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VIRGINIA TECH

Student Paper's Online Policy Under Fire

Funds Will Not Be Taken

An issue with online comments had threatened funding for Virginia Tech's student newspaper, but a school official said Friday that would not happen.

The controversy began after a Tech advisory group objected to the Collegiate Times's anonymous comment policy for its Web site.

The Commission on Student Affairs, comprised of students, faculty and staff, said the comments could be homophobic, racist or otherwise offensive and it asked the paper to change its policy.

Advocacy groups, including the Virginia chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union and the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education, supported the CT by Friday afternoon.

The commission's chair, Michelle McLeese, wrote a letter Monday to Kelly Wolff, the general manager of Educational Media Company at Virginia Tech, the parent company of CT. In it, McLeese wrote that the commission would recommend the university end funding for EMCVT and ban student organizations to advertise in the paper with university funds.

EMCTV also operates the student yearbook, literary magazine, and campus radio and television stations.

A university spokesman said it was not in the administration's position to pull the funding.

"This is the right decision, and we appreciate that the administration has voiced it so quickly," Wolff wrote in an e-mail to *The Roanoke Times*. "It is completely consistent with Virginia Tech's previous history of support for the right of students to control editorial content in student media which has been laudable among universities."

The comments on collegiatetimes.com are moderated by the community without being edited before posted. If readers "flag" comments, the paper's public editor can choose to hide a comment; it's not deleted, but readers have to click a link to view it.

The debate was sparked by comments on a story about an annual diversity summit in January. The summit focused on the Asian community and drew several inappropriate comments referring to the Virginia Tech massacre (by a South Korean native) and the beheading of a Chinese student by another Chinese native. Editors removed several comments, but two were left on the Web site.

Such policies on articles vary among publications. *The Breeze* has no distinct commenting policy. In the comment section on stories at breezejmu.org, there are fields for readers to submit their names and e-mail addresses, but those cannot be not verified. An editor must approve the comment before it is publicly posted.

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[ASSESSMENT]

JMU's Award-Winning Process Gauges Efficacy of GenEd Programs (and Itself)

By **JEFF HARRIS**
contributing writer

While most of JMU will enjoy a day off Tuesday, more than 3,300 students will use the day for another purpose: their academic assessments.

Incoming freshmen take the test during 1787 Orientation week in August. Students must then retake the assessment when they accumulate between 45 and 70 credit hours. Seniors also take assessments within their majors.

Since 1986, the Center for Assessment and Research Studies has analyzed the results of the assessment. The center uses its tests to see if higher grades equal higher assessment scores or to determine whether a student's score changes in a given area.

"These committees, often with the input from the faculty, review the findings, interpret the results and decide what changes need to be made," said Robin Anderson, the center's associate director. "Changes could include restructuring cluster requirements, modifying, adding, or abolishing certain classes or modifying the assessment itself."

The tests ask questions on topics

commonly covered in general education classes, such as critical thinking and history. The purpose is to evaluate the effectiveness of these programs.

Assessment results have reached such heights that the program has received national recognition. In 2009, JMU received awards for the work of its assessment office and improved testing for Cluster 3 material. The General Education Cluster 3 10-credit hour requirements include sciences and mathematics that relate to the natural world.

Virginia mandates that all state universities perform an assessment of some kind. These vary by institution; some universities have programs similar to JMU's, while others require students to keep a portfolio and write self-reflective essays throughout their time in college.

JMU says it designs courses that try to strengthen knowledge and provide students with the tools to show adequate progress between assessments.

"Bio 114 really helped me," junior Melissa Cummings said. "It gave me basic science skills similar to what was required on

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SOME NUMBERS

- 1,163
Students who took a Cluster 3 assessment in 2007
- 65
Questions on a normal Cluster 3 assessment
- 54
Minutes, on average, to complete the 2005 Cluster 5 assessment
- 69%
Average score on the socioculture section of the 2005 Cluster 5 assessment
- 40%
Percentage of people who correctly identified the statement "The best time to stretch is before exercise" as a myth on the 2005 Cluster 5 assessment



Victory!

Sophomore guard Julius Wells, with the help of freshman forward Trevon Flores, fights for a lay-up in an upset over VCU. **PAGE 9**

CITY CODES

Shoveled Your Sidewalk Yet?

City Has Been Lenient But Will Issue Citations

By **STEVEN BUTLER**
contributing writer

Harrisonburg will start issuing citations for unshoveled sidewalks beginning today.

A pre-existing ordinance has not been enforced recently due to the frequency and intensity of the winter snowstorms. The ordinance states that sidewalks must be clear three hours after snowfall or by 10 a.m. the next day for overnight snow.

"People have had far longer than the ordinance allows to get this done," said Miriam Dickler, Harrisonburg spokeswoman.

If a resident fails to comply, police will issue a warrant of violation and "a fine would be determined by a judge," Dickler said. For this type of violation, the fine would not exceed \$250.

"Most of our residents are familiar with the ordinance," Dickler said.

Patrick Reiser, a senior ISAT major, lives along an unshoveled portion of South Main Street and was not aware of this ordinance Sunday afternoon.

"I'd be pretty upset if I came back to my house and saw a citation on my door," Reiser said. "That's absurd."

He noted that much of the snow seems to come from plow trucks pushing snow onto the sidewalks.

Crysal Tolson, a Harrisonburg resident of more than 50 years, said she was forced to hire three men to clear the walk in front of her South Main Street home.

"Why should I clean the city's property?" Tolson said. In order to build the sidewalk, Tolson said the city purchased the land at the front of her property.

"I'm not pleased with the way the city is handling the snow at all. Should I fine them for piling snow up my sidewalk?" Tolson said. "That's what I pay my taxes for."

Dickler maintains that taxes would



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Public advisory

"Beginning Monday, February 15, 2010 the City of Harrisonburg will start issuing citations for unshoveled sidewalks in the city.

Under city code section 6-1-15, sidewalks are to be clear within three hours of the end of snowfall or by ten in the morning if the snow has fallen overnight. Due to the significant snowfall accumulation and the frequency of storms, the city has allowed more leeway than usual in this matter."

— HARRISONBURG PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE

need to be raised if the city cleared all of the sidewalks.

"We don't have that kind of money or manpower," she said.

For those living in apartment or townhouse complexes, Dickler advises property owners or tenants to check lease agreements to determine who is responsible for clearing the sidewalks.

Nation&World

FROM BLOOMBERG NEWS AND *THE WASHINGTON POST*

Olympic Athlete Dies on Luge Course

VANCOUVER, B.C. — Olympics luge officials changed the men’s course to reduce speeds and offer “emotional” support to competitors after a training crash Friday that killed Georgian athlete Nodar Kumaritashvili.

The start of the men’s event was moved forward 577 feet to the women’s start line, a change that will slow speeds about 6 miles an hour, Josef Fendt, president of the International Luge Federation, told reporters Saturday in Whistler.

Luge officials reopened the track Saturday and said the course remains safe, indicating the crash was due to athlete error. As a preventative measure, the walls at the exit of the final curve were raised to ensure competitors don’t fly out of the course, Tim Gayda, the vice president of sport for the Vancouver Olympic Committee, told reporters. Changes were also made to the ice profile along the edges of the final turn.

“The decisions made are to deal with the emotional component of the athletes, to alleviate as best as possible the traumatic experience of this tragic event,” Fendt said.

After an investigation by the British Columbia Coroners Service, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the International Luge Federation, officials determined the accident was caused when Kumaritashvili didn’t compensate properly while coming out of the track’s penultimate turn.

“We did everything in our power to make sure it was a safe track,” Gayda said. “This was an unprecedented situation.”

Luge officials retraced Kumaritashvili’s path and determined there was no indication the accident was caused by deficiencies in the track. It was the first fatal crash in luge competition since 1975.

If a crash occurs, the ice profile changes will direct the rider back into the track, said Svein Romstad of the U.S., secretary general of the luge federation.

“The important thing is to keep the athlete in the track,” he said.

Kumaritashvili, 21, died after being thrown from his sled into a metal support pole during a training run for the men’s singles Friday. The accident happened on the track’s final turn, where speeds can reach in excess of 95 miles an hour. It was the first death of an athlete at the Olympics in 18 years.

Hay bales or padding on the pole, which was part of a series of poles used to support a canopy over the track, would not have “helped the situation,” Gayda said.

While Fendt, Gayda and Romstad said the track is considered to be among the fastest in the world, they each stated that it wasn’t “too fast.” During training runs, lugers have reached speeds in excess of 93 miles an hour. The fastest sections of the track are in its final two turns, according to track information distributed by event organizers.

The track has the steepest slope of any luge venue in the world and includes 16 turns and a 498-foot drop.

Before Saturday’s press conference, Fendt told London’s Daily Telegraph “the track is too fast. We had planned it to be a maximum of 85 miles an hour, but it is about 12 miles an hour faster. We think this is a planning mistake.”

U.S. Stocks Rise for First Time in Weeks

NEW YORK —U.S. stocks rose for the first time in five weeks after European officials pledged to help Greece close its budget deficit and the U.S. economy gained momentum, overshadowing China’s actions to limit inflation.

