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BOARD OF VISITORS

Tuition Increase to Offset Budget Shortfalls

By JOHN SUTTER
The Breeze

JMU students will be pinching more than pennies as a result of the university's decision to raise tuition next year by 8.5 percent for in-state students.

Friday, the Board of Visitors approved a tuition increase for the 2010-2011 school year. The tuition increase will offset the \$3.4 million in budget cuts from the General Assembly.

According to Charlie King, senior vice president for administration and finance, cuts not covered by the tuition increase will come from the auxiliary reserves account, which funds emergency needs, athletics, operations, facilities and other areas of the budget.

"I don't think any of us like the prospect of increasing any costs for our students or their families," said Meredith Gunter, rector of the Board.

Last year, the House of Delegates would not grant federal stimulus funding to state universities if tuition was raised above 5 percent. This year, the House did not place a cap on tuition increases.

"The only place for us to go to help make up that reduction is an increase in tuition and fees," King said.

In-state students who live on campus

IN STATE

YEAR	TUITION	% CHANGE
1999-2000	\$3,926	-
2000-2001	\$4,000	1.88%
2001-2002	\$4,094	2.35%
2002-2003	\$4,458*	8.89%
2003-2004	\$5,058	13.46%
2004-2005	\$5,476	8.26%
2005-2006	\$5,886	7.49%
2006-2007	\$6,290	6.86%
2007-2008	\$6,666	5.98%
2008-2009	\$6,964	4.47%
2009-2010	\$7,244	4.02%
2010-2011	\$7,860	8.50%

OUT OF STATE

YEAR	TUITION	% CHANGE
1999-2000	\$9,532	-
2000-2001	\$9,850	3.34%
2001-2002	\$10,606	7.68%
2002-2003	\$11,642*	8.89%
2003-2004	\$13,280	14.07%
2004-2005	\$14,420	8.58%
2005-2006	\$15,322	6.26%
2006-2007	\$16,236	5.97%
2007-2008	\$17,386	7.08%
2008-2009	\$18,458	6.17%
2009-2010	\$19,376	4.97%
2010-2011	\$20,624	6.44%

TUITION SOURCE: UNIVERSITY BUSINESS OFFICE WEB SITE

* There was a mid-year tuition increase between fall 2002 and spring 2003.

will pay \$930 more per year and off-campus students will pay \$616 more per year. For out-of-state students, those who live on-campus will pay \$1,562 more per year and off-campus students will pay \$1,248 more per year.

"Considering the fact [the General Assembly] had to cut \$2 billion more than what the introduced budget was, higher

education came out as well as it could," King said.

Nick Thiel, a junior engineering major, said he had mixed feelings over the tuition hike, but he is not surprised tuition is increasing.

"I think most people understand that

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President Linwood Rose said during Friday's Board of Visitors meeting that JMU will be down \$24.4 million in three years in the general funds.

CLASS OF 2014

Admissions Sees Increase in Diversity, Competition

By KALEIGH SOMERS
The Breeze

When sophomore Alexa Painter applied to JMU, she didn't think she would have any trouble getting in. With strong SAT scores and a high GPA, in addition to her long list of extracurricular activities, Painter considered herself a competitive candidate.

To her surprise, she was rejected as an incoming freshman. She applied to transfer from her community college as a sophomore. She was then admitted into JMU's Nursing/Pre-Occupational Therapy program.

Painter believes her rejection was a result of her lack of diversity. After receiving her rejection letter, Painter spoke with an admissions counselor who told her what to change to be accepted as a transfer student.

"JMU becomes more competitive not only in intellect but also ... in terms of other things such as ethnicity and what major you want to pursue," Painter said.

According to Michael Walsh, director of Admissions, if applicants contact admissions, the counselors explain what factors are considered when they review transfer applications. Walsh believes students see JMU as an increasingly competitive university.

The admissions office is "wait-listing and denying students today, who four years ago would have been admitted with the same credentials," Walsh said.

