs is about supply.) On the other hand, correcting a bad legal classification reframes our understanding of substances.

In a society where marijuana is legal, one would never think to say, "He first drank beer, then got into marijuana." Like beer, wine or liquor, it would not be something one "gets into." Upon legalization, the relationship between the two substances would cease to be perceived as one of progression. Rather, one would say "He's fond of drinking and getting high" — getting "f****d up" in the colloquial sense would come to include getting baked.

Even with legalization, one might still unfortunately find themselves referring to individuals who like getting acceptably "f****d up" and also "got into drugs," but the serious picture the phrase paints would be more accurate if you exclude people whose only offense is to smoke up once a week. See the difference the definition makes? We could take the terms "drug" and "drug dealer" with more

seriousness and concern, because we would appropriately recognize a mere jester in the company of the D.E.A.'s rogues' gallery, and we would appropriately get him out of there.

If so many problems spring from marijuana's illegal status, changing that status solves them. Legalizing, regulating and taxing marijuana eradicates the criminality currently intertwined with it. Consumption of marijuana would remain, but it would be more social, less clandestine. Legalized cannabis could stand side-by-side along with beer as legal methods of recreation, always to be handled responsibly and consumed with a mindfulness of its effects.

With the signing of a bill, we could reform millions of "criminals" — those who smoke and those who sell materials from the cannabis plant, with whom we take little issue compared to the devotees of heroin, crack or methamphetamines.

And if our problem lies not with the drug itself but with its illegal trafficking, upon what do we base our prohibition of it?

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CANDACE AVALOS
guest column

University Budget Cuts Must Be Reversed

As the President of the Student Government, I wish to bring to our community's attention a pressing matter affecting students attending universities across the Commonwealth. Many of you may know that the Virginia General Assembly is currently meeting to figure out how much money they will give to our school for the next two years.

What you may not know is that for the first time in Virginia's history, there is a proposal in the General Assembly to take your student dollars and give them to the state to help pay for Virginia's current \$4.2 billion budget shortfall. Each year you pay student fees, in-state and out-of-state, to help provide services on campus such as the dining and residence halls, UREC, student activities, and so much more. All items are important to our school but state funding cannot pay for them, which is why we collect student fees. Before former Gov. Kaine left office last month, he proposed a budget, and if passed, this will be the first time in Virginia's history that the state will reach into our school's bank account and put the money toward other purposes.

We paid those students fees to help improve our own school, and I hope you will join me in the belief that our money should stay to help our campus. Virginia21, a political education group, helped universities consolidate their efforts on this important issue. Their mission is to involve young people across the Commonwealth in the political process by providing information, spotlighting policy, promoting active citizenship, and registering voters with a nonpartisan agenda. Last week with the help of Virginia21, I along with my fellow student body presidents and Virginia21 campus presidents from each of Virginia's public colleges and universities, sent a letter to Gov. McDonnell asking him to reverse these devastating cuts.

It doesn't matter if you have been involved for years or are just hearing about this today. We need you to act.

If this legislation does pass, you can almost guarantee that your student fees will go up or that our campus services will go down to account for the \$18.8 million the state is proposes to take from our campus. Luckily, we have a voice in the process. Even in tough budget times, we can help James Madison University keep our money. However, I can't do it alone. I need each and every one of you to take action.

It doesn't matter if you love politics or hate politics. It doesn't matter if you have been involved for years or are just hearing about this today. We need you to act.

Since Virginia's economic recession began, our school has taken deep cuts in the amount of funding traditionally received from the state of Virginia. In fact, since 2007 the state has cut its share of support for higher education by more than 25 percent. On top of that, Kaine's proposed budget would cut the state's share by an additional 26 percent by 2012.

As a student of the Virginia higher education system, I am so thankful for the opportunities it has given me, and for the knowledge I have gained. I believe Virginia has the best professors, faculty and institutions, rivaling all other higher education systems in the country. However, the proposed budget threatens the quality of education we receive. James Madison University cannot handle anymore cuts, and we certainly cannot handle the state coming onto our campus and taking funding that we, the students, gave to the school.

