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Here’s a look at results from both local and national elections.

Virginia votes for presidential candidates
Joe Biden leads in votes for the state of Virginia with 2,286,406 votes and has officially won 13 electoral votes for the state.
President Donald Trump trails behind Biden with 1,896,101 votes.

Virginia votes for U.S. Senate
Sen. Mark Warner (D) received 2,332,363 votes, while candidate Daniel Gade received 1,856,394 votes. The New York Times officially called this race, stating that Warner is reelected.

Harrisonburg results thus far
The only official race that’s been called in the friendly city is the House of Representatives race between incumbent Ben Cline (R) and Nicholas Betts (D). Cline will once again serve as a rep. for the 6th Congressional district in the U.S. House of Representatives. Cline received 241,446 votes, while Betts received 129,210 votes.

Virginia votes for presidential candidates

Harrisonburg City Council
After the race was officially called Wednesday afternoon, out of the five candidates competing for three City Council seats, incumbent Harrisonburg City Mayor Deanna Reed (D), Laura Dent (D) and incumbent George Hirshmann (I) have been elected to be on the council.
The Harrisonburg City Council will include Reed, Vice Mayor Sal Romero (D), Christopher Jones (D), Dent and Hirshmann.
City Council now consists of all Democrats except for one Independent councilman, Hirshmann.

School Board
The Harrisonburg City School Board is made up of six members. Four candidates ran this year to compete for three open spots. As of Wednesday’s results, Debra Fitzgerald is in the lead with 8,725 votes followed by Kaylene Seigle with 7,132 votes, and Dominic Swayne comes in third with 6,664 votes. Andrew Kohen, Kristin Loflin, Obie Hill, Fitzgerald, Seigle and Swayne will be the six Harrisonburg City School Board members if these results remain the same.

All results were recorded 3:30 p.m. Wednesday.
Canvas in question

Students question legitimacy of Canvas Activity Log

BY MACKENZIE MUNN
contributing writer

Even if professors chose to go back to in-person classes after Oct. 5, the majority of professors still offer an online option for students who are uncomfortable with attending in-person classes. With online learning, cheating has become a concern and this is where the Canvas Activity Log comes into play.

With the help of Juhong Christie Liu, the head of online learning, and Andrea Adams, the assistant dean for learning innovation & design, the log’s main goal to prevent students from cheating was established this past week.

“This feature is intended to help investigate technical problems during the process of quiz taking,” Liu said. “For instance, an internet interruption. It may help measure the time focusing on taking the quiz, with the condition of a smooth networking and computer capacity.”

The Canvas Activity Log will show what a student is doing within each minute of the quiz or exam. For example, if during the fifth minute of the exam a student answers the quiz page because of in need of more time to understand the question or because of technical access, “However, there have been students from all different universities who have run into issues with what the ‘inactive’ marking really means. On a Canvas community forum entitled “Quiz Log Interpretation,” there are several people who claim they had issues with the Canvas Activity Log.”

“I did some testing in a sandbox course and here’s what I found: It seems like there are three times the ‘Stopped viewing the Canvas quiz-taking page’ message occurs; when you’re inactive within Canvas (after 30 seconds), when your mouse is inactive in a window outside of Canvas (after 15 seconds) and when you actually click outside of Canvas. The ‘Resumes’ message occurs when you move your mouse after being inactive or when you click back within Canvas after being active in another window.”

Sophomore Eric Hayes said he believes this is what happened to him during a recent exam he took during the month of October. After his professor told him that they would be using the Canvas Activity Log to determine if students were cheating on that particular exam, he had concerns.

“I had heard from my roommate that the Canvas Activity Log was not an accurate way to determine if a student was cheating or not, so I did a bunch of research on it before I took the exam,” Hayes said. “I found the Canvas forum about it being inaccurate but I thought I’d just give it a try and see what happened.” After completing his exam, seven days later Hayes received an email from his professor claiming that the Canvas Activity Log said he left the exam page 99 times.

“I was really mad because I didn’t leave the exam screen once. I got 25 points taken off of my score when I didn’t even cheat,” Hayes said. “I emailed my professor back and sent them all of the information I found online about the inaccuracy of the Canvas Activity Log. I was told that they were going to look into it, but I haven’t heard anything in a week.”

Concerns like these beg the question: Is the Canvas Activity Log a reliable way to determine if a student is cheating on an assignment?

“Reviewing the activity log for students may prompt an opportunity to talk more between a professor and a student about the quiz, such as if a student stops viewing the quiz page because of in need of more time to understand the question or because of technical access,” Liu said. “However, it’s important to note that quiz actions may occur for a number of reasons that are permissible and do not infer cheating.”

The Canvas Activity Log, by definition, can be used to help students and professors communicate about any issues that may arise during a quiz or exam. Students who are already put under stress about online learning now may also have to deal with the possibility of being falsely accused of cheating.

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Lincoln Gray and Mark Gabriele are two JMU researchers who set out on a mission to learn more about early development of the brain and the possible causes of issues developed earlier in life, such as autism or Asperger syndrome.

With a $423,675 grant and a team of student researchers, they plan to learn more about developmental issues in children.

Gray, Gabriele and their students are collecting similar data to that of George Vidal, an assistant professor of biology at JMU. Similar to Grey and Gabriele, Vidal received a $1,000,000 grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in order to research early brain development.

“Integrin beta 3 is an autism risk gene... but it has a completely unknown function in the cerebral cortex,” Vidal said. “We will study how integrin beta 3 affects neurons and circuits in the cerebral cortex in vivo. The neurons and circuits we will study are the ones that underpin behaviors that are impaired in autism, such as social functioning.”