The advance was reduced when the Standard & Poor’s 500 Index slipped 0.3 percent and the Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 0.4 percent Friday. For the week, Caterpillar Inc. rose 8.6 percent and technology shares jumped after Motorola Inc. said it would split into two companies. American International Group Inc., the insurer bailed out by the U.S., increased 20 percent on speculation it may sell a unit to MetLife Inc. Bank of America lost 3.7 percent after its credit outlook was cut to negative from stable by S&P.

The S&P 500 rose 0.9 percent to 1,075.51, cutting its 2010 retreat to 3.6 percent. The Dow average increased 86.91 points, or 0.9 percent, to 10,099.14. The measures have recouped about half of their declines since Feb. 4 when concern

about growing budget gaps in Greece, Portugal and Spain spurred the biggest sell-off since April.

“It is positive that the Europeans are finally putting details behind their monetary union,” said Stephen Wood, who helps manage \$176 billion as chief market strategist for Russell Investments. “U.S. equities feel better because they’re a safe haven and because the economic data has a slight upwards bias.”

Stocks got a boost when European leaders voiced support for Greece’s efforts to regain control of its finances and the U.S. Labor Department said fewer Americans filed claims for unemployment insurance than economists anticipated.

Indexes of companies in the S&P 500 that sell household products and so-called discretionary consumer goods advanced more than 1.5 percent. Inventories in the U.S. unexpectedly fell in December for the first time in three months as companies couldn’t keep up with increasing demand, according to figures from the Commerce Department in Washington.

Home Depot gained 3.7 percent to \$29. The largest U.S. home-improvement retailer was raised to “overweight” from “equal-weight” at Morgan Stanley. Goldman Sachs recommended investors buy bullish Home Depot options before the Atlanta-based company reports fourth-quarter results on Feb. 23.

China ordered banks to set aside more deposits as reserves for the second time in a month to cool the fastest-growing economy after loan growth accelerated and property prices surged. Chinese policy-makers are seeking to avert asset bubbles and restrain inflation, causing investor concern that tighter lending will damp the global economic recovery.

Government Debates Miranda Rights

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department and the FBI will consult with the intelligence community on information about terrorism suspects arrested in the United States before deciding whether to read them their Miranda rights under a plan now under review in the White House, according to senior administration officials.

The proposal follows a controversy over the handling of Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab, who is accused in the attempted Christmas Day bombing and who was read his constitutional rights 10 hours after his arrest. Republicans said the decision cost the Obama administration valuable intelligence.

“We are analyzing lessons learned (in the Detroit Christmas Day case) with the goal of ensuring full information from across the government is available to law enforcement personnel on the ground as they conduct interrogations and make decisions on how to handle terrorist suspects,” a senior official said Friday. He requested anonymity because the new procedures, which arise from a review ordered by President Obama, have not yet been approved.

“The final decision about Miranda and other law enforcement decisions will continue to lie with the FBI and Department of Justice,” the official added.

Some law enforcement officials have expressed concern that public pressure is pushing the White House to establish new standards based on the Detroit incident, even though the nature of the case might be unique. One senior law enforcement official pointed out that authorities had immediate access to Abdulmutallab’s passport and to background information on him that had only recently been entered into the Terrorist Identities Datamart Environment database maintained by the National Counterterrorism Center.

“But what if that person has a false passport and fingerprints are not in our files?” the official said, adding that it takes time just to get an identification, and U.S. law sets tight time rules for when someone who has been arrested must appear before a judge. “How can you have meaningful consultation (within government agencies) when you don’t have a good handle on facts and when the clock is ticking?”

Republican lawmakers have criticized the administration for not consulting the heads of U.S. intelligence agencies before FBI agents read the 23-year-old Abdulmutallab his Miranda rights.

“The leaders of the intelligence community, the director of National Intelligence, the director of the Counterterrorism Center were shocked to hear he had been Mirandized because he had very valuable information,” Sen.

Christopher S. Bond, R-Mo., ranking member of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, said Thursday on Fox News.

On Friday, told of the changes being contemplated by the White House, Bond said: “While there are a lot of unanswered questions, I hope this is a signal that the White House is now more interested in getting lifesaving information from captured terrorists than getting them a lawyer.”

Sen. Jeff Sessions, R-Ala., ranking member of the Judiciary Committee, said he does not think new administration protocols will solve the problem of the treatment of terrorism suspects. “This attempt to finesse it is not going to fix it,” he said. “A captured high-value al-Qaida member should be immediately placed in military custody and should be immediately interrogated vigorously in a sustained interrogation.”

Although Sessions and others have recommended that terrorism suspects arrested on U.S. soil be immediately put into military custody, such an action could take place only if the suspects are found to be enemy combatants.

Haitian Business Slowly Returns

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti —Four weeks after the temblor collapsed the economy of the Western Hemisphere’s poorest country, Haiti is slowly stirring to life. Factories that produced garments, which accounted for about 8 percent of the economy, are running again, while new entrepreneurs seek opportunity amid the ruins by selling mobile-phone calls or recycling building materials from the rubble.

“Haitians are very resilient,” said Eduardo Almeida, the Inter-American Development Bank’s (IADB) representative in Haiti. “They are used to suffering all types of shocks, political and environmental. They get right up and find ways to keep on going.”

The earthquake injured 300,000 people, according to a government estimate reported by the United Nations, and left 1 million people homeless. It was the deadliest in the Western Hemisphere according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

Pre-quake exports totaled about \$500 million annually, \$450 million of which were textiles, according to the IADB.

Toyota Faces Public Relations Disaster

TOKYO — Toyota separated itself from all other carmakers by immersing its workers in “the Toyota Way,” a cult of quality and innovation that was painstakingly taught to new hires by experienced mentors.

World-beating quality spawned astounding global growth. The number of cars made at Toyota plants jumped more than 60 percent between 2000 and 2008, a golden era of earnings when annual increases in production sometimes outpaced the total output of Mazda or Chrysler.

But now, as the company recalls millions of flawed cars around the world, there is an expert consensus that growth itself derailed the Toyota Way, blurring its focus on quality, thinning its stable of expert mentors and undermining its capacity to respond to consumer complaints.

Secrecy and scapegoating have compounded Toyota’s troubles. The company relies on foreign car buyers for most of its profit and nearly all its growth, yet decision-making remains centralized in Japan, where top executives have been slow to reveal safety problems that have led to recalls.

“Consideration for customers was lacking in Toyota,” Seiji Maehara, Japan’s minister in charge of transport, said this week after the government learned that the carmaker had known for months about a problem of squishy brakes on its Prius hybrid.

Yet until the Japanese government pressured them to recall more than 400,000 Priuses and other hybrid models on Tuesday, Toyota executives had insisted that the braking issue was a matter of driver “perception.”

In the United States, where years-old problems with a sticking gas pedal led to a suspension in January of the production and sale of eight vehicle models, Toyota had also neglected customer complaints, blamed drivers and was not forthcoming with federal investigators.

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IN BRIEF

JMU BUS SERVICES

Route Change to Convo Express Shuttle

Because of today's CHOICES event, the route will not run to the Convo F Lot because it is expected to be full by 8:30 a.m. Instead, the bus will turn around at the Festival bus stop, like the inner campus shuttles do. Service will continue to the Warsaw Parking Deck. Regular service will resume Tuesday.

HEALTH CARE LEGISLATION

Va. May Defy Federal Decisions

Virginia may become one of the first states to create laws against the federal health care legislation. The House of Delegates passed legislation contradicting the federal effort to control insurance coverage. Republicans approved the bills Friday. Gov. Bob McDonnell is expected to sign the legislation.

HARRISONBURG LAW

Bill Passed to Overturn Concealed Weapon Ban

Gun owners with concealed weapons permits may soon be able to take their weapons into establishments that serve alcohol, after a bill passed in the House of Delegates on Friday. Gov. Bob McDonnell is expected to sign the bill into law. The bill still bans permit holders from consuming alcohol while carrying a handgun in restaurants and clubs. The current law allows people to openly carry handguns in restaurants but not concealed weapons.

HARRISONBURG EMPLOYMENT

Grants for 'Green' Jobs

The U.S. Department of Labor has given a \$5 million regional grant to retrain 1,000 Shenandoah Valley workers for "green" jobs. The money will be divided among the local regions, including Harrisonburg and Rockingham County. The grant was given due to the region's unemployment.

ALABAMA CAMPUS SHOOTING

Professor Charged After Three Are Killed

A biology professor allegedly shot six people during a faculty meeting Friday in Huntsville, Ala.; three died and three were injured. Amy Bishop, 45, was charged with three counts of capital murder. Police said that in 1986, Bishop fatally shot her brother, but she was not charged. Police are considering reopening the case. Her husband, James Anderson, told *The Chronicle of Higher Education* that Bishop was bitter over not receiving tenure and she planned to go to the Board of Trustees. He said he did not know she had a gun when he dropped her off at the meeting.

FINANCIAL AID

Dartmouth Revises No-Loan Policy

After at least three private schools changed their no-loan financial aid policies, Dartmouth College announced last week it would as well. Families making more than \$75,000 would have to use loans in their financial aid packages. Officials said loans were necessary to ease the budget gap; the school also plans to lay off 38 non faculty.

