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## SGA ELECTIONS

# Competitive Races Could Draw Voters

Five Students Hope to be SGA President Next Year

## Potential candidates

The Elections Commission will verify applications and announce the official candidates March 31. Candidates can begin campaigning that evening.

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By **RACHEL DOZIER** and **JOHN SUTTER**  
*The Breeze*

This year's SGA election has greater potential for competitive campaigning and a higher voter turnout.

Friday, the six-member elections commission received five candidate applications for president, two for vice president of administrative affairs, one for vice president of student affairs, one for treasurer and two for the student representative to the Board of Visitors.

The candidate packet required potential candidates to obtain 200 student signatures, create a platform, submit a picture and agree to the elections policy.

"We're expecting an increase in turnout from last year," sophomore elections commissioner Pat Watral said. "Also considering the fact that SGA has had a lot more exposure over the past few months."

Last year, with two uncontested executive board elections, about 10 percent of 18,000 students turned out to vote.

The dramatic increase in the number of candidates suggests the potential for greater voter turnout in this year's major elections.

"The commission was definitely excited about the contested elections this year," Watral said.

According to Watral, the commission plans to market the election using print and online media such as Facebook and Twitter.

Candidates are allowed to start campaigning one week before the election April 8-9.

*The Breeze* informally polled 50 random students March 2 regarding their opinions of SGA. Of the responses, 25 percent said they voted in the last election, 38 percent said they plan to vote in this year's election, 95 percent said they didn't know the current SGA president's name and 71 percent thought the SGA was important.

"I know they do some events, but I feel like they could do more to get students involved," sophomore health sciences major Alex Goolsby said.

According to SGA President Candace Avalos, SGA has done more this year to get students involved, such as conducting the Late Night Bus Survey, which more than 4,000 students completed in the fall.

Avalos is not concerned about voter apathy. After attending a conference last spring at Texas A&M University for student government, she found SGA's voting problems not unique to JMU.

"This isn't just an SGA at JMU thing. This is an SGA in general thing. This is a politics in general thing," Avalos said. "You have to realize that we're doing the best that we can, but at the end of the

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# DUKES DROP OFF

## WOMEN'S TEAM LOSES 65-53 TO TEMPLE IN NCAA TOURNAMENT

By **EMMIE CLEVELAND**  
*The Breeze*

NORFOLK — Temple coach Tonya Cardoza attributes her team's victory over JMU to boxing out the nation's fifth-leading scorer.

"I thought our guys did a great job sticking with the game plan and trying to keep the ball out of Dawn Evans' hands as much as possible," she said. "We went into the game saying that if they were going to win that they were going to do it with their other players."

"I thought our guys did a hell of a job defending one of the top scorers in the nation."

Temple held the junior guard to just 18 points in its 65-53 win in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

"When you're facing things like that, the best thing you can do is to hit shots and to get them to have to keep changing up defenses," Evans said. "And I wasn't able to do that."

However, JMU coach Kenny Brooks defended Evans' 6-for-20 shooting performance.

"She forced quite a bit, but

sometimes it was out of necessity," he said. "I was a little disappointed that sometimes the shot clock was running down, and the kids stood and watched her while she tried to heave a 25-footer."

JMU found its second-scorer in freshman guard Tarik Hislop, who scored 14 on 50 percent shooting. Senior guard Sarah Williams, who needed just three points to break 1,000 in her career, didn't find that same rhythm.

Williams was 0-for-7 from the field and 0-for-4 from behind the arc in her last appearance.

"You have to have more scorers to balance the attack," Brooks said. "We know Dawn's gonna take shots and Tarik's gonna get her opportunities. Sarah has been our X factor. If she can get something going from the perimeter, it usually takes a lot of pressure off Dawn and Tarik, but she wasn't able to."

"But by no means will we ever let her think that this is going to tarnish what she's accomplished at James Madison."

The Dukes' offense stumbled beyond the outside shooting woes.

Early in the game, they found Lauren Jimenez and Jalissa Taylor down low. The bigs drew fouls, but went 0-for-6 from the free-throw line in the first half, and JMU was hesitant to continue looking in the post.

JMU shot just 22.6 percent from the field in the first half.

Tied 4-4 after seven minutes, Temple went on an 18-4 run. JMU slowly earned its way back, heading into half down 23-19, but couldn't regain the lead for the rest of the game.

"The game was extremely fast, and we were just trying to get our game going — just get the momentum," Evans said. "The first seven minutes was too fast; it was too fast for us."

Temple moves on to face No. 1 University of Connecticut in the second round Tuesday night, as JMU wraps up its season and bids adieu to its sole senior Williams.

PHOTOS BY ROBERT BOAG / THE BREEZE

**COLUMN at breezejmu.org: It was not the Dukes' day, but JMU has much to be proud of.**



**TOP** Freshman guard Tarik Hislop (front) and junior guard Dawn Evans (back) led JMU with 14 and 18 points, respectively, and were the only Dukes to reach double figures in scoring. **ABOVE** 21 turnovers and a 35.6 shooting percentage contributed to the Dukes' loss. JMU finished 26-7 on the season. **LEFT** Senior guard Sarah Williams works to get past Temple sophomore forward Kristen McCarthy in her final game as a Duke.

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## 30 FOR 30

# Benefit Dinner Planned for Haiti Relief

JMU's Haiti fundraising organization continues its efforts to provide relief to the earthquake-stricken country.

As part of the extended campaign, 30 For 30: Travay Pou Chanjman has planned a benefit dinner at 6 p.m. Thursday in the Festival Ballroom. While there is no set ticket price, the organization has asked for a \$15 donation or however much attendees are willing to give.

JMU Dining Services will donate the food, which includes salad, chicken, macaroni and cheese, and cheesecake.

30 For 30 was created after a Jan. 12 earthquake crippled Haiti. The original

**Nearly \$9,000 of \$30,000 goal raised**

The organization's goal is to raise **\$30,000 in total donations**

As of Sunday, the group's Web site reported **\$8,840**

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plan was to raise \$30,000 in 30 days to divide between three relief organizations. The campaign has been extended to April 22.

The organization is also making

plans for a series of five benefit concerts in various downtown venues in mid-April.

— staff reports

## MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORIAL BOARD

# Opinionated?

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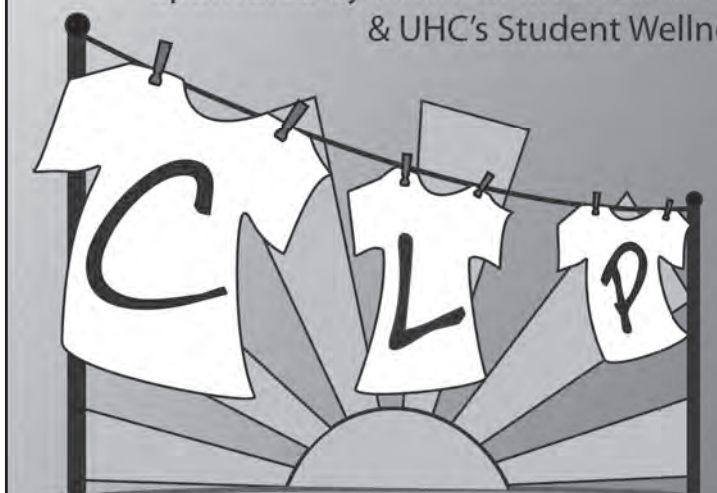
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### HARRISONBURG One DUI from St. Paddy's Checkpoints

During checkpoints throughout the city on Wednesday, Harrisonburg police issued one violation for driving under the influence. More than 1,000 vehicles went through the checkpoints and police also initiated 139 traffic stops. Officers issued 18 criminal violations, including 11 tickets for underage possession, two for open containers and one for marijuana possession.