The Student Government Association and Virginia21 are planning various lobbying trips to Richmond, and we would love to invite you to join us in our quest to reverse these budget cuts. If you would like to help us fix this problem, please contact me at avalosca@jmu.edu, or contact Brittany Tyler, Membership Director for Virginia21 at bt Tyler@virginia21.org.

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COMMENTARY

Oscars
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BoneBy JEFF WADE
The Breeze

They almost got it right for once. With the release of the Oscar nominations on Tuesday, rampant speculation about nominated movies will turn into rampant speculation about what movies will take home the golden statue.

The most noticed change in the nomination process regards the Best Picture Category. This year the Academy expanding the big money prize from the traditional five-picture race into a more competitive 10-picture competition.

While 2009 was not the strongest film year, the expansion to 10 films seems like a good move at first. It allows for nominations such "A Serious Man" and "An Education" — two great movies that would have possibly been overlooked in a five-picture race.

"District 9," "Inglorious Basterds," and "Avatar," are in the running. All are crowd-pleasing and critically-acclaimed genre movies that without an expanded pool would have suffered the same fate as the hugely popular "The Dark Knight" last year.

The presence of "Up" on this list suggests Pixar is finally being allowed out of the animation ghetto to compete with the big boys in best picture. Pixar's exciting, moving story of adventure and aging is just as good and just as moving as any live action movie released this year.

"The Hurt Locker" firmly established itself as a frontrunner with its nine nominations. It might be a rare case of the best movie actually getting the best awards.

"Avatar" tied with "The Hurt Locker" for the most nominations, probably doesn't deserve to win best picture. It definitely deserves recognition for its technological achievements and special effects, but a clichéd plot should disqualify it.

Yet Avatar isn't the blue sheep of the Best Picture nominations. That honor goes to "The Blind Side."

Yes, "The Blind Side": a glorified, Hallmark-channel movie that is suddenly thrust into a position where it can be perceived as a barometer for quality. Perhaps the biggest problem with "The Blind Side" is that it is a movie that feigns importance.

It is the type of film that takes a challenging or interesting subject and reduces it to feel good, lowest common denominator drivelt, void of subtext. Its unearned earnestness and self-given importance is misconstrued as meaningfulness. This allows for trailers to run with liberal splashing of words, such as "important," and "inspirational." The "I" word they're looking for is actually "inine."

Normally one bad bio-pic apple doesn't ruin the whole bunch, especially considering the quality and quantity of the films "The Blind Side" is competing against. Then again, the last time that Sandra Bullock was in a regressive pile of garbage, "Crash" won best picture.

Even if 2009 was not the most amazing cinema year, I'm confident the Academy can come up with at least one more movie better than "The Blind Side." The Academy doesn't have to look very far; better films are already on its list.

Look at the Best Actor category. Jeff Bridges is nominated for his work in "Crazy Heart" and Colin Firth is nominated for "A Single Man." Their performances alone are enough to make their films worlds better than "The Blind Side." In the Best Adapted screenplay category is the sharp government satire "In the Loop," also a film belonging to the rather large group of movies better than "The Blind Side."

Even, the Best Animated Feature category has its share of winners. Bump "Fantastic Mr. Fox" or "Coraline" up to Best Picture and they would fit right in. Even cartoons contain more realistic performances than Bullock.

Of course, "The Blind Side" inclusion isn't the only problem. There are a fair bit of snubs: Hiayao Miyazaki's "Ponyo" lacking any nomination is a big one, as well as the absence of "Where the Wild Things Are" from even the costume and design awards, not to mention the complete lack of acknowledgement for "Moon" or the film's lead actor Sam Rockwell.