ALCOHOL AT DARTMOUTH

Cops Wait to Infiltrate Parties

Police in Hanover, N.H., had planned to curb underage drinking by sending undercover officers into Dartmouth's parties, but students, faculty, alumni and administrators had criticized the plan. The police chief said they will delay the plan for now.

EDUCATION

Increase in Worldwide School Violence

In a report by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, physical attacks against professors, schoolteachers and students have increased worldwide. Some motives for the violence against academics include political activities, government interference and attempts to work with scholars in other countries. Most occurrences of violence took place in Africa or the Middle East.

UNITED KINGDOM

New Rules for Student Visas

The British government has created stricter student visa rules in an effort to control the amount of students coming to study in the country. The new rules will require incoming students to show an above-beginner-level proficiency in English and will prohibit students studying for less than six months from bringing dependents with them.

CAMPUS CONSTRUCTION



DAN GORIN / THE BREEZE

More than 30 dump trucks full of snow were removed from the construction site last week and taken to Green Earth Recycling in Harrisonburg. Start times for each day are scheduled based on the weather. When JMU closed Wednesday, construction began at 11 a.m.

Despite Snow, Stadium Still on Schedule

By STEVEN BUTLER
contributing writer

After another major snowstorm hit Harrisonburg last week, construction on Bridgeforth Stadium continues slowly.

To deal with the unusual amounts of snowfall, part of the crew was diverted solely to winter protection. This included removing snow and excavating around the deep foundation system in preparation for concrete. More than 30 dump trucks of snow were removed from the work site and hauled to Harrisonburg's Green Earth Recycling, the same place where dirt is taken.

"This is the winter of all winters,"

said Scott Maulding, project superintendent for Donley's, the construction company overseeing the stadium. Maulding, an Ohio native, is used to these types of winters.

Commuting has also been a major issue for workers, according to Maulding. Construction start times are staggered to accommodate worker safety. For example, on Wednesday work was pushed back to begin at 11 a.m.

With "winter challenges" expected, contingencies for weather delays were originally built into the project timeline.

"Even in spite of the weather, things remain on track and moving forward

"This is the winter of all winters."

Scott Maulding
project superintendent

with the overall project," said Don Egle, university spokesman.

The budget for the expansion remains the same. Egle emphasized that the only thing affected by the snow might be the timeline, however, as of now, the project remains on schedule.

The only minor delay last week was the steel erection beam being postponed by one day — not because of snow but because of Wednesday's high winds. These 50-foot poles would pose a danger to workers on ladders in high winds, according to Maulding.

Despite the weather, Maulding describes worker morale as "good." Work continued throughout most of the storm, and the snow became something that they simply had to cope with.

JMU football fans will be happy to hear the season shouldn't be affected. "No matter what happens today or tomorrow," Maulding said, "we're still playing football in August."

LOCAL BUSINESSES

Five COB Students Promote 'Green' Grocery

Friendly City Food Cooperative Does not have Definite Opening Date but has Downtown Space

By KALEIGH SOMERS
contributing writer

Five business students have taken the principles they learned in the classroom and applied them to help out a local business cooperative.

When sophomores Meredythe Fallon, Aida Kebere, Ellen Pak, Michelle Puckli and Kim Sullivan took professor Carol Hamilton's interpersonal skills course last fall, they aspired to make a difference in the community while working on their communication strategy project.

After receiving a list of local businesses, the team chose to collaborate with Harrisonburg's Friendly City Food Cooperative to bring the co-op more publicity and increase funding.

"Our group selected FCFC because it was something that we are all interested in, and healthy, local eating is becoming more and more popular in our nation," Puckli said.

Sam Nickels, the co-op board member and chair for the member loan campaign, worked closely with the JMU group to decide how they could help.

He explained that a co-op is a business owned by a group of buyers or the people who will shop in the store.

"That's why the community has really opened up to the idea," Nickels said. "They want to take advantage of all their hard work once the store is up and running."

The Friendly City Food Cooperative started in 2005 with just under 25 members and not nearly enough funding. However, four years later, the group has more than 600 members.

Between grants and member loans, the co-op has increased its funding. Its most recent endeavor, The Big Push, is the final nudge to launch the fully operational grocery store. To do this, it needs 1,000 members and \$600,000 from member loans.

The store will be located downtown at 150 East Wolfe St. and plans to open sometime this year.

Nickels believes they're about two-thirds of the way toward opening the store and supporting it financially. With

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MEET THE SENATOR



Lauren Waldt

■ senior international affairs major, economics minor

■ SGA contingency liaison

Why did you choose JMU?

My brother went here, and he was a senior when I was a freshman. So I had visited a bunch of times before and basically fell in love with it.

What's your favorite part about JMU? The people. I don't think you can find people like this anywhere else.

Least favorite part? I don't think I have one to be honest.

Favorite place to eat on campus? D-Hall. It's the classic. Any day of the week!

Why are you a part of SGA?

I got involved first semester of freshman year. I had done it in high school, but I wasn't really able to get too involved because of other activities like sports. So I decided I wanted to become more involved and really focus on it here.

What action have you been a part of in SGA that you're most proud of? I'm kind of biased but giving groups funds and helping them put events on to grow and help the rest of the student body grow as well.

What are your plans for after college? I haven't figured it out yet. I have one class left for my minor, and then I don't really know from there.

Who is your favorite U.S. president? Gotta love FDR.

What do you think of all the snow we've been getting? I've liked it up to this point, but it could decrease a little now — I'm not trying to have Saturday classes.

What has been your favorite class at JMU?

Any of my major classes. I particularly liked U.S. foreign policy, but I had a great professor so that helped.



KATIE LYVERS / THE BREEZE

INTERNATIONAL/LOCAL NEWS

Local Plasma Found Smuggled in Poland

Eleven tons of smuggled blood plasma discovered in Poland came from the United States, including from Harrisonburg's BioLife Plasma Service.

The stolen plasma came from several different facilities within the United States.

Originally destined for Austria, officials said the truck transporting the plasma was stolen when the driver made a rest stop in Germany. It was taken across the border into Poland where police recovered it Wednesday.

The truck's contents were valued at 1 million Euros, which is about \$1.4 million. Police have not made any arrests but are still investigating. They said they believe the thieves stole the plasma in hopes of selling it throughout Eastern Europe.

BioLife Plasma Service is a branch of

the Baxter Healthcare Corporation and operates out of the United States and Austria.

Donating plasma is approved by many federal organizations, including the Federal Food and Drug Administration and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. It is considered a safe procedure.

Plasma, a pale yellow liquid that makes up about 57 percent of a drop of blood, is composed of water and proteins which are used by the body to control bleeding and infection. It can be used to treat burn victims, those suffering from shock, and to control bleeding during surgery for patients with hemophilia.

— staff reports

CO-OP | 750 Shares Sold, Hopes for 1,000 By Opening

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about 750 shares sold (both individuals and households), the community support continues to grow; JMU's faculty and student body represent a large percentage of that community.

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Sam Nickels
co-op board member

Additional help for the project came from Hamilton, who said she considers the group of JMU women among the most successful groups in past semesters.

"I am using the FCFC student team and their work as an example of good teamwork resulting in effective communication," Hamilton said. "They demonstrated initiative and creativity in generating more than was required

for the class assignment."

The project has taught the students a lot about collaborating with local businesses, they said. They tested out a variety of advertising techniques to determine the best way to reach the community: table tent announcements, Facebook postings, online feature articles, and even bulk e-mail messages to all JMU faculty and students.

"I am now aware of appropriate ways to hold meetings, organize notes and projects, divide work, and communicate with businesses whose first priority is not our project," Puckli said.

Hamilton agreed that for the team, the project was a much higher priority than for the clients. That's often the reality of working with clients.

Nickels understands the values the community places on healthy foods and educating our youth.

"As we read more and more and how unhealthy our foods and eating habits have become over the last 40 years, we are highly motivated to keep up this effort — not just for ourselves, but our children and grandchildren," he said.

On Friday night, the cooperative held its fourth annual Feb Fest, a celebration to generate more community interest and set up a table for people interested in becoming members.

ASSESSMENT | Credits Determine Time

from front

the assessment."

Students could end up taking the same assessment as Cummings, but never have set foot in a biology class. Testing both situations can show how much better or worse a student who takes courses in that area performs than those who take none at all.

Freshmen might have to take the assessment twice in the same year as a result of the number of transfer credits

they bring from high school.

"I don't really think in one semester I've had a lot of time to learn new skills that would change my test results," said freshman Ben McGarry, who falls into this category of students.

JMU arranges assessment time by credit hours instead of by year as a way of deciding what transfer and AP credit scores it should accept. If students with accepted credits score lower than those who took a given course at JMU, it could lead to a change in what scores

the university will accept.

"We examine how students bringing in different types and numbers of credits from other institutions perform on the JMU measures," Anderson said.

JMU may give the test, but students' results determine what changes will occur.

"The contributions of the JMU community, particularly those of the students to assessment, provide a wonderful service to the university," Anderson said.

Olympic Sponsors Look Elsewhere

Bloomberg News

Eastman Kodak, an Olympics sponsor since the modern Games began in 1896, is no longer in the picture.

