

COURT CASE

Rape Charge Dropped from October Case, Plea Deal Made

Travis James Mick, 19, was ordered to one year of probation and 210 days of jail time; 190 are suspended and he served 20 days in November.



By **KATIE THISDELL**
The Breeze

Several sexual assault charges were dropped during a plea agreement Monday for the Yorktown man formerly accused of raping a JMU student in October.

Travis James Mick, 19, entered an

Alford plea for assault and battery, a new charge served Monday in district court. An Alford plea means the defendant does not admit guilt, but realizes there may be evidence leading to a conviction.

Mick also entered a guilty plea to resisting arrest, which is a misdemeanor.

For these charges, Mick was ordered to spend 210 days in prison. He had already

served 20 days before his November bond hearing, and the remaining 190 days are suspended.

Mick was ordered to supervised probation for one year. If he breaks probation, he will be tried in Harrisonburg's court system. He is also not allowed to have any type of contact with the alleged victim.

"I sincerely hope that this chapter is a glitch in your life and that you go on to a successful academic future," Judge Richard Claybrook said.

Mick was also ordered to pay \$6,328 in restitution for the hospital bills for the two JMU police officers whom Mick injured.

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MEET THE CANDIDATES FOR SGA EXEC COUNCIL*

(Presidential candidates below, other candidates on **PAGE 3**)



Tommy Cumberland ('11)
HOMETOWN: Fairfax
MAJOR: Marketing
RUNNING FOR: President

PLATFORM

- Improving student-police relations. Inviting police officers to open forums to discuss common legal misconceptions would be a step in the right direction.
 - Improving communication with the student body. Communication between the SGA and the student body has been inexcusably poor
 - Improving relations with Parking Services
- SOUND BITE:** "In sixth grade I beat my P.E. teacher in a rope-climbing race. He gave me two boxes of Girl Scout Cookies as a reward."



Andrew Reese ('12)
HOMETOWN: Alexandria
MAJOR: International Affairs, History
RUNNING FOR: President

PLATFORM

- Continue to strengthen contacts with the administration – relationships which allow for the best reception of student concerns
 - Clearly articulate how and why student government is viable and important to the student body
 - Increase funding for students and organizations by implementing alternative ways of fundraising
- SOUND BITE:** "Backstreet Boys and *NSYNC are close to my heart."



Paul Sexton ('11)
HOMETOWN: Kensington, Md.
MAJOR: Political Science
RUNNING FOR: President

PLATFORM

- Make the SGA more accessible to students, clubs and organizations through open weekly meetings
 - Reexamine the way bandwidth is allotted throughout the day on campus to ensure that on campus students have the Internet speed they need
 - Petition to stop cutting bus hours to ensure students are not forced to drive
- SOUND BITE:** "This election isn't about me. It's about listening to you."



Caitlin Natale ('11)
HOMETOWN: Charlottesville
MAJOR: Interdisciplinary liberal studies, Elementary Education
RUNNING FOR: President

PLATFORM

- Work with administration to find a place for clubs and organizations on our current campus or to secure a place in future construction and renovation
 - Improve Off-Campus Parking/Visitor Parking. Work with off-campus life and towing companies to research a solution to this problem that all parties involved can agree on.
 - Create a list of every JMU group (clubs, organizations, athletic teams) and throughout the span of the year, an SGA member attends a meeting of each group on the list.
- SOUND BITE:** "In the future I would like to teach at an elementary school in the first or second grade."

*Candidates submitted their platforms and information to *The Breeze*.

Legislation's Proposals Already JMU Policy

Health Care Addendum to Modify Student Loans

By **MATT SUTHERLAND**
The Breeze

Although President Barack Obama signed further legislation in hopes of benefitting college students, the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 will not heavily affect JMU students.

On Tuesday, Obama signed the act, delivering what is supposed to be more affordable college education.

Brad Barnett, the senior associate director of Financial Aid and Scholarships at JMU, said aspects of the bill dealing with federal loans do "pretty much nothing" to JMU students.

"JMU already switched to the direct loan program last summer," Barnett said. "The major impact of this bill won't affect our students really."

After passing the health care bill, Congressional supporters worked to tie off loose ends that could possibly add to the mounting criticism.

"For a long time, our student loan system has worked for banks and financial institutions," Obama said at the bill's signing, which took place at Northern Virginia Community College in Alexandria. "Today, we're finally making our student loan system work for students and all of our families."

The bill calls for a smaller cap on loan repayments after college

What happens...

...now

- Invests \$40 billion in Pell Grants.
- Starting July 1, the Department of Education will register all new federal student loans.

...by 2014

- Loans capped at 10 percent discretionary income per month.
- Remaining balance forgiven after 20 years, if payments are timely.

...overall

- \$68 billion saved during 11-year span in the Department of Education.
- The bill provides \$2.55 billion to support historically black colleges and universities and minority-serving institutions, and another \$2 billion for community colleges.

for students. Beginning in July 2014, students can cap their loan repayment to 10 percent of their discretionary income per month. This is shortened from the current rate which is 15 percent.

Also included in the bill is a new forgiveness policy. The remainder of a student's loans will be forgiven after timely payments are made for 20 years. This contrasts from the current policy of 25 years.

Because of these new policies, JMU political science professor Bob Roberts believes the act faces some criticism from Obama's core group of dissenters.

"Critics are arguing your default rates might go up significantly," Roberts said. "Too many people might not pay back the money. If a lot of people take advantage of the debt forgiveness working the public sector, [taxpayers] are forced to take the burden if loans aren't paid back."

Increased funding for Pell Grants may still help some students at JMU. Combined with Obama's stimulus package, an investment of \$40 billion in Pell Grant funds will more than double the funding of lower-income students' loans. Starting July 1, privatized student loans from banks

will end, forcing the federal government to control all student loans.

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CAMPUS LIFE

Safe Zones Offer Support, Haven from Judgment

Network of 124 Campus Members Go Through Workshops, Place Triangle Stickers on Doors

By **LISA SHEA**
contributing writer

It scares students out of being themselves. It can cause professors to discriminate. It can make parents take away financial support. It can cause you to lose a friend.

These reasons are why there are JMU Safe Zone stickers. The JMU Safe Zone is a voluntary network of faculty, staff and students educated about issues affecting lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex and questioning individuals. The network offers a safe place to talk.

What is GayMU Week?

This week Madison Equality hosts GayMU week to educate students about LGBT issues through events on the commons, display banners around campus, pass out fliers and distribute T-shirts.

Students who don't want to get certified as part of Safe Zones but still want to be supportive can participate in

Members who are "safe" on campus display an upside-down rainbow triangle symbol on their door once they've completed the appropriate workshop and sign the contract.

"I am a safe person to talk to," said Melissa Brown, a fifth-year

student and representative of Safe Zone. "You don't have to worry that I'll judge you."

According to the Safe Zone Web site, this symbol means the person is "willing to discuss issues impacting gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer, and intersex

the T-shirt campaign held every spring across the country, including here at JMU. Throughout the GayMU week, Madison Equality will hand out out free purple and gold T-shirts on the commons with the slogan "gay? fine by me."

Friday, all members of the LGBT community and their allies plan to wear the shirts to demonstrate their support.

people's lives in a nonjudgmental manner." The symbol fosters an atmosphere of acceptance of the LGBT community.

There are 124 faculty, staff and students registered as being "safe"

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SAFETY

Sticker Shock to Curb Underaged Drinking

SafeRides, RMH Want Students to Drink Responsibly, Think of Consequences

By **KALEIGH SOMERS**
The Breeze

SafeRides and Rockingham Memorial Hospital's Health Education Program are taking a stance against underage drinking.

Together, the organizations teamed up Tuesday at 7 p.m. to place stickers on cases of beer, liquor bottles and other alcoholic beverages at various stores along Port Republic Road.

The stickers, shaped like a stop sign, serve as a final reminder of the consequences of buying alcohol for minors.

Participating stores include Liberty, Exxon's On The Run, Dave's Taverna

Express, Texaco and Food Lion.

Parks Watson, the executive director for SafeRides, explained that purchasing alcohol for minors is not to be taken lightly, and it can lead to jail time of up to one year or fines up to \$2,500.

"SafeRides neither encourages nor discourages the consumption of alcohol, but we are aware of the harm that can come from alcohol abuse and want to help remind the community to drink responsibly and be aware of consequences," Watson said.

Emily Phillips, an intern for RMH Community Health Education and Awareness, has worked under the direction of Tonya Osinkosky, the health education awareness coordinator for

RMH Community Health, to make the campaign a success. Osinkosky approached Phillips with the initial idea. Almost 20 volunteers from SafeRides agreed to participate Tuesday night.

"The main goal of the program is to raise awareness and change adult attitudes about purchasing or providing alcohol to minors, in the hopes of shifting health behaviors within our community," Phillips said.

Watson said SafeRides' mission is more than just providing students with designated drivers on Friday and Saturday nights.

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The two organizations placed stickers on containers of alcohol Tuesday to remind buyers of the penalties for buying for underage drinkers.

POLICE LOG

CORRECTION

In the Thursday, March 25 issue of *The Breeze*, the article "City Plans Animal Rights Mediation" misspelled Cate Mansfield's name as Kate. *The Breeze* regrets the error.

Larceny

- On Saturday, a JMU student reported theft of two archery targets, valued at \$600, on Hillside Field.
- On Monday, a JMU student reported theft of an iPod Touch, North Face backpack and ball cap, valuing \$300, from an unsecured locker in UREC.
- On Friday, a JMU employee reported theft of a \$200 "No Parking" sign at Plecker Center.
- On Tuesday, a JMU student reported theft of a wallet, containing debit cards and a driver's license, left unsecured in a UREC locker room.
- On Monday and on March 24, two JMU students reported theft of a commuter parking decal from a vehicle.
- On March 24, a JMU student reported theft of a commuter parking decal from a vehicle.

Property Damage

- On Sunday, a JMU student reported theft of a \$100, unsecured bicycle on the Quad.
- On Sunday, a JMU student reported a discharged fire extinguisher in Wayland Hall, resulting in \$25 damage.

Alcohol & Drugs

- On March 21, police arrested three JMU students for marijuana

- possession in Bell Hall.
- On Saturday, police arrested three JMU students, who also received judicial referrals, for alleged underaged consumption and alleged underaged possession at Huffman Hall.
- On Saturday, police arrested three JMU students, who also received judicial referrals, for alleged public intoxication and alleged underaged consumption at Gibbons Hall.
- On Saturday, police arrested two JMU students, who also received judicial referrals, for alleged underaged possession and alleged underaged consumption at Plecker Center.
- On Sunday, police arrested a JMU student, who also received a judicial referral for alleged marijuana possession in Potomac Hall.
- On Friday, police arrested a JMU student, who also received two judicial referrals, for alleged public intoxication and alleged underaged possession at Garber Hall.
- On Saturday, police arrested a JMU student, who also received two judicial referrals, for alleged public intoxication and alleged underaged possession on Greek Row.
- On Friday, police arrested a JMU student, who also received

- a judicial referral, for alleged public intoxication at Duke Hall.
- On Saturday, police arrested a JMU student for alleged public intoxication and alleged underaged possession at South View apartments.
- On Saturday, police arrested a JMU student for public intoxication and underaged possession at G lot.
- On Saturday, police arrested a JMU student for alleged public intoxication at the intersection of Cantrell and Mason Street.
- On Friday, police arrested a JMU student for public intoxication and possession of burglary tools at the power plant.
- On March 20, a JMU student received a judicial referral for underaged consumption at Dingleline Hall.

Assault

- On Friday, a JMU student reported assault by an acquaintance at Hillside Hall.

Other

- On Saturday, a JMU student received a judicial referral for unauthorized Hillside Hall entry.
- On March 23, a JMU student reported receiving e-mail messages attempting to obtain personal information in Shenandoah Hall.

Nation&World

FROM BLOOMBERG NEWS AND *THE WASHINGTON POST*

Bombing Hits Moscow Metro

MOSCOW — Two suicide bombers, including one wearing a police uniform, killed at least a dozen people Wednesday in a coordinated attack in Russia's volatile North Caucasus region, authorities said, just two days after a pair of female bombers struck the Moscow subway system and raised fears of a fresh wave of terrorism in the country.

The explosions, which also injured at least 23 people, took place in Dagestan, the province east of Chechnya, where militants linked to an Islamist insurgency in the region have stepped up attacks over the past year and where shootings and bombings occur almost daily.

Officials said the first blast occurred as traffic police approached the bomber's car in the town of Kizlyar, near the Chechen border. As investigators and onlookers gathered, a second bomber wearing a police uniform pushed through the crowd and set off another explosion. Nine police officers were among the dead, including the town's police chief, authorities said.