This year, according to Walsh, admissions accepted about 12,000 applicants with the intentions to cap actual enrollment at 3,960 applicants for the second year in a row.

The applicant pool, composed of approximately 22,000 applicants compared to less than 21,000 last year, is more diverse than ever, according to



KELSEY FISHER / CONTRIBUTING PHOTOGRAPHER

Prospective students discuss JMU with admissions staff Saturday. JMU will cap enrollment at 3,960 for the second year in a row.

Walsh.

Since 2004, the number of undergraduate applications from minority students has increased 88 percent, according to

"More women initially put us in their list of schools. We need to get more males to look at us, to seriously consider us."

Michael Walsh
director of Admissions

Walsh. He attributes this, in part, to outreach programs by departments, students and alumni, who speak on the university's behalf to prospective students.

That's not the only reason Walsh

believes JMU is more competitive. He believes there is an increasing number of prospects applying to at least five schools, which adds to JMU's applicant pool.

Maura Purcell, an undeclared freshman from Connecticut, applied to 12 different schools, including Loyola University, Gettysburg College, University of North Carolina at Asheville and The College of Charleston.

"I thought JMU was one of the most challenging schools to get into," Purcell said.

In regards to diversity, Walsh said the university has to attract a wider range of applicants, but JMU is geographically disadvantaged.

"The average [travel] distance for college students today is less than 100 miles," Walsh said.

President Linwood Rose made a

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COURT UPDATE

Pub Owner Gets Two Months In Jail, Two Years Probation

One of Harrisonburg's nighttime hotspots, The Pub, closed Wednesday because of the owners' legal troubles.

William R. Royer, 51, and Terri Lynn Life, 47, appeared in circuit court Thursday. Royer pleaded guilty to two counts of misdemeanor embezzlement and three counts for failing to pay the Harrisonburg meal tax.

According to Louis Nagy, assistant commonwealth attorney, an embezzlement charge, one money laundering charge and five charges of failing to pay the meal tax were dropped.

Royer was sentenced to 60 months in jail with all but two months suspended and two years supervised probation.

Life pleaded guilty to two charges of failing to pay the meal tax. Six additional charges of failing to pay the meal tax, two charges of embezzlement, one charge of conspiring to embezzle and a money laundering charge are still pending and will be heard April 22.

Nagy said it was not unusual for an agreement to be reached between the parties in exchange for a guilty plea.

Nagy said an investigation began



RYAN FREELAND / THE BREEZE

The Pub closed Thursday as its owners face legal troubles.

after the Commission of Revue office contacted the attorney's office regarding suspected tax problems. The attorney's office contacted the ABC board to investigate.

Royer and Life were using money meant to pay taxes to keep their business afloat, according to Nagy.

Royer and Life must pay \$42,581 in restitution. Nagy said in most situations the defendants would have the probation period to pay back the restitution. However, Nagy said the details of the plea bargain state Nagy and Life must pay \$1,500 per month.

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Two men charged with a string of off-campus burglaries during spring break 2009 pleaded guilty to three counts of breaking and entering and two counts of grand larceny in circuit court.

Preston L. Moats, 19, of Staunton, appeared in circuit court Thursday, and Charlie E. Collins, 20, appeared in circuit court Monday.

Moats and Collins were arrested March 15, 2009 after police received a tip about trespassing on the 800 block of Port Republic Road, according to a 2009 release from the Harrisonburg Police Department.

Louis Nagy, assistant commonwealth attorney, said Moats and

Collins received a total sentence of 25 years jail time for all five counts. All of the 25-year sentence was suspended except for three months. Moats and Collins will serve three months jail time and three years supervised probation.

Nagy said neither Moats nor Collins were charged with gang-related felonies. The HPD release said three of the seven had gang-related charges.

Neither Moats nor Collins are affiliated with JMU.

Seven total defendants were charged in the case and all are scheduled to appear in court later this month.