The Rochester, N.Y.-based company ended its International Olympic Committee sponsorship with the 2008 Beijing Games, as did fellow global partners Johnson & Johnson, Manulife Financial Corp, and Lenovo Group Ltd.

As the Winter Games get started in Vancouver, corporations that clamored to link their brands with the Olympic rings are looking elsewhere amid a battered economy and emerging marketing alternatives. The IOC, which tripled revenue from global sponsorships to \$866 million from 1993 to 2008,

hasn't been able to replace three of the four lost sponsors. When the IOC last disclosed financials on its TOP (The Olympic Partnership) sponsorship program, it had \$883 million in revenue for the 2009-12 cycle, short of the committee's \$1 billion target.

The USOC failed last year to re-sign Bank of America, General Motors and Home Depot, which paid the USOC an estimated total of \$45 million from 2005 to 2008.

The IOC's sponsorship problems have contributed to the financial challenges faced by the Vancouver Winter Games. Host cities get half the revenue from the program known as TOP, for The Olympic Partnership.

Sports sponsorships in North America fell to \$11.28 billion in 2009 from

\$11.4 billion in 2008, according to IEG Sponsorship, the first drop in 25 years of tracking data.

However, the USOC has succeeded in attracting sponsors to newly created categories, such as accounting firm Deloitte LLP and consumer-products giant Procter & Gamble Co.

The IOC still has TOP sponsors willing to pay top dollar, particularly consumer-product giants such as Coca-Cola, the world's largest soft-drink maker, and McDonald's, the world's largest restaurant company. As McDonald's president and chief operating officer Donald Thompson said in an Bloomberg TV interview, "The goals, visions and values of the Olympic games are aligned with McDonalds."

Grant Competition Would End Teach for America's Full Claim on Federal Dollars

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Teach for America, which enlists recent college graduates for two-year stints in some of the nation's most challenging public schools, would lose its uncontested claim on \$18 million in federal funding under an Obama administration proposal to launch a grant competition for teacher training programs.

At first blush, the proposal to end Teach for America's noncompetitive grant seems a surprising setback for a program viewed favorably by federal officials, lawmakers and major philanthropists with influence in public education.

But Education Secretary Arne Duncan said the proposal to merge that funding with other programs, if approved by Congress, would make \$235 million available for initiatives to recruit and prepare

teachers for high-need schools.

"We think there's a chance for programs that are doing a great job to actually increase their funding," Duncan told reporters last week when asked about Teach for America. "It's an expanded pool of resources and we want the best to rise to the top... There's a big, big opportunity out there for high performers."

But leaders of the 20-year-old non-profit organization, based in New York, have indicated concerns about the budget proposal because they are counting on federal funding to help finance an expansion. With that in mind, a dedicated grant could be more valuable to the organization than the chance to win more money.

"We're really hopeful that Congress will put us in the budget," said Teach for America spokeswoman Kerri Marcello Stroud, "so we can take advantage

"If you're effective and have demonstrated success, does it make sense that you're rolling the dice potentially every year in terms of continued funding?"

Rep. Chris Van Hollen
House of Representatives
Maryland

of this tremendous opportunity for us to grow and reach more kids." She said the proposed grant competition could raise difficulties for the organization. "It's hard to plan," she said. "We have to plan so far

in advance."

Teach for America placed 4,100 new teachers in schools last fall, more than double the number five years earlier, and it hopes to grow even more.

Backers say the program is one of the best alternative pathways into the profession; critics say the teachers it places are ill-prepared and often do no better than those who come from teacher colleges with regular credentials.

On various occasions, Duncan has praised Teach for America. He also has said many teacher colleges do a "mediocre job" in preparing teachers for the classroom.

Teach for America's \$18 million non-competitive grant, authorized under the federal higher-education law, amounts to a tiny fraction of the \$59 billion Education Department budget for the fiscal year that ends Sept. 30. But Stroud said

the grant and a few million dollars from other federal sources account for more than 10 percent of the organization's \$189 million budget. Teach for America has received federal education funding for several years, according to the organization, including a \$14.9 million grant in the last fiscal year.

Whether the administration's proposal will win congressional approval remains to be seen.

Rep. Chris Van Hollen (Md.), chairman of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, said he was "disappointed" that Teach for America was not specifically included in the administration's budget. "This is a proven program," he said. "If you're effective and have demonstrated success, does it make sense that you're rolling the dice potentially every year in terms of continued funding?"



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EDITORIAL

Shoveling Citations

THE CITY OF HARRISONBURG will begin issuing citations for unshoveled sidewalks today. An ordinance says sidewalks must be shoveled within three hours of snowfall ending or by 10 a.m., if the snowfall occurred overnight. Failing to remove ice and snow may result in a Class 4 misdemeanor, which has a maximum \$250 fine. Because of the increased snowstorm frequency this year, the city has given residents more leeway. However, the ice-covered sidewalks and pathways have become dangerous to pedestrians and need clearing. One is still in compliance with the ordinance to put down sand if the snow and ice cannot be removed safely. Though many residents may see the citations as strict and unnecessary, the ordinance is also an appropriate means of forcing residents to help make a safer environment. We hope to see some safer sidewalks starting today.

LETTER

Plea for Safer Sidewalks

Typically, plowing sidewalks isn't a major concern after a blizzard. In fact, snow from the roads is typically plowed onto the sidewalks making them impassable. But, that's not a big deal... I mean everyone drives to campus anyway, right? WRONG. Let's consider a few situations that would cause one not to drive to campus. First, some of us walk or bike because it's convenient. When the sidewalks aren't covered in two feet of snow, my walk to campus takes about 10 minutes. Second, not everyone can afford a \$200 parking pass. Even if you can, in most places you have a better chance of winning the lottery than easily finding a parking spot after 9 a.m. Finally,

money and convenience aside, some of us are trying to decrease the size of our carbon footprint and not use our cars unless we have to. This being said, I would ask JMU's administration to consider sidewalk conditions just as important as the condition of the roads. Today, my typically short walk to campus took almost 30 minutes. When I wasn't pulling a balancing act on two feet of icy slush, I was fearing for my life while walking on the road. Please don't wait until someone gets hit by a car or literally breaks a leg to decide to do something about this.

Molly Rossberg
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ANNE BIANCHI | guest column

Varsity Cheerleaders Seek Equality to Other Teams

It's game time. The sun is shining and the fans are rallying in the bleachers. The JMU fight song is echoing throughout the stadium, sung by those who truly "bleed purple." My veins pump with adrenaline builds as I step on the turf for the national anthem. Despite the fact that I woke up around 9 a.m. to prepare for the long day ahead, practiced with my teammates for an hour and a half, and tumbled across the mat multiple times, I'm ready to play. JMU varsity cheerleading is more than meets the eye. Made up of two squads, we come together as one team of 40 coached by former JMU cheerleader, Tameka Burroughs. As a team, we are recognized by JMU as varsity athletes but not considered a sport. However, in order to be skilled at an acceptable collegiate level, we must practice as often as any other sports

I want to see our program grow and prosper with more help from the state and university.

team. Like all athletic programs, we are required to participate in community service and make appearances at local events. We do as much as other teams but still do not retain the support and funding. Before 2006, the cheerleaders were only allowed to travel to games within a two-hour radius. Many other cheerleading programs don't have money to travel, and very few teams travel to conference tournaments. My coach requested that we be allowed to travel outside the two-hour radius and be given the money to do so. The only problem is that our budget is still too low to support 40 athletes wanting

to enter competitions or travel to all away games. We would like to enter competitions regularly to set goals as a team and bring acknowledgement back to JMU, just like any other athletic program. Though we are considered varsity athletes and a part of the JMU athletic department, we do not receive amenities or incentives that other teams do. We had to purchase our own warm-up gear, and we do not have many other necessary items that the university provides to other teams. Although the state funds varsity athletics, the size of our program needs more money than we are allotted. We do not have

the possibility of receiving scholarship money, nor do we receive money for any academic achievements. We would love to see scholarship funding for our program in addition to competition funding. Because we are a state funded program, we are unable to fundraise on our own. Solely relying on funding is not enough for our program. We need more uniforms, we need more incentives and we need more funding for travel and competitions. This fight has been going on for the past 10 years and we still need more help. Our coach knows the department firsthand and fights for changes to be made to our

program. Although Coach Burroughs has greatly transformed our program, the recognition is still not what she or our team deserves. Let's face it, games would be a different atmosphere without us leading our fans in cheers. We are treated better than cheerleading programs at other universities in Virginia, but I still do not feel we receive the right amount of incentives that varsity athletes should receive. I am constantly asked why I participate in my sport and what motivates me to wake up at 4:40 a.m. to go to practice. My only answer is I really love this sport and truly believe in what I do. I want to see our program grow and prosper with more help from the state and university. Anne Bianchi is a junior interdisciplinary liberal studies major.