In televised remarks, Prime Minister Vladimir Putin said the attack may have been committed by "the same gang" responsible for the double bombing in Moscow, which killed 39 people and injured more than 70 others.

"It does not matter for us in what part of the country these crimes have been committed, or who — people of what ethnicity or religion — have fallen victim to these crimes," Putin said, ordering police reinforcements in the North Caucasus. "We see this as a crime against Russia."

Although no one has claimed responsibility for either attack, investigators have said they believe the two women who bombed the Moscow subway stations Monday were tied to the separatist insurgency in the North Caucasus, which seeks to establish a fundamentalist Caucasus Emirate in the region.

The attack was the first in Moscow in nearly six years and raised questions about Putin's record of maintaining peace in the capital, as well as his brute-force approach to suppressing the militants.

President Dmitry Medvedev, the longtime Putin ally who succeeded him in the Kremlin two years ago, has pushed for a more balanced strategy in the North Caucasus, appointing officials there who have sought to improve economic conditions, open talks with critics and draw public support away from the rebels.

"The terrorists want to destabilize the situation in the country, to destroy civil society, and are driven by the desire to sow fear and panic among people. We will not let this happen," Medvedev said at a session of

the Russian Security Council. He described the attacks in Moscow and Dagestan as "links of the same chain" and ordered an overhaul of security on the nation's transport systems within four months.

Gulnara Rustamova, head of the Mothers of Dagestan for Human Rights, an advocacy group, said conditions in the province seemed to have been improving since Medvedev appointed a new governor, Magomedsalam Magomedov, last month. Wednesday's attack, she said, may have been intended to undermine his efforts.

"I hope he has the wisdom and enough strength to take the right steps and to continue building the dialogue in society," she said. "We are all so sick and tired of all these terrorist acts and unlawful murders. We want to live in peace and to be safe."

Rustamova said she believed the attacks were organized by outsiders "who want to destabilize the situation in the North Caucasus."

President's Approval Rises

NEW YORK — President Barack Obama's approval rating moved higher after Congress passed the most sweeping overhaul of health-care policy in more than four decades, his key domestic legislative goal, a poll released Wednesday showed.

The Marist Poll found that 46 percent of registered voters approve of the job Obama is doing, up from 44 percent in a survey conducted in early February. Forty-three percent disapprove of his performance, compared with 47 percent last month.

Obama's standing also rose among voters who describe themselves as independent, with 39 percent saying they approve of the job he is doing, compared with 29 percent last month. Forty-five percent disapproved of his performance, down from 57 percent last month.

"President Obama has scored a big legislative victory, but this has only translated minimally into his job performance scores," Lee Miringoff, director of the Poughkeepsie, N.Y.-based Marist College Institute for Public Opinion, said in a statement. "For many voters, he still needs to swish a few three-pointers to become a driving force behind this fall's midterm elections."

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act put in motion the largest expansion of health-care coverage since the creation in 1965 of Medicaid, for the poor, and Medicare, for people 65 and older and the disabled. Obama signed the law on March 23 and Tuesday signed a companion measure to fully enact the measure.

The law, some provisions of which will take effect this year, is likely to shape Obama's presidency and be a central issue in November's elections to determine control of Congress. It was enacted without a single Republican vote.

The survey of 860 registered voters was conducted by telephone on March 25, 26 and 29 and has a margin of error of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points. "What you will really see the Democratic leadership do is to pivot to job creation and deficit control," Arizona's Jon Kyl, the second-ranking Republican in the Senate, said Tuesday. "They can read the polls, too."

Colleges Harder To Get Into

NEW YORK — The colleges that have been hard to get into are getting even harder.

Duke University offered admission this year to 3,972, or 15 percent of aspirants, down from 18 percent last year, after applications soared, according to Duke officials. Stanford University admitted 2,300 — or 7.2 percent, the least ever — said Shawn Abbott, admission director. MIT saw its admittance drop below 10 percent for the first time, said Stuart Schmill, admissions dean.

Applications are surging because colleges are marketing themselves more vigorously, and the tougher they are to get into, the more students seek entry to multiple schools and increase competition for slots, said Jon Reider, director of college counseling at San Francisco University High School. The typical senior applies to a dozen colleges, 50 percent more than 10 years ago, Reider said. "This is without any question the hardest year ever," Reider, who is also a former admissions officer for Stanford, near Palo Alto, Calif., said in an interview. "This is unprecedented. No question."

Seven of the eight members of the Ivy League had an increase in applications, according to data from the institutions. The exception was Yale, which had a decline of 134 applications, or less than a percent, from 26,003 last year, said Jeffrey Brenzel, admissions dean. Yale expects to announce its admissions rate Thursday. Harvard University, which admitted 7 percent of 29,114 applicants last year, may disclose this year's figures today, said William Fitzsimmons, dean of undergraduate admissions and financial aid.

Colleges are beginning to notify high school students, by e-mail or through the U.S. Postal Service, of admission decisions. Most applicants who are offered places must pay deposits by May 1 to secure the spots.

"Students are looking at a wider range of schools because they are less certain of their chances of being admitted to

colleges that typically would have been reasonable choices for them," said Christoph Guttentag, dean of undergraduate admissions at Duke, in Durham, North Carolina.

Applications to Duke rose 12 percent, and the university had to hire three part-time readers to help evaluate candidates, Guttentag said.

Haiti Receives Billions in Aid

UNITED NATIONS — The United States and European Union pledged a combined \$2.75 billion in aid Wednesday for rebuilding Haiti following the Jan. 12 earthquake that killed about 300,000 people and devastated the capital, Port-au-Prince.

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton announced \$1.15 billion in U.S. support at the start of an international donors' conference at the United Nations in New York. The EU will provide \$1.6 billion, foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton told the gathering.

"We need Haiti to succeed," Clinton said. "What happens there has repercussions far beyond its borders."

Clinton said failure to act could cause many more Haitians to flee the country, perpetuate \$500 million-a-year in drug trafficking through Haiti, and risk development of drug-resistant strains of diseases.

Haiti, the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, is turning to other governments for long-term support for new housing, schools, airports and government offices along with technical help to manage the recovery effort.

Canada added \$394 million to the pledge tally, Brazil said it would give \$172 million, Spain offered \$356 million and France said it provide \$243.5 million toward the \$3.9 billion sought to begin reconstruction in the next 18 months.

France also will cancel \$75.5 million in Haitian debt, Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner said.

Clinton said the U.N. and donor nations should abandon what she called the "failed strategies" of the past and ensure that the rebuilding effort is sustainable and led by Haiti's government.

Haitian President Rene Preval called for a "new society" and creation of a U.N. emergency response force to speed delivery of aid following natural disasters.

In his address to the conference, U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon urged a "wholesale national renewal, a sweeping exercise in national-building on a scale and scope not seen in generations." He said that more funding is needed for the initial post-quake appeal for \$1.4 billion in emergency aid, only half of which has been received.

Clinton's chief of staff, Cheryl

Mills, said Tuesday that even though 28 of 29 government ministries were hurt by the earthquake, which left 1.3 million living in camps, a newly formed Haitian development authority should be turned over to the government within 18 months.

Haiti's government released a 50-page reconstruction plan that calls for \$350 million in direct budget support, \$35 million to begin construction of new international airports in Cap-Haitien and Les Cayes and \$70 million to refurbish the Port-au-Prince port.

Haiti's plan calls for formation of an Interim Commission for the Reconstruction of Haiti by the nation's parliament, to be co-chaired by Prime Minister Jean-Max Bellerive and former U.S. President Bill Clinton, the U.N. special envoy to Haiti. The commission would include members of the parliament and judiciary and representatives of major donors including the U.S., UN, France, World Bank and Inter-American Development Bank.

The body would coordinate aid and respond to concerns about accountability and transparency, according to Haiti's proposal. It would evolve into the Haitian Development Agency, run by Haitians, after 18 months.

The World Bank will administer a reconstruction fund for the donations and contribute an additional \$250 million during the next 14 months, the Washington-based institution said. All of Haiti's outstanding debt to the bank will be canceled, the bank said.

The new funding comprises \$151 million in grants, a \$39 million write-off from debt cancellation and \$60 million in investments from the bank's private-sector arm, the International Finance Corp.

Obama to Allow Coastal Drilling

HOUSTON — President Barack Obama's plan to expand offshore oil drilling won't soon cut reliance on foreign crude and demonstrates "zigzag politics" that hinder energy development, Royal Dutch Shell's former U.S. chief says.

Obama said Wednesday that he will allow drilling off the East Coast and cancel development in Bristol Bay, Alaska. He said drilling also would be allowed 125 miles off the west coast of Florida if a congressional moratorium is lifted. "It's a constructive first step," said Scott Dean, a spokesman for London-based BP, the largest deepwater oil and natural-gas explorer in the Gulf of Mexico.

The Minerals Management Service estimates that Alaska's Outer Continental Shelf has 26.6 billion barrels of recoverable oil, almost seven times its projection for the East Coast, and 132.1 trillion cubic feet of gas.

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The decision to scrap drilling in Bristol Bay overturns former President George W. Bush's action lifting a long-time ban.

"Taking Alaska's Bristol Bay out of consideration just a couple years after the Bush administration allowed it to be considered is demonstrating once again that zigzag politics controls our energy policy more than substantive long-term strategy," John Hofmeister, the former Shell executive, said Wednesday in an interview in Houston.

Obama said lease sales in Alaska's Chukchi and Beaufort seas would be scrapped to allow further scientific study. Oil companies can't operate effectively with "on-again, off-again" policies, said Hofmeister, who heads Citizens for Affordable Energy in Houston.

"We're pushing off what might be a hard choice to do Arctic drilling," Hofmeister said. "Meanwhile, OPEC wins again." He said Alaska is poised for major energy investments and has enormous resources that would benefit consumers.

Houston-based ConocoPhillips, the third-largest U.S. oil company, expects to be allowed to go forward with exploration on its Chukchi Sea leaseholds, company spokesman Charlie Rowton said.

The company invested \$506 million in February 2008 for the right to explore in the area, and its first well is scheduled to be drilled in 2012, he said.

The Independent Petroleum Association of America, whose members hold 90 percent of the exploration leases in the Gulf of Mexico, and the National Ocean Industries Association, which represents offshore producers and suppliers, called Obama's announcement a good start in addressing energy needs.

Leasing of the proposed exploration areas would represent "the most significant increase in access to domestic energy from our oceans in decades," Randall Luthi, president of the National Ocean Industries Association, said in a statement.

Norway's Statoil, the third-largest holder of deepwater exploration leases in the Gulf of Mexico, said it previously acquired sites near acreage that the U.S. may make available.

"It will be interesting for us to explore the new acreage," said Kjersti Torgersen, a spokeswoman in Houston for Statoil.

Energy producers have been monitoring satellite imagery of underwater oil seeps off the East Coast to determine the most promising sites, said Pete Stark, vice president of industry relations at IHS Inc. in Englewood, Colo., and a former Mobil Corp. geologist. Data from 30 offshore wells drilled prior to a U.S. ban also may help map prospective drill sites, he said.

"This will be a classic, frontier exploration effort," Stark said. "We know there's a hydrocarbon system there, and the questions to investigate now are what, where and how much."

IN BRIEF

HARRISONBURG Auxiliary Police Officers Receive Honors

The Harrisonburg Police Department recognized six auxiliary police officers Thursday for their volunteer service to the department. Created in 2002, the auxiliary police department has devoted more than 6,500 hours of service to the local community, resulting in over \$35,000 in savings for the city, according to HPD's Web site.

GOVERNMENT

Census Forms Due Today

By DANIELLE STRICKLER
The Breeze

The census is due today and if the forms are not returned, then someone will come to count the residents in homes beginning May 1.

The 2010 census was mailed to homes in mid-March for every resident across the nation to fill out. Students on campus have not yet received the forms from the Census Bureau, but forms have been mailed to each off-campus residence and should have been returned.

According to Kevin Meaney, associate director for housing with the Office of Residence Life (ORL), on-campus students will receive forms directly from the Census Bureau.

The Census Bureau requested basic residence hall rosters from ORL by April 2, Meaney said in an e-mail.

ORL does not plan to involve RA's in collection or distribution of the forms. "Filling out the questions took three minutes and was not that big of a deal," said Jeff Small, a sophomore computer science major.

The census forms are important so the government can give money based on population to cities.

If students do not fill out the surveys, a census representative will go to their house. According to the Census Bureau's Web site, it costs America, taxpayers \$1.5 billion to send people to the residence to count the number present.