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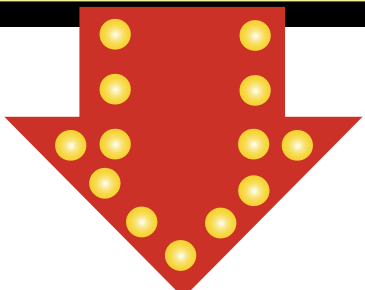
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IN BRIEF

HARRISONBURG
Pedestrian Fatally Struck in Neighborhood
Harrisonburg resident Sabino Nolasco, 51, was struck Friday night by a car on the 100 block of Reservoir Street, near the intersection with East Market Street. The driver, a 24-year-old woman who was not named by HPD, was traveling southbound on Reservoir in a Toyota Camry when she struck Nolasco. When emergency crews responded at 9:40 p.m., Nolasco was pronounced dead at the scene.

HARRISONBURG
Traffic Cameras Will Only Monitor Traffic
The installation of a dozen traffic cameras on Harrisonburg's busiest intersections will only be used to monitor traffic and manipulate traffic lights, according to the *Daily News-Record*. The security cameras, a project by the Harrisonburg Public Works Department, will not be used for law enforcement purposes, such as catching vehicles running red lights or speeding.

BLACKSBURG
Virginia Tech Kicks Out Sorority
The Delta Zeta chapter at Virginia Tech was removed from the university Monday because of several alcohol-related incidents. The sorority has been denied recognition by Tech for more than two years, but the university has now decided to remove the house from campus. Current sorority members will be able to stay in the house until the end of the school year.

OUTER SPACE

Stars and Planets Align for Perfect Sight



JMU's Department of Physics and Astronomy held a viewing event on Friday, giving students, professors and community members the opportunity to use high-power telescopes to have good views of Saturn, Mars, Venus and the Orion Nebula.

NATE GARDEN / THE BREEZE

By **STEVEN BUTLER**
contributing writer

Star-gazing students, professors and general public were able to see planets billions of miles away in plain sight Friday night.

Clear skies and mild weather were ideal conditions for a telescope viewing at the JMU Astronomy Park. The free event, put on by the JMU Department of Physics and Astronomy, offered views of Saturn, Mars, Venus and the Orion Nebula through high-powered telescopes.

"It's sort of nice to invite the local community to see what we have here," said Sean Scully, assistant professor of physics

and astronomy.

Behind Scully, a line of people anxiously waited to view Saturn, the sixth planet from the sun. As seen through the scope, Saturn appeared as a white image of the familiar ringed planet.

James Buchanan, a junior information analysis major, was surprised by how the planet looked through the telescope.

"Actually, Saturn looked fake," Buchanan said. However, he did find the planet the most interesting because he could actually see the rings.

Scully said the \$2,500 telescopes are computer-controlled with a remote and include a GPS system that can find anything in the sky. Scully said the hardest

part of the process is finding two stars to use as reference points.

Several families with children were present, including Paul Szuba of Staunton, who brought his daughter and granddaughter.

"I'm that type of person. I'm into Discovery Channel and all that," Szuba said. "Anytime I see stuff like this, educational, I try to take advantage."

Dan Simonson, a senior physics major, manned the other Meade LX200 telescope. Simonson took a class on observing techniques that taught him how to assemble and align the scopes.

"Once you start doing research with astronomy, you're one of the few people

that can use the telescopes," Simonson said.

As people lined up to see Mars, he explained that the planet's red color is caused by iron oxide on the surface.

"It's the real deal you're getting a look at," Simonson said.

Some students attended as extra credit for astronomy classes like Craig Brown, a junior information analysis major. Despite only attending only for the credit, Brown left impressed.

"It's cool that a telescope can take you that far," Brown said. "I had a little \$100 telescope when I was little that would never work like these professional things do."

PSYCHOLOGY

Professors' Looks Attract Higher Evaluations

By **RYAN PLATT**
The Breeze

Don't judge a book by its cover, especially when that "book" is your professor.

A recent study published in 2006 in *The Journal of General Psychology* found students tend to give better evaluations to more attractive professors.