If Sandra Bullock, or "The Blind Side" take home awards, it might not be the worst thing to ever happen. I could write and direct a story about an aging actress and a mediocre movie that go on to do great things nobody expected of them. They would triumph over adversity, and those who said it couldn't and shouldn't be done. It'd be based on a true story.



JKU Branch of HerCampus is one of
20 Sites Launched Since Sept. 2009

By TORIE FOSTER | contributing writer

In September 2009, three Harvard undergraduates decided to make a special Web site. Stephanie Kaplan '10, Windsor Hanger '10, and Annie Wang '11 began "HerCampus.com," an online magazine that not only serves as a bridge between the media industry and the online world, but also as "a hub for everything college women need to know about today."

A winner in Harvard's business plan competition and the Harvard College Innovation Challenge, along with generating more than 300,000 page loads, the e-zine has become so successful that it has spread to more than 20 colleges across the U.S. — including to our very own JKU on Feb. 2.

The site includes daily articles under the topics of style, health, love, dorm life, career, world news and more. The JKU page (found under "my campus") was founded by senior Cassie Potler and contains "added local flair and campus relevance."

The articles on the site are written entirely by college journalists, and highlight "the best in student journalism while filling the critical hole in the media marketplace for media that responds directly to the needs of college women." The JKU section contains writers from a variety of majors.

Potler, a media arts and design major with a concentration in print journalism with a studio art minor, started as a staff writer for the original HerCampus over the summer. After writing for a couple of months, she was asked to begin the JKU branch as a correspondent. A small staff works under Potler, though she does the layout herself.

"[HerCampus] was something that was so necessary for our generation," Potler said. "The gap between *Seventeen* and *Glamour* was not being addressed. [The magazines] were either too over our heads or [aimed toward] middle school."

Potler approves of the site's dissociation from the JKU administration and since it is student run this allows it to be on a more peer-to-peer level. She also hopes that students will check

HerCampus as a part of a regular routine, like Facebook and Twitter.

"This is something for JKU young women, specifically, that's open and honest, and about things that are truly interesting to them," Potler said. "It's important that we have an honest, local, hip and easily-accessible news source."

Though the site is targeted at women, it can also benefit male students. "It's about things that can apply to anyone," Potler said. "If I were a guy I would check it out ... they can learn a lot from seeing the world from a girl's point of view." Meanwhile, the JKU staff aspires to involve male writers in the future.

One writer, Ericha Forest, also a senior media arts and design major, plans on writing a humor section and a "Top 10" section for the JKU branch. As the site plans to discuss topics such as how to save money when cooking, she also sees how the articles could relate to young men. However, a variety of topics will appear in future issues, possibly including Campus Cutie, which would feature a particularly attractive, male JKU student.

Senior Jaclyn Novak, a media arts & design major with a concentration in journalism, also plans to write for the JKU branch.

"I really enjoy writing for fashion and career - things that relate specifically to my life," she said.

Novak foresees enormous benefits from the e-zine. "If I were a freshman, I'd love it, because it tells you what's going on around campus," she said. "It's going to be constant and updated all the time."

"I'm really excited that it's coming out," Novak said. "Once it gets started, it's going to be really fun."

Life editor Rachel Dozier and Breeze writer Caitlin Hardgrove write for the HerCampus national site. They had no part in writing this piece.

COMMENTARY

Gimmick-filled Grammys Get Tripped Up

By AMBER LOGSDON
contributing writer

If there's one thing that killed the 2010 Grammys, it's the overload of gimmicks. From start to finish, it was filled with them. To be honest, they weren't even that interesting.

Lady Gaga opened up the show, performing her song "Poker Face" with a full factory set, complete with fire and a surprise visit from Sir Elton John. The two pounded out a medley on a double piano with a set of arms sticking out of the top. After her graphic performance of "Paparazzi" at the MTV VMA's in September where she "died," it made me fall in love with her all over again. Compared to her last performance, this was lackluster.