JEFF WADE | contributing writer

MTV No Longer for Music on Television

Shifting Away From Music Programming, MTV Must Revamp Cutting-Edge Shows

With 10 minutes in Photoshop, MTV has finally confirmed what people have joked about for all these years. With a little bit of cropping and a little bit of one certain Jersey/Oompa-Loompa princess, an iconic logo had its growingly unnecessary attachment removed. Music Television has finally had that unsightly and dangly "Music Television" bit removed. It is now free to begin a new life as just MTV. Now, bemoaning the fact that MTV no longer plays music or airs music videos is way too easy. It's the comedic equivalent of shooting fish in the proverbial barrel. MTV has not been the conduit for music for at least an entire generation. The youth of today is more likely to stream a song online, download the MP3 from iTunes or actually go to a live performance. The only real grievance in regards to MTV's official identity change is that there is nowhere for music videos. It's an argument that seems very

compelling at first, yet an argument that the 112 million views of Lady Gaga's "Bad Romance" video undermines. As long as YouTube is around, the art form of the music video is safe. Sure, the several off-shoots and extended cable packages have the MTV2s and MTVUs that are still keeping the music torch burning. But for the main network, without its laughable and dubious connection to music, the question arises: Where does MTV go from here? From its very inception, the network has been something of a paradox. Looking back all those years the premise of watching music must have seemed ridiculous. I mean, who would want to watch music, especially for 24 hours, everyday? MTV is at a crossroads, mostly due to its bizarre mix of high and low culture. On one hand the "True Life"s and "16 and Pregnant"s of the world at their best manage to offer surprisingly

insightful looks at various issues affecting young people. The other hand has the "Jersey Shore"s and "The Hills" of the world — vapid train-wreck television that keeps people watching in spite of themselves.

MTV doesn't need to bring back videos, it just needs to bring back good shows.

I can really take or leave a majority of MTV's music-related content. I'm certainly not living any different in this crazy post-"TRL" world than I was when Carson Daly was there to tell me everything was all right and that *NSYNC was No.1 on the charts. Yet for the bemoaning of MTV's shift

away from music programming, most of the network's most memorable content already exists outside of the scope of music videos. Many of the most memorable shows to air on MTV fall into this category. "Beavis and Butt-head" and "Jersey Shore" are not dependent on music — enhanced yes, but not dependent. For all the incredibly inane things MTV has aired — past, present and future — some things simply would never have existed without it. Early MTV had a flippant anything-goes attitude. It's an attitude that gave Ben Stiller and Jon Stewart their first shows; an attitude that had a brief resurgence a couple of years back with "Wonder Showzen." This parody of children's television was one of the bleakest, darkest and most brilliant satires to air on any network. Clearly, MTV used to be cutting edge in regards to comedy. "The State," a mid-'90s sketch-comedy series that MTV ran was the funniest sketch show

not named "Mr. Show." The cast is a list of cult comedic talent: Michael Ian Black, David Wain and Michael Showalter were in "Stella"; Thomas Lennon was in "RENO 911!"; and the whole crew was responsible for "Wet Hot American Summer." None of that would have happened without the old MTV. Neither would "Human Giant," a similar sketch-comedy series that aired back in 2007, showing that some of that old MTV is still left in there. It featured Aziz Ansari, Rob Huebel and Paul Scheer. Sometimes the kid from "Role Models" was there. It was very funny and also on MTV. With the network at a crossroads and looking to re-brand itself as a youth icon once again, it needs to keep one thing in mind: MTV doesn't need to bring back videos, it just needs to bring back good shows. Jeff Wade is a freshman media arts & design major.

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A "look-on-the-bright-side-once-in-a-while" dart to Negative Nancy for spreading her darkness upon so many college students.
From someone who looks at the glass half full.

An "oh-hai!-praise-ceiling-cat-kthxbai" pat to the LOLCat Bible for giving us words to live by and cheezburgers all in one.
From all teh snowed in kittehs who liek to reed bout teh beginnens of teh Urfs and teh Nointed Cat and stuffs.

An "I-don't-think-Facebook-is-your-problem" dart to the guys in the locker room saying Facebook is the reason they can't get away with cheating on their girlfriends.
From a guy who doesn't cheat and thinks you're the ones giving us bad names.

A "sidewalks-are-like-roads-in-college-towns" dart to whoever thinks just because the roads are clear, getting to class is safe.
From everyone who can't afford a parking pass, doesn't have a car or just chooses to walk/bike to class.

A "what-about-tradition?" dart to myself for missing the past two grilled cheese Thursdays.
From a junior who up until now wouldn't miss the cheesy goodness for anything.

A "no-I'm-not-drunk,-just-delirious" dart to the obnoxiously rude cop.
From the girl who got a sober concussion.

A "keep-sipping-that-same-old-hater-aid" dart to everyone who singles out North Face as the only preppy brand JMU kids support.
From Vineyard Vines, Patagonia, Longchamp and Polo.

An "I-thought-the-cows-were-down-I-81" dart to the girl who sounded like she was grazing on her gum in class.
From a fellow gum chewer who knows how to control herself.

A "way-to-be-creepy" dart to the new Cheetos cheetah.
From society.

A "karma's-a-bitch" dart to the person who cleared the snow off his or her car and onto mine.
From the girl who didn't appreciate having to uncover her car twice and believes you will get yours.

A "to-protect-and-service" pat to the girl handing out free condoms on the Commons Friday.
From a guy who would rather wrap up his package than wrap a diaper.

A "she's-crafty" pat to the Stealthy Sally who stole a whole loaf of bread from E-Hall.
From two bakers who wouldn't mind if you stole our bread.

A "since-when-do-you-live-here?" dart to those visitors taking up my parking spot.
From that red car a mile away.

A "bah-humbug" dart to all of the Valentine's Day couples who are all smiley and lovey-dovey.
From a bitter anti-Valentine.

A "what-did-I-ever-do-to-you?" dart to the sun for making me disappear.
From the snow.

A "success!" pat to JMU for letting me in AND allowing me to graduate!
From someone who didn't see that one coming.

An "animal-crackers-in-my-soup" pat to my resident who has communicated with me for three weeks by drawing talking animals on my white board.
From your RA who you make roar with laughter and thinks you're a real hoot.

A "fed-up-with-false-fire-alarms" dart to the people in Eagle Hall that think it's funny to pull the fire alarm every Saturday morning between 3 a.m. and 4 a.m.
From very angry residents who think people seriously need to grow up.

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Super Crossword

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- 18 German river
- 19 "The Gong Show" guy
- 21 Fit — fiddle
- 22 Jergens or Astaire
- 23 "The Shadow over Innsmouth" author
- 25 "In a Free State" author
- 27 "Big Three" site
- 28 Most loathsome
- 30 Ring official
- 31 Po land
- 35 Word form for "environment"
- 36 '62 Tornadoes smash
- 39 "The Nibelungenlied," e.g.
- 42 Golfer Trevino
- 43 Omit
- 45 Wooden strip
- 46 — Aviv
- 47 Adventure stories
- 49 — Dawn Chong
- 51 Singer Vaughan
- 54 "Perelandra" author
- 56 "The Time Machine" author
- 60 Writer Erich
- 62 Game fellow?
- 63 Actress Alicia
- 64 "Cara —" ('65 song)
- 65 Hard to lift
- 66 Lesage's "Gil —"
- 69 Zhivago's love
- 71 CT hours
- 73 Charged atom
- 74 "The Catcher in the Rye" author
- 78 "Women in Love" author
- 82 Southern constellation
- 83 Cal. page
- 84 Tibetan monk
- 86 Do Europe
- 87 Gymnastics event
- 90 Scoundrel
- 92 Columnist Smith
- 93 Lamb and pork
- 97 Shining
- 98 "Charlotte's Web" author
- 100 "Winnie-the-Pooh" author
- 102 Broadcast
- 104 — Tome
- 105 Jitterbug dance
- 107 Mink's coat
- 108 Spruce
- 110 Use a poniard
- 113 Fairway accessory
- 114 "Cheerio!"
- 115 Earphones
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- 121 Chum
- 122 Fraught with danger
- 125 Fall birth-stone
- 129 "A Passage to India" author
- 132 "The Code of the Woosters" author
- 136 Post or Bronte
- 137 Zsa Zsa's sister
- 138 Explanatory phrase
- 139 Corporate VIP
- 140 Panelist Paul
- 141 — Tin Tin
- 142 Steakhouse order
- 143 Pants part
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- 2 Wine valley
- 3 Hard to believe
- 4 Amatory
- 5 Vigoda or Burrows
- 6 Rock's Fleetwood
- 7 "I'm freezing!"
- 8 Ages
- 9 "100 —" ('69 film)
- 10 Sitarist
- 11 Selling point
- 12 Crummy kid?
- 13 With
- 32 Down, court sport
- 14 Business dept.
- 15 Anne of "The Daytrippers"
- 16 More morose
- 17 Egotist's darling
- 20 — shift
- 24 Tub
- 26 Hold-up man?
- 29 Fancy fabric
- 32 See
- 13 Down
- 33 Triangle parts
- 34 Indeed
- 37 Squirrel away
- 38 Stooze count
- 39 Emulate
- 40 Chihuahua dough
- 41 Poorly
- 44 Reading matter?
- 47 Bulge
- 48 Sedimentary rock
- 50 Architect
- 52 Once more
- 53 Devastation
- 55 Isle near Corsica
- 57 Knot
- 58 Combat
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- 61 Director
- 67 Objective
- 68 — drum
- 70 Come clean
- 72 Terrible age?
- 74 Part of
- 75 Races a jalopy
- 76 — Sainte Marie, MI
- 77 Up for — (available)
- 79 Eye color
- 80 Card game
- 81 " — saw Elba"
- 85 Mohammed — Jinnah
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- 89 Jacket material
- 91 " — brillig . . ."
- 94 — Romeo
- 95 Hardware item
- 96 Blood components
- 99 "Heartbreak —" ('56 hit)
- 100 From the top
- 101 Mideastern gulf
- 103 Hornets
- 106 Skater
- 109 Wobble
- 111 Take on
- 112 Purchased
- 114 Girl Scout units
- 115 Overdramatic
- 116 Puckish
- 117 Roman fountain
- 120 Numerical suffix
- 121 Role for Rigg
- 123 Persia, today
- 124 Medicine cabinet item
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CONCERT REVIEW

No Need For 'Keeping Up With The Joneses'

BY RACHEL DOZIER | *The Breeze*

Cowboy boots, jean outfits and flannel — lots of flannel. Wilson Hall took a trip down to Dixie on Thursday night when the University Program Board hosted singer and songwriter Corey Smith.