With this grant, the three researchers said they’ll attempt to figure out the causes of these seemingly random disorders and how to treat or lessen their effects. Gabriele explained that individuals with autism are often more skilled than individuals without autism.

“They maintain elaborate networks that may be capable of higher integrative functions,” Gabriele said. “In addition to their enhanced skills, these individuals usually also have sensory circuits that are more likely to be triggered by highly stimulating environments,” Gabriele said. His plan is to try and figure out why this occurs.

Gabriele and his students are focusing on the effects that weaker circuits located in the brain may have on behavior and if these effects are similar to the brain chemistry of those who have autism. In the same vein, Gabriele and his students are looking at the parts of the brain that signal information to other sections of the brain during early development.

“The research being undertaken by them is actually owed in part to the work of Cooper Brett. Brett said he “laid the foundation for understanding the early patterning behaviors and importance of microglial cells.”

Brett’s master thesis was the reason the grant was given to the researchers at JMU. His work and thesis focused on the creation of the auditory midbrain in early development. Brett said that while collecting information was important, he also acknowledged that his research “provided clarity in [his] path toward medical school, as well as helped [his] growth as a scientific communicator, critical thinker and educator.”

With researchers like Gabriele, Gray, Vidal and Brett, the world may soon learn the causes of autism in early childhood development. Because of these grants, along with these JMU professors and students hard at work, the medical world may not be too far off from discovering the causes of autism as well as a possible cure.

“If we discover where, when and how it works in the cerebral cortex,” Vidal said, “We will also know where, when and how to treat its dysfunction.”

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JMU researchers look to explore autism causes with grant
JMU announces spring break cancelation, students petition for reconsideration

By EDA TERCAN
The Breeze

JMU announced Oct. 23 that the traditional week-long spring break will be replaced with three days of no classes throughout the spring semester.

Originally, spring break was scheduled for March 8-12. In place of that break, classes won’t be held on three scheduled break days — Feb. 17, March 12 and April 8.

JMU spokesperson and director of communications Mary-Hope Vass said that the cancelation was done in order “to curb travel, as has been recommended by medical professionals.”

The spring semester will begin Jan. 19, one week later than originally planned. The announcement said this was done in order to reduce the amount of time the JMU community spends together during peak flu season.

“The primary goal was the health and safety of not only students but faculty, staff and community as a whole,” Vass said. “Many other universities in Virginia approved a model similar to what JMU did.”

The spring semester will end as planned, with April 29 as the last day of classes. Exams remain scheduled for April 30 — May 6.

On the day JMU made this announcement, junior political science major Benjamin Nesbit and his roommates created a petition in protest, that encouraged JMU to allow students to have a voice in the decision-making process.

“This decision affects the students more than anybody,” Nesbit said. “The university made all these decisions without any regards to curb travel, as has been recommended by medical professionals.”

The petition has received 484 signatures as of Wednesday.

The petition has received 484 signatures as of Wednesday. Tristan Lorei | The Breeze

Nesbit said that many of the comments they received on the petition revolved around the need for spring break as a mental health break.

“Taking away spring break deprives us of the break we need from classes,” Nesbit said. “If classes are online, students won’t even notice the three random days off.”

Nesbit said that in the petition, they proposed four solutions: reimplement spring break as planned, reimplement spring break with the remainder of the semester online, reimplement spring break with two weeks of mandatory quarantine upon return where classes are held online, or make the three break days consecutive days off.

As of Nov. 2, the petition reached 484 signatures out of its goal of 500. Nesbit said when they reach 500 signatures they’ll send the petition to administration.

Norton said he understands the reasoning behind the decision, but he doesn’t see how a week off would’ve affected the community, particularly since he said he felt JMU hadn’t cared about student input from the beginning.

“It’s just been JMU’s MO from the beginning to act like this,” Norton said. “What’s going to happen in a week that’s going to be drastically different from what’s happening right now?”

Vass said dealing with a pandemic means that it’ll be difficult to determine what spring semester will look like.

“Certainly it’s unfortunate that students can’t have a spring break,” Vass said. “But the health and safety of all students, staff and faculty in the community is at the top of the list when making some of these difficult decisions.”

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Scratch that

Rockingham-Harrisonburg SPCA starts ‘barn cat’ program

BY SYDNEY DUDLEY
The Breeze

As the number of outdoor cats admitted to the Rockingham-Harrisonburg SPCA continued to climb, the shelter realized it needed an innovative solution. The shelter decided to start a barn cat program where cats would hunt pests for property owners.

Huck Nawaz, executive director of the RHSPCA, said the shelter brought in almost 2,900 animals last year, including nearly 1,800 cats and kittens.

“With those sheer numbers coming in, the vast majority of cats and kittens coming into our care [weren’t] born or raised indoors,” Nawaz said. “We certainly get those in when people are unable to keep their pet cats, but a lot of these cats are outdoor cats that have gone unspayed or unneutered and have overpopulated.”

While traditional adoption measures are often used for indoor cats brought into the shelter, the cats eligible for the barn cat program are not accustomed to domestication or living with humans. “Being that these cats are raised outdoors, they just aren’t suitable candidates to go through adoption into an adoptive home because they’ve never lived indoors,” Nawaz said.

Historically, Nawaz said that the RHSPCA has suffered from high euthanasia rates for these outdoor cats since there wasn’t an outlet for them. In an effort to decrease these rates, the shelter applied for a $40,000 grant from the Petco Foundation to start their barn cat program which they received late last summer.

Dacia Foster, manager of the barn cat program, said that the shelter placed the first two barn cats on Aug. 7.