After that opening, Stephen Colbert came on stage. Surprisingly, his attempts at humor were weak and contrived. Most of the laughs were jokes tossed back and forth between

him and his unenthusiastic daughter. He also attacked celebrities which took away from what should have been a great opening. To add insult to injury, he presented the award for Song of the Year award on an iPad.

In no surprise at all, Beyoncé won Song of the Year for "Single Ladies." Everyone called it, judging by the audience's cheers while the nominees were named.

One opportunity for "viewer interaction" was the special 3D tribute to Michael Jackson. Supposedly, you were supposed to go to Target and pick up a pair of 3D glasses in order to "feel the real experience" of some little girl in a forest, and Celine Dion coming right at you. Since I wasn't aware of the promotion, I didn't get my glasses, and all I saw were blurry images of the forest girl. Thanks, CBS.

When Best New Artist was presented, there was a good chance of some fresh acts to score their

first Grammy. Silversun Pickups, MGMT and The Ting Tings were up for the award, along with the Zac Brown Band and Keri Hilson. The Zac Brown Band won, leaving me utterly confused. Who were they? Later in the show, that question was answered, with their performance of "America the Beautiful," "Dixie Lullaby" and their song "Chicken Fried," accompanied by Leon Russell, who looked strikingly similar to Albus Dumbledore.

Record of the Year had an upset, too. Instead of pop favorites like Beyoncé winning, rockers Kings of Leon took the Grammy with their song "Use Somebody." They came on a little more than intoxicated and opened the invitation for post-awards shots. Later on, after winning Best Rock Album, Green Day took them up on that offer. Way to keep it classy, guys.

The final performance of the night was one of epic proportions: It was

the past, present and future of rap on one stage. Lil Wayne came on first, which was OK. He's Lil Wayne, so he got by on auto-tune and constant silence to hide explicit lyrics. Eminem, though, proved his worth again. As for Drake, I was impressed with his leap from the small screen to the stage. It's completely surreal to see him rapping, especially after years of watching him grow up on the Canadian drama, "Degrassi: The Next Generation."

At last, the award for Album of the Year was announced. Nominated were the biggest 2009 contenders. Though it came as no surprise, Taylor Swift won, and she reacted in her usual overly modest fashion. Swift's reactions are getting incredibly irritating; she should be used to winning awards by now.

If CBS wants a good way to grab viewers, then they should lay off of the stupid stunts and just give us what we want: a decent awards show.



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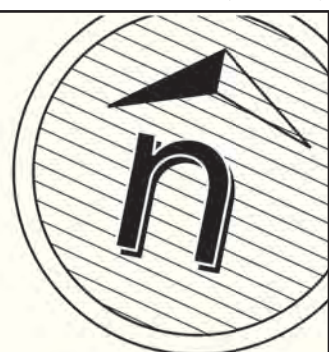
NO. FOR THE 11TH TIME I AM NOT A VEGETARIAN. Just because I like salad doesn't mean I don't love eating land mammals and birds too. But I happen to be an obsessive leaf eater when it comes to the Artful Dodger's Nuts & Berries Salad. I'm a picky person, so I only eat salad if it involves a vinaigrette. The first time I ordered it, I was hesitant, because sometimes a raspberry vinaigrette can be super disappointing if it's too sweet. But lo, this house-made vinaigrette had the most juicily exquisite juxtaposition of acidity and sugar. Very tantalizing to the tongue to say the least. I strongly recommend this succulent salad to all omnivores, carnivores and herbivores, even to fungivores. Practically the entire food pyramid is packed into this godly, garden goodness: feta cheese, crispy mixed greens, red onions, pecans, almonds, sun-dried berries, fresh strawberries and tomatoes. Believe me, I've tried ordering other items from the menu, but somehow just the tempting taste of that Nuts & Berries Salad compels me to act otherwise. One thing is certain; all deathbed prisoners should request this as their last meal.