### HARRISONBURG Cuccinelli Fights Health Care Reform

Attorney Gen. Ken Cuccinelli said Friday he would fight a proposed federal mandate that would require everyone to purchase health insurance. In an address sponsored by the Harrisonburg and Rockingham County Republican Women, Cuccinelli said the Health Care Reform Act "does not have proper constitutional foundation," according to the *Daily News-Record*. The bipartisan reform does not explicitly require citizens to purchase health care.

### MARYLAND Johns Hopkins Fined For Mishandling Radiation

The Maryland Department of the Environment fined Johns Hopkins University \$370,000 for improper security and storage of radiation materials and machines. Officials notified inspectors May 2009 of a patient being treated with radiation on the wrong body part.

# NOT JUST MONKEYING AROUND

By **STEVEN BUTLER**  
contributing writer

On a winter morning in southwestern Madagascar, researchers enter the forest in search of a targeted lemur group. Their task is daunting: The lemurs are hiding in the trees, and obstacles, including holes, thorns and wasp nests, are plentiful.

"There, in that tree!"

The marksman, known only as Enafa, readies his tranquilizer blowgun. He must wait for the lemur to move into a suitable position. The researchers are tense. He blows through the tranquilizer gun.

The darted lemur shrieks and jumps chaotically from tree to tree as the others scatter. Eventually, the tranquilizer induces sleep, and the lemur falls from the tree.

The researchers, who have frantically chased the lemur, catch it in a blanket. JMU professor Richard Lawler smiles as the animal's safety is confirmed.

Off the southeastern coast of Africa, the island nation of Madagascar is the only known host to the endangered lemur. Lawler, an assistant anthropology professor, spends three to four weeks most summers studying lemurs in the arid southwest portion of the country.

Lawler's parents heavily influenced his career choice. His mother was a high school teacher who loved animals, and the family frequented the Chicago zoo. His inspiration for teaching came from his father, an English professor. Family trips to Mexico instilled in him a love of travel.

"It gave me a sense of exploration," said Lawler, 39. His path was clear: Find a career involving animals, teaching and travel. It took until he was an undergraduate at the University of Illinois for this plan to develop.

Lawler's epiphany came when he took a biological anthropology class at the University of Illinois with professor Paul Garber, editor of the *American Journal of Primatology*. This Birkenstock-wearing "hipster dude" fascinated Lawler with his flamboyant stories of studying tamarin monkeys in central South America.

"I thought, 'Wow, that guy is serious, but he's funny. This is perfect,'" Lawler said. His mind was set; he was going to be like Garber.

Once Lawler decided to pursue teaching, he decided he would mark his academic milestones with something permanent: tattoos.

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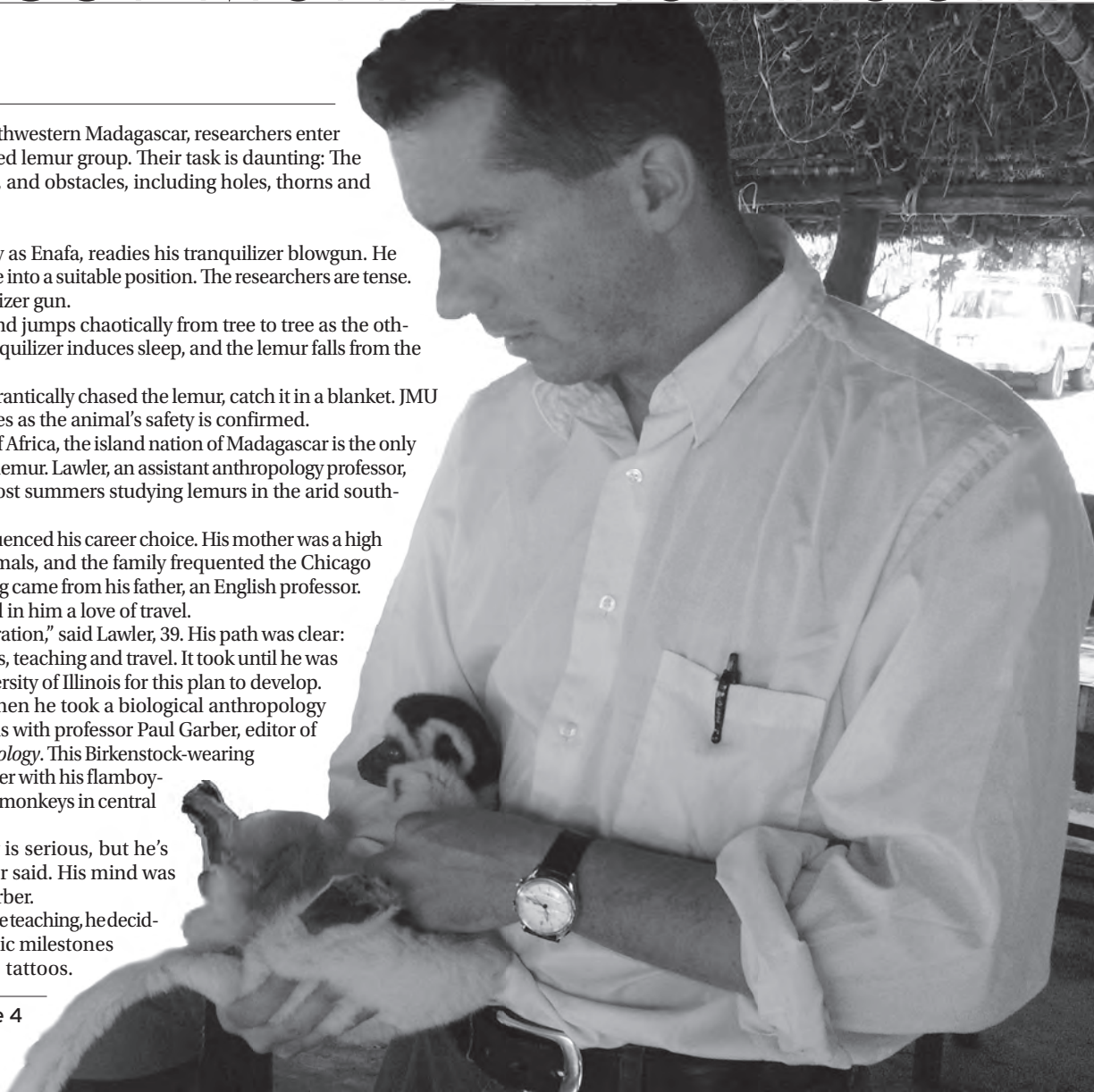


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## From Gas to "Green"

JMU's Alternative Fuel Vehicle Lab converted a pickup truck to electric power to be used by the Shenandoah National Park. The \$15,000 project for the 1996 Chevrolet S-10 began last May, and was financed by the University-National Park Energy Partnership Program. The truck was delivered to park headquarters Friday morning. It now emits virtually no pollutants, runs quieter and offers fuel savings. JMU students will later analyze usage data on the vehicle's operation in the park.