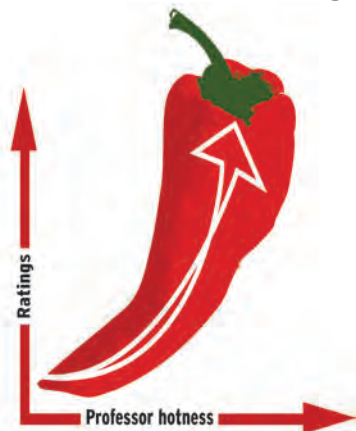
The study, conducted by psychologists at Medaille College in Buffalo, N.Y., took four schools and their usage of the popular Web site, Rate My Professors, into account, including JMU. The other colleges included were Grand Valley State in Michigan, the University of Delaware and San Diego State University.

"For all four schools studied, attractive professors (both men and women) received statistically significantly higher teaching evaluations than their 'non-hot' counterparts," the study stated.

So do more attractive professors really have an upper hand? The studies are show-

"It is not a valid measure of good teaching. Hotness affects ratings. The hotter professors have statistically higher ratings."

Natalie Lawrence
psychology professor



GRAPHIC BY NATALIYA IOFFE / THE BREEZE

that physical attractiveness (i.e. hotness) accounted for over 8 percent of the variance in student evaluations of teaching," the study said.

It also explained that people seem to search for desirable qualities in more attractive people, finding them to be easier in grading and approachability.

The findings came as no surprise to JMU psychology professor Natalie Lawrence, who said this was not the first time the subject has been studied.

"The 'what-is-beautiful-is-good' effect that psychologists study has basically shown that people who are better looking also are perceived to have and rate higher in other desirable traits," Lawrence said.

These traits, such as trustworthiness, approachability and credibility all seem to be easy to grant to attractive people, according to Lawrence.

Lawrence feels the usage of Rate My Professors and its bias is unfair.

"It is not a valid measure of good teaching," Lawrence said. "Hotness affects ratings. The hotter professors have statistically higher ratings."

Freshman health services major Matt Thorp used the site when selecting classes for both semesters of his first year.

"It was spot-on for all my professors," Thorp said. "I think it's fair in the sense that you're talking to other students, and who better to talk to about professors than other students?"

"I think a guy would say, 'She's sexy,' before he says, 'She grades easy,'" Thorp said.

One of freshman Patrick Yanoti's professors has several chili peppers next to her name, the measure of hotness on rate-myprofessors.com. Although he said that wasn't the deciding factor in selecting his professor, it has affected his opinion of her.

"She's young and cute. She's very approachable, like someone you'd want to hang out with," Yanoti said.

Junior English major Katelyn McNichol has used the site every year to check out what other students have to say about her professors. For her, however, hotness never really played a part in who she chooses.

"I think on the site the people are more looking at the difficulty of the grading scale, the amount of work and the specificity of the syllabus," McNichol said.

She said hotness probably played a factor in how professors are rated, and that typically more attractive people, or professors, are easier to get along with.

"I think approachfulness goes hand in hand with personality and, in most cases, looks, because the professors I've had who are more attractive or at least on the more attractive side have been more comical and more easy going," McNichol said.

"I mean it's not like ugly professors are mean, I'm not at all trying to get that message across," she added.

Junior English major Matt Hudson said he typically relied on the site for choosing his general education classes.

"In the long run, it definitely helps to be more attractive," Hudson said. "If [a professor is] giving a speech or something, you're going to pay more attention to them if they're attractive."

NEW RESEARCH

First-Year Psych Professor Makes Good First Impressions



RYAN FREELAND / THE BREEZE

Kriztina Varga's research field of developmental psychology stems from learning English as a second language as a child.

By **KALEIGH SOMERS**
contributing writer

When Kriztina Varga came to the United States when she seven, she couldn't understand a word of English. At seven years old, the Hungarian native only knew the "Jack Be Nimble" nursery rhyme.