According to Tammie McGee,

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DAVID CASTERLINE / THE BREEZE

Helping the Earth One Car at a Time

Wednesday's third annual 'No Drive Day' encouraged JMU students, faculty and staff to take the bus, walk or bike to campus. As an incentive, JMU EARTH distributed free T-shirts, food and prizes for people who decided to take alternative transportation to campus.

SPEAKER

Deaf Speaker Shares Life Stories

By JESSICA ALBERT
contributing writer

After being falsely pronounced dead at birth, Richard Pimental was abandoned by his biological mother. Four years later, his grandmother adopted him from an orphanage and raised him.

Even with a rough start to his life, Pimental enlisted in the army during the Vietnam War, where he suffered a brain injury and severe hearing loss.

Now a disability activist Pimental spoke in HHS Monday, during Disability Awareness Week, about his life and experiences with a disability.

Pimental is a nationally renowned expert on disability management, job recruitment, retention and the Americans with Disabilities Act. Pimental's life was made into a 2007 film called "Music Within."

The Office of Disability Services scheduled and planned events for Disability Awareness Week that go along with their theme for this year: "Anyone can change the world."

"I'm the coolest old fat man you will ever meet in your life," Pimental said during his speech.

Pimental humorously told stories about his life during the evening. He wanted the audience to understand why they would want to hear what he had to say.

Pimental said he struggled as a youth because of his stay at the orphanage.

"I was a voluntary mute," Pimental said. "I didn't speak in public and didn't say much at home."

Pimental was considered mentally retarded by many school officials when he was younger. This, along with the fact that Pimental's family was poor, prevented him



RYAN FREELAND / THE BREEZE

An interpreter and projector visually displaying Richard Pimental's aided deaf audience members Monday.

from going to college.

During the Vietnam War he got into an accident and suffered a traumatic brain injury and experienced significant hearing loss. This accident caused him to be removed from the army. After the army Pimental enrolled in Portland State on his own dime.

After enrolling at Portland State, Pimental and another disabled college friend were arrested 33 times while trying to get their point across about disabled Americans.

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MEET THE CANDIDATES FOR SGA EXEC COUNCIL

(continued from front)



Jaclyn McConville ('11)

HOMETOWN: Sparta, N.J.
MAJOR: Political Science
RUNNING FOR: Vice

President of Administrative Affairs

PLATFORM

- Work with professors, academic departments and the bookstore to lower textbook prices for students
- Create a program that would have teaching assistant's for every Gen Ed class hold office hours throughout the week and serve as an important resource to students and faculty
- The Gen Ed Program is very specific and does not make the transfer process easy. Work with the Gen Ed councils and coordinators to look at how we can make this process better
- SOUND BITE:** Transfer student from East Carolina University



Steven Knott ('11)

HOMETOWN: Manhattan, N.Y.
MAJOR:

Finance, Economics
RUNNING FOR: Student Representative to the Board of Visitors

PLATFORM

- Improve collaboration between the administration and students, especially for decisions which are likely to impact student life
- Address and simplify the way in which JMU helps fund club sports/ other school-affiliated activities
- Ensure JMU's alcohol policy moves in a direction that will help students feel less discouraged by our disciplinary system
- SOUND BITE:** Frequent Darts and Pats contributor



Dan Smolkin ('11)

HOMETOWN: Asheville, N.C.
MAJOR: Public

Policy and Administration
RUNNING FOR: Student Representative to the Board of Visitors

PLATFORM

- Push for reform on major student concerns: textbook prices, on-campus parking and computer lab demand
- Lobby the university on behalf of all students and organizations to address funding issues, university resources and space for organizations
- Provide innovative opportunities such as the program for student proposed and facilitated classes and advocate for a student-designed major
- SOUND BITE:** After college I would like to start my own company. I have worked for several startups in California since high school and I would like to try it out for myself.



Brock Wallace ('11)

HOMETOWN: Virginia Beach
MAJOR: Biology
RUNNING FOR: Vice

President of Student Affairs (unopposed)

PLATFORM

- More space for organizations in Taylor/Warren Halls
- Blip It (Bus Line Information Retrieval Program): This is a bus system where students would be able to use a Web site, text message, or iPhone app to find buses, providing a more accurate means of locating where buses are at a given moment
- The Big Event: This would be a one-day service project during the year where students could show appreciation to the Harrisonburg community by doing various service projects, and promoting campus and community unity
- SOUND BITE:** "Freshman year, I tripped on my own foot and hit my head on the train tracks by Greek Row after a game of capture the flag."



Abby Ware ('13)

HOMETOWN: Great Falls
MAJOR: Political Science
RUNNING FOR: Treasurer (unopposed)

PLATFORM

- Bring the commitment, energy, and compassion I have for the JMU community and SGA in order to carry out the position of Executive Treasurer
- Search for effective and alternative ways to provide funding for Front-End-Budgeted and non-FEB organizations
- Work more closely and individually with organizations to best serve my position as Executive Treasurer
- SOUND BITE:** I sang the first verse of [Third Eye Blind's] "Jumper" with the bass player and lead singer, Stephan Jenkins, shook a tambourine in my face.

PHILANTHROPY

Rocking Out for Charity

By AARON KOEPPER
The Breeze

The Take the Pulse charity concert this Monday evening isn't just good music and donations; it's about changing student mentality. This year the group seeks a bigger venue and more involvement from organizations to entertain and educate students on global sustainability issues.

The concert will feature Chicago indie-band Owen and garage-rock band Elephant Child. David Richard and Madison Project will also perform. In addition to the musical acts, two professors will speak about their experiences working in sustainable development.

Senior Danny Lampton, the founder of Take the Pulse, and junior Evan Balaber, a member of Take the Pulse committee, worked to recruit local bands and work with JMU's connections in the music industry.

"The more I heard about it, the more I loved it and the more I became passionate about it," Balaber said. "From there, it just became this full-fledged effort to do some real good."

This is the first year Take the Pulse has had its own committee in JMU's Student Ambassador program; in previous years it was sponsored by on-campus organizations.

"Now we're finally an established committee; we have a lot more manpower, a lot more cosponsors," Lampton said. "We have a lot more organizations present. It really emphasizes the true spirit of the event."

All sales from the concert will be donated to Kiva.org, an organization that makes

"From there, it just became this full-fledged effort to do some real good."

Evan Balaber
junior, Take the Pulse
Committee Member

micro-loans to entrepreneurs in third-world countries. Kiva gives micro-loans in increments of \$25 to entrepreneurs with profiles on the Kiva Web site; the recipients then repay the lenders as soon as their businesses become profitable.

Kiva reports a repayment rate from all partners of 98 percent. Lampton said JMU donated \$750 in both of the past two years from the event to entrepreneurs, selected by the organizers. This year the Take the Pulse committee will decide who the money will go to. Lampton hopes eventually the student body as a whole can decide whom to lend to.

Lampton chose Kiva because it not only allows recipients to expand their business, but the returned loans also allow Take the Pulse to continue to

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SGA

Year-End Goals Finalized

By AMANDA HERMAN
The Breeze

With only two SGA senate meetings left in the semester, senators held a 30-minute work session Tuesday to discuss leftover business.

Separated into three groups, senators discussed upcoming projects and events, goals to complete before the end of the year, and long-term projects they would like to continue working on in future semesters.

Two long-term projects discussed are the recent cheating and ethics survey sent out by the Academic Affairs committee as well as the creation of a campus safety video to show to prospective and new students. There is also a plan, pending approval, to implement student-led classes in the spring semester of 2011.

Next Tuesday, SGA will vote on the budgets for Front End Budget organizations. These organizations are guaranteed money at the beginning of each year and include the SGA (though it does not finalize its own budget), Student Ambassadors, University Program Board, Madison Equality, CARE, Earth Club, Panhellenic, Inter-Franternic Council, NAACP and Black Student Alliance.

GAYMU | Safe Zones Are 'Stepping-Stones' on Campus

from front

being "safe" on the JMU campus. Resident advisors, hall directors, students and staff are encouraged to become a Safe Zone member. The complete list can be found at www.jmu.edu/safezone.

JMU Safe Zones are affiliated with Madison Equality — a student-run club committed to the promotion and acceptance for the LGBT community.

Junior Faith DeGallery, treasurer of Madison Equality, explained the people who generally utilize the Safe Zone alliance are those who may be struggling with their sexual orientation. The people who seek that help may not initially come out beyond that, she said.

"What we tell people is that you might not get people visiting you, but it's all about visibility," DeGallery said. "Normally, people who come out to these events are already comfortable with their sexuality. Safe Zones are for people who are less comfortable and need help. It's a stepping-stone."

Bethany Bryson ('91) is an associate professor of sociology at JMU and the main coordinator for JMU Safe Zone. As an undergraduate at JMU, she was the

president of Harmony, the former name of Madison Equality. According to Bryson, the most difficult part for students about being openly gay on campus is it opens them up for harassment.

"Sometimes there is a conflict between not being 'out' at home and being 'out' on campus," Bryson said.

Sophomore Ricky Buffington, vice president of Madison Equality, said he knew a girl who was comfortable with her sexual orientation but preferred to keep it private. To talk about her feelings, she went to talk to a professor she saw with the Safe Zone on her door who helped her address feelings and concerns.

"Safe Zone is multifaceted and open-ended and that's what makes it awesome," Buffington said. "It shows that the person is sensitive to the needs of LGBT, and each professor can do their own thing with it."

Thomas Lavenir, assistant director of Multicultural/International Student Services, said he volunteers with Safe Zone coordinators and members.

"LGBTIQ issues do not simply apply and matter to one department over the other," Lavenir said. "They apply to everyone!"



Freshman engineering major Rachny Soun hands out free "gay? fine by me" T-shirts on the commons Wednesday during GayMU week.

NATE CARDEN / THE BREEZE

CHARGES Victim Did Not Want to Testify

from front

Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Cristabel Opp said the deal was made on behalf of the victim.

"She's never going to have to talk about being raped in front of a courtroom of strangers," Opp said. "We don't want to traumatize the victim."

Opp said the night of the incident, which police responded to in the early morning hours of Oct. 31, the victim was leaving a party on South Main Street with her friends. When she realized that Mick was bad news, Opp said her friends were too far ahead.

"When you get a lot of people talking without a lot of facts, you get a lot of gossip and rumors," Opp said. "She's never going to get a chance to confront that."

Opp said Mick had his arms around her but she wanted to get somewhere safe.

In her dorm room, Mick passed out and she went for help, Opp said.

When police arrived, she did not seem to understand what they were saying about a rape kit.

"The rumor that she refused one is inaccurate," Opp said. "For victims of violent sexual assault, not understanding is typical."

GRANTS | Loans Will Be Administered by Fed

from front

The Department of Education will administer these loans to private banks under government contracts. According to the Congressional Budget Office, this action will reduce the national deficit by \$68 billion within the next 11 years.

"This legislation is a win for students and parents struggling to make ends meet to fulfill the dream of a college education," Education Secretary Arne Duncan said in a media conference after the bill's signing. "By ending subsidies to banks, we can make important investments that increase affordability and access to our nation's universities and community colleges."

The Pell Grant program, a section of the federal grant program, is a higher education financial aid administered by the Department of Education. Because the grants are targeted to help underprivileged families pay for college, the grants do not need to be repaid to the government.

Students' eligibility is determined after they fill out a FAFSA form, but is usually available to families making around \$20,000. According to the Federal Pell

Grant Program's Web site, the current amount received by someone who qualifies for Pell

"I see every day in my classroom just how hard my students work in order to pay their tuition bills."

Jill Biden
second lady

Grants averages around \$4,000. By 2017, the maximum will increase to \$5,530.

"I see every day in my classroom just how hard my students work in order to pay their tuition bills," said Second Lady Jill Biden, who is also a professor at Northern Virginia Community College, at the signing. "Often their family budgets are stretched to the limit. And when things get tough—someone loses a job or a family member gets sick—a college education is the first thing to go."

CENSUS | \$57 to Send Workers to Homes

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a Virginia media specialist for the U.S. Census Bureau, it costs on average \$57 to send someone to a house, for one visit. Typically, it takes several visits to a home before representatives find a resident.

"If I don't fill out the form, I feel that it is not going to alter the results that much," said Brian Breeden, a junior computer information system major.

According to McGee, 18-to-24-year-olds are the hardest to count because they do not realize how important the census is, or they believe their parents will count them.

According to the census bureau's Web site, the national rate for return is 46 percent, and Virginia currently has a 51 percent return rate. Harrisonburg currently has a 44 percent return rate. If everyone sends back the census, Harrisonburg will receive more accurate amounts to the community, for activities and projects.

Blacksburg, has a 41 percent participation rate thus far. After April 1, any residence not showing up as had turned in the form, will be put on a census list to be contacted in person, starting May 1.