## CANDIDATES | Debate at TDU on April 5

from front

day, we can't make people care about it who don't want to care about it."

Senior elections commissioner Rob Cellucci wants to give students the opportunity to participate in or to make an educated decision about this April's election. According to Cellucci, the commission sent a bulk e-mail, made Facebook events and placed information on the SGA Web site to solicit candidate applications.

"I think it's important for everyone to know we have an election process, and that there will be people you can vote for to represent you," Cellucci said.

The applications became available Feb. 22 (last year they came out after spring break) to give potential candidates more time to receive the 200

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**Rob Cellucci**  
elections commissioner

signatures necessary to run and to create a campaign platform.

Cellucci also decided to change the venue of the debate after last year's debate on the Festival Lawn drew only

a few students. This year's SGA candidate debate will be at Taylor Down Under at 6:30 p.m. April 5.

"We're going to encourage students in TDU to get up and ask questions," Cellucci said. "I think that's important because someone might change their political platform or campaign for next year based on what happens this year."

Despite the difficulties and challenges presented, Cellucci believes it's important to look toward the future.

"It's very difficult when you're in a leadership position at a school the size of JMU to really gauge every single student's perspective on things," he said. "But it's also really important that we make the best attempt to, and I think this year people have really tried to."

### IRAQ & AFGHANISTAN

# Middle East Conflicts Generate Strong Views

By **CAITLIN HAWES**  
*The Breeze*

As Iraqi President Jalal Talabani demands a recount of votes from this month's elections and the violence in Afghanistan continues to escalate, JMU students share differing views on the fragile state of the nations.

Since the March 7 Iraqi elections, 92 percent of the votes have been counted, and the final results will soon be released. The current Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki has pulled ahead in the 95 percent of the votes already counted.

"Democracy has a chance," said Tim Smith, a sophomore musical theater major. However, regarding U.S. involvement in Iraq, he believes "we've done too much at this point and got to a point where you can't do much more."

At least 38 people were killed in the voting day attacks. Nevertheless, millions turned out to vote and the death toll was lower than expected.

"They [the elections] have been successful so far," said Ardalan Mahmood, a junior from Kurdistan. The writing, rhetoric and technical communication major went to Arlington to cast his vote.

"I really think it's about the people within the country itself. It's like trying to cure an alcoholic. An alcoholic has to want to cure himself."

**Vincent Walker**  
graduate student

"I think [the U.S.] should get the Afghans or Iraqis prepared as soon as possible to take over," Mahmood said. "I believe that if America pulls out, it's a defeat. The Taliban is still pretty strong; we should negotiate with or destroy the Taliban."

Professor Karim Altaï, of the department of integrated sciences and technology and energy sector, spent a year working with the State Department. He was in charge of the Iraq desk and worked toward rebuilding higher education in Iraq. Last year, he also spent seven weeks in the country and still believes Iraqis are not ready to stand on their own.

"They are not equipped, they're not trained, they don't have [a strong enough] military or police," Altaï said. He believes that a military solution on its own could not solve problems, but a "diplomatic solution" could. Furthermore, he said Americans need to connect more with the locals and understand their culture deeper, because the people only see the

U.S. "through the barrel of the gun."

Meanwhile, in Afghanistan, the U.S. and NATO continue to pour in more troops in hopes of halting the Taliban's alarming growth. Although President Obama planned to send an additional 30,000 troops to Afghanistan earlier this year, he still maintains that America will begin to pull out troops in July 2011.

"It depends on what the military needs in Afghanistan," Mahmood said regarding Obama's envoy of more troops. "They did say they needed more troops. It's a good thing what he's doing."

However, Mahmood did not agree with having a set date for America's exodus. He believed America should leave once "the job is over."

"In my opinion, we are creating more enemies than we can count," Altaï said about Afghanistan. "I don't see how you can accomplish success by sending 30,000 troops and saying that we'll be out in a year."

Some students had an even stronger opinion.

"I think they should be pulled out," said Vincent Walker, a graduate student in sports management. He said the thousands of troops were only for show, but America was not actually getting anywhere.

"Let [the Afghans and Iraqis] do what they want to do," Walker said. "Nobody is coming over here and trying to change our regime. I just think it's a big waste of time, a waste of money, a waste of manpower. The whole thing was just started as a reason to get back at people for 9/11."

He said he believed in peace, but not in America's attempts to force democracy within Iraq.

"I really think it's about the people within the country itself," Walker said. "It's like trying to cure an alcoholic. An alcoholic has to want to cure himself"

He believes only Iraq's own leaders could bring about true change within the country.

Samiullah Nuristani, a public administration graduate student, is originally from Afghanistan. He was in Pakistan at the time of America's invasion of Afghanistan. The U.S. overthrow of the Taliban regime allowed him to return to his country and attend Kabul University.

"I think in Afghanistan it has done good to the local people, but in Iraq, I don't feel that way," Nuristani said. "I feel they destroyed a stable country for nothing."

Nuristani said he was happy to see the collapse of the Taliban regime in Afghanistan, but that Iraq was "totally different," especially with the current struggles between the Kurds and Arabs, and Sunnis and Shiites.

"Americans need to focus on the development of institutions in Afghanistan," he said.

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# LAWLER

## Fear of Flying Does Not Stop Professor From Researching Lemurs

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Upon graduating from Illinois, Lawler had a DNA molecule tattooed on his upper right arm. For his master's degree from Southern Illinois University, Lawler chose to honor his inspiration, Garber, by getting a tamarin monkey tattoo on his left forearm.

Lawler finished his doctorate at Yale University, where he worked with a lemur expert who had an ongoing project in Madagascar. This project studied lemur conservation, behavior and biology.

"They have this uniqueness; they have similarities to us, and they're almost alien-looking, but they're also human-looking,"

Lawler said. "That sort of contradictory, similar- but- differentness sort of piques my interest, and I want to decipher that."

Lemurs are roughly the size of a house cat, distinguished by large, prominent eyes and a pointed snout. These primates spend their days eating, sunbathing and grooming one another.

"You're trying to eat and trying not to be eaten," Lawler said of the lemurs. Typical predators include hawks and the endemic fossa, a cat-like carnivore related to the mongoose.

Lemurs appeared in Madagascar 50 million years ago and have speciated into more than 50 categories. It is a scientific mystery

why they live only in Madagascar. Geology shows that 100 million years ago Madagascar separated from Africa. The generally accepted theory is that lemurs reached the island by floating on vegetation masses from Africa.

Lawler's final tattoo symbolizing his Yale degree is a sifaka lemur on his right forearm. The sifaka is the focus of his research in Madagascar. This species has a white coat and has developed a specialized leaping ability which is the basis for its movement. Other unique features include female dominance, an unusually long life span of 30 to 33 years, having a specific mating season and deriving all its water from

plants.

To research a lemur, Lawler explained you must first capture one. Lawler takes measurements on the animal's fur, counts ticks, and takes a dental cast and a tissue sample for DNA analysis. Quantitative measurements, such as height and weight, are also taken. Researchers give the lemurs numbered collars for identification, keep them overnight and release them the next day in the same area.

Steven Irons, a junior computer science major, is in Lawler's biological anthropology class and said Lawler will occasionally "throw in pictures of his research to augment the class."