- Amy Crockett,
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GAMES THIS WEEK

SWIM & DIVE
■ **Marshall @ JMU**
Today, 4 p.m.
Due to forecasted snow over the weekend, the meet was moved from Saturday to today.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
■ **Drexel @ JMU**
Sunday, 2 p.m.
The Dukes stand in fourth place in the CAA with a 6-3 record (16-4 overall).

SWIM & DIVE

Home Meet Rescheduled

JMU's swim and dive team was to host Marshall Saturday at 12 p.m. but due to forecasted inclement weather, it has been rescheduled to today at 4 p.m. The meet will be the last before the team travels to Fairfax for the Colonial Athletic Association Championships Feb. 25 to 27.

This will be the team's only home meet of the season after last Saturday's home meet against Richmond was postponed till Sunday and then cancelled due to inclement weather.

Four seniors, Beth Feather, Amanda Hauck, PJ Naber and Julie Stefanski, will swim their last meet in Savage Natatorium inside Godwin.

Feather is a breaststroke and individual medley swimmer. Her career-best 100-meter breaststroke in last season's CAA Championships with a time of 1:08.10. This season, she placed sixth in the 200-meter breaststroke at the CAA Pod Meet with 2:27.41.

Hauck swims backstroke and holds a school record for the 100-meter with a time of 57.20. In addition, she has another individual and five relay records that on JMU's top-10 lists.

Naber, a freestyle swimmer, holds four individual and four relay school records. Her individual records are 50-meter freestyle (23.43), 100-meter freestyle (50.32), 200-meter freestyle (1:48.45) and 200-meter individual medley (2:03.82). Last season, she was picked for the All-CAA 200-meter freestyle team.

Stefanski, a freestyler, was named the JMU Athletic Director Scholar Athlete her junior year. Specializing in sprints, Stefanski placed fourth at a meet hosted by Radford in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 25.85.

The Dukes have a record of 6-2, not including their fifth place finish at the Gamecock Invitational, and look to bring a championship home again. JMU last won the title in 2001.

— staff reports

JAN. 28 - FEB. 3 CLUB SPORTS RESULTS*

Men's Skiing COMPETITION @ WINTERGREEN
■ **1/29/10 GS** – Team Finish: first, Total Time: 2:40.81
■ **Individual leader** Drew Robert
COMPETITION @ BRUCE
■ **1/30/10 SL** – Team Finish: first, Total Time: 3:22.37
■ **1/31/10 SL** – Team Finish: first, Total Time: 3:28.23
■ **Individual leader** Peter Jackson

Women's Skiing COMPETITION @ WINTERGREEN
■ **1/29/10 GS** – Team Finish: first, Total Time: 3:06.67
■ **Individual leader** Kay Lynn Ford
COMPETITION @ BRUCE
■ **1/30/10 SL** – Team Finish: first, Total Time: 3:54.73
■ **1/31/10 SL** – Team Finish: first, Total Time: 4:08.83
■ **Individual leaders** Kendall Berton, Kine Kagnes

Men's Snowboarding COMPETITION @ WINTERGREEN.
■ **1/29/10 GS** – Team Finish: second, Total Time: 4:11.73
■ **Individual leader** Jake Henderson

Women's Snowboarding COMPETITION @ WINTERGREEN
■ **1/29/10 GS** – Team Finish: first, Total Time: 4:35.77
■ **Individual leader** Elisabeth Sundin

* The Breeze does not vet the results provided by clubs. We encourage all JMU sports clubs to report results to Ethan Sherman at jmusccvicepresident@gmail.com every Monday.

Results are printed Thursdays.

FOOTBALL SENIOR HONORED

Moats Celebrates All-American Recognition

By DAN LOBDELL
The Breeze

Arthur Moats is a busy man. He is training for the NFL combine this month while also working toward his degree in political science.

But he was able to find time to attend the 43rd annual Walter Camp All-America Weekend in New Haven, Conn.

While there, Moats participated in the FanFest event, spoke at the High School "Breakfast of Champions" and was then honored at the National Awards Dinner.