"In 2000 Virginia had one of the highest return rates with 71%, however, there is always 100% participation, because people will come to your house to make sure that everyone has been counted,"

McGee said.

The U.S. Census Bureau requests students be counted at their colleges, not with their parents. This helps college towns receive more resources to take care of its population.

"I think it is important to share information so that the government can properly allocate the money," said Rebecca Arvin, a senior public policy major.

Those residents refusing to answer the census questions can be fined up to \$100. Incomplete questionnaires or false information can also warrant a fine from the federal government.

The census only asks for the person's name, ethnic origin, birthday and age, and the relationship to the other people in the home. The census also requires a phone number of someone in the home, in case there are any questions.

Although a representative from the Census Bureau will visit the home of those who do not return forms, there is still the possibility for someone trying to scam a person. Residents should ask to see identification and remember that the representative will never ask to come into the home.

For more information on the census and also to keep track of the rates of return for across the nation, visit t2010.census.gov.

Not All Colleges Will Raise Fees

Washington Post

Many of the most prestigious — and expensive — colleges in Mid-Atlantic have capped annual tuition increases at 4 percent for the coming academic year, a gesture, school officials said, of fiscal restraint and a signal to families of the college-bound that they are doing their part to remain affordable.

Several schools said their fall tuition reflects the smallest annual increase in many years. Tuition increases were uncharacteristically small this year as well, for concern that a significant increase would scare off recession-weary families. But the nation's private colleges still are fighting against sticker shock. At least three in the Washington area will charge more than \$40,000 in tuition alone in the 2010-11 academic year, excluding fees and living expenses.

"I think what we have done is keep the tuition as low as we can, given the situation we are all in," said Dennis O'Shea, spokesman for Johns Hopkins University. Tuition at Johns Hopkins rose 3.8 percent this year and will rise another 3.9 percent next year, to \$40,680. Officials said they are, together, the smallest annual tuition increases at the school since the mid-1970s.

Tuition for incoming freshmen at George Washington University will reach \$42,860, representing a third consecutive year of 3 percent increases. GWU is nominally the most expensive college in the area, but the designation is misleading, because the school has an unusual policy of charging students the same tuition throughout their undergraduate years. Average tuition for current undergraduates remains below \$40,000.

Undergraduate tuition at Georgetown University will rise 3 percent to \$39,768. Tuition will rise 3.9 percent to \$39,500 at Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Va., the smallest increase there in more than a decade. Loyola University Maryland will charge \$37,950, a 3.9 percent increase; along with a similar increase this year, it's the smallest change in 30 years. The University of Richmond, and Goucher College and Washington College, both in Maryland, all report 4 percent increases.

College officials say they are making institutional sacrifices to keep tuition increases minimal at a time when college endowments have taken catastrophic losses. Johns Hopkins, for example, is under a wage freeze.

But the college-bound population may be averse to any increase, said James Boyle, president of the Arlington-based membership group College Parents of America.

"What would stand out is a college that says, 'We're not raising prices at all,'" he said.

At least seven colleges have frozen tuition in 2010-11, according to the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities in the District: Culver-Stockton College in Missouri,

Fresno Pacific University in California, Hiram College in Ohio, Minneapolis College of Art and Design, the Sage Colleges in New York, Southern New Hampshire University and Thomas Aquinas College in California. Many big-name schools, including the University of Pennsylvania and Syracuse University, are capping increases at 3 or 4 percent.

College officials are defending even modest increases. In a letter to parents and students this month, Goucher President Sanford Ungar wrote that, "As steep as its cost may seem, (Goucher's tuition) is still below that of many similar institutions and, we are convinced it is a good value and excellent investment."

An industry survey by the independent colleges association found a 4.3 percent tuition increase among its members this year, the lowest figure reported in 37 years. Tuition and fees averaged \$26,273 this year at private, nonprofit colleges, according to the New York-based College Board.

"Prior to the recession, average annual tuition increases at private colleges were about 6 percent. That's now dropped to around 4 percent," said Tony Pals, spokesman for the industry

"There's a lot of concern that if tuition goes up too quickly during an economic downturn, it could hurt enrollment."

Tony Pals
spokesman for N.Y. college board

group. Preliminary results from a survey of 2010-11 tuition suggests something "closer to last year's numbers than the pre-recession average," he said.

Not every school is following the 4 percent cap. Tuition at American University will rise 5 percent in fall to \$36,180. Tuition at St. John's College in Annapolis will rise 4.5 percent to \$41,792, passing the \$40,000 marker that other schools have chosen not to cross.

Colleges are limiting tuition increases for fear that large increases will drive students away, Pals said. "There's a lot of concern that if tuition goes up too quickly during an economic downturn, it could hurt enrollment."

A pattern of 5 and 6 percent tuition increases over the past two decades has fueled a public perception of runaway prices in private higher education. The reality is more complex. Private tuition and fees have risen less than 3 percent annually since 1990 after adjusting for inflation, according to the College Board. The net price of private college, after subtracting grant aid, has actually gone down in the past five years.

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ROTC

Air Force Officer Teaches Importance of Language

BY JOSHUA HAHN
contributing writer

One imperative aspect that separates cultures from one another is language. Brian Smith knows the importance of this.

On Tuesday, Air Force Lt. Col. Brian M. Smith gave a speech to James Madison ROTC about his experiences in the military as a helping hand to those who need it in countries overseas.

Smith, the deputy director of the language department for the Air Force Cultural and Language Center, emphasized how important it is to befriend locals in U.S. occupied countries like Iraq and Afghanistan. This includes not only learning the language, but also being immersed in their culture.

To make his point, Smith showed a video of a woman unsuccessfully trying to translate a sentence to people of various ethnicities based on previous experiences. She embarrassed herself by confusing different nationalities and reinforcing stereotypes, yelling "Ching chang chong" at an obviously offended Chinese woman.

Although humorous, Smith assured the ROTC that this video had a grain of truth to it.

"Language and culture are heavily intertwined," Smith said. He pointed out that although someone may know

a language, they might not fully understand it until they also comprehend a country's culture.

"I used to watch those African children around two in the morning, with the swelled bellies and the flies all over their eyes and think to myself, 'Man, that's terrible. But what can I do?' "

Brian Smith
Air Force Lt. Col.

Smith emphasized language because of the numerous opportunities that can be gained through knowing a second, or even a third or fourth language. According to Smith, corporations that used to be American are now operated overseas because these countries took the time and effort to learn about the English language and American culture.

However, the importance of language in today's globalizing world was not the only topic that Smith covered in his speech.

Toward the end of his discussion, Smith's demeanor changed. His tone became solemn as he talked about the person he used to be.

"I used to watch those African children around two in the morning, with the swelled bellies and the flies all over their eyes and think to myself, 'Man, that's terrible. But what can I do?' "

But that was before his career in the military. Now, he has formed friendships around the world. He has influenced people in a positive way — people that won't even know his name. And that, he says, is what makes the job worthwhile.

Smith has also saved lives. "Who gets to say this?" he asked rhetorically. "That's why people die — because of what we represent to the rest of the world."

Tim Norville of the Office of International Programs also talked about Project Go: Nenda, a program in which ROTC students can travel abroad and learn a foreign language, such as Kiswahili, while living in a place that uses the language. For more information, visit www.rotcprojectgo.org.

This program gives scholarships to students in order to spend time in Kenya and other places abroad so they can have similar opportunities to Smith's.

SHOCK | Project Began in 2002

from front

The project is part of a larger initiative, started in the summer of 2002 by Virginia's Department of Alcohol Beverage Control, according to the department's Web site. The Virginia program originated after combining aspects of similar programs by the Pennsylvania Liquor Control

Board and the Maine Office of Substance Abuse.

Students teamed up with Harrisonburg High School's Key Club and 19 Harrisonburg-Rockingham Youth Council members back in November to implement the project, according to the Strong Families/Great Youth Coalition.

After the effective first run,

JMU decided to give the initiative another shot in the spring on a larger scale.

Watson believes the project's primary goal was to educate adults who weren't aware of the consequences.

She saw it as "a great way to spread awareness in our community."

CONCERT | Encourages Goodwill

from front

expand and fund future events. Because the donations are from students, when the money is returned from the entrepreneurs, it goes directly back to the committee.

Roughly 100 people have attended the event in the past. Though previously held in Grafton-Stovall Theater, Take the Pulse will be held in the Festival Grand Ballroom so organizers will have more room in hopes of drawing a larger audience.

"We wanted to make it as big as it should be it should be. It's meant to be a hub for students to voice what they care about," Lampton said.

"For that we need to have plenty of booths, tables and room for all kinds of student and Harrisonburg presenters."

Amnesty International, the Nicaragua Project and the Institute for Stewardship of the

Natural World are expected to be at the event promoting awareness for their issues.

The two guest speakers are

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Robert Eliason
professor

JMU professors Robert Eliason of the College of Business and professor Bradley Striebig of the engineering department. Striebig's talk is titled "Small Heroes, Big Impacts" and is about the people he's worked with in the

third world that have inspired him to stay involved.

"One person is using waste to generate bio-gas and has been so successful using waste for power that his neighbors had asked them to do the same for them," Striebig said. "I don't think we hear about these stories very often, and I was just blown away from the ingenuity and creativeness."

Eliason hopes to encourage student involvement and assure them that through donations and from working on small projects in developing countries, they can make a difference.

"People can have a better life by being connected to the world, it just has to mean something to them," Eliason said. "Whether it be through Kiva by investing in someone in another country, whether you meet someone overseas and develop a relationship with them, just find way to get involved."

SPEAKER | Text Displayed Live

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He became an advocate and activist for the Disabilities Rights Movement. Disabilities Services Specialist, Matt Trybus said, "He was instrumental in creating the coalition that eventually constructed and helped pass the Americans with Disabilities

Act."

At the end of his speech, Pimentel repeated the theme of JMU's Disability Awareness Week to reinforce that he is living proof of it.

Unlike most campus events, there was a sign language interpreter for deaf individuals and a voice activated word processor

that displayed the text of the speech live.

Disability Services was pleased with the number of people who showed up. Last year, a movie screening during Disability Awareness Week had less than 10 individuals attend.

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EDITORIAL

Refuse Fees

FACULTY SENATE HAS approved a resolution that, if the Board of Visitors passes Friday, would impose a \$25 fee on students who drop a course after the first week of the semester.

Such a measure is unfair and illogical. A liberal arts university should encourage students to explore their boundaries and interests, not implement measures for the exact opposite.

A penalty-enforced deadline after the first week of classes would encourage students to drop classes during that penalty-free first week. Why risk paying the fine if you're not thrilled with the first day?

The Faculty senate approved the resolution was passed assuming it would help class availability by discouraging students from frivolously signing up for courses. Students enroll in classes they have no interest in taking, that causes unnecessary trouble for the administration. It is by no means the most common reason why classes are dropped.

Students often get jobs and can't make the time commitment necessary to do well in a class. Sometimes a class is more advanced than advertised, or the class is simply not a good one — it's an unfortunate possibility, but a true one.

When students do sign up and find out the class is not what they imagined, rather than allowing them to leave free of charge and give their spot to someone who wants it, students will be pressured to stay.

Students who take unnecessary classes that don't fit often drop them for the classes they need which allows other students to pick up the classes that had been previously filled.

Don't allow yourselves to be subject to this restriction. Contact your faculty and administration and say NO to this measure.



JOHN SCOTT | don't tread on me

Rest in Peace, Pub

On a Tuesday night, I can usually be found standing with my friends holding a 22 oz. Natural Light in the middle of The Pub. The general mood of the establishment is jovial, as many students brave the walk up to the stage and serenade their peers with karaoke.



Although the same sequence of events took place this Tuesday, I couldn't help but feel sadness. Just five short weeks before I leave JMU, one of the most popular watering holes in town is permanently closing its doors.

Metaphorically speaking, insult was being added to injury.

Yes, the establishment's owners allegedly broke the law. Although, I understand why they allegedly did this, I do not advocate breaking the law. However, it is necessary to reiterate a point I made in my Sept. 3, 2009 column entitled, "OMG, I Crashed. FML": "I've always wondered if people don't follow some laws simply because they consider them unnecessary..."

As noted in *The Breeze's* March 29 article titled "Student Favorite The Pub to Close Its Doors": "Many of The Pub's problems stemmed from an inability to

meet food-to-liquor ratios set by the [Alcohol Beverage Control Board.]" Is there a legitimate governmental interest in the ratio between the number of hot dogs and Jager Bombs The Pub sells on any given night?

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Regardless of how mundane the statute is, Pub co-owner William R. Royer points out how the policies placed his business at a distinct disadvantage to others: "ABC is targeting certain businesses that are more prominently known as a 'nightspot' rather than a steakhouse or a foods venue." Indeed. Rarely is it the case when I can't decide between D-Hall and The Pub for dinner.