“We highly suggest that [the cats] go out in pairs,” Foster said. “In August, we adopted out 11 cats. In September, we adopted out four cats, and so far [in October] we have adopted out 12 cats.”

Foster said that the process for adopting barn cats occurs over the course of five weeks. The shelter provides a relocation crate for the cats to live in for four weeks along with a litter box, food bowls and a hiding place with a warm item. Owners feed and talk to the cats inside the crate for four weeks and open the door on the fifth, continuing to feed them. At the end of the fifth week, the shelter takes back the crate.

“On our website, we have a separate barn cat page which has its own application,” Corbin said. “We [also] just put out a YouTube video to talk more about the program [including] what the cats go through, the medical piece and the benefits.”

While the RHSPCA is working to promote their barn cat program, they also have plenty of indoor cats available for adoption.

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Foster said the process for adopting barn cats takes place over the course of five weeks. Courtesy of Tiffany Corbin

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A “so-much-for-free-speech” dart to JMU officials for taking away our freedom to paint the Spirit Rock.

From a student who’s worried about our constitutional freedoms being taken away.

An “I-hate-this” dart to election anxiety.

From someone who wishes they wouldn’t say anything until the results are final.

A “you-guys-rock!” pat to the adults I saw standing on a corner downtown Tuesday and encouraging people to vote.

From someone who rarely sees adults being activists and was pleasantly surprised.

A “remember-masks?” dart to the maskless locals I often see in Walmart.

From someone who doesn’t get what’s so hard about it.

The amount of electronic waste made annually is harmful to the earth. Photo illustration by Tristan Lorei / The Breeze

It’s time to stop buying the next generation of technology as soon as it comes out.

JULIA CHENG | just julia

The release of the iPhone 12 on Oct. 23 brings consumers to the market looking to upgrade their phones to the next best thing. However, the problem of electronic waste, or e-waste, isn’t as known despite the threat it has on the environment. Although buying the latest gadget may initially be a good decision, in the long run, the constant purchasing of technology will affect the health of our planet.

E-waste is the term used for electronics that’ve been discarded. In the U.S., most e-waste is shipped to developing countries, directly harming the environment and health of the people there. Open-air burning and acid baths are commonly used to recover materials from electronics, exposing the workers to unhealthy substances and potentially leading to cancer, miscarriages and brain damage, according to the EPA.

E-waste is also prevalent in the U.S., as landfills are filled with old electronics. According to an EPA report, materials in these landfills account for 70% of hazardous materials. Furthermore, when legislation is introduced, such as the Secure E-Waste and Recycling Act (SEERRA), it’s difficult for bills to get through Congress. SEERRA has been in the House Committee on Foreign Affairs since 2019.

In the commercial district Agbogbloshie, Ghana most electronic waste is burned or doused in acid, seriously damaging the environment with toxic emissions in the air. Unfortunately, the problem is continuing to grow, and it was predicted that by 2030, the levels of e-waste will double those from 2014. Because people globally continue to buy electronics, the numbers will continue to increase and add to the problem of climate change.

One highlighted feature of the iPhone 12 is its 5G speed, making the iPhone faster than before. The next generation of 5G will result in increased greenhouse gas emissions and threatens to increase the amount of e-waste, as most of the e-waste from the U.S. isn’t recycled.

On the individual level, there are solutions that help reduce the number of e-waste. The next time you find a problem with your smartphone, consider checking if it can be repaired instead of buying a new one. Additionally, before throwing away your old device, donate it to schools, charities or non profit organizations that can find a use for the product.

In the Harrisonburg area there are a few options for recycling old devices, including ecoATM and Recycle Management LLC. The company ecoATM helps reduce e-waste by allowing electronic owners to sell their old devices for cash on the spot. Recycle Management LLC is located on Main Street and also gives cash for old tech products.

Teaching about e-waste in high schools is a way that the community can create a greater impact on the issue. E-waste relates to many different careers, and the future generation can learn earlier about the harmfulness of e-waste and how they can regard the problem in different fields. There are also many resources online, including lesson plans, for teachers to use when educating their students about the topic.

As the effects of climate change grow more and more serious, it’s our responsibility to help the planet and prevent issues such as e-waste. As the 5G revolution begins, it’s important to remember to recycle old smartphones and understand that a difference can be made at the individual level.

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DEPOLITICIZE THE SUPREME COURT

US courts should be nonpartisan, representing all American people

CHARLOTTE MATHERLY | conscious contemplation

Since Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg died Sept. 18, Democrats and Republicans have battled over who should assume her seat. Amy Coney Barrett’s confirmation, occurring Oct. 26 with a 52-48 Senate vote, was expedited to pass before the election. This political maneuver from Trump and Senate Republicans was met with fierce resistance from Democrats, as Barrett’s confirmation solidifies a 6-3 conservative court.

It wasn’t always this difficult. Until about 20 years ago, Supreme Court justices were confirmed with larger majority votes. In 1993, Ginsburg was confirmed with a 96-3 vote. Chief Justice John Roberts was nominated by President Bush in 2005 and confirmed 78-22. Trump’s nominations have been approved not with bipartisan agreement as in the past, like Obama’s were, but rather with a narrow Republican majority in the Senate. Before Barrett’s nomination came Neil Gorsuch (54-45) and Brett Kavanaugh (50-48).

Barrett’s confirmation and, consequently, court reform, became a major issue in this year’s election. The courts and upholding of the law shouldn’t be a political battle. The courts should be a nonpartisan institution representing and working for the wellbeing of all American people—not a political party.

Nine unelected people hold the power of the U.S. legal system and the rights of many in their hands. It’s time to depoliticize the Supreme Court.