“Most of the time I play in bars; this is kinda weird,” Smith said. “Like, this is too good for us.”

Smith played last week in Texas where the floor was made of sawdust.

“It’s so incredible to have been there one week and to be in this historic building now,” he said.

Though the music and feel definitely had a Southern quality to it, Smith made it clear he didn’t want to be labeled as “country.” One of the most energetic songs of the night was “If That’s Country.” In the song he talks about typical country stars saying, “I don’t watch CMT/ Naw, that shit makes me sick/And that ole Kenny Chesney/what a hypocrite.”

Despite his dislike of the stereotypical country singer, Smith’s concert definitely gave the feel of a barnyard hoedown. In his second song, “Party,” the audience was transformed from a uniform group sitting in assigned rows at a high school talent show, to a sea of foot-stompers and hand-clappers.

Smith’s opener for the night was Bryan Elijah Smith (no relation). The Dayton native rocked both the electric and acoustic guitar. As the first place winner at the Shenandoah Valley Music Festival for songwriting, Elijah Smith was picked by Corey Smith out of a pool of applicants to open the show. Even with a love for Johnny Cash songs and incredible talent on the electric guitar, Elijah Smith was clearly nervous; he plugged his album more than five times and continuously asked “Are there any Corey Smith fans here tonight?” anytime the crowd got noisy.

After the crowd had waited 30 minutes following the opening act, they began to chant “Corey Smith, Corey Smith.”

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DAN GORIN | THE BREEZE

Corey Smith performed in Wilson Hall on Thursday night to a crowd of more than 900 fans. The show’s opening act was Bryan Elijah Smith.

HUMOR

ANDY FRAM

contributing writer

A Cynical Snow-Day Serenade

The Darker Side to Being Buried in Two Feet

I don’t know what bugged me most about the wintry hell that has swept over Harrisonburg and much of the East Coast the last few weeks, as there’s really just too much to choose from. I know most of you are probably thinking I have no soul right now, so let me just set the record straight by saying no, I am not a ginger. In fact, there were a handful of mitigating factors that made these most recent snow days a bit more bearable than in previous years. I am speaking, of course, of a fridge full of beer, and “Call of Duty” at my fingertips.

Still, I’ll be glad when it’s spring, and I no longer have to test my horrible sense of coordination on that iced-over godforsaken mountain that goes up to the Sunchase annex. As someone who’s lacking in cardio and still might occasionally have trouble putting one foot in front of the other on solid cement, that precipice might as well be my Mt. Everest.

Back to that Friday however, which started on a hopeful note. Like many of you rapsclallions, I donned my winter gear, picked out my best cardboard box and headed to the hills for a long day of sledding and nostalgic winter fun. Forty-five minutes later I happily staggered home, flushed with the success of

The second thing I realized is probably best described in simile form: Snow is to urine as black lights are to hotel bedsheets.

combining outdoor time with alcohol time (as well as the invention of the Natty snow cone).

Unfortunately, Saturday brought ill fortune and made me realize exactly what happens when you dump nearly two feet of snow in a college town. No. 1, people do not know how to shovel snow. By people, I mean college students, and by college students, I mean assholes. For some completely nonsensical reason, when these people shovel out their cars, they decide to dump the snow directly behind the cars next to them, which (surprise, surprise) makes it that much more difficult for that other poor soul who now has to shovel an additional ton of snow out from behind their car. Can you see where this is going?

The second thing I realized is probably best described in simile form: Snow is to urine as black lights are to hotel bedsheets. Words cannot describe how much pee I saw on the ground after only one weekend night. I can only imagine how much more intense the urine-to-dirt ratio of the ground is on a fair-weathered weekend. If I can recall my high school chemistry class, I believe the word for that is “supersaturated”

Thirdly, there were the incessant Facebook status updates that made me feel like Derek Zoolander after a rousing round of brainwashing. Below are a couple choice examples I found, and if one of them is yours, I am not sorry: “Snow has taken over my world!!!” “Go away snow you are not fun anymore!” and “Snow on the ground!!!” All I can say to that is jackpot. Thank God for those little gems to get me through the day.

But by far, the worst part about this weekend was JMU’s last-minute text about Monday’s cancellation. As amusing as it was to see people more excited about no school than adorable Clydesdale horses advertising beer, I was quite distressed at the timing. Now I’m not trying to be a gossipy Gertrude or anything, but I heard from a friend of a friend’s mother’s cat’s stepsister that they texted us after the ABC stores had already closed in order to limit our drinking. I don’t know about you, but I’d be hard pressed to find another night this year with more power hours than Super Bowl Sunday. Look into it. I’ll be playing “Duty.”

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‘Sexpert’ Advocates Better, Safer Sex

Speaker Uses Comedy for Discussing Sensitive Topics She Thinks Parents Should Address Earlier

By NICK SLOANE
The Breeze

Comedian Maria Falzone is a self-proclaimed “sexpert,” and last Friday she brought her free, one-woman show to a small yet enthusiastic crowd in Memorial Hall to discuss the issue of how to have better, safer sex.

Although Falzone’s subject matter could be considered controversial, she presented it in a funny, compassionate and educational way. The main subject she spoke on was safe sex; however Falzone’s talk wasn’t the standard “use a condom” affair. She went more in depth than any high school sex education class or parent-driven “birds and the bees” talk. It’s that lack of depth, along with tardiness of both methods, that upsets her.

“The mistake that they [parents] make is that when you become fertile, you become sexual, and the truth is that you’re born sexual, and you die sexual,” Falzone said. “And I believe, and I strongly believe, that sex education should start in infancy — not everything, but you start by telling your children the name of their genitals.” Falzone’s idea was that by starting younger, it’s easier to avoid the awkwardness associated with “the talk” during adolescence. “Part of why it’s so awkward is because you’re 12 years old, and they never talked to you before; and that’s the reason it’s so silly to wait, because you can’t even hear them, because you’re so freaked out,” she said.

Though this advice was great for future planning, Falzone knew to focus more on the now, thus her material was less “birds and the bees” and more *Playboy*, in the best way possible. Her message was one that introduced rules to inform her audience of a couple hundred students on how to have the best sex possible



NATE CARDIN | THE BREEZE

Maria Falzone spoke in Memorial Hall on Friday night. The blunt speaker demonstrated how the cervix feels similar to a nose in her lecture “Sex Rules.”

yet still be responsible. The rules she advocated included knowing yourself, knowing when you’re ready, and having an alcohol-and-drug-free sexual experience. “The other rule is never use alcohol or drugs when you have sex...Is alcohol a stimulant or a

depressant? It’s a depressant, and what part of the body does it depress? The nervous system and what’s sex about? The nervous system. You’ve diminished sensation.”

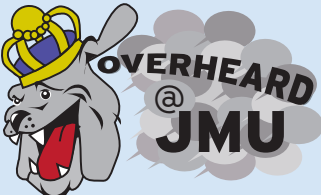
Falzone kept the crowd laughing throughout the night, with the

funniest segments coming from a main rule she vigorously advocated that was about... well we’ll just use her words, “knowing yourself.” She playfully cited “knowing yourself” as the safest sex you can have, because, “you know where you’ve been. What’s the worst thing that could happen? You fall asleep on yourself, and you wouldn’t take it personally ‘I’m tired I’ll get back to me tomorrow.’ ” She also called out parents that give “knowing yourself” negative connotations. Falzone jests, “Some parents will go, ‘If you touch yourself you’ll go blind!’ Look I don’t give a s---, I’ll wear glasses.”

Falzone strongly believes that knowing yourself will help you have a longer and more pleasant sexual experience. She even informs the audience of further reading on the subject. “There is a book that changed my life...‘Sex For One’ by Betty Dodson. The first half of the book is for women and the second half for men.”

Falzone’s speech provided an informative and practical verbal guide to all different forms of sex, crafted and perfected over many years. “I started to share my own story, and it sort of became its own creation, and I finally feel after 14 years of doing sex rules, I finally feel like I have my lecture where I want it; there’s nothing I would do differently.”