Lawler has also conducted research with JMU biology professor Roshna Wunderlich.

"We have recently been working on understanding how growth in these animals is related to changes in the mechanics of their movement through life," Wunderlich said. "I think he's an excellent scientist. It was a real score for us to hire him."

Senior anthropology major Sarah Poole, Lawler's teaching assistant, echoes Wunderlich.

"He does love his research. You can tell he's really passionate about his research," Poole said.

But Lawler has trouble explaining this passion.

"The way I approach the

scientific research and the scientific study of say, sifaka, is the same way an artist might approach painting. It's hard to describe what motivates you to do it," Lawler. "In some ways, the passion is fueled by this love of nature plus this great body of theory out there. Evolutionary theory is a theory that allows us to make sense of, kind of, nature."

For Lawler, a man living his dream, is there anything troubling? Well, yes. A fear of flying.

He spends many hours flying to get to Madagascar. Despite this fear his passion for the sifaka research prevails.

"I couldn't not conceive of doing it. I have to do it."

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EDITORIAL

## Support Despite Loss

WE'D LIKE TO congratulate our women's basketball team in their effort against the Temple Owls. We also want to extend a thank you to the 2,000 or so JMU fans who made the trip to Norfolk in support of our team and to those who rooted for every point in front of their TVs and computers.

Even though we lost 65-53, making it to the national tournament is still an accomplishment worth noting. The team worked hard and it showed. They have nothing to be ashamed of — it just wasn't their day.

With only one senior player leaving, next year's team should be able to build on the experience gained by their first appearance in the national tournament. We encourage all JMU fans to continue to give the same support to the players as they return home as they did throughout the season.

LUCAS WACHOB | guest column

## States' Roles Must Not be Overlooked in Health Care Reform

It's hard to remember a time before the health care debate. It's exhausting to keep up and is saturated with empty partisan rhetoric. The issue is clearly important, so I understand why a long period of discussion is necessary. Though even after a year of bickering between and within parties, almost no one has turned to examine the states' roles in reform.

If we centralize all of our power in Washington, D.C., and overlook the states to focus exclusively on national agendas, we'll be sacrificing what is perhaps our system of government's greatest strength.

In a federal system, the states can serve as testing grounds for new policy ideas. By the time the 19th Amendment passed, granting women the right to vote, Wyoming, Colorado, Idaho, California, Arizona, Oregon and New York had all already given full voting rights to women. The stability of these states in years prior to 1920 is partially responsible for the amendment's induction.

Similarly, Tennessee and Massachusetts have attempted health care reform with the aim of universal or near-universal coverage.

In 1994, Tennessee launched its TennCare program, which tried to lower Medicaid costs and use the savings to provide coverage for the uninsured. The demand for coverage became too much for Tennessee to handle just a year later, and it was forced to close eligibility to uninsured adults unless they had a pre-existing condition preventing them from getting private insurance. Even with the national government sharing a significant portion of the cost, TennCare again had to tighten restrictions for eligibility in 2002. The

budget for TennCare increased from \$2.64 billion in 1994 to more than \$8 billion in 2005, despite increasingly rigid eligibility standards. The program even removed 200,000 people for budgetary reasons and limited the number of prescription medications each person could receive.

Massachusetts passed significant health care reform in 2006 providing coverage to those significantly below the poverty level and fining adults who chose not to purchase insurance. The percentage of those uninsured dropped by 5 percent in one year, but projections for cost and the number of people seeking state-provided insurance have already exceeded expectations. In 2011 it will cost Massachusetts \$1.35 billion, nearly double its cost in 2008, and state treasurer Timothy Cahill says the program only survives because of contributions from the national government.

What can we learn from these examples? It may be too soon to call the Massachusetts program a failure, but TennCare clearly is. Costs skyrocketed, care was rationed and ultimately it left the state in bad economic shape with universal coverage never achieved. Both programs underestimated the amount of people that would seek coverage, and both required significant financial aid from outside the state to keep their programs afloat.

Unitarian governments, found in most of the European Union, don't have the advantage of state-level policy experimentation. If we centralize all of our power in Washington, D.C., and overlook the states to focus exclusively on national agendas, we'll be sacrificing what is perhaps our system of government's greatest strength. With Minnesota and Connecticut planning to implement their own reform plans soon, now is a time to be patient, examine the successes and failures of state reform efforts and figure out what works and what doesn't. Health care reform is important and pertinent. We are not a fragile country, and we can afford to wait until we know how to do this right.

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## Show Some Class, Buy a Ring



KATIE LYVERS / THE BREEZE

Ring premiere committee members brainstorm ideas for the ring design then meet with an artist from Balfour, a ring company, to choose the best design ideas. Once the artist has the design proofs, they are sent to the committee for approval.

Commonly, I hear the following question: "Is that your JMU ring?" to which I proudly reply, "Yes."

Nine times out of 10, the individual then asks to see it, which I happily oblige and hand over. They stare in awe for a couple seconds —



examining the stones and then the side engravings — and then give it back. Because of the high-interest level I receive about my ring, I would assume a majority of my fellow Dukes wear them.

On the contrary, I know of hardly anyone with a class ring. In fact, only one of my male senior friends owns one.

Curious as to the reason why JMU ring owners are a rarity and hoping to shed more light about the ring design and advertisement process, I interviewed Rheanna Martino, sophomore class vice president and member of the ring premiere committee. Each fall, the incoming sophomore class officers ask their fellow sophomores to apply to be a ring premiere committee member. Similar to the First year Orientation Guide process, applicants go through group and individual interviews prior to their selection.

Once the members are chosen, the committee compiles a list of ideas for the ring design. Martino noted that the brainstorm session's theme was "want[ing] an equal representation of everything that is JMU." At the session's conclusion, the committee members met with an artist from Balfour, the ring manufacturer and distributor, to select some of the better ideas. Throughout the

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rest of the fall semester and the beginning of the spring semester, the artist will send ring-design sketches to the ring premiere committee, and they will approve it.

While the design proofs are finalized, the committee is preparing advertising materials for the ring premiere event

which is Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the Festival Ballroom. This year the members really pulled out all the stops: free cups, pens, T-shirts, ChapStick and even sunglasses. Organizations, such as Mozaic, will perform at the event, and Dining Services will provide food and drinks. All in all, the process lasts over five months.

But why should you get a ring? Martino listed some reasons why: "[A class ring] is one of the tangible things that ties our class together and is a symbol of our time here." Not only that, the ring and ring premiere event is "a tradition that has been at JMU for many years."

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Although the ring premiere event celebrates the class of 2012 ring, a Duke of any year can still purchase a ring. Starting at \$170, rings vary in price — everyone should consider purchasing one.

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## DARTS & PATS

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A **"pre-emptive"** dart to all the girls who are about to don their bikinis and lay out on the Quad.

*From someone who knows the only appropriate time to wear your bikini in public is at a beauty pageant or on the beach.*

A **"chivalry-still-exists"** pat to the JMU guy in the Jeep who made sure my friend and I were OK on I-64 on the way home for spring break.

*From a senior girl who appreciates you taking the time to make sure fellow Dukes made it home safely.*

A **"some-people-have-a-life"** dart to the hilarious drunken comedians who pull the Sunchase Annex fire alarm in the middle of the night on a regular basis.