There are multiple ways this can be done. Most would require a Senate vote. As the current Senate has demonstrated its partisan goals, the best chance at depoliticizing the Supreme Court would most likely come from a Democratic Senate, a largely possible result of the 2020 elections.

Pack the court

The most widespread and widely known method to combat the current conservative majority in the Supreme Court would be to pack the court. While Joe Biden has made no promises on this front, he recently announced that if he wins, he’ll form a special commission dedicated to studying and suggesting court reforms.

Packing the court entails expanding the number of justices on the Supreme Court, which would allow Biden, if he wins, to add more liberal justices for a Democratic majority or make the court more bipartisan.

The problem with court-packing is that it can easily be maneuvered for political gain or completely undone. If Biden chooses to pack the Supreme Court, it’s entirely possible that when the GOP regains power, they’ll pass a law demoting some justices to lower federal courts. Then, a Republican president and Senate could re-pack the court with their own nominees. The court could perpetually flip-flop between political ideologies.

As an instant rebuttal to Barrett’s nomination and a 6-3 court, this option is fine. Down the road, however, packing the court would likely prove useless at making the Supreme Court less partisan.

Term limits

One reason that people may be worried about Barrett’s confirmation is that she’s only 48 years old. With lifetime appointments, America is looking ahead to about 40 years of Barrett occupying the court, unless she dies or retires.

When Ginsburg died, many may have been especially upset due to how close her death was to the election. Many Democrats, including Ginsburg in her proclaimed last wish, urged that her seat not be filled until the 2020 presidential election winner was inaugurated.

Why was this such a problem? The issue that many may have is that Trump, a president with a low approval rating who likely won’t win the election, has now had the chance now to nominate three Supreme Court justices. Because three people happened to die or retire during the Trump administration, the court has now been skewed conservatively.

One way to limit the number of justices any president can nominate is to affix term limits to Supreme Court justices. One idea that’s gaining popularity is 18-year term limits. This would minimize the likelihood of one president getting the chance to nominate more than other presidents and would probably cut a justice’s time on the Supreme Court in half.

This solution doesn’t just throw out justices after their term is finished, though—after serving 18 years on the Supreme Court, a justice could simply be a federal judge at a lower level as many others have done after retiring from the Supreme Court.

By imposing term limits, it’s possible to make the Supreme Court a nonpartisan institution once again.

Supermajority

Another option to combat the politicization of the Supreme Court is the idea of a supermajority. There are only nine justices. If four dissent on a particular case and five hold the majority opinion, it’s all too easy for cases to go either way.

To make the court a more bipartisan body of government, a supermajority should be imposed. It may be difficult—it’d require a Constitutional amendment, which could then allow Congress to enforce the Supreme Court to use a supermajority, either 6-3 or 7-2, on some or all cases.

However, this idea could be taken even further. Some experts recommend that the same Constitutional amendment require two-thirds of the Senate to confirm a Supreme Court justice. This would also protect against partisanship in the court. As seen in recent years, most nominees are confirmed with only a few votes making up the difference based on which political party holds the Senate majority.

If a nominee required two-thirds of the Senate to confirm them, justices would most likely be more bipartisan with ideology not too extreme toward either side.

There are multiple options available to reform the Supreme Court and make it a nonpartisan institution once again. However, the current Republican-majority Senate has shown its partisan ideals by pushing through Barrett’s confirmation. To begin discussing court reform, it may be necessary to elect a Democratic-majority Senate.

America, and especially Democrats, have just experienced the downfalls of a partisan court system, and they may be more motivated to make changes toward a fair and objective Supreme Court.

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Over the past months, many organizations around the country have evaluated their relationship to white supremacy and what they can do better to support the Black community.

The national Black Lives Matter movement, one of the biggest movements in U.S. history, according to the NYT, has called out the country’s racist actions that still contribute to the oppression of Black people.

This summer, JMU made the decision to rename three buildings on campus that were previously named after Confederate generals. Though long overdue, this was still a step in the right direction when it comes to addressing racial equality in the JMU community. JMU has made good progress, but it’s still failing in other areas as it gives others a false sense of racial equality.

Over the summer, a young Black man was found dead in New Jersey. His name was Amani Kildea. He was 20 years old, just graduated high school and was set to attend JMU this fall. Though the local law enforcement immediately ruled his death a suicide, the community suspected that he was lynched as he was found an hour from his home and they found no ladder he could have used to hang himself.

JMU released no official statement memorializing the life of this future Duke. It made no effort to spread awareness of this horrible incident.

At the peak of Black Lives Matter protests, the spirit rock that was painted with the words “black lives matter” was defaced. JMU posted a tweet condemning the action and said it doesn’t constitute free speech, but they never released an official statement about this incident.

The office of the president issued a statement about their support for Black lives in an email, saying they’re “deeply saddened” and disturbed by the recent incidents of hatred and senseless acts of violence against people of color; but made no attempt to memorialize or acknowledge the life of Kildea. They said “we will do everything we can to help create a better tomorrow — one in which no individual has to live in fear that they may someday become a target of hate,” yet this has already happened at JMU with the Spirit Rock, and could easily happen again.

A pattern showing lack of action following incidents that reflect acts of hatred toward the Black community leaves us questioning whether JMU is making an honest effort to protect Black students at JMU.

It’s not OK for JMU to tokenize minorities in order to give off the impression that it’s a racially diverse institution, while at the same time make little to no effort to recruit a more diverse range of people or even protect and support its Black students when their well-being is threatened.

Though the JMU administration is lacking in this area, the student body has stepped up and made efforts to address racial equality on campus.