Varga and her sister spent half their school days in English as a Second Language classes in order to master the language. Since then, she has taken an active interest in teaching and developmental psychology.

Now Varga is a first-year psychology professor at JMU. She finished graduate school at the University of Georgia in August.

Several of Varga's friends had attended JMU as undergraduates, so she was familiar with the university and was drawn to its focus on undergraduate education. She considers Harrisonburg home more so than Georgia.

Senior Jessie Dawson has worked with Varga through research projects this year.

According to Dawson, not only does Varga get along well with other faculty, she has "revamped the curriculum for undergraduates," by emphasizing research as a mechanism for teaching.

"She fits in well, especially with the younger faculty," Dawson said.

Varga believes in a team-based learning approach. Students do homework outside of class and come to class to work on application exercises. She says she doesn't want students to just memorize terms and regurgitate concepts — the ultimate goal is for students to be able to apply what they learn.

"That's what you'll have to do in the real world," Varga said.

Matthew Lee, an assistant professor in the department, had plenty of good things to say about Varga.

"She is conscientious, interested in her students' learning, and interested in innovative techniques to foster

educational achievement in her classes," Lee said.

Varga is not only enthusiastic about her students, but also her two main research projects. One is a study she started at UGA about infant face recognition, as well as a newer study on children's planning skills.

Varga's findings suggest that infants lose the ability to discriminate faces of other species, such as monkeys, after the first year of life. She now hopes to answer the question: "To what extent does this hold true for species that have already been studied, such as sheep, as well as species other than mammals, such as wasps?"

Her study on children's planning skills focuses on 5- to 8-year-olds. Children are asked to replicate models of pegs in order to determine how they cognitively solve a problem or perform a task.

Varga's involvement with the Center for Faculty Innovation reiterates the importance she places on teaching. The center offers a variety of workshops for teaching.

Within CFI, Varga is involved with the Madison Teaching Fellows program, a one-year application-based program that splits faculty into focus groups, such as those for team learning, gender issues and student-faculty relationships.

Varga expands her love of psychology to the high school level, teaching for JMU's Bridge Program. The program offers seven different dual-credit courses for seniors at Clarke County High School in Berryville, near Winchester, where Varga teaches General Psychology 101.

In the future, Varga hopes to offer students a chance to take a capstone course devoted to the study of infancy. The class would only be open to upper-level psychology majors.

In the meantime, the focus continues to be on her two studies. Varga is currently looking for more child participants for the planning study.

Dance Until You Drop

SafeRides members broke out into dance Thursday on the commons. While the dance was practiced and choreographed in private, the 'flashmob' was done to a mash-up of songs, ending with 'Shut-Up and Drive.' The dance, along with a speaker and commons events were part of SafeRides Week.



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TUITION | RMH and Duke Hall Construction Projects Not Affected By Budget Cuts

from front

Food costs have gone up and with everything in the financial system, JMU does not have all the money on hand that it needs to do all the projects its started," Thiel said. "Maybe an increase in tuition is the only way to keep up with that."

To compensate for a decrease in funding for new buildings and facilities maintenance, the Assembly also increased the capital projects fee for out-of-state students from \$10 to \$15 per credit hour, which is part of the tuition total.

"I don't understand why they need to do it," said Michelle Smith, a freshman theatre major and Pennsylvania resident. "I mean we pay so much as it is. I'm an out of state student and I'm kinda getting shafted right now as it is."

JMU President Linwood Rose said the two-year forecast looks bleak in terms of state funding for higher education.

"By the end of the biennium, unless something improves and more money is appropriated, we will be down \$24.4 million in three years in the general funds," Rose said. "So that gives you an idea of what we're facing."

Sophomore theater major

"So you have two choices: You can either stop what you're doing with regard to planning, or you can use your own funds."

Charlie King
senior vice president for administration and finance

Victoria Hall said she is not sure if the increase in tuition necessarily funds the proper things.