*From a resident who hates the hour of blaring and will probably die from ignoring the alarm in a real fire.*

A **"quacktastic"** pat to the girl who stopped traffic to help me cross the road.

*From the little ducky who is not road kill thanks to you.*

A **"feed-your-cows-some-other-time"** dart to the Festival employee insisting on using the only computer in the sports lounge to surf Facebook when there are clearly students waiting.

*From a girl who just wants to check her e-mail.*

A **"there's-no-place-like-JMU"** pat to students on the Quad on Thursday afternoon for breaking into a spontaneous fight song.

*From a proud, proud Duke Dog.*

An **"I-get-it,-you-got-'humps' "** dart to the girl who decided to wear a dress that was two sizes too small for her.

*From the boobs of yours that can't breathe.*

A **"lame-attempt-at-wooing-me"** dart to the boys who think telling me "It will be the best you ever had" is an acceptable way to get a girl.

*From the girl who did not fall for your pick-up line and feels sorry for the girls you've surely disappointed in the past.*

An **"and-you-call-yourself-athletes"** dart to the basketball players who took the elevator in ISAT down one level.

*From an avid stair-stepper who doesn't take an elevator up the bleachers at your games.*

A **"party-pooper-in-the-U.S.A."** dart to my roommate for keeping all the toilet paper to herself.

*From a senior who now knows that Bounty is really the quicker-picker-upper.*

A **"you're-awesome"** pat to the old lady who turned the TV to the NCAA tournament in the Airport Lounge.

*From a student who hopes your bracket is doing better than mine.*

A **"how-you-doin'?"** pat to those sexy athletes for wearing their JMU sport names on their shirts.

*From a single lady who now has a clue to Facebook stalk you.*

A **"thanks-for-your-on-target-compliments,-you-look-great,-too"** pat to the girls I overheard.

*From a guy who hears as well as he shoots.*

A **"stop-mating-outside-my-window"** dart to the birds that persistently start chirping at 6 a.m.

*From a sophomore girl with an already functioning alarm clock.*

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Chatroulette Takes the  
Social Scene to a New  
Level by Randomly  
Connecting Users with  
Webcams

The Internet is arguably mankind's greatest invention ... at least on paper. Although it was initially invented to interconnect the world (or rather the 25.6 percent of the world with Internet), I really have to question the success of that whenever I catch myself giggling at infants saying, "Charlie bit me," or when the number of times I've been on Facebook exceeds the amount of times a Virginia Tech fan uses the phrase "God's gift to football."

In recent months, a new Internet sensation has developed, and it's slowly taking bored college students' lives by storm. Enter Chatroulette — a Web site almost as awkward as watching "Superbad" with your parents. For those of you who don't know what Chatroulette is, it's pretty similar to the Russian version of the game: The Web site pairs you with a random person who you can talk to, and you never know who you're going to speak to next ... or what you're going to see. You can "next" people who aren't interesting enough to look at/talk to and, as part of the stalker's Gold Package, adjust your audio and video. This has the potential to be a brilliant idea, but in practice ends up being more like watching monkeys at a zoo, complete with occasional fornicating and unfortunately frequent acts of self-pleasuring.

I was first introduced to Chatroulette by a good friend, who I'll call Dustin in order to protect his identity. Dustin habitually frequents the site out of boredom and to "just chill and see what's good."

Last weekend we decided to make fun of all the losers spending their Saturday nights on Chatroulette by painstakingly devoting our entire Saturday night to Chatroulette. As we tentatively logged on, our first guy looked pretty mediocre, so we nexted him without much thought. The next few guys nexted us, keeping in stride with Newton's little known fourth law that the average webcam chat between two random males in their 20s lasts no more than 2.4 seconds.

As the night progressed though, it started getting weird. The perverts started coming out of their hovels, sporting hastily scribbled signs reading that said, "show me your boobies." We saw a penis. We saw a father and his 4-year-old daughter, clearly unaware of the type of people who use this Web site. We saw a penis. We saw what appeared to be some sort of family reunion. We saw a tiny penis. By about 10:30 p.m. I had witnessed four more phalluses than I ever thought I'd see in a single Saturday night. Go figure.

However, an important lesson came from this experience: There's no better way to boost one's self-esteem than by laughing at all the uggos that pop up and comparing them to various Pokemon. (That one looks like a Snorlax!)

Just kidding. The real lesson learned is that there's a downside to such blindly judgmental and inarticulate persecution via webcam, and it's called addiction. After hearing my roommate say, "Hey, this guy's actually pretty cool," I knew he was heading down a road I could not follow.

Meanwhile, Dustin was perched on the couch, hair disheveled, bloodshot eyes spastically twitching and hysterically shrieking at his computer, "Don't next me! Don't next me!" It was time for bed.

Long story short, if you find yourself in one of these situations, then it might be time to start listening to that nagging voice in the back of your head saying to get some fresh air. Other warning signs that this might be taking over your life include waiting at a Greyhound station for someone named Vladimir and having your skin end up as someone's curtains.

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THE  
RELATIONSHIP  
BEHIND  
EDUCATION

Frank Charles Winstead Promotes Personal Student-Teacher Connections

By JEFF WADE  
*The Breeze*

Teaching embodies more than a lecture. It's a concept guest speaker Frank Charles Winstead stressed when he kicked off a weekend of events on Friday, which served as a platform to teach future educators.

Houston-based Winstead calls himself a true "Son of the South," and the way he carries himself makes it hard to argue. With a characteristic and charismatic Southern drawl, he spoke at length and shared a collection of experiences, histories and anecdotes that ran through a spectrum of emotion for both himself and the audience of about 100.

Through the course of his nearly two-hour discussion, Winstead's biggest focus was on Wayside Teaching, an idea he attributed to author John Lounsbury. Winstead stressed that education is more than just institutionalized learning, and advocated the need for personable and one-on-one relationships. He stated that these relationships are some of the most crucial aspects of primary school,

and that the value of developing meaningful relationships with students is one of the most important things a teacher can do.

This thought was mirrored in the adornments serving as his backdrop. A self-professed pack rat, Winstead took great pride in showing his memorabilia.

The items in Winstead's collection were far from trinkets. This "hall of fame" contained portraits and articles displaying the massive impact he and other like-minded teachers engaging in Wayside Teaching have had on student development.

His collector's tendencies also carried over to his craft, as Winstead bounced between projected slides throughout the talk, displaying a collection of wisdom about potential teaching styles and methodology accumulated in his decades of experience.

It might have been easy to cast himself on the role of shaping and fixing students, yet he instead focused on his personal experience with his own teachers. This played out well, especially in an emotive and evocative tale about

a fifth grade teacher who helped him through a difficult childhood.

Winstead's elegance and charisma made his ensuing tangent about moral degradation stick out unintentionally.

This rally against a changing set of moral standards seemed misguided and out of place. Especially because it occurred after his exposé of the hypocrisy of pundits who wish for a return to old style of teaching via a 1950s "Life" magazine cover story. The problem for Winstead came down to a lack of perspective. Next though, was his account of his harrowing time as a youth. It was a strange moment for a speaker who rejected cynicism and defeatist tendencies so strongly.

Winstead's talk served as the keynote to start the weekend's Teachers of Promise Institute. The TOP Institute, now in its seventh year, serves to prime selected future educators with top quality educators before entering the workforce.