Following the verdict of Breonna Taylor’s case, a freshman named Summer Khaswan organized a protest on campus to voice their concerns about the unfair outcome.

After the Spirit Rock was vandalized over the summer, students came together to protest the injustices against the Black community at JMU and called on the university to talk to them about these changes at the protest. Their main concern was that it shouldn’t be up to Black students on campus to hold the administration accountable, they should be doing it on their own without question.

Students also said that the administration should have a zero-tolerance policy for racist acts against students on campus.

The JMU administrators should evaluate their public image of diversity and make efforts to support the Black community at JMU.

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Everyone must vote

The US can no longer afford for citizens to abstain from presidential elections

Evan Holden | careful consideration

Social media advocacy for eligible citizens to get out to the polls or turn in an absentee ballot has been massive this year. Former President Barack Obama (D) posted a tweet asking citizens to vote that got over 250,000 likes and over 20,000 retweets.

Voter turnout in the U.S. has been steadily increasing over the years, but that’s only because the population has increased. If only the percentage of eligible citizens voting is considered, then for most of U.S. history, turnout has hovered around 50%. That means for almost every presidential election the U.S. has had, only about half of the population voted. The 2020 election follows the same pattern.

This should be frightening and disappointing to any citizen who cares about Americans’ right to vote and the state of American democracy. Almost every U.S. presidential election in history has the potential for a different outcome if more eligible citizens participated. Imagine how different the country would be if all these voices were heard, representation of our people was increased and our laws and policies more fine-tuned to the wants and needs of citizens.

There are many democratic countries with near-perfect voter turnout. Argentina averages at 70%, Belgium averages at 90% and Australia only once dipped below 90% since 1925 and often surpasses 93%. So what do these countries do to ensure such high participation in their elections? They’re mandatory. Compulsory voting laws are instituted in 13% of countries around the world and almost always increase turnout significantly. These countries have minimal legal penalties in place for anyone who doesn’t show up to vote, and this is enough motivation for most people to get out to the polls and participate in their democracy. When Australia instituted its compulsory voting laws in the 1920s, voter turnout immediately went from an average of about 50% to an average of about 90%.

Many see this as a breach of freedom, and if U.S. citizens care about anything, it’s their freedoms. Suffrage is one of the most important and fought for privileges U.S. citizens hold, but the right to vote doesn’t have to mean the right not to vote. It wouldn’t be too serious of a change in the lives of eligible Americans to be legally required to vote for the president every four years, especially when it’s weighed against the benefit of increased representation and leadership more calibrated to the population.

If U.S. politicians needed the support of the whole population instead of a much smaller group of more dedicated followers, their behavior and views would change drastically to be more reasonable. Politicians would no longer be able to ignore or not consider the voices of any group of U.S. citizens because everyone would be voting.

Compulsory voting laws would get more, if not most, of the eligible U.S. citizens to vote. If Americans really think everyone voting is important, it should be required by law. This is, of course, what laws are for: to reflect and uphold the values of the society they protect.

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From sniper school to JMU

After serving in the Marines, Jonah Smith changes path to attend nursing program

By Will Roberts
The Breeze

For many individuals, high school involved a stressful transition to what feels like adulthood; a time when people are thinking about the future and embarking on new adventures in college or work. For Jonah Smith, he was interested in the military.

“I grew up all throughout my childhood with the military as something that I had my mind on,” Smith, sergeant in the U.S. Marines and freshman nursing major, said. “In high school, I ran cross country and track to prepare for it.”

When Smith graduated high school in 2015, he had to wait a year to join the military to complete lengthy and thorough physical evaluations. In August 2016, he went to boot camp at Parris Island, South Carolina, graduating in November that year. He then traveled to North Carolina to complete infantry school.

“That’s essentially where you get trained up in any specialty,” Smith said. “My specialty was in anti-tank, and so, starting out, I shot javelins and worked the saber system.”

Smith said the javelin is a man-portable missile, which allows for it to be carried by troops on the ground and locked onto targets via heat signatures. The saber system is typically mounted on a vehicle due its weight but generally serves the same purpose as the javelin.

“In an infantry tank unit, anti-tank missile gunners are the experts when it comes to identifying tanks and other technical vehicles as well as engaging them,” Smith said. “I only worked in this specialty for about a month before going over to the scout sniper platoon.”

After graduating, Smith showed up to his first unit, the First Battalion Eighth Marines at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina. Shortly after his arrival, he noticed his unit was running a screening — series of physical, mental and written tests — for their scout sniper platoon.

“That was something that interested me because I wasn’t really enthusiastic about the job I had been randomly assigned going through the school of infantry,” Smith said. “So, that was my opportunity to go in the direction that I wanted.”

Smith said the screener was an “incredibly difficult” two-week indoctrination process designed to test the Marines’ abilities to perform under stressful conditions. The process started with 20 Marines and ended with three, Smith included in the passing group. He spent a year as a professionally instructed gunnman (PIG) preparing for sniper school.

“He was the guy who you knew was going places,” James Kamp, his boss at the time and current MBA student at MIT Sloan, said. “Jonah elevated those around him with his work ethic and his humble approach.”

In the year he waited for sniper school, he was deployed to Japan. Once he returned to the states, he was told he’d attend sniper school, which Smith said has the highest rate of attrition in the Marine Corps.

“Jonah was the first of two of our peer groups to go to sniper school and knocked it out of the park,” Xavier Johnson, who served in the Marine Corps with Smith, said. “He got high shooter out of his class and was second best in the class when it came to stalking.”