FanFest was a 4-hour event with live music where families could attend an autograph session.

"He sat there for, no joke, like three or four hours signing autographs," said Greg Rocchio, Walter Camp Football Foundation member. "Whereas Colt McCoy comes in for 15 minutes, and he's fed up with it — he takes off. You know, [John] Elway comes in for 10 minutes and was like, 'This is crazy' and took off. Probably less than five players stayed the whole time."

The "Breakfast of Champions" honored Connecticut's All-State team. Houston Texans quarterback Dan Orlovsky, a Shelton, Conn., native,



COURTESY OF GREG ROCCHIO

JMU senior defensive end Arthur Moats spends time with a young supporter in the Walter Camp Football Foundation's annual FanFest event in New Haven, Conn.

funded the event. Moats spoke at the event after Orlovsky and Elway, who was honored as the Foundation's "Man of the Year."

"You know, you see the high school All-State team, and man, they wanna fill all of our shoes," Moats said. "They wanna be Hall-of-Famers, they wanna be All-Americans and you know at the same time, they're still trying to get into college.

"I talked about staying focused; academics are very important. I'm going through the process right now of going to the NFL; they look at everything. Everything you've ever done they find out about, so just start now, and keep your head out of trouble."

ESPN's Wendi Nix hosted the banquet, who asked Moats three questions while he accepted his award. He was given a plaque and Walter Camp All-

American gear at the banquet.

"You see all the 1A guys that you watched on TV, like, 'Oh man, that's kinda cool that we're all here together,'" Moats said. "And you're sitting there like, 'Man, he's not even that big like they look on TV!'"

Moats said he built a relationship with South Carolina's linebacker Eric Norwood, who participated in this past weekend's Senior Bowl in Mobile, Ala.

With college football's popularity steadily increasing over the years, the amount of All-America teams created to honor the game's best has also grown.

At least 12 organizations honor All-America teams, but the Walter Camp Football Foundation honors the oldest and most prestigious of those teams.

The foundation has named an All-American team every year since 1898, and the foundation members regard the alumni as a family of sorts.

"Once they're retired, they love to come back to New Haven for our annual weekend of fellowship and community service," Rocchio said. "The guys come back every year, and it's just phenomenal. Arthur is always welcome back at Walter Camp."

SIGNING DAY

19 to Join JMU Football

By MATT O'TOOLE
The Breeze

Think two is better than one? JMU football coach Mickey Matthews thinks so, as two quarterbacks from Texas headline the 2010 recruiting class on National Signing Day, which includes 19 commits.

"I think the overriding issue, we felt like, going on during recruiting and throughout the season was the play at quarterback, and we really think we got two guys that attract us."

Matthews said that in mid-November he and his staff didn't have many prospects at quarterback, so he picked up the phone and called down to his home state of Texas.

"I contacted my friends in Texas and got a list and went through their film, and these two guys really jumped off the page in terms of athletic ability," Matthews said. "We got some evaluations from the summer camps they had been to and decided to go after them."

Jace Edwards (Midland, Texas, Robert E. Lee) is a dual-threat quarterback that started three years at Robert E. Lee. He was All-District his senior year, scoring 26 touchdowns, 14 on the ground and 12 by air.

"Jace is a guy that can run and throw," Matthews said. "The more you watch him, the more comfortable he is in the shotgun."

Edwards is from the west Texas area, just 30 miles outside of Matthews' hometown Andrews, Texas.

"People don't recruit West Texas like they used to," Matthews said. "We were amazed that Jace was not heavily recruited which was good for James Madison."

The other quarterback, Henry Hunter (Garland, Texas, Sachse High).

Matthews was able to lock down two heavily recruited players, running back Dejour Simmons (Virginia Beach, Va.,



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Green Run) and wide receiver Anthony Rose (Amherst, Va., Amherst).