A series of special panels and workshops all culminated in a gala banquet to honor the brightest of potential teachers.



MOVIE REVIEW

How to Lose Your Organs in 96 Days

By DREW BEGGS  
*The Breeze*

Seems simple enough: Can't pay for your car? The bank takes it back. Can't pay for your house? The bank takes it back. Can't pay for your liver? Jude Law takes it back.

This is the near-future world of "Repo Men," where a healthcare company called the Union can replace nearly any faulty organ or body part with an artificial one for the small fee of a few hundred thousand dollars.

The catch is when buyers fall behind on their payments: A repo man breaks into their home, usually paralyzes them, then removes the organ and leaves them to die on the floor.

A job that Law's character, Remy, happily performs until he needs an artificial heart after he's electrocuted during a routine pick-up. Afterward, unable to kill or sell organs, he starts to fall behind on his payments and flees with the singer-addict Beth (Alice Braga, "I Am Legend"), who happens to be 90 percent artificial and 100 percent overdue.

Based on the novel by Eric Garcia, who also wrote "Matchstick Men," the film draws obvious parallels to the 2008 film "Repo! The Genetic Opera."

Not for weak stomachs, the film earns its 'R' rating with rather grisly organ removal scenes and dark-syrupy blood by the bucket. Strangely, the movie is graphic but not disturbing, and the on-site surgery isn't as gruesome or

nauseating as it could be.

Contrary to many action movies of late, there's relatively little death by shooting, as the majority of the guns fire tranquilizer darts. Most of the killing comes via evisceration or on-the-spot lobotomy.

Law's performance is strong enough, as is Forest Whitaker's ("The Last King of Scotland") as Jake, Remy's best friend. But the rest of the supporting cast leaves the audience wanting more.

Occasionally the dialogue falls flat on momentary half-hearted

performances. Liev Schreiber ("X-Men Origins: Wolverine") plays the local head of the Union. He particularly seems out of touch with the reality of "Repo Men" and is consistently understating.

Perhaps the film's best part is the soundtrack, which comes out tomorrow, featuring jazz legends Nina Simone and Rosemary Clooney, Beck, UNKLE and Method Man.

With the theme about the dangers of technology, "Repo Men" is a relatively simple action movie meant to entertain, not break new ground. The twist at the end is reasonably unexpected and unfortunately groan-worthy. It probably won't throw anyone out of his or her chair, but even so, it's worth taking a look at it.

TV REVIEW

Cast Justifies Being Ranked Among Classics

By JEFF WADE  
*The Breeze*

If there is one actor who has established the division between film and television as a medium for long form storytelling in the last decade, it's Timothy Olyphant.

Case in point. In film, Olyphant is frequently relegated to being the best thing about awful movies (see "The Girl Next Door," or video game adaptation "Hitman"). On the small screen, however, Olyphant shines, particularly in the defining role of Sheriff Seth Bullock on the sublime HBO show "Deadwood."

"Justified" (FX, Tuesdays at 10 p.m.) sees Olyphant returning not only to western trappings that he dominated in "Deadwood," but to great TV in general. Olyphant plays Raylan Givens, a modern day U.S. Marshall, who after engaging in a high noon shoot-out with a gun smuggler, is relocated from Miami to his old hometown in Kentucky. It isn't too long before Raylan stomps around and dishes out his own brand of justice.

While Raylan originates from a series of stories by noted crime author Elmore Leonard, it is a testament to Olyphant that he manages to come alive on film without losing the nuance that keeps him from being a collection of rebel cop clichés.

If it seems like I'm dotting on Olyphant and his character, it's for a good reason. Olyphant plays Raylan with a commanding authority, oozing Southern Charm that immediately captivates. Raylan is a seeming anarchist, a clear-cut-right-or-wrong frontier law man, existing in the modern day mess of bureaucracy and ambiguity that makes up law enforcement.

"Justified" joins a growing number of shows known for their captivating anti-heroes. Similar to the excellent "Breaking Bad" and the sometimes

excellent "Dexter," the focus at any time is what is happening to Raylan and what he is going to do about it.

The first episode of "Justified" merely offers hints and sketches of the surrounding cast.

The relative absence of supporting players make the few highlighted, such as Rayland's new boss Chief Deputy Art Mullen (Nick Searcy, "The Ugly Truth") and ex-wife Winowa Hawkins (Natalie Zea, "Dirty Sexy Money"), serve to basically tease a larger group.

Ideally, these players and the collection of traditional cops on the periphery should be able to serve as a sufficient counterpoint to Rayland's methodology and highlight the push and pull of institution on him. But considering what an electrifying presence Rayland is, there is a clear danger with straying too far from him. (This over-reliance on a nonstarter of an ensemble cast is responsible for "Dexter" getting that sometimes suffix.)

"Justified" arrives so fully formed and captivating that perhaps the only thing that can be complained

about is that it is not readily apparent what the long-term stakes are. The first episode neatly wraps up a villain, played with scene stealing bombast by Walton Goggins of "The Shield," that most shows would shape into a season-long antagonist. The only hints at a bigger ongoing story line are the few references to Rayland's father. When the mere mention is able to break Rayland's cool, confident swagger and stone-cold facade, it can't possibly be inconsequential.

For all its modern trappings, everything about "Justified" feels prototypical Western, with all the proper genre trappings intact. Just switch out the Indians and bandits for white supremacists and drug dealers. "Justified" is smart enough to keep all the chases, shoot-outs, and rouge-ish heroes, which are the timeless touchstone elements of the genre.

And if there is anything justifying a Western revival, it's giving Olyphant another chance to join the ranks of John Wayne and Clint Eastwood.



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■ Saturday, vs. Towson (**12-7 loss**)  
■ Sunday, vs. Towson (**10-0 win**)

## Softball

■ Friday, vs. Fordham (**7-0 loss**)  
■ Friday, vs. Winthrop (**3-1 loss**)  
■ Saturday, vs. Winthrop (**7-6 win**)  
■ Saturday, vs. Pittsburgh (**6-5 win**)  
■ Sunday, vs. Fordham (**16-2 loss**)

## Track &amp; Field (Wake Forest Open)

■ Friday-Saturday, (**individual results can be found at [jmusports.com](http://jmusports.com)**)

## Men's Tennis

■ Saturday, vs. Binghamton (**6-1 loss**)  
■ Sunday, vs. Longwood (**5-2 win**)

## Women's Tennis

■ Saturday, vs. Georgetown (**6-0 win**)  
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■ Saturday, vs. Loyola (**12-8 loss**)

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## LACROSSE

## Loyola Hands JMU First Setback

Dukes No Longer Among Unbeatens, Greyhounds Trump Dukes 12-8



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Defending CAA Player of the Week Kim Griffin (right) notched two assists in the Dukes' loss to Loyola (MD), the team's first defeat of the season. Mary Kate Lomady (left) scored three goals on Saturday, bringing her season total to 17.

By **DAN LOBDELL**  
*The Breeze*

As two lacrosse teams lined up for the opening draw at the JMU Lacrosse Complex on Saturday afternoon, one carried an undefeated record into the game, while the other claimed a spot in the national rankings. The undefeated team would end the day with its first loss.