Smith said the school evaluated many different aspects: marksmanship, stalking, mission execution and planning. In August 2018, Smith graduated with an overall 90% hit rate on all of the evaluations he faced.

“Since day one, he was always making things look like they were second nature to him,” Johnson said.

Smith rejoined his platoon as a hunter of gunnman. He was given his own team and deployed to Morón Air Base in Spain located just southeast of Seville. They were deployed as a Special Purpose Marine Task Force for a crisis response force to Africa. This type of job was designed after the Benghazi incident, which was a secret attack on the U.S. embassy after emails leaked its location, resulting in the deaths of several American diplomats.

During this deployment, Smith went to Uganda where he experienced the highlight of his military career.

“I actually felt like I was making a really big impact there,” Smith said. “On Thursdays, the entire community would come out and we would play soccer with whoever wanted to play.”

After his deployment in 2019, Smith was transferred to Japan where he held a prestigious position in the Marine Special Operations Command but decided to turn it down to pursue a college education offered by the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

The GI Bill has allowed many veterans to attend college and pursue higher degrees by greatly reducing the cost. It’s opened the doors for individuals who may not have been able to attend college otherwise.

“If it weren’t for the GI Bill, I would have had to take out loans and work a considerable amount,” Smith said.

Now, Smith is pursuing a degree in nursing — one of JMU’s more difficult majors — and said he’s ready for the challenging courses that are yet to come. He said certain classes like chemistry have been difficult to learn online, but this is something that Smith’s friends are confident he can overcome.

“Jonah is going to thrive at JMU because he has a tremendous work ethic and has been preparing himself by doing online college for months before he was even out of the military,” Johnson said.

Smith said being a freshman at JMU during the COVID-19 pandemic has been a testing experience and especially difficult. Between online classes and a lack of campus activities, he described the experience as “isolating.”

“You can’t do a lot of the things that you would normally do in a college town, and so that’s really put a damper on things,” Smith said.

Even with current circumstances, Isaac Swofford, one of Smith’s friends from the Marines, is confident in his ability to get the job done.

Swofford recalled a time when he was on a training mission and Jonah saved his life. They were on the back of a tank, the tank stopped and Swofford thought it was time to get off; Smith grabbed Swofford immediately, knowing that the tank was about to reverse and would’ve crushed him.

“Jonah’s forethought and due diligence beforehand to understand all aspects of the plan is a reason I am alive and why he will succeed at JMU,” Swofford said.

Smith said he has a tough road ahead because COVID-19 will still be a factor next semester, and the nursing program won’t get easier. But with the tools he’s developed and the passion for his degree, people close to Smith aren’t worried about his success.

“When nursing, I feel like it will be a way of continuing my service in the community in a very tangible way,” Smith said. “That’s something that really interests me and I don’t think I would have had that direction at 18.”

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Resident advisers find creative ways to connect with on-campus students

When Kelly Jorgensen, a sophomore mathematics major and aspiring teacher, became a resident adviser for Shenandoah Hall, her motivation for applying was to simply help people. "I've always had this passion of helping people being a huge support system," Jorgensen said. "And I feel like I can't really achieve that goal unless I know my residents on a very, or as much as possible, a personal level."

COVID-19 regulations have altered the RA-resident relationship in numerous ways. Jorgensen said engagement has changed significantly; community and program meetings are through Zoom and she can't always engage with residents since half their faces are covered. Despite this, Jorgensen said she tries to get to know and check in on her residents on a daily basis. She has intentional conversations through phone calls with residents, gets meals delivered to them and comes up with creative online activities such as "Among Us" hall games.

Allaine Ferralli, a sophomore elementary education major and RA at Frederikson Hall, said she went home in September along with about two-thirds of her residents. She stayed in touch with them over Zoom.

"It was cool because I actually had a decent amount of people show up," Ferralli said. "I reach out to them a lot and I think they know that I'm here and really care about them. I just wish it could be more in person and I can talk to them more and get to know them more personally."

Jorgensen said preparing for COVID-19 changes began in RA training, which looked much different this year. Usually, RA training is an extensive process in which RAs-in-training meet in large groups to learn about the job and policies. This year, trainees could be seen as boxes on Zoom. In fact, most of the training occurred online in a more individualized fashion, Jorgensen said.

Sunny Dasai, a junior biotech major and another Shenandoah Hall RA, said the most important theme of this year's training was safety.

"I would say, like, last year, it was more just about bonding and like, how best we can help one another," Dasai said. "This year is like, how can we protect one another, while also, like, bonding together as a whole?"

"The balance between keeping residents safe and getting them involved has been the most challenging aspect for Dasai. When freshmen were sent home at the beginning of October, Dasai said he maintained connections with them by reaching out while they weren't in town. During about the second month, he said his hall started to focus more on socially distanced programming such as movie nights.

"We really do want to make sure they feel comfortable here, and it's only really possible if we [hang] out with them, like to try to reach out to them," Dasai said.

"We want to make it as much of a home here as possible."

Ferralli said despite social distancing measures being implemented and a no guest policy, her hall has still become close because residents could only hang out with one another.

"I think I've definitely seen friendships blossoming," Ferralli said. "And I think I have hope for the future that with our programs and stuff, people will continue to make friendships and relationships in the whole community."

Jorgensen said RAs were recently notified that they’re required to stay at their residence halls during the period between Thanksgiving and winter break to accommodate those who choose not to go home or can’t go home. She said she didn't have big plans, but still figured she'd be home for that two-month period.

"It was a little bit surprising to me, because I thought I would have that opportunity to catch up with family and see friends I haven’t seen for a few months, and also have an opportunity to work full time at my job back at home," Jorgensen said.