"I don't know what they go for but then I see all these LCD screens pop up on campus — I don't know if they go for that — but it makes me frustrated," Hall said. "Why doesn't it go into funding for the arts?"

According to King, new facility operation increases and the hiring of four additional engineering faculty have contributed to the tuition increase, along with other factors. The state did not appropriate additional funding for the first year of the budget to assist with operations costs for the new Forbes Performing Arts Center and the renovation of

Rockingham Memorial Hospital for campus use.

Rather than halt the progress on the two facilities, King and Rose decided JMU would use auxiliary funds to continue with the planning for Duke Hall and RMH renovations and the scheduled completion dates will not be affected.

RMH plans to vacate all facilities by December 2010, and JMU will move some staff into it by spring 2011. The exact completion date and timeline for RMH and Duke Hall are not yet set.

"So you have two choices: You can either stop what you're doing with regard to planning, or you can use your own funds to continue that planning and then be ready to be reimbursed in the second year of the biennium," King said. "That's the decision we made. We're not going to slow down on planning. We're going to keep going and pay ourselves back."

With the tuition increases JMU will likely still rank in the middle in the Commonwealth. Even though other Virginia universities have yet to set their tuition and fees for the upcoming year, JMU will most likely rank sixth for in-state tuition and seventh for out-of-state tuition, according to King.

"In the middle is always where we've wanted to be in regards to our pricing," King said.

According to Rose, state funding per student is the lowest of any state in the Southeast.

"We are the seventh-wealthiest state and we are fortieth in the country in appropriations per student," Rose said. "So the problem is not that we're poor. The problem is we're not putting it here. And we're going to have to come to grips with that, or else we're going to have some long-term problems in the state."

Additionally, the General Assembly's budget created one furlough day, in which all state employees must take an unpaid day off work. Instead of accepting the furlough day, JMU decided to pay the state \$560,000 to cover the cost.

Even through the financial turmoil, King said there is a possibility for a maximum 3 percent bonus for faculty in 2011.

"If the state ends up with \$8.2 million in excess revenue, then this is first priority to spend the excess," King said.

According to King, the governor has the option to decrease the bonus to 2 or 1 percent if the \$8.2 million is not saved.

Study Finds Distracted Driving on the Rise

The Washington Post

A sport-utility vehicle drifts into your lane going 70 miles an hour. A car dawdles along at 40 in the fast lane. The tires might be on the road, but the driver's mind is elsewhere, perhaps deep in a conversation with somebody, somewhere, and that's putting your life at risk.

Fully 80 percent of adults in the District of Columbia area often see distracted driving, with reports of such behavior surging in the past five years, according to a new Washington Post poll. Nearly one-quarter of respondents said they e-mail, text or use the Internet while driving, and 16 percent said they regularly don't pay enough attention behind the wheel.

"It's a huge problem," said David Grier, 52, a McLean, Va., resident who drives into the District for a State Department job. "I see lots of people getting cut off by people who aren't paying attention, and I get cut off myself."

In the poll, more than two-thirds of respondents said they often witness overly aggressive driving, but just one in eight considers his or her own driving too aggressive. Almost everyone in the poll reported seeing drivers frequently clutching cellphones, and nearly three-quarters regularly observe drivers typing on mobile devices.

"I see people texting with the cellphone on top of the steering wheel," said Yates, 22, a student. "People will come up on a stop sign or traffic light and rear-end the car in front."

Distracted driving is a national problem that plays out intensely on the congested roads in and around Washington. Nationwide, it is estimated that distracted driving causes 1.4 million crashes each year.

More than half of area drivers talk on the phone while mired in traffic, according to the poll, something the National Safety Council, a nonprofit advocacy group, emphatically reports takes "your mind off the road." The vast majority of those ages 18 to 29 talk on the phone while driving, the poll found, a figure that slips to 15 percent among seniors.

Forty percent of young adults text, e-mail or use the Web while in traffic, according to the poll, compared with 21 percent of those ages 30 to 64 and 3 percent of those 65 and older.