Off stage, she spoke about the parent’s responsibility to teach their kids about sex instead of leaving it to public education. “I would really like to see parents take it on. The reason it has to be done in schools is unfortunately it’s not done in the home.” The reason she does these lectures to college students is so that hopefully they will teach their future kids. “I’m hoping that we’re gonna have a couple generations from now I won’t have a job, I won’t need to do what I do.”



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Confused Guy: Sometimes I forget women wear bras.

Ditsy Girl: I just don’t even get how snow forms!

Frustrated Roommate: I feel like I’m in a snow globe and some kid just keeps shaking it. Ugh.

Curious Guy: How old is he?
Lovesick Girl: Gorgeous...

Cold Girl: I’m going to find that groundhog, and I’m going to club it!

Dreamcrusher: You’re not 15, and you’re not going to be one less lonely girl.

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MOVIE REVIEW

‘Wolfman’ Has More Bark than Bite

By **AMBER LOGSDON**
contributing writer

Watch out, Jacob Black. You’re not the only werewolf in the limelight anymore. His name is Lawrence Talbot and, quite frankly, he could rip you to shreds. To add insult to injury, Jacob, he’s from 18th-century England. You’re done for.

In this remake of the 1941 film of the same name, “The Wolfman” features Benicio del Toro (“Sin City”) as a man affected by lycanthropy after surviving a werewolf attack. While trying to deal with his newfound thirst for tearing people limb for limb once a month, he searches for the beast that killed his brother, Ben. To make matters worse, the inspectors from Scotland Yard are trying to kill him.

Though the film isn’t Oscar material, it stars some of Hollywood’s finest. Both del Toro and Anthony Hopkins (“The Silence of the Lambs”) are Oscar winners, yet these performances do less than demonstrate their full talents. If anything, Hopkins is a watered-down version of Hannibal Lecter, but his character often feels forced. It wasn’t that long ago he played a cannibalistic serial killer, was it?

In addition, inklings of romance are thrown into the plot. However, given that it’s romance between Lawrence and his late-brother’s widow, Gwen, played by Emily Blunt (“The Devil Wears Prada”), it’s a little strange. There isn’t any mystery behind whether or not they’re going to get together, because it’s set out there in plain sight. When Lawrence’s eyes linger a little too long on Gwen’s lips and neck in one scene, it’s obvious he’s going to develop feelings for her. They show very little chemistry, though, which adds to the

awkward feeling of their blooming “relationship.”

Visually, the film is great. The sets and costumes are spot on for a period piece. For example, the insane asylum in which Lawrence is institutionalized oozes the eerie feelings one gets from thinking about them. Also, the man-to-wolf transformation scenes are detailed and grotesque. Take Remus Lupin’s transformation from “Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban” and multiply it by ten.

Definitely scream-worthy and not for the weak of heart.

The Wolfman
★★★★☆
‘R’ 102 min
Starring Benicio del Toro, Anthony Hopkins, Emily Blunt

and disgusting, but it does the job effectively. Definitely scream-worthy and not for the weak of heart.

Though lacking the elements to make a great movie, “The Wolfman” does a decent job in making a horror film. It’s scary and gruesome where it needs to be which is more than what most horror movies have done recently.

Where “The Wolfman” excels is in the werewolf attack scenes, and there’s one in particular that stands out. One of the villagers becomes stuck in a bog, so he turns around to escape. Behind him is Lawrence in his werewolf form, who slices the villager’s head clean from his neck with a swipe of his claws. Blood gushes everywhere. It’s downright horrifying

CONCERT | Laid-back Artist Energizes



DAN GORIN / THE BREEZE

Falling somewhere between country and southern rock, Corey Smith played to a nearly full house Thursday night.

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Less than five minutes later as the “Welcome Back Kotter” theme song poured out from the speakers, Smith strolled on stage wearing his famous sunglasses and carrying an acoustic guitar. He paused for a second and then began to sing, “These times are a changin’ But I’m still the same old son of a bitch.”

That opening line defined it all. Smith continued through the night making jokes and talking about some “dirtier” topics. From “promiscuous sex” to being a “potential alcoholic,” nothing was taboo. Smith willingly provided back stories to his more controversial songs, such as “F--- the Po-Po” which he wrote after police falsely arrested him and he spent several nights in jail. He proudly sang one of his new songs “Dirtier by the Year,” which talked about how his mind strayed to more unsavory topics as he grew older.

One noticeable difference in this concert was Smith’s setup. Freshman Beth Farmer has seen Smith perform six times.

“I’ve never seen him sitting down while singing,” she said. “It’s normally at a bar.”

Freshman Brittany Flipppo, who was seeing Smith for the second time, agreed.

“I liked it though,” Flipppo said. “It was really mellow in the beginning and then it got more energetic.”

And for the audience, the set up didn’t seem to matter much. Every song was a new experience, producing a variety of reactions. During the song “First Dance,” couples and friends went into the aisles to dance together, and in the song “Twenty-One” several students waved lighters.

This down-to-earth vibe was laced throughout the show. Singing about \$8 bottles of wine and making love on a back road, this Georgia native brought the South to JMU.

“He sings about real world things; he’s just really relatable,” said senior Laura Rogers.

UPB’s director of Center Stage, Angela Morton, said, “We try to address a certain niche in Wilson. He had the highest results, over 1,200, in our poll last spring. This is a genre of music we hadn’t addressed since the 2007 Josh Gracin show.”

More than 900 seats out of 1,200 were sold for Thursday’s concert.

Though Smith’s most recent album is titled “Keeping Up With the Joneses,” it was clear this school teacher, father and husband has no such intentions. He seemed perfectly content with playing in front of any audience that would listen.

Smith’s personality was evident before he even started playing. On Thursday his Twitter said, “If you happen to walk by a salt-covered bus parked in the middle of the JMU campus, please do NOT draw a dick on it. Thanks, management.”



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MMA Fighters Split in Debuts

By **TIM CHAPMAN**
The Breeze

When JMU students take to the cage in local mixed martial arts events, the excitement in the venue is often doubled.

Saturday's Brawl in the Cage 7, put on by local promotion company Brawley Fights, was no different as senior Matt "Short Stack" Daniel and junior Michael Mimms debuted as amateurs.

Daniel, a business administration major, electrified a strong JMU following at the Rockingham County Fairgrounds, earning a stoppage in the second round as he mounted opponent Jerry Scott, and rained right and left punches to the his face.

Scott landed a couple of punches in the 145-pound match, cutting Daniel near his nose and right eye, but the Fairfax Station native settled into his game in the second round.

"Oh my gosh, it's a rush, man," said Daniel, still shaking as adrenaline pumped through him 20 minutes after the bout. "I can't wait to do it again."

Mimms, an Albemarle native, wasn't as fortunate, as his 155-pound fight was stopped in the third round when he could no longer block Jon Andrews' face shots.

Mimms, a wrestler in high school, dominated the first round with take-downs, but couldn't keep Andrews down in the late-second and early-third rounds when his asthma got the best of him.

"If the fight had gone the distance, I probably would've run," said Mimms, a sport management major. "But, would've, could've, should've."

Daniel and Mimms fight out of the McCoy Martial Arts Institute of Harrisonburg.

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Stunning Finish Ends Skid

Offensive Charge From Curtis And Wells Helps Dukes Break Four-Game Losing Streak

By **DAVID BARTON**
contributing writer

With 48 seconds remaining, The JMU men's basketball team was neck and neck with the Virginia Commonwealth Rams. Sophomore forward Julius Wells sank a 3-point jumper to take the lead. The crowd roared with approval as a desperately needed win was within reach. Senior guard Pierre Curtis was able to sink four free throws in the last 17 seconds, and two time-outs later, the Dukes celebrated their first win since Jan. 27.

The 76-71 triumph over the reigning Colonial Athletic Conference champion, VCU, snapped a four game losing streak for JMU (11-15 overall, 4-11 in CAA).

"I'm thrilled with the win," JMU coach Matt Brady said. "We fought hard for 40 minutes tonight."

At the head of the fight was Curtis, who led the team with six assists, six rebounds and a career-high five steals. With his constant hustle and clutch free-throw shooting, he made every effort to help secure a victory. Curtis also tied the JMU record for career games played with 119.

"I saw a lot of fight tonight," Curtis said. "We have never been that active."

JMU struggled to keep up with the Rams talented offense toward the end of the first half. VCU junior forward Jamie Skeen had 12 points and was five-for-five from the field in the second period. The Rams (17-7, 9-6) led by as much as nine points and went into halftime with a 41-33 advantage

Junior forward Denzel Bowles kept the Dukes in contention with 17 points at the half. With strong moves in the post and midrange jumpers, he was a force the Rams could not contain.

"I was just feeling it tonight," Bowles said.

Though his team had the lead, Rams first-year head coach Shaka Smart didn't have the answer to stop Bowles powerful performance.

"There was a lack of fight on the defensive end," Smart said. "We worked on doubling Bowles in practice, but he hurt us in a lot of different ways."

A 19-2 run in the opening five minutes of the second half changed the game's momentum. JMU increased its lead to nine points before

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DAVID CASTERLINE / THE BREEZE

Senior guard Pierre Curtis led the Dukes in steals, recording a career-high five. Curtis made all eight free-throw attempts, including four in the last 17 seconds to give JMU the edge.