But, despite it all, Jorgensen said being an RA during this time has been valuable. There've been times when she felt like the job was stressful and wasn’t sure if she was doing the job "as perfectly" as she should've. Yet, she’s had residents tell her she’s been doing well at her job, and said it made her feel special.

"It reminded me why I’m doing what I’m doing," Jorgensen said. "Because the fact that I’m making a positive impact on a resident who appreciates the effort I’m putting in was a very rewarding thing to experience."

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Hey there, pumpkin

A guide to the best and worst pumpkin-flavored treats this fall

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With the return of fall comes Bath and Body Works candles, neutral colors, a chill in the air and most importantly, pumpkins. From September until November, restaurants and retailers will put pumpkin in anything and everything. There are no limits, and it’s a hit or miss. I’ve already tried some of Harrisonburg’s new fall cuisine so everyone can see what’s worth a purchase.

Pumpkin Cream Cold Brew

The Starbucks pumpkin cream cold brew has been trending all over popular app TikTok, and it’s not hard to see why. This drink is perfect for coffee lovers who want to get into the fall spirit.

Pumpkin taste: The coffee taste is strong and takes over most of the flavor. However, there’s still a nice hint of pumpkin.

Aesthetics: This drink comes iced and is definitely worth a feature on a Snapchat story. The cold brew is dark and layered with the light foam on top that drizzles down the sides creating a waterfall effect.

Caffeine boost: 185 mg

Pumpkin Donut

The Dunkin Donuts pumpkin donut is a fall staple.

Pumpkin taste: It’s similar to the cinnamon Dunkin donut, and it has an interesting blend of spices.

Aesthetics: Visually, it’s quite bland to look at, and it’s nothing special to be photographed.

Pumpkin Munchkin

The pumpkin Munchkins at Dunkin’ Donuts are the perfect fall treat.

Pumpkin taste: It tastes and feels just like a miniature of the donut version.

Aesthetics: The little spheres would look cute on any fall spread.

Signature Iced Pumpkin Spice Latte

Dunkin’ Donuts’ iced version of the pumpkin spice classic is definitely a threat to Starbucks’ alternative.

Pumpkin taste: It tastes similar to the Starbucks pumpkin spice latte, but is more sweet than seasoned, and often comes iced instead of hot.

Aesthetics: The latte comes with a whipped cream swirl topped with pumpkin powder in the famous Dunkin’ cup with a dome lid. It’ll definitely be featured on social media feeds this fall.

Caffeine boost: It passes Starbucks by having 16 mg more caffeine, at 166 mg.

Pumpkin Spice Latte (PSL)

There’s really no other way to describe it; the Starbucks PSL tastes like fall. One sip and it feels like being wrapped in a warm blanket while watching a new episode of “The Bachelor” by the fire.

It’s a classic drink that’s a must-have every year. I can’t imagine a fall without it.

Pumpkin taste: The pumpkin blends well with the spices and isn’t overwhelming.

Aesthetics: The latte usually comes warm, and there’s nothing Instagrammable about a paper cup.

Caffeine boost: 150 mg
Pumpkin Pie Shake

This shake from Kline’s Dairy Bar is a creative option for pumpkin lovers.

**Pumpkin taste:** It tastes like birthday cake mixed with graham crackers and is a sweet way to celebrate autumn.

**Aesthetics:** In a basic Kline’s paper cup, this particular item is not much to look at.

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Pumpkin Muffin

There was nothing special about this muffin from Dunkin’ Donuts. It was quite average in all aspects.

**Pumpkin taste:** It was very dry and crumbly as first, but tasted like a generic pumpkin muffin.

**Aesthetics:** Muffins are always cute.

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Pumpkin Scone

The pumpkin scone from Starbucks is a nice treat for those with a sweet tooth, a really, really sweet tooth.

**Pumpkin taste:** The scone tasted like a sugary pumpkin cookie, it was good but had less of the authentic pumpkin taste than the others.

**Aesthetics:** It’s covered in white frosting with a cute drizzle of orange, the perfect fall look.

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Pumpkin Cream Cheese Muffin

The Starbucks pumpkin cream cheese muffin sounds like it’ll be a good mix of sweet and savory, however, it ends up being all sweet. It’s more of a dessert option than a breakfast one.

**Pumpkin taste:** It tastes similar to the classic Starbucks pumpkin loaf but is made sweeter by the cream cheese center.

**Aesthetics:** It’s definitely a cute addition to a breakfast photo, but it’s nothing special.

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Pumpkin Iced Coffee and Cold Brew

The pumpkin iced coffee from Dunkin’ Donuts is a failed attempt.

**Pumpkin taste:** The syrup was stuck to the bottom of the cup, making the rest of the drink bitter, and when a glob of syrup made its way up the straw it was a flavor overload.

**Aesthetics:** It looks like any other Dunkin’ iced coffee, which is always cute.

**Caffeine boost:** Coming in at 238 mg, it does offer a good pick me up, but at what cost to the tastebuds?

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Pumpkin Pie Shake

This drink from Kline’s was more like a pumpkin slushie and wasn’t blended very well, leaving the taste to be pretty odd.

**Pumpkin taste:** The flavor was mainly dominated by coffee and ice, and there were rare hints of pumpkin.

**Aesthetics:** The cone lid and whip cream on top is a cute classic vibe.

Let’s be real, the best thing about the changes of the seasons are the corresponding changes on our favorite menus. It’s not really fall if one doesn’t have pumpkin influenced food. Whether someone has a sweet tooth, is a coffee lover, pastry fan, or health nut, this fall has something for them to enjoy.