In late 2008, Rocktown Grill, which was arguably the most popular bar in town, shut down due to the owners

not fully paying taxes, but they also had problems with the food-to-liquor ratio. Recently, Bourbon Street on Main's liquor license was suspended after it did not meet the requirements for a liquor license. Does this mean we need to increase the level of strictness? Is that even possible? And won't that just choke out the remaining hot spots in Harrisonburg?

Throughout the year, I have written on some common themes, one of which is the unintended, negative consequences that come from governmental regulation of industries. When these establishments are shut down, this forces students to stay at home and provide parties at their apartments. Not only does this encourage underaged and binge drinking, but it is an unsupervised danger. This will only lead to an increase in police citations and arrests as well as the city's amount of general crime.

ABC policies affect students just as much as businesses. As Royer noted, many state alcohol policies are out of touch with today's alcohol distribution and usage. Our generation needs to lobby for a revision of these policies to ensure a safer future for all those who drink alcohol.

John Scott is a senior writing, rhetoric & technical communication major and former SGA senator.

LETTER

Go Dukes!

One of the best parts of giving a tour as a Student Ambassador is watching fellow JMU students encourage visiting families. In case you didn't know, we love your honks, your shouts and, of course, your generous door-holding abilities. High school students are amazed to see how much our student body enjoys being here. Think back to your first visit ... what sold you? I bet it had more to do with seeing students who loved JMU than reading an informational handout.

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Emily Govel
President, Student Ambassadors

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From your busy roommate who treasures every bit of sleep she can get.

A "why-do-you-build-me-up,-buttercup,-baby," dart to my buddy for saying he would slug cold ones Monday night.
From your senior mentor and sex therapist who felt let down and messed around.

A "you-share-worse-than-a-preschooler" dart to the girl on the bus selfishly taking up two seats when people were squeezed on and standing.
From a fellow bus rider who knows she's not the only one on the bus.

A "come-to-JMU" pat to all the people taking tours around campus.
From a junior who loves seeing all the potential freshman.

A "hmmm-that's-fair...-NOT" dart to the professors who decided it would be a great idea to wait until April to determine 75 percent of our grade in their class.
From overworked, underpaid students everywhere.

ERIC BOLINDER | guest column

Clarifying Unconstitutionality of Health Care

The Conflict is not Between State and Federal Law

I feel compelled to write a short piece responding to Mr. Scott's editorial on the Attorney General's decision to sue over health care reform. I am an outspoken and unrelenting critic of the recent health care legislation. I have opposed it from day one, and I am disappointed to see it is being signed into law.

That said, Mr. Scott's reasoning behind his support of the Attorney General's attempt to have the statute ruled unconstitutional is, to borrow his own terminology, misguided. The crux of Mr. Scott's argument is because Virginia has a statute which conflicts directly with a federal statute, the Attorney General is under a duty to sue. The Constitution is quite clear in the Supremacy Clause that federal law is the "supreme law of the land and states are bound by it; laws of any state to the contrary notwithstanding." Framing the constitutional issue as a conflict between state and federal law is undoubtedly incorrect. On that issue alone, in a vacuum, the Commonwealth will not make it very far.

The main constitutional issue at hand here is asking if Congress has overstepped its bounds in using the power appropriated to it in the Commerce Clause. Many top constitutional scholars, such as Erwin Chemerinsky, argue

the legislature has not. Health care is an issue which so substantially and obviously impacts interstate commerce that it will be extremely difficult to construe the facts in any way to rule this statute unconstitutional. Despite the Rehnquist Court's historical willingness to handcuff congress in U.S. v. Lopez, an evaluation of more recent decisions makes it clear that precedent likely supports this statute as constitutional. See *Gonzales v. Raich* (the

I find myself agreeing with the sentiment that many of the people suing to have this bill overturned are doing it out of political motives and are wasting precious government resources in the process.

"California medical marijuana case"). I think even Justice Thomas, considering his scathing dissent in *Gonzales*, would have a difficult time ruling this statute unconstitutional. One may argue that

because it is a mandate to buy health insurance rather than a control on voluntary behavior, it is unprecedented, but I think that is a stretch. This is posed, ultimately, as a tax and not any sort of regulation on criminal activity.

In conclusion, even as an opponent of health care legislation, I find myself agreeing with the sentiment that many of the people suing to have this bill overturned are doing it out of political motives and are wasting precious government resources in the process. I stop short of saying there is absolutely no chance it is ruled unconstitutional — anything is possible in the courts — but unless critics expect the Roberts Court to set a bold new precedent which, while technically possible, is highly unlikely, then they should shift their efforts elsewhere putting new people in power in the legislature.

I hope I have clarified the primary reasons behind this bill's alleged unconstitutionality, and I implore the movement fighting this legislation to turn their efforts back to the legislative arena and not be distracted by the probable red herring of a constitutional issue.

Eric Bolinder is a 2008 JMU alumnu.

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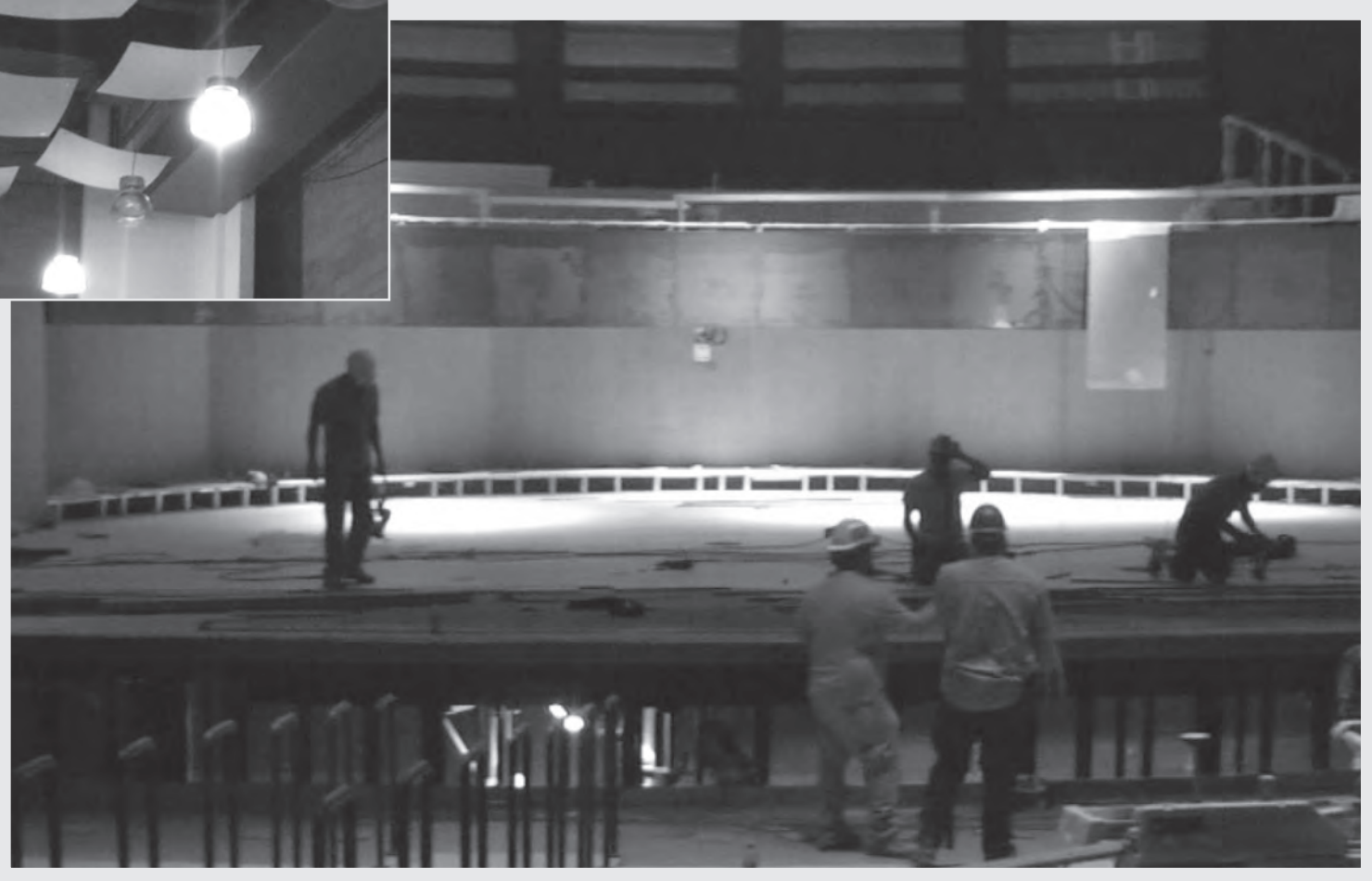
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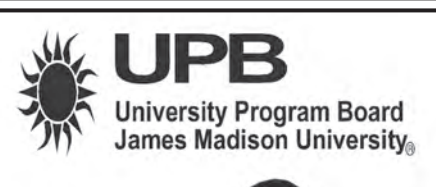
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Outgoing Breezers Say Their Goodbyes

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Leading *The Breeze* for the past two years has been an incredible experience. The skills I've gained and the relationships I've built with readers, sources and co-workers are invaluable. By working with the talented students that contribute here, *The Breeze* has become one of the top student newspapers in the country. While I am proud of my accomplishments as editor, I realize it is not about me. The people in my life have inspired me to lead *The Breeze* with a passion to always serve the community of James Madison University. I wish to thank many people, but here are a few that I especially need to:

God — With your guidance I have grown as a journalist and a person who ultimately seeks the truth. Some describe this as a God-less profession — I strongly disagree.

My Family — Ralph and Janet Chapman, you are incredible parents and I thank you for always supporting me. You are amazing people, and the fact that you sent all 14 of your children to college is amazing.

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My co-workers — The people I have worked with at *The Breeze* are very promising journalists and great friends. I would like to thank you each personally, but there is one person I have to thank in this message. Working alongside Whitten Maher has been a true blessing. Whitten is a brilliant mind and one I should have listened to more often. Your mindfulness toward all aspects of the paper is unparalleled. *The Breeze* would have struggled mightily without you. Thank you for being my top adviser and, more importantly, my best friend.

My friends — Thank you to my roommates and all of my friends outside of *The Breeze* who put up with listening to me talk about the damn thing all of the time. (Thank you to the gentlemen at 1825 for keeping me young.)

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The truly special people — Thank you Susan Shifflett, Paul Sweeney and Betty Lou Bowers. You are all often overlooked, but you're the reason a hectic life is bearable. It is quite sad knowing I will not be regularly bs'ing in your

office, bus or the dessert-line at D-Hall.

My critics — Thank you for speaking up and furthering the discussion. In an oft-apathetic society, you readers are the ones who sustain democracy by questioning things.

Cheers.



Tim Chapman
Editor-in-Chief

Stay Classy

Working for *The Breeze* has been the most exciting and challenging experience. You never know how much a job has affected you until your time there is over. I've gained so much working knowledge over the past three years. When I started as a staff photographer, I was intimidated by the publication. Ten thousand of my peers and professors would see my work and I didn't want to disappoint.

I am so proud of how the paper has evolved since I've worked here. Many people never think about how much time and thought goes into every page, every article and every photograph. Our staff is a dysfunctional family that works so hard to bring all JMU culture to you.

To the new staff — please make deadline! Make sure to respect each other and work through your differences. Challenge yourself to achieve all your goals, and don't take the negative experiences for granted, because they teach the most.

To all the wonderful people I have worked with over the years — each of you has taught me something, and those things I will remember forever. Good luck in your future endeavors; I know you will be successful.

JMU is a great place to grow and discover. I hope every student will get involved. Your time here is short, so make the most of it. Remember every situation is a learning experience.

Photo Staff — GET NAMES!

Drew — Good luck with budgets!

My roommates & friends — Thanks for listening to me talk about *The Breeze* so much!

Adrienne Goldberg
Managing Editor



Remember When...



In the past four years, I've seen it all — so much, we can't put most of it in print:

Never missing a production day. My first freak-out as Managing Editor. The #^@&!%\$ supplements. *The Breeze* handshake. The pink guitar. Demon baby and the ukulele. The ever-present scanner and camera ... and the creepy video. Evan dancing on tables. Playground pics. Playing paintball



in the woods. Visits from Yoga and Daisy. Ashton and Erik of Erik and Ashton. Gill! Greg Groves! Anthony's pizza. Susan's never-ending candy and conversations. Kelly and Lauren's ragers and tailgates. Kaleigh's weekend stories. Brian's hickies and horoscopes. Happys and Crappys. The Trophy of Usefulness. Elderly sperm. Awkward turtles. Amburgers and Wootbeer. Pennies of Promise. Breezincest. BSFs. Lapdances from a certain ex-sports editor. Wes "forgetting his story at home." "Truly Madly Deeply." "Things to do on 33 versus Panera." "PDFing!" "I'd only f--- certain fonts..." "Where's your paaaage?" "I had a big breakfast." "This is unmanageable." Cartwheels and chair races. Wine Wednesdays. Tequila Thursdays. New York 2K8. Breezegiving-maskah. Trident Charts. Passdowns. Walkouts.