After scoring the first goal and four of the game's first six, the Dukes' NCAA-best defense was unable to hold off the relentless Loyola squad en route to a 12-8 defeat. The 17th ranked Greyhounds fired 31 shots at Madison senior goalkeeper Morgan Kelly — the most the team had allowed all year. JMU came in averaging just 16.5 shots allowed per game.

"To be honest with you, their goalkeeper was absolutely phenomenal," said Loyola coach Jen Adams of Kelly. "We've scouted JMU and knew that we were coming in against a tough keeper. I consider us to have some of the best shooters in the game, so she was outstanding today and made it very,

very tough for us."

Coming off of an overtime upset at No. 13 Princeton to bring its record to 6-0, the second-best start in program history, JMU entered the game with high expectations.

After sophomore Casey Ancarrow's second goal of the game gave Madison a 4-2 lead, Loyola proceeded to methodically take the game into its own hands.

The Greyhounds reeled off four unanswered goals before JMU could notch its fifth. It was a transition goal right before halftime set up by a Kelly save and a long run downfield by senior Kim Griffin. The Dukes were able to cut the Loyola lead to 6-5 before halftime after a transition goal by sophomore Ariel Lane.

After the break, it took the Greyhounds six minutes to extend their lead to 9-6. The last goal was the eventual game-winner, scored by Loyola's Grace Gavin.

The Dukes were able to pull it within one with 22 minutes, 29 seconds remaining but could not capitalize late in the game. One possession saw

Madison miss five opportunities on goal.

Saturday's game was the second in a string of six straight where JMU is scheduled to play against ranked opponents — not an unusual occurrence for a team who regularly plays one of the nation's toughest schedules.

"That's who we should be playing," senior defender Meredith Torr said of the team's next game against No. 6 Virginia. "We're right up there with them. We should be playing them."

In last year's game against the Cavaliers, JMU trailed just 7-6 early in the second half before getting run off the field in an eventual 18-9 romp. Madison coach Shelley Klaes-Bawcombe said to avoid a repeat outcome, as well as a second-straight loss, she would make a few changes to her roster.

"I'm probably gonna look to keep my starting line-up a little fresher," the fourth-year coach said. "I think that towards the end of the game we were a little tired, and I think that I have some talent on the bench, and I think that I'm gonna look to use 'em."

## FOOTBALL

## Opportunities Abound at Biggest Pro Day in JMU History



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Scotty McGee, shown here at this year's Pro Day, worked out with the Jacksonville Jaguars in a private session on March 15.

By **DAN LOBDELL**  
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College football players get to showcase themselves for NFL scouts only a handful of times. Due to the sheer number of programs at all four levels of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, scouts must gain as much knowledge as they can from as little as one to two viewings.

The Pro Day is a vital opportunity that players must take full advantage of before entering the professional ranks. Friday, at perhaps the most notable amateur athletic showcase to ever hit Harrisonburg, 11 departing Dukes did just that.

As the drills commenced, the majority of scouts in attendance had one name on their tongues: Arthur Moats. The senior proved he was a superior college player by winning the Buck Buchanan award as the Football Championship Subdivision's (formerly I-AA) best defensive player. The defensive end is considered by scouts to be the former JMU player most likely to be taken with an NFL draft pick come April.

But college success does not automatically translate to the professional ranks, especially for a small-school defensive lineman barely scraping six feet. So he set out to prove what many already believed — that he belongs in the NFL.

"A lot of them, they like, first off, my eagerness to just do whatever," Moats said. "They want me to play outside linebacker and do those drills, I run through those drills. Middle linebacker, defensive line, whatever, they know that I won't

back down from it. They called me out to run a 60-yard shuttle, I had never even practiced it, and I went out and ran it for them today and impressed them."

Of the 20-plus scouts in attendance, it was obvious that each not only knew Moats' name, but knew exactly who the gregarious player was.

"I've been hearing positive feedback from all of it," he said. "A lot of the teams, they definitely like me, any of the rounds. So I'm not really caught up in as far as when I'm going, as long as I go. You know, I'm just trying to make the 53-man roster."

His teammate on the offensive side of the ball is Brooks, who was also invited to the combine in Indianapolis. Brooks excelled in the 20-yard shuttle at the combine, tying for sixth among offensive linemen with a 4.66 second time.

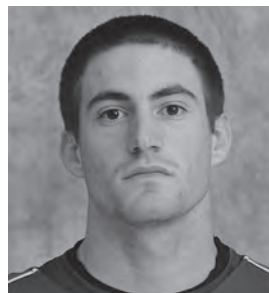
"It's another opportunity, you know, to showcase your skills around the teams that's gonna hopefully be paying you money and playing the game you love," Brooks said. "I think that's the best part about it. You know, not too many people get this opportunity, so it's a great time getting out here."

The other JMU players participating included Dorian Brooks, Mike Caussin, Scotty McGee and Rockeed McCarter.

Both Moats and Brooks know the value of hard work coming from a school without a big name. Brooks said the chance to play at the next level, regardless of pedigree, is enough for any player to give his all.

"I feel when you come to this Pro Day, you'll see that, you know, just because he doesn't have a USC or a Georgia on his helmet, you know he's still just as good as those players if not better," Moats said.

## MEET THE PLAYER



## Shaun Villenave

■ **Baseball**■ **Senior, finance & sport recreation management major**

## What was your best vacation ever?

I'd say probably Myrtle Beach in spring break of my freshman year. It was just a lot of fun, coming right out of high school — first trip that I'd taken as a college student.

## Who is the most inspiring person(s) you know?

I'd say probably my parents. I mean they've always pushed me to be my best, and I've always looked up to them. They've been my inspiration in playing baseball and life in general.

## What's a song you get pumped up to?

Really anything that you play loud enough. I'd say probably "Eye of the Tiger," the Rocky soundtrack song.

## What's your favorite movie?

I'd say "Gladiator". I saw it when it first came out in surround sound; it was amazing. It was like I was there in the Colosseum.

## Who was your first celebrity crush?

Probably Kelly from "Saved by the Bell". I think her name's Tiffani-Amber Thiessen; I was like every guy back in elementary or middle school.

## What's the most valued object you own?

I'd say probably my CAA championship ring I got in 2008; it just says a whole lot. Everything's signified in that one ring; it keeps us working hard. It keeps me motivated.

## What's your favorite sport other than baseball?

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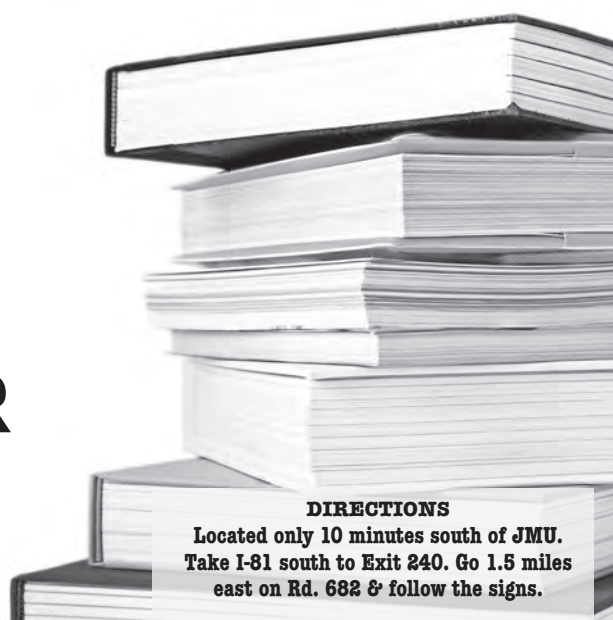
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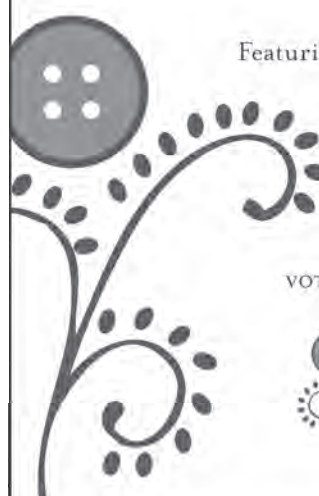
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## "Eating HEALTHY on Campus: It's All about CHOICES!"