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There are many questions surrounding JMU this fall, but the Dukes’ proven record in the spring season with an injury, opening the door for underclassmen to step into the spotlight. However, Ukwu’s absence furthers the need for experience on the D-Line, which was a key cog in the defensive machine in 2019.

Secondary: Lots of potential new stars

When the offseason began, the team knew it’d lose cornerback Rashad Robinson to graduation. When the coronavirus hit and threw a wrench in the college football world, problems grew as former safety D’Angelo Amos transferred to Virginia.

Redshirt senior safety Wayne Davis has been shifted to Amos’ old position and will provide support down the field, but the question remains around the Dukes’ passing defense.

Redshirt sophomore Joe Joe Norwood, a transfer from UMass, will help at the safety spot and should see significant time on the field from the start. Senior M.J. Hampton will help with Amos’ absence, while redshirt sophomore Chris Chukwuneke is out until February after needing surgery.

For players yearning to break into the spotlight, the defensive backs will have space to prove themselves. There are returning cornerbacks: seniors Taurus Carroll and Wesley McCormick and redshirt juniors Jamir Hudson and Jack Sroba, but with seasoned starters Amos and Robinson gone, the need of a lockdown corner is high — and it needs to come early in the season.

There are many questions surrounding JMU this fall, but the Dukes’ proven record of having the next player ready to succeed means those questions will be put to bed once the season begins. Until then, the heat of the offseason will grow, but fans are nearing the end of the absence of JMU football.

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No Small Achievement
Since graduating from JMU, Smalls played for the Indiana Fever, a WNBA team. Breeze file photo

JMU women's basketball alumna Kamiah Smalls shines in the WNBA

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Former JMU women's basketball guard Kamiah Smalls made a name for herself in the shortened 2020 WNBA season for the Indiana Fever. In the seven games she played, she scored 58% of her shots from beyond the three-point line and 45% overall.

"I've been pushing myself a lot to finish at the basket, finish at mid-range and finish for three," Smalls said. "I think I'm capable of getting to spots and finishing shots. I missed a couple wide-open threes after I started out really hot. I always think there is room for improvement."

Smalls had her WNBA debut against the Chicago Sky. In 17 minutes, she scored 13 points. She was a perfect three for three from the three-point range and four for four overall with no turnovers.

"I had no fear ... in my heart [to step] on that court with those players," Smalls said. "It's always been my dream to do that. I wanted to seize it as much as I could."

Smalls said that she was comfortable stepping on the court despite it being her debut. She said the Sky left her open for three, and she took the shot and tried her best to take care of the basketball and find her open teammates. "I just play Kamiah Smalls basketball," Smalls said. And it [kind of] just fell all together.

In the seven games Smalls played, she doubled her assist count in each game with 14. She said that being a good passer is important in the WNBA.

"Being able to find your teammates at the right moment [and] quick reactions are very important," Smalls said. "I had a very good post player in Tierra McCowan and Lauren Cox, so just throwing the ball up to them in the drop and [letting] them finish was really fun."

Smalls said she wants to leave a mark in the WNBA and be a great teammate. She said she wants to inspire other players who are at mid-major college programs and aren’t as flashy as the players who go to UConn and Mississippi State. She wants players like her to know they can excel in the WNBA.

"If you work hard and you push yourself, you can be just as good as anybody," Smalls said.

Smalls plays for USE Basket Rosa Scotti, an Italian women’s basketball team. It's been a long road to where Smalls stands today. O'Regan said Smalls once told him, "I’ll do it." Well, she did it.

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#100K4TK JMU swim and dive shows its support for Tom Kuster and his stage IV colon cancer

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Over the month of October, the swim and dive team participated in the #100K4TK challenge to show their support for Tom Kuster, associate athletic director for integrated health and sports performance at JMU. Tom Kuster was diagnosed with stage IV colon cancer at the beginning of the academic year and, to support the Kuster family, a GoFundMe page was created along with the #100K4TK challenge to help spread awareness.

"While Tom is fighting his cancer, they challenged everybody out there who wants to support Tom in terms of trying to go 100 Kilometers throughout the month of October,” swim and dive head coach Dave Pedersen said. “And everybody could do that in their own unique way."

People have been participating in this challenge by engaging in a 100 km exercise and documenting their progress on social media by using the hashtag 100K4TK. The swim and dive team decided to contribute by swimming the distance and performing complex dives over the course of the month. This not only was a challenge to get the team physically back into shape but also to give them motivation as they swam.

"The benefit of participating in this challenge was to make the team think about Tom and to remember why they’re doing their laps and who they’re doing these laps for," Pedersen said. "To create a purpose in those moments.

Senior diver Sarah Stim said there were strong reasons for why the team was initially interested in participating in this challenge.

"The team felt really strongly that this was something we could do to contribute our support for a greater cause while doing what we love to do," Stim said. "Whichis to train."

Senior swimmer Bailey Butler said the team felt compelled to show their support for Tom Kuster and believed it was an important cause.

"I think it’s really important that we’ve been able to show our appreciation for Tom and everything he’s been able to do for all the athletes here at JMU, through our swimming and practices," Butler said.

The team passed the goal of 100 kilometers by completing 130,375 yards, equivalent to 119 kilometers.

"This experience has been important because at JMU we’re all one family no matter what sports team we’re on, no matter what community we’re a part of, and so we need to support those around us who have been having trouble or Tom who is sick and needs help lifting his spirits emotionally and financially," Stim said. "It has given our team a greater purpose in this weird time."

For those interested in donating or participating in the #100K4TK exercise activity, visit the GoFundMe page.

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Senior diver Faith Anderson performs her dive.
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