Peace out *Breeze*, it's been real.

Anna Young
Art Director



Trials and Triumphs

To the new staff — Making deadline is the biggest test. Drama and controversy are never far away; the newsroom is a very exciting place. Eyes will tear, sources will hang up the phone on you and the Design Editor might throw a pen at your head. You may consider quitting but always keep in mind you're serving a necessary cause. Make JMaddy proud.



To my successors — Copy Editors have the best of both worlds: You don't have to oversee writers, photographers or videographers, but you hold a significant amount of leverage over the content published in the paper. Just remember that AP style is your religion, Google is your best friend and serial commas are your enemy.

To the student body — We value your opinion and ideas. Don't let your ignitable voice suffocate. Stay informed, read *The Breeze* and question the administration.

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For our last issue as photo editors at *The Breeze*, we picked *Ophelia*, by junior English major **Meredith Sizemore**, as the winning image for our portrait contest. It is a colorful, technically sound portrait with a well-lit subject. The shallow depth of field intensifies an emotional connection with the subject.



"Ophelia"

Seth Binsted and Holly Fournier

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The Rocktown Rollers are made of 11 skaters, but are also training five new members that will slowly be brought on to the roster.

By JORDAN GAREGNANI
contributing writer

When Sarah Rose-Silva, a wife and mother, steps into Funky's Skate Center, she leaves behind hours of laundry, dishes and crying kids to become Tarnished Silva — a roller-derby warrior. With her small frame, sweet face and bright red hair she looks like a perfectly content mother, but with her skate pads and helmet on, she transforms into a daring version of herself who shoulder-checks and jumps over fallen skaters.

With five new members on the team this season, roller-derby is an emerging community within Harrisonburg. These hardcore Rocktown Rollers, seen cruising around a skate track, are the alter egos of mothers, teachers, bankers, nurses and students.

When asked why they take time out of their lives to skate, Silva termed it as, "something for yourself" as the other women nodded in agreement.

"The first year you're getting out all your aggression, but then

it becomes about different people and styles coming together as a cohesive unit and overcoming your fears," said Beth Pleasants, a.k.a Betty Crasher.

For others, roller-derby is about participating in a competitive sport and gaining a sense of community in Harrisonburg. The women said roller-derby is not just about a group of similar people, but about bringing different people and personalities together. Most of the women are in the professional world and have regular day jobs. Only one skater, Kaitlin Ilnitzki (KILL-nitzki) is a student at JMU, though there are several alumnae.

At their first home bout on April 11 at Funky's, the women were practicing hard. The team of 11 practices two hours twice a week. They run drills with names like "No Love for the Jammer" or "Queen of the Track." All of the women have hard-core derby nicknames and rarely call each other by their real names. Each picks her own name, making sure none are used twice.

Every team member has her own story. Chris Tolar (Cardiac Arrest) heard about derby because she frequented the rink on free skate nights. Tolar planned to try out with friends, but at the last minute her friends didn't show up. Silva hadn't skated

for 22 years, but decided to try something new and exciting.

Others needed a little more convincing. Pleasants practically dragged Christina Steele (Blue Steele) to practice. The two met at a Starbucks drive-through and Pleasants immediately invited Steele to try out for the team, but it was not an easy transition.

"I was a wall-hugger at the first practice, and then quit for two weeks until Betty came after me," Steele said. "I knew it was going to be all or nothing."

Now Steele is one of the team's top blockers.

The Rocktown Rollers have deemed downtown's the Artful Dodger as their hangout spot because of its fun, casual atmosphere. It also happens to be the daytime workplace of the team's coach Thom Metroka (Troch), who is the kitchen manager. Settled in a corner of the Artful Dodger, the mingling women revealed the truth about their derby lives.

Here, everyone has a place on the team. For example, Heather Alentado (Knasty Knitter) loves knitting and makes

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Transitions Transforms to GILTY

By ROB MANCH
contributing writer

On-campus student activities come in many forms, but starting tonight, a new event will become the first of its kind. A completely student-run on-campus nightclub called "Club GILTY" will make its first appearance in the Transitions room of Warren Hall.

The club was initially the brainchild of two sophomores, Gil Welsford and Ty Walker. They were disappointed in the fact that

"Lasers are awesome. Who has lasers? Nobody in Harrisonburg has lasers. But we do."

Gil Welsford
sophomore business major

scene in Harrisonburg. We looked at some different venues that we could do it at and we were looking at all off-campus stuff. Then we thought about it and were like 'You know what, why don't we just go on campus?'

The two first brought their idea before Student Affairs, where Walker already had connections because of his work as a DJ for several university events. They first talked with Student Affairs Coordinator Shari Scofield who found the idea exciting.

"I certainly want to see it happen," Scofield said. "We're going to do at least one, but I think that by next year we need to be doing one per month."

After bringing the idea before members of the administration, they were got the go-ahead to set a date and time for the club's opening. According to Welsford, they settled on the room in Transitions because of its manageable size and limited access points. This would give it more of a "club feel," as opposed to one of the ballrooms in Festival, which was another potential venue.

"It's just going to be a straight dance party," Walker said. "I'm going to be deejaying, I think it's going to be fun."

Welsford and Walker have thought of several ideas to enhance



ROBERT BOAG / THE BREEZE

Sophomores Gil Welsford (left) and Ty Walker started the on-campus Club GILTY to fulfill JMU's lack of a club scene.

"Club GILTY" for their upcoming student audience. Ideas include fog machines, strobe lights and laser projectors.

"Lasers are awesome," Welsford said, "Who has lasers? Nobody in Harrisonburg has lasers. But we do."

Though expecting an audience of about 250 students, they hope to get as many as 500 in attendance. Doors will open at 10 p.m. — 2 a.m. on today and admission will be free. A Facebook group was also recently created for the event.

Students Rave about Top-Rated Professor

By TORIE FOSTER
The Breeze

Kimberly DuVall-Early has got her students talking — about her lectures. And not just during class time.

The psychology professor was recently listed as the highest-rated professor in the nation on RateMyProfessor.com, a Web site pooling opinions on more than 1 million professors from more than 6,000 schools. DuVall-Early's average rating was 4.9 out of 5 for overall quality, helpfulness

and clarity.

DuVall-Early's six classes on life-span development are always full, according to the psychology department head Michael Stoloff.

"I was really shocked because it is quite a difficult achievement," Stoloff said. "A large number of students rated her virtually perfectly."

But upon entering DuVall-Early's classroom, it's easy to see why she is so popular. Students casually took their seats as 311's "Amber" played in the background, and it's not the only time DuVall-Early

incorporates music into her class. She plays some before each exam to help her students relax. She also leads breathing exercises.

'Professor D,' as her students call her, "has a wonderful sense of humor," freshman Brian Phipps said. "She's a light-hearted professor, so the class is less stressful, which makes the material easier to understand."

DuVall-Early's positive energy was apparent from the get-go. "Thank you for being here!" she said cheerfully. "This is gonna be a fun day!"

Before beginning her lecture, DuVall-Early shared "Professor D's pics," which include a list of activities around Harrisonburg, "instead of hanging out at Trash-by," she said.

This is one way DuVall-Early tries to relate to her students, in addition to reading and chatting with her students before class.

"It is nice to be liked," she said, "but in the end it's the 'warm fuzzies' [personal connections] that state how much students learned

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ANDY FRAM | that's so college

Mating Patterns of the College Male

It was a long, cold winter. I, for one, am quite glad to see spring peaking its head up from just over the hill. As the seasons once again begins to dawn, we see some of the traditions that come with it: the habitual bird migrations, the eloquent daffodils blooming, and of course, the pre-emptive Facebook invitations signaling yet another bounteous season of block parties.

However, perhaps the most interesting and observable tradition of the vernal equinox is the mating rituals of the male Homo sapien.

After a long winter, the male humanoid emerges from its hovel, knocks away surrounding Solo cups and wearily stretches his carpal tunnel-afflicted wrists. He tilts his head slightly toward the wind and sniffs. The crisp scent of bikinis and sundresses wafts through the fresh breeze and intrigues the male. He sniffs again. Mating season has begun.

Similar to other creatures of habit, this heterogametic being takes up a series of essential courtship displays comparable to the male peacock, flaunting his girth of feathers to potential mates. During daytime hours, the male will often journey to a popular terrain known as "the Quad," where others of the species gather for a plethora of other purposes.

After the acquisition of a small piece of land on the Quad, the male and the rest of his pack exhibit a series of odd behaviors, involving the removing of the upper layer of clothing and throwing a flat, circular piece of plastic back and forth. Although awaiting further scientific deduction, it is hypothesized that these strange activities relate back to the aural cry of "sun's out, guns out" — a common call during mating season.

After the male returns to his den for the day, he immediately begins preparation for an evening of wooing, which typically involves the ingestion of ethanol for hours prior. After the completion of such novel customs, the male and his pack set off into the night.

It's important to note that the human male is a tenacious creature, and it is not uncommon for one to travel on three, or even four, drunk buses in a single evening for even the slightest chance to mate.

Still, despite the arduous excursion, the male must sometimes endure, after having arrived at his destination (often a large social gathering in a dimly lit dwelling with even more ethanol), the male begins the even more tedious

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MOVIE REVIEW

Miley Cyrus Guards Turtle Eggs in 'The Last Song'

Washington Post

Nicholas Sparks is the Stephen King of tearjerkers, churning out weepy best-sellers that lure Hollywood.

The latest is "The Last Song," starring Greg Kinnear and Miley Cyrus as an estranged father and daughter trying to reconnect during a summer at a Southern beach town. Like other Sparks-inspired stories such as "The Notebook" and "Message in a Bottle," it will no doubt move millions to tears. More cynical sorts will likely snicker at its cloying sentimentality and operatic tragedy.

Kinnear plays Steve Miller, a concert pianist who put his career ahead of his family. Now divorced and living alone at the beach, he's reunited with his bitter teenage daughter Ronnie (pop star Cyrus, in her big-screen dramatic debut) and spunky young son Jonah (Bobby Coleman) when they're dropped off by their mom for a summer vacation.

Ronnie is also a talented pianist, though she hasn't played since her dad left home. She ignores his entreaty to start playing again, preferring to hang out with her hunky new boyfriend Will (Liam Hemsworth) and guard a sea-turtle

The Last Song

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nest she finds on the beach in front of her dad's ramshackle house.

Will has his own family baggage — his upper-crust parents were shattered when their oldest son died in a car accident — and he bonds with Ronnie over their adolescent grief. Though they come from different social classes (Ronnie

and her brother are being raised by a struggling single mom), love overcomes all, including a couple of painful secrets that Ronnie's dad has been hiding.

The film, directed by TV veteran Julie Anne Robinson, was shot on scenic Tybee Island off the Georgia coast. Kinnear shows restraint as the regretful dad and Cyrus, who also performs two new songs for the syrupy soundtrack, shows she's capable of breaking out of her teenybopper Hannah Montana mold. Only time — and stronger material — will tell if she's a real actress.

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Acrylic on Flesh: Body Artist Skyrockets to Success

Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Slender, freckled, auburn-haired Alexa Meade is in her parents' basement in Chevy Chase, Md. It's 7:30 a.m. Tuesday. She resists the temptation to Google herself.

Instead, she sets an empty Grand Marnier jug between a mirror and an inclined plate of glass, traces the bottle and its reflection on the glass with black paint, then traces the reflection of the paint itself. Next, she sprinkles her expired thyroid medication into a can of Betty Crocker frosting, stirs it and scoops the mix into the pill bottle.

She doesn't quite call it art. It's an experiment, she says, to limber her brain, which has been consumed recently by her shotgun art career. The media inquiries, the hundreds of sales requests, the invitations from random galleries — it's a bit much for a 23-year-old who only six months ago decided to be a full-time professional artist. This moment is playtime.

"I'm not out to make a masterpiece right now," she says as her iPod shuffles through indie rock. "I feel like anything you do gets you moving, inspires you in some way. It's also kind of satisfying playing with frosting."

Footsteps on the stairs. Her father, Phil, pokes his head in. "Off to work," he says.

"Bye, Pops," she says.