Simmons was first team all-region, all-district and all-Tidewater, while racking up 1,600 yards and 25 touchdowns his senior season.

"He's a guy that can run and make you miss," Matthews said. "He actually came to our campus, and we knew he was heavily recruited, but at the end of the day he was positive with us, signed with us."

Also heavily recruited and familiar to the program is Anthony Rose, brother of JMU football players Jon and Peter Rose.

"Most people think he's a defensive player, but he wants to play wide receiver which is fine with us," Matthews said. "He's a top-10 looking guy with a great physical stature."

The Dukes were able to recruit one standout hometown player, defensive back Kyle Linn from Turner Ashby. Weighing only 185 pounds, Matthews credits his worth ethic and hard play.

"Kyle can make tackles," Matthews said. "He is real thin, but we have already seen progression and his ability to get stronger in the weight room."

The Dukes totaled up 10 state players and others from Texas, Maryland, Pennsylvania, New York and New Jersey.



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Above left: JMU football coach Mickey Matthews speaks Wednesday about his signees. Above: Turner Ashby's Kyle Linn looks for a pass. Linn has committed to JMU and has been recruited as a safety.

LACROSSE

Three Named All-CAA, Team Picked to Finish Fifth

By CHRIS PETTY
contributing writer

After two back-to-back losing seasons, including last year's record of 5-11, the Dukes are looking to prove themselves as a conference threat. Leading the way for the team is Kim Griffin, Mary Kate Lomady and Cally Chakrian, all of whom received pre-season all-conference honors.

"I think it puts a little bit of pressure on," Griffin said about the selection. "It's neat that we were one of three schools to get three players recognized, so that's pretty cool for our team."

Lomady, a junior attacker, led the team in goals last year with 35 and also had 11 assists. Sophomore Chakrian was a defensive standout last season, sharing the team lead for groundballs

with 26.

Griffin, the lone senior, recorded 30 goals. Head coach Shelley Klaes-Bawcombe hopes Griffin's senior leadership will rub off on some of the younger players.

"Well, she just has history with the program and she has won a Colonial Athletic Association championship with the program in her freshman year," Klaes-Bawcombe said. "She plays with a confidence and a swagger that we're hoping is contagious."

JMU was one of three schools to have three players selected to the preseason all-CAA team. Klaes-Bawcombe does not think that will necessarily translate into wins on the field.

"It's our job as a team to be able to play together and come together as a unit," she said. "That's where we feel

we need to make an improvement this particular year. We've always had great individual talent; we really need to come together as a team."

The Dukes hope they can change the momentum this year and produce a winning season, which has not happened since 2007 (13-5).

"Our goal is to be able to compete in the CAA tournament, have the opportunity to compete for a CAA championship," Klaes-Bawcombe said.

Chemistry is a theme the Dukes are stressing as they attempt to work their way back to the top of the conference.

"I think that we need to develop connections on the field with one another, on attack and on defense," Griffin said. "I think [we need to] come together as a defensive unit and play to

our strengths."

The strongest competition for JMU will be defending league champions Towson. The Tigers return 10 starters, including 2008 CAA Player of the Year Hillary Fratzke, who was out much of last season with a knee injury.

JMU is familiar with injuries affecting play as well.

"We've been plagued with some injuries," Klaes-Bawcombe said. "We haven't allowed that to be an excuse, but it is a reality. We need to do everything we can to take care of our bodies, to work hard, rehabbing to be able to come back from those injuries, so that we can utilize all the talent on our roster."

The Dukes open up their home schedule against Virginia Tech on Feb. 24.

SNOW | Decision to Close University For Weather Falls on President Rose

from front

close school, blast e-mails and text messages are sent to students through JMU's Police and Public Safety Department.

"We usually try to make the call before the morning shift, when dining hall workers come in," said Donna Harper, executive assistant to the president.