Almost everyone polled — including those younger than 30 — said sending or reading texts or e-mails while driving should be illegal. But there are big gaps in opinion on the use of cellphones for their original purpose: talking.

About three-quarters of area respondents said it should be illegal for people to talk on handheld cellphones while driving, but nearly as many, about seven in 10, see hands-free devices as all right to use on the road.

In a white paper released last week, the National Safety Council attempted to debunk the idea that hands-free phones allow drivers to remain alert and focused. Drawing on almost three dozen studies, the council's report underscored that any form of cellphone use behind the wheel is problematic.

"Hands-free phones offer no safety benefit when driving," the report says. "Widespread education is needed about the risks of hands-free devices."

The report describes a Michigan accident in which a woman struck and killed a 12-year-old boy. She was looking at the road ahead, not dialing, texting or looking down, witnesses said.

"A classic case of inattention blindness caused by the cognitive distraction of a cellphone conversation," the NSC report says. The report says that multitasking "is a myth" and that human brains "do not perform two tasks at the same time" but switch "between one task and another."

The report also provides insight into why drivers might recognize the risk posed by distracted drivers but conclude that their own cellphone use doesn't contribute to the problem. "Even when people are aware of the risks, they tend to believe they are more skilled than other drivers, and many still engage in driving behaviors they know are potentially dangerous," the NSC report says.

ADMISSIONS | Women Attracted to Majors

from front

commitment in 2004 to increase diversity at JMU in terms of students, faculty and staff. One manifestation of this is the Centennial Scholars Program, which funds prospective students who come from low socio-economic backgrounds but wish to pursue a college education.

Walsh, along with the rest of admissions, wants more male students and racial diversity at JMU. Applicants can now check off multiple ethnicities. In the

"I thought JMU was one of the most challenging schools to get into."

Maura Purcell
freshman

past, applicants could check off "unspecified" if both parents are from different ethnic backgrounds to avoid offending one

parent or the other.

"They have to be competitive applicants, though," Walsh said, adding that JMU "won't accept [minorities] just for diversity's sake."

According to Walsh, most men aren't immediately drawn to apply to JMU. He believes this is because JMU's largest majors are more popular with women, such as health services or education. The female faculty has also set an example for incoming students, often nationally recognized for their accomplishments at JMU.

"More women initially put us in their list of schools," Walsh said. "We need to get more males to look at us, to seriously consider us."

The gender imbalance is across the entire country; a January study by the American Council on Education found 43 percent of undergraduates in the nation are male.

"We want the best students here, regardless of female or male," Walsh said. "We're gender blind."

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Soulful Melodies to Mosh Pits

By **ELYSE KRACHMAN**
contributing writer

Choosing which bands to see at MACRoCk is almost akin to choosing which of your children you love more.

There were more than 80 different bands to see, ranging from garage band rock, metal, folk-rock, hip-hop, to genres so obscure they cannot even be defined. Each venue of MACRoCk usually showcased similar artists. Bands playing at the Blue Nile are usually metal, the Artful Dodger houses hard rock, Court Square theater bands are more folk-oriented, and so on.

On Friday, MACRoCk kicked off around 5 p.m., signaling the beginning of a two-day music affair. Court Square Theater opened with a set from David Richard, a senior music major. Richard provided a soulful set driven by piano and fleshed out

with an assortment of orchestral instruments (cello and violin).

The crowd favorite seemed to be "You're Dreaming Lucy," a song that was greeted by many cheering audience members. Richard was followed by a psychedelic, high-energy set from rockers Elder Brother. Many MACRoCkers flocked into the theater to support the four-piece, whose music sounds like it was created inside a submarine and then delivered to the surface in a bubble that explodes in a myriad of indie goodness.

Front-man Adam Brock, of Borrowed Beams of Light, sang like a wild animal was trapped inside of him and was clawing to get out. His band created an auditory assault that bludgeoned listeners over the head with sunbeams.

The heavy synth-beats,

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EVAN MCGREW / THE BREEZE

At the