Two weeks ago she was a political science grad living at home, painting her way through her first year after college. She is still that. Except now she has a deal to exhibit at the Saatchi Gallery

in London, an offer to collaborate on a music video for a major record label, and hundreds of curious e-mails from people who want the story on Alexa Meade and how she turns people into paintings.

Her current medium is acrylic on flesh. She paints on people's skin and clothes until they look like they belong in a frame. And voilà: The masses are captivated, opportunity comes knocking. Even as she putters in the basement, Alexa Meade may be standing on the brink of an inventive career, or the brink of oblivion.

Internet memes are most virulent when they blow people's minds, and Meade's "Living Paintings" seem to have done that. For two weeks she has been linked, blogged, page-viewed, tweeted, Digged, thumbs-upped, CNN'd, OMG'd and lavished with parades of exclamation points by anonymous commenters — the plebeian, virtual equivalent of a good opening at MoMA, minus the bona fides.

"A portrait is something that's been with us for 3,000 years — that's not an easy genre to move forward," says Magdalena Sawon, owner of Postmasters Gallery in New York, who has invited Meade to be part of an upcoming exhibit. "I'm more interested in the end result than just the strategy, and she has the ability to convey a powerful image. (Her work) exploded virally on the Internet, and my wish, to some degree, is to bring it back into the focus of the fine arts world. This is a valid and very interesting contribution to the portrait genre."

Meade uses a brush. She paints skin on skin, lips on lips and eyebrows on eyebrows, and the insides of nostrils, using her own mixture of nontoxic paints and unspecified ingredients. Her subjects must sit still for multiple hours as she follows the natural contours of their faces, varying brush-stroke and color to exhume their inner essence. When she's done, they appear banished to two-dimensionality, yet they also seem fuller, more dynamic. She then sets her subjects in an installation, or photographs them. There are no touch-ups or special effects beyond acrylic on flesh and the initial complacency of the observer.

Look at the eyes, though. Bam. Real person. This effect jars people, confuses them, briefly rattles their grasp of art, space and reality. Meade, who has worked on Capitol Hill and on campaigns, says her experience in politics taught her to look beyond facades.

Dunn Loring, Va., resident Will Claybaugh spent 11 hours last month modeling for Meade at G40: The Summit in Crystal City (Va.).

"No one was categorically trying to decipher me as a person," says Claybaugh, 24. "They were trying to figure out Alexa's vision. It felt dehumanizing in an incredibly liberating way. ... I was a piece of art looking at them as opposed to a person who had some understanding of them. It made me realize that objects, as far as I experience them, are just surface."

The human body has always been a canvas for artists — makeup, tattoos, Joanne Gair's magazine-friendly

body-painting — but there's something different about Meade's project that strikes some gallerists and artists as novel and new.

"She sent me a photo of her work and I thought it was really amazing," says Elise Siegel, owner and curator of Positron Gallery in Baltimore, where Meade debuted the concept in October by painting her younger sister Julie into a lonely, earth-toned tableau. "It's something I've never seen before. It plays with your mind. During the opening, people were really impressed by her installation."

Based solely on a forwarded link, English painter Christian Furr booked Meade as a selected exhibitor at an October charity event at the Saatchi.

"She's going to create quite a stir in this country," Furr says. "People are fascinated by playing with viewpoints, and she's taking it one step further than trompe l'oeil. I was blown away by it. She's quite an established artist, by the look of things."

Except she's not. She's been working full-time only since the fall.

Growing up in Chevy Chase, Meade was steeped in fine arts and design, and at 16 she began to focus on sculpture and politics. She went to Vassar College and studied political science while taking sculpture courses on the side. For three summers she interned on Capitol Hill.

In the summer of 2008 she worked at Barack Obama's Denver headquarters as a press assistant. She wrote her 100-page senior thesis on community organizing and the Obama campaign,

then graduated last spring and moved back home into the open, loving, mildly concerned arms of her parents, who wanted her to have a secure job with benefits. Her father lassoed her an offer for a high-paying job as a director of communications. She turned it down. Art was her choice. She was done spinning for other people. Now she'd spin herself.

She spent last year learning how to be a professional artist. She interned at a local gallery last summer, networked with artists and gallerists via e-mail, and crashed art events several times a week to pick the brains of the cognoscenti. By October she showed her first Living Painting at Positron. Her work has appeared in five minor regional shows in six months. Earlier this month, Washington artist Chris Bishop, whom Meade met in September, sent a link to Kottke.org, a high-traffic liberal-arts blog in Manhattan. The linkage unfurled from there.

Bold, focused and media-savvy, Meade has welded her political and artistic sides to fashion a campaign for a long-term art career, careful to weed through bogus solicitations in her in-box, bothering to respond to comment threads on social media sites like Reddit.com, declining to work on the music video to remain free of the commercial world.

"I'd rather feed my curiosity than push a product," she says. "I have so many ideas and so many things I want to explore, and I don't want to have all this hype and then have nothing."

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PROFESSOR | Relates Classes to Students in All Majors

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that really make a difference.”
 An '83 alumna, DuVall-Early sees her students as people, knows their struggles and understands what they're going through. "I think college is a really hard time. It's so much more than just learning," she said.
 Freshman Ian McLeod appreciates that sentiment. "She's real. Other professors have a kind of wall" separating them from students he said. "She cares about us."
 Other students recognize the effectiveness of DuVall-Early's teaching methods, which include the use of movie clips, pictures and PowerPoints.
 "She explains clearly, and illustrates lectures in a very nice, up-to-date way," Stoloff said.
 DuVall-Early's passion for psychology was also apparent. After revealing certain information, she'd excitedly ask her students, "Did you know that?"
 In order to keep her students' attention, DuVall-Early incorporates personal examples and real-world

applications in her lectures. As the majority of her class is nonpsychology majors, DuVall-Early always looks over her student roster. She finds an inviting challenge in making her lessons relate to students in all majors, especially in ones like science and math that view psychology as "fluff."
 "My goal is to make this lecture hall feel like there's 20 people, which means opening up a little more," DuVall-Early said.
 Many stay after class to chat and ask for advice. One student discussed his similar music taste and high-fived his teacher before leaving last Thursday.
 DuVall-Early values tough love.
 "I can at least make the classroom fair, even if life's not," she said.
 Some students become psych majors because of her, according to Stoloff. Phipps and McLeod, both nonpsych majors, plan on taking psychology electives due to their experience in DuVall-Early's class.
 DuVall-Early remains very modest about the attention. "I'm just me. What you see is what you get," she said.



PHOTO COURTESY OF KIMBERLY DUVALL-EARLY

Psychology professor Kimberly DuVall-Early received nearly perfect scores for clarity, helpfulness and overall quality on RateMyProfessor.com.

Her students support the Web site's results 100 percent. "She deserves it," Phipps said. "She got it for a reason." *The Washington Post* recently featured DuVall-Early in an article on her success. Harrisonburg's WHSV-TV 3, *Rocktown News* and the *Chicago Tribune* have expressed interest in covering DuVall-Early's story as a top-rated professor.

MATING | Spring Courting Begins

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search for an adequate mate. On having spotted one, he looks for the imperative requirements indicative of a suitable pairing. Face composition, waist-to-hip ratio and inebriation level are the main ones, although these factors vary in importance based on the male's prior level of ethanol intake.
 After approaching the suitor, the male attempts to communicate with the female using a series of strange oral gestures and slurred dialect. If his displays of courtship are a success, he proceeds to mate with the female, an often blundering process involving more strange oral gestures, ugly grunts and moans.
 At the end of breeding, the mates part ways at some point, often never to see each other again.
 However, mating has been linked to the occasional demise of the XY chromosome-composed being. Nine months after fornication, physical evidence reveals when males' seeds have been sewn a bit too fruitfully. A mitotic reproduction results and leads to the male's slow decay until he is nothing more than an emotionless, apathetic shell of his former self.
 Further research is being conducted on the mating patterns of the female *Homo sapiens*. It is widely accepted as fact that the females' unique, even nonsensical, mating behaviors are much more painfully confusing than that of the male.

Andy Fram is a junior media arts & design major.

ROLLER | Women Find Alter Egos Through Roller Derby

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wristbands for the team and armbands for the referees and captains.
 There's a "weird subculture with knitting and derby," Alentado said. "There's one on every team."
 Cassie Hess (Super Charger) likes to be the one dressed unconventionally and wears brightly striped tights and a ballerina skirt to practice.
 Derby is her "creative alter ego where I can let my inhibitions out," Hess said.
 The women make up the team, but Metroka was the one who created it and keeps it alive. Metroka had heard about derby from his friend and decided to create a team in February 2008. Along with his fiancée, co-captain Janna Bayse (Jannicide), they promoted their idea during free skate at Funky's; only five people showed up. That attempt fizzled out quickly, but the couple did not give up.
 "I didn't even know how to

skate when we started this," Metroka said, but he was hooked. "I started teaching the team myself the way I learned how to skate."
 The first scrimmage was in November 2008 and the team took off from there. They booked four or five bouts for the 2009 season for charity, expos and competition.
 This season they have eight bouts from March through October.
 His goal is to keep the team together by "being a team; doing this," he said gesturing toward the chatting women. "They have to know each other on and off the track."
 "I have to trust the girls I play with, or else someone can seriously get hurt," said co-captain Becky Curry (Bam Bam Brawler).
 Metroka embodies this idea of derby: "not being about winning or losing, but about the passion." He just wants a safe, fun place where the skaters can say, "I'm going to be queen of the track."



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Members of this all-female derby team, the Rocktown Rollers, show off their aggressive side in a recent scrimmage.

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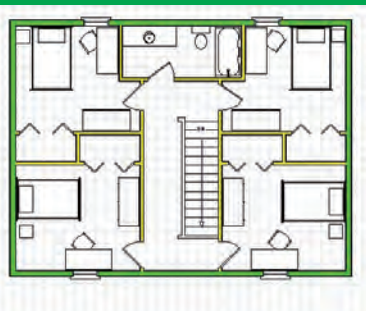
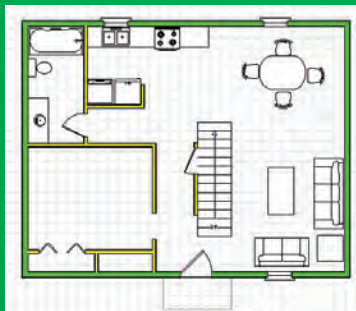
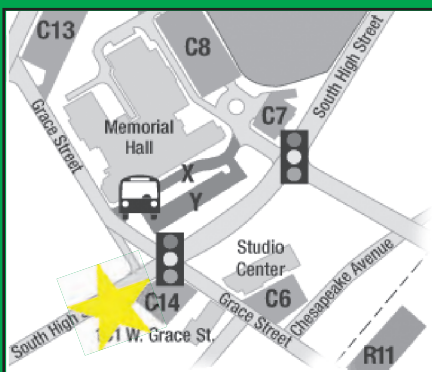
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Gymnastics
MARYLAND MEET
 Vault: Elly Hart, 2nd (9.7)
 Vault: Annie Lewis, 8th (9.3)
 Beam: Kelly Stiger, 8th (8.8)
 Floor: Kelly Stiger, 4th (9.25)

Triathlon
SMITHFIELD SPRINT
 Nate Kistner, 2nd
 Stephen Despins, 3rd
 John Dorrance, 3rd
 Tyler Steel, 6th
 Rebeckalee Watkins, 3rd
**All placed in their respective age groups*

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

MEET THE PLAYER



Marissa McDonald

- freshman
- track & field
- engineering major

Who is the figure you respect the most? My mom definitely, because she handles a lot of stresses, and you know she's been through a lot, but she still always has a smile on her face when people see her.

What is your favorite thing to shop for? Sneakers. I like Air Force 1's.

What is your favorite sport or hobby, beside track? My favorite sport would have to be basketball, and my favorite hobby would probably be either listening to music or driving.

What is your best moment in track & field so far? I would have to say senior year in high school when our 4 x 1 relay team won districts by 2 hundredths of a second, and I was the anchor.

What kind of music is on your playlist to get you pumped up? "All I Do Is Win" by T-Pain, "I Like" by DJ Khaled and "I'm Goin In" by Lil Wayne.

BASEBALL

Dukes Finally Snapping Out of It

By **MICHAEL DEMSKY**
The Breeze

Maybe it was the pressure to win, maybe it was the injuries and maybe it was simply the baseball-defying cold, but one thing is for sure: The JMU baseball team is finally hitting its stride.

After Tuesday's win over Radford, the Dukes (12-11 overall, 4-2 in the Colonial Athletic Conference) have won seven of their past nine games. The win over the Highlanders put their record above .500 for the first time all season.