By Diana Mason  
Nutrition Intern, SWO

It's no lie that JMU is known for having good food! As students we have so many choices of what to eat; it can be overwhelming if you want to make healthy decisions. With the right tips however, those choices don't have to be so difficult. Try making some of the following simple changes:

**Tip # 1: Choose fruits and vegetables more often.**  
Learning to choose fruits and vegetables will not only save you calories, it will also give your body the vitamins and minerals it needs to function optimally. The dining halls at JMU are full of fruit and vegetable options. When eating at Dukes, Festival, or Top Dog try a salad with protein like chicken or cheese as

your meal, even if it's just occasionally. E-hall and D-hall both offer a couple of options for fruits and vegetables including fresh cut fruit and vegetables as well as cooked vegetables. Try making half of your plate a side salad or eating cooked vegetables instead of French fries. Fruit is also available as an alternative to chips with sandwich combos at Festival, Market One, and Dukes.

**Tip # 2: Choose whole grains more often.**  
Whole grains are higher in fiber, vitamins, and minerals than the refined grains used to make white bread, most wraps, cakes, cookies, etc. Most locations on campus offer some sort of whole grain option. Sandwich stations at Festival, Market One, and Dukes all offer whole wheat bread, while Grille Works offers whole grain buns. When eating at Mongolian Grill choose brown rice

instead of white and try whole wheat pasta at Festival's El Bows for added nutrients.

**Tip # 3: Choose dessert less often.**  
Whether it be D-hall's peanut butter pie, Mrs. Green's rice krispie treats, or Duke's milkshakes, JMU has come up with some pretty tempting desserts. While in moderation these sweets can be part of a balanced diet, it is best to choose them less often. Try only eating dessert a few times a week and keep the portion size modest. If you find the need for something sweet after a meal eat some fruit or yogurt.

**Tip #4: Choose soda and high calorie beverages less often.**  
Drinks like soda, lemonade, and Sweet Tea are low in nutrients and high in sugar. While on occasion they are ok to enjoy, these drinks are not smart everyday choices. Water and low fat milk are much

healthier options providing the body with important nutrients and energy.

While these tips may seem overwhelming at first, they aren't too hard if made one at a time. Maybe your first goal will be to only drink soda twice a week. After you incorporate that you can move on to something like choosing vegetables instead of French Fries at dinner. Within a few weeks your diet will have made quite an improvement, and all while still at JMU!



NUTRITION FROM THE GROUND UP

Column designed by Mandy Smoot, SWO Graphic Design Student

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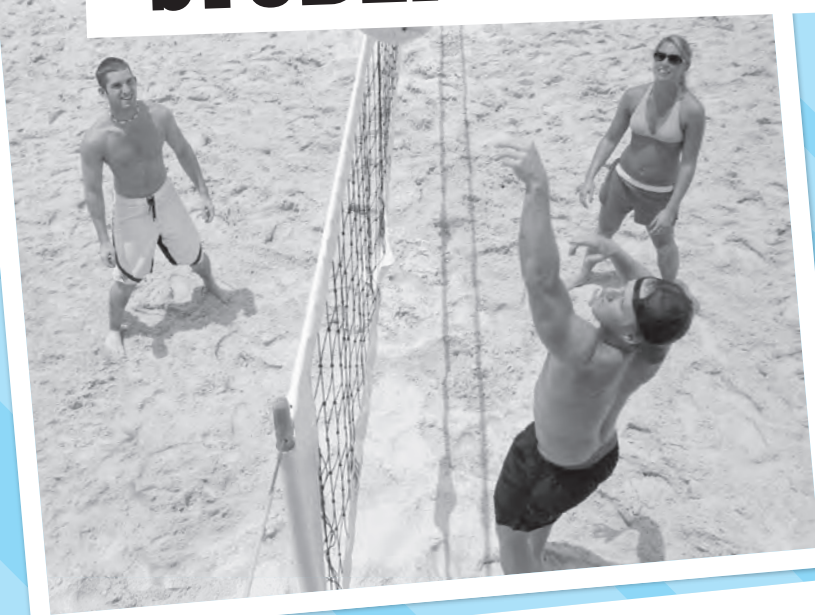
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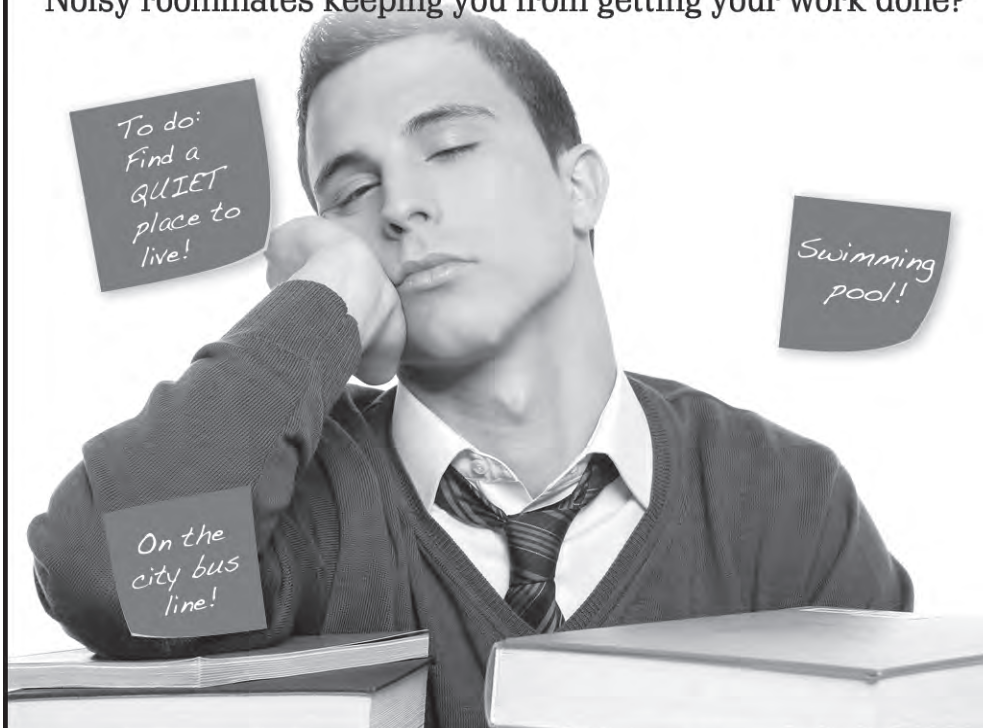
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