CLUB RUGBY



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The JMU rugby team, shown here in the state championship against VMI, huddles in a "scrum." A scrum occurs when a ball is put back into play after an infraction. The goal is to position the team so the ball can be "hooked" backward for possession.

Champion Club Team Defends Its Sport

JMU Rugby Debunks Common Perception the Sport is Excessively Dangerous

By **CHRIS PETTY**
contributing writer

It was supposed to be just another routine play. Last fall, junior men's rugby player Mike Ippolito was carrying the ball downfield, trying to sidestep a defender, like he had done so many times before. That's all it took. One plate and six screws later, Ippolito was left with a broken fibula and a torn deltoid ligament in his ankle.

"When we see something like that happen, it really scares the team, because you think that could happen to you," said senior Matt Oczkowski, club president. "It's a horrifying injury. The kid's foot was turned 90 degrees in the other direction."

Despite witnessing this, men's rugby coach Holmes Browne believes rugby is still less dangerous than other contact sports.

"You've got to understand that you're playing a sport where there's contact, but it's not football — you haven't got pads or a helmet," Browne said. "You can't just launch yourself

recklessly into a tackle, because you'll do yourself more damage than anybody else."

A study conducted by Dr. Lyle J. Micheli, former president of the American College of Sports Medicine, supports Browne's opinion.

"I performed one of the first studies of rugby injuries in the United States, which showed that compared to football, the incidence of injury in rugby is quite low (10 percent in American club rugby compared to 52 percent in NCAA college football)," his study said.

In football, infamous blind-side hits often send the home crowd into a frenzy and usually leave the player who's been hit struggling to get to the sideline.

"In rugby, there are only two people in contact: either the ball carrier or the person tackling the ball," Browne said.

Although there is a perceived difference between the two sports, the origins of rugby and football have much in common.

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Matt Oczkowski
Men's rugby club president

"The scrum became the line of scrimmage, and instead of people starting off touching each other with 16 guys all bound together, they start off a yard apart and smash into each other," Holmes said of the beginnings of American football.

Rugby also puts aspects of different sports into one unique package.

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CLUB GYMNASTICS

Dukes Finish Second in Heartwheel Classic

By **GEORGINA BUCKLEY**
The Breeze

In the Heartwheel Classic, club gymnastics' first and only home meet of the season, 50 men and women dressed in bright leotards representing their school colors. The enthusiasm was palpable as the athletes cheered their teammates on as loudly as the audience.

"Everyone did really great — the girls and the guys," senior club gymnastics president Amanda Daley said. "We were pretty well prepared, and it went fast."

This optimism was reflected in the results, as JMU placed second in the meet overall with a score of 140.8, just behind Penn State (141.65). Senior Elly Hart took first place in beam, floor and in the all-around. Junior Annie Lewis took third in vault, and Daley took fifth in bars. JMU also excelled in the floor event, with a Duke taking each of the top three spots.

For two of the seniors, Hart and Kim Parsons, this meet meant the end of an era. They are the last remnants of the James Madison varsity gymnastic team; the only two who stuck it out after their team was cut short due to the JMU administration adhering to Title IX.

"I look at situations like if something happens what can I do to fix it," Hart said. "With varsity gymnastics, I tried my hardest to get it back, but I'm still doing the sport I love. They can't take that away from me."

After her freshman year, gymnastics was cut as a varsity sport, and Hart filled her time with varsity cheerleading, club gymnastics and joining a sorority.

Hart was joined on club gymnastics by fellow senior and ex-varsity gymnast Parsons. Before coming to JMU, the two competed against each other in meets as they both live in the Boston area.

Hart's optimistic attitude was mirrored by Parsons, but Parsons was also



SETH BINSTED / THE BREEZE

Freshman Brandi Cooper strikes a pose on the balance beam. Her teammate, senior Elly Hart, placed first in this event.

more critical of how the administration handled its Title IX compliance.

"I was just not about to let the end of my career be somebody telling me I couldn't do it anymore," Parsons said.

Parsons also tried filling the gymnastics gap by diving for JMU her

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Senior Kim Parsons performs a balance beam routine as senior Rachel Johnson looks on. The club gymnastics team competes in about five meets per year, with one meet at home during spring semester.

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sophomore year, but returned to club gymnastics.

"I chose to stay here," she said. "There are days when I wonder what would have been. Ultimately, I think I made the right decision, but you never know. I do love the school and the education that I'm going to graduate with, but at the same time, it just sucks going to a school that ultimately doesn't support you at the end of the day."

As an ex-varsity member, Parsons still considers herself a student-athlete, deserving of the same support.

"There are days when I wish I wasn't here, the days when you run into some administration that you never want to see again because they took the thing that you loved the most away from you with no good explanation," Parsons said.

Both Hart and Parsons kept up with their

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Elly Hart
senior gymnast

sport, and with graduation approaching, are ready to move on.

"Elly and I made the best of our situation and kept doing the sport we loved," Parsons said. "I am glad I took advantage of gymnastics on the club level."

WEEKEND ACTION		
Track & Field	Men's Tennis	Women's Basketball
■ Friday, Liberty Quad Meet (individual results can be found at jmusports.com)	■ Saturday, vs. Mary Washington (6-1 win)	■ Sunday, vs. UNC Wilmington (70-67 loss)

RUGBY | Safer Than We Thought

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"If people gave it a chance it's worth seeing. It seems very foreign for people to watch, Browne said. "It's a cross between the football, where there's the contact and people can like that, and the flowingness of soccer."

Even though there may be less of a risk with only two people in contact, in rugby, as in

any other contact sport, there is potential for injury. Ippolito experienced this firsthand but is not letting that stop him.

"It hasn't really put me that far back," Ippolito said. "The biggest thing is having my team behind me. I have a great group of guys that I talk to about [the injury] all the time with."

Ippolito is now back at school training and telling his coach he wants to get back on the field.

"To me that's the beauty of this sport," Browne said. "He had a plate and screws in his leg, and it was a horrific injury. He never for a second thought 'This is because rugby is so dangerous. I can't put myself into that spot.'"

Last fall, the men's team won its first state championship in 19 years.



DAVID CASTERLINE / THE BREEZE

Junior guard Ben Louis drives down the court to call a play. The Dukes came back from an 8-point halftime deficit with a 19-2 run to help seal the victory over last year's CAA champions.

MEN'S | Dukes' Upset Rattles CAA

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the Rams could come up with an answer. Following VCU junior guard Ed Nixon's basket that brought the score to within three with 9:38 remaining, Bowles fouled out of the game. With their leading scorer on the bench, the Dukes looked to Wells for a spark. Wells rose to the challenge with two successful trips to the free throw line and a fast break dunk which brought the crowd to its feet.

"It feels good to help my team," Wells said. "I was in a better rhythm than in the first half."

Two freshmen, guard Darren White and forward Trevon Flores, contributed with timely scores throughout the second half. Flores was a force on the offensive boards, while White hit a

late three to tie the game at 69.

The well-rounded offense and inspired effort Saturday is something JMU fans have waited for all season after a series of disappointing losses, but Brady is concerned with keeping the momentum.

"Again, I'm not concerned about winning and losing as much as the process of getting better," Brady said.

Bowles led the Dukes with 21 points, followed by Wells and Curits with 20 and 10, respectively. The Dukes travel to Georgia State on Tuesday for a conference rematch. They will not play at home until Feb. 22, where they will face in-state rival Longwood.

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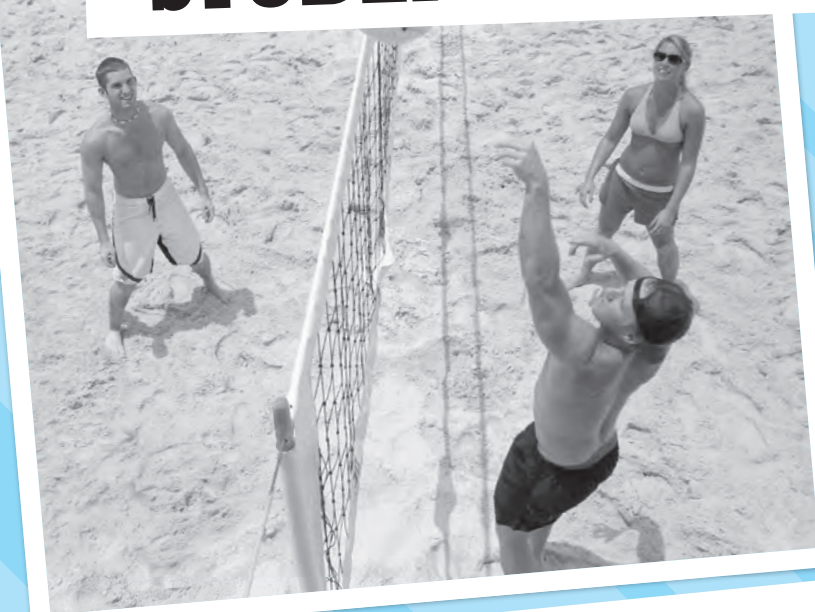
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