Picked in the preseason by CAA head coaches to win their second conference championship in three years, JMU came into this season with a target on its back.

In addition to the team accolades, junior first baseman/pitcher Trevor Knight was the coaches' choice as preseason CAA Player of the Year, while junior closer Kevin Munson was selected as Pitcher of the Year.

"It's honestly an honor, but that preseason stuff doesn't mean anything unless you get it at the end of the season," Munson said.

Munson and Knight have shown they intend to do just that. Munson has been dominant from the get-go, giving up just three earned runs in 19 1/3 innings pitched, striking out 29 batters along the way. He is regarded as one of the top professional prospects in the CAA.

Knight on the other hand has endured his share of struggles, largely in part to a torn labrum preventing him from pitching and slowing his production at the plate. Through the first 10 games of the year, Knight posted a .175 batting average, a steep slope from the impressive .377 mark he achieved last season.

Recently Knight has gone on an absolute tear. In the past 11 games he has gone 21-50 at the plate, boosting his average to a more-than-respectable .323. His six home runs are also a team high.

The team's top performer thus far has been senior outfielder Matt Browning, another preseason all-CAA selection. Prior to Tuesday's game, Browning's team-leading .460 batting average was the 16th best nationally. Browning currently leads the team in hits, runs, total bases, on base percentage and slugging percentage.

Several other JMU players have also enjoyed early success, as fellow preseason All-CAA selections David Herbek and Matt Tenaglia boast batting averages over .300. Reserve Matt Tenaglia also hit .391 in limited action.

However, with great notoriety and success come lofty expectations — expectations the team didn't realize as the season began. A 5-9 start put the team in a hole it never anticipated.

"I don't think we felt pressure because of the awards or whatever. The only kind of pressure I think we felt was that we knew we had a good team," Herbek said. "We set very high expectations for our team, and we definitely wanted to play well and continue to play well."

JMU faced a daunting nonconference schedule to start the season. The Dukes started the year 0-3 following losses to No. 12 Coastal Carolina, North Carolina State and No. 6 California-Irvine at the Baseball at the Beach Tournament in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

The team would also go on to drop a close, 6-3 decision at home to No. 1 Virginia in mid-March.

"Those early games got us ready



NATE CARDEN / THE BREEZE

Teammates wait to congratulate junior David Herbek after his grand slam Tuesday against Radford. The slam gave the Dukes an early 4-0 lead and was the team's first since the 2008 CAA Tournament. Herbek leads the team with 27 RBIs this season.

for some tough conference weekends against some good teams in the CAA, but they also kind of showed us at the beginning of the season that we had some work to do and we had to get things going," Munson said.

"I think we're a lot better of a team because we played those teams at the beginning of the year."

The team went 3-5 during spring break in Jacksonville, Fla., losing to the likes of Jacksonville, Stetson, North Florida and twice to Illinois State.

Their final game, an embarrassing 29-8 loss to Illinois State, featured the most runs the Dukes have ever given up in a single game. The game finished after just seven innings of play.

"Obviously we didn't play as well as we wanted to down there," Herbek said. "We're still trying to figure that one out."

The team's trips, in combination

with Mother Nature, gave the team all sorts of fits early on.

"We've still only had five practice opportunities because of the snow and all the travel that we've had," JMU coach Spanky McFarland said Tuesday. "It has been a situation where

we haven't had the opportunities to get better and work on things."

Injuries have plagued the Dukes' pitching rotation. Presumed stalwarts Knight, sophomore Sean Tierney and sophomore Evan Scott have been limited to 3 1/3 innings combined due to various ailments.

"It's frustrating, because we had the injuries to [Kyle] Hoffman and [Kurt] Houck last year, but it's one of those things you can't control," Munson said. "So we have to put it behind and move forward with what we got."

Freshman D.J. Brown and junior Alex Valadja have had to cut most of the slack to make up for the lack of pitching depth. Expected to be spot starters coming into the year, the two

have made a combined eight starts, each earning a 1-2 record. Valadja was impressive as the starter against U.Va., surrendering just two earned runs in five innings pitched.

The team's improvement has mirrored that of staff ace, junior Turner Phelps. Expected to be the team's best pitcher and touted as a high-level prospect, Phelps struggled immensely early on. Through his first three starts Phelps, a second team All-CAA performer last year, gave up 24 earned runs in 15 1/3 innings of work.

Phelps has given up just two earned runs in his last two outings combined, both of them wins. The convincing turnarounds posed by Knight and Phelps are thanks to the experience and skill both juniors possess.

"I think they're both good enough players to know when they need to make some adjustments," McFarland said. "Gotta understand also that they are marked men that everyone knows about and are preparing for."

The Dukes look to continue improving this weekend with a three-game set at CAA rival Old Dominion (12-16, 1-2). JMU wants try to turn the tide in Norfolk, as the team has gone 1-2 in three game sets against the Monarchs in each of the past three seasons.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Sophomore Guard Decides to Transfer



AMY GWALTNEY / FILE PHOTO

Sophomore guard Brittany Crowell left the team in January for "personal reasons." She plans to transfer after finishing out the semester and remains undecided as to where. Crowell played in 31 games last year and only seven this season.

By **EMMIE CLEVELAND**
The Breeze

The JMU women's basketball team will lose at least one more from its roster in addition to senior Sarah Williams.

Sophomore guard Brittany Crowell of Brandywine, Md., decided to transfer in January for "personal reasons" and declined to comment beyond that.

"She wants a fresh start and an opportunity to play more," coach Kenny Brooks said. "She has not chosen a school yet and is getting ready to go through the process."

As a freshman, Crowell averaged 15 minutes per game. She led all freshmen with 31 game appearances, including two starts.

As a sophomore, she averaged seven minutes in only seven appearances with no starts. She played a season-high 12 minutes in JMU's season-opening win over Georgetown.

Her next appearance was six games later against Siena. She played the

following five games with dwindling minutes.

Additionally, junior forward Nichelle Glover is still being considered a good fit for the team, and her status remained undecided as of Wednesday.

"Nichelle has got to mature in certain areas, and she's very capable," Brooks told the *Daily News-Record* on Saturday. "She was eligible to play ... but we have rules here, and you've got to abide by them, and academics are very important, and you've got to take that stuff serious."

"If she proves she can do that — and do it to our liking — and what needs to be done to be a part of the James Madison University women's basketball program, then we'll reconsider it."

Glover transferred from Sante Fe Community College after her sophomore year. The 6-foot-1-inch Jacksonville native played in 14 games, starting in seven. She averaged 5.5 points and 4.1 rebounds in just less than 18 minutes of play.

Glover left the team in January for personal reasons.



DAVID CASTERLINE / FILE PHOTO

Junior forward Nichelle Glover is being evaluated by the coaching staff after playing one season for JMU.

DUKES IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Five Receive Conference and National Honors



NATE CARDEN / THE BREEZE

Mike Smith

senior, men's tennis

- CAA Co-Player of the Week for week ending March 27
- Led team to 3-1 record against conference opponents George Mason, Delaware, Drexel and Georgia State
- Went 4-0 as the team's number No. 1 seed
- Is 11-10 on the year, playing every match as the Dukes' top seed
- Three-time All-CAA pick for doubles
- Smith and doubles partner Matt King were ranked 38th in the nation for the week of Feb 18.



DAVID CASTERLINE / FILE PHOTO

Cara Stecher

freshman, softball

- CAA Co-Rookie of the Week for the week ending March 27
- Went 2-0 with a 0.62 ERA in two starts against George Mason
- She is 6-6 on the year with a team-best 3.34 ERA
- Has pitched three complete games for the Dukes
- Was the Delaware State Player of the Year at Senior Caravel Academy



DAVID CASTERLINE / FILE PHOTO

Dawn Evans

junior, women's basketball

- Honorable Mention All-American selection
- Finalist for the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) State Farm All-America Team
- Candidate for three national player-of-the-year awards: the Wade Trophy, Wooden Award and Naismith Trophy
- Averaged 24.6 points and 4.6 assists per game
- Led JMU to its first CAA Tournament Championship since 1989
- Evans has broken numerous school records, including single-game points (38), career 30-point games (17), season points (761), season free throws (177) and season three-pointers (112).
- Was voted to the All-CAA first team for the second consecutive year.



NATE CARDEN / FILE PHOTO

Kim Griffin

senior, lacrosse

- Selected as the Division I Player of the Week by womenslax.com for the week ending March 27
- Also named the CAA Player of the Week for the second time in three weeks
- Scored four goals in win over No. 5 U.Va. and 2 goals in loss to No. two Maryland
- Leads the team with 25 goals and 34 points
- Two-time All-CAA selection



NATE CARDEN / THE BREEZE

Johnny Bladel

freshman, baseball

- CAA Rookie of the Week for week ending March 27
- Hit .421 for the week with seven runs and five RBIs
- Started all 23 games in center field for the Dukes
- Currently third on the team with a .369 batting average and 25 runs scored
- Northern Region Co-Player of the Year as a senior at Stone Bridge High School

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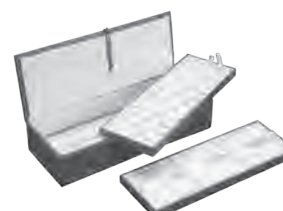
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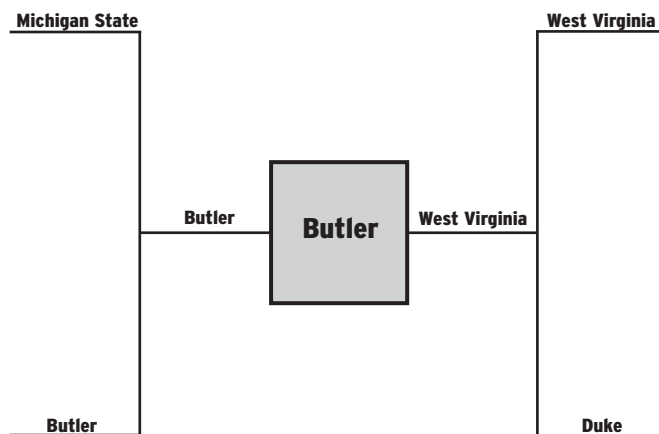
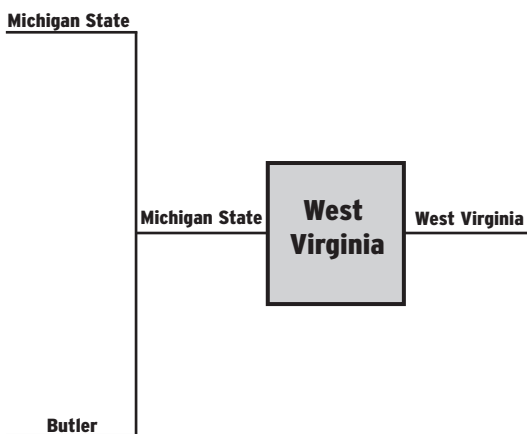
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"[I picked] Michigan State and Duke with Duke winning. But if I could have it my way it'd be the other way around."

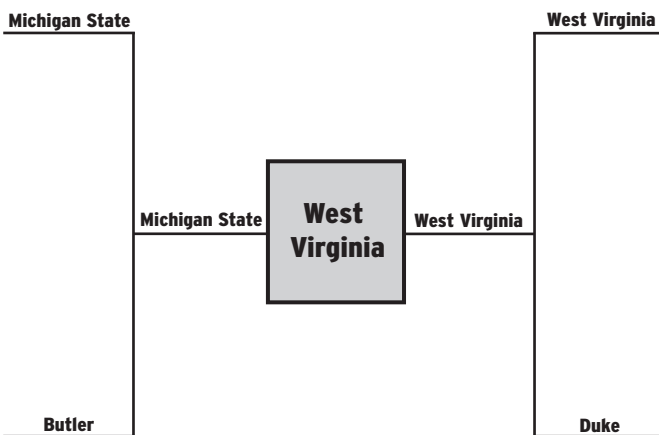
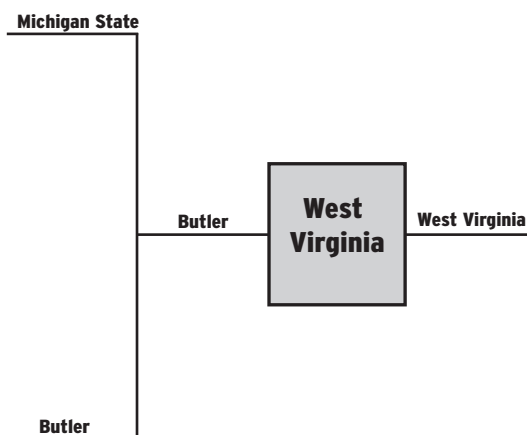
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