According to Ulanski and WHSV, Virginia is in an El Niño pattern. The El Niño - Southern Oscillation, or ENSO, begins in the warm waters of the Pacific

Ocean. The moisture and warmth moves along the subtropical jet, which is carried to the Gulf of Mexico. As the weather gets colder, the moisture pockets in the Gulf usually freeze into snow, causing higher precipitation counts in the winter in the Southeast. The movement has potential to move up the Eastern Seaboard, as it has this season.

"The El Niño pattern tends to give the eastern half of the United States a very wet winter," Ulanski said. "As long as the pattern stays, we sort of get a conveyor belt of snow coming in from the Gulf of Mexico."

DISORDER | Didn't Look Skinny

from front

the JMU University Health Center, said she appreciated that Prussman mentioned the "whole gamut" of eating disorders, such as bulimia, anorexia, overexercising, how to intervene with friends, male eating disorders and so on.

Simmons said Prussman came to JMU to commemorate the Eating Disorders Awareness Month. Sigma Sigma Sigma contributed to the event after sorority members Leslie George died in 2000 from septic shock by a bulimia-caused rupture in her stomach.

About seven million to 10 million women and one million men suffer from eating disorders in the United States, according to the National Association of Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Eating Disorders.

After the failed Annie audition, Prussman's mother put her on a diet. She traded Prussman's Oreos for carrots, took away her pretzels and no longer allowed her to eat sugary cereal. The exception was Lucky Charms, but her mother picked out the marshmallows. The remains tasted like "cat litter," Prussman said.

So began Prussman's long battle with an eating disorder. From then on, she told the audience she dieted constantly. In high school, she began to work out for four hours a day. In college, without her mother telling her how to eat, she yo-yoed from eating too much to hardly eating at all. She often fasted during the

day to save for beer calories at night; the habit became a sort of "drunk anorexia" that lasted throughout her 20s.

"Every time I ate, I felt guilty," she said. "Food consumed me."

She even fretted over small salads — the dressing was too fattening. When she began finding acting jobs, skinnier actresses would intimidate her. She took diet pills and herbal laxatives making her constantly urinate and defecate. Her gym obsession rose to new levels.

"I'd run the treadmill in heels drunk at 3 a.m.," she said.

One day, Prussman accidentally stuck her toothbrush too far down her throat and vomited. She said a sudden sense of control came over her; she realized that vomiting could replace her exercise. She measured the calories lost in vomit. However, neither her weight nor appearance changed.

"Nobody recognized these behaviors," she told the audience. "I kept them secret."

Nevertheless, Prussman often became tired, depressed and anxious. She developed problems with her teeth weakening. Also, her period stopped, and she began suffering panic attacks that she says still recur sporadically.

One day, she saw an ad telling her she could lose weight. She forked over \$200 to commit herself to a series of procedures, including a colonic cleansing by an unlicensed woman who normally did pedicures.

"She painted toenails and [I let her] stick a tube in my butt...

because I thought I'd lose 10 pounds," Prussman said. In pain, on her way home, she defecated in her pants and began to bleed. Her mother rushed her to the hospital.

Her hospital trip became the catalyst for her recovery from eating disorders. Doctors told her she had an eating disorder, and the revelation astounded her.

"If you had to pick a bulimic in a lineup, I wouldn't be the one," she said. In her eyes, she said her body weight was normal and she didn't realize she had a problem.

Elena Colagrande, a freshman international business major, said the presentation made her think of her twin sister, who had suffered from bulimia.

She agreed with Prussman's statement that eating disorders could have many faces: "Maybe you don't look too skinny... but actually you feel bad."

Prussman described how she went into deep healing and recovery. She learned to appreciate herself and grow confident in her abilities. She encouraged students to list things that they liked about themselves. Had she not had the support of her family and friends, she said she would not have recovered. Although still somewhat vulnerable, she now believes she is "in a better place."

"Enjoy your life," Prussman told the audience, tears welling in her eyes. Beyond eating disorders, she encouraged students to live in the moment, rather than waste time worrying about how they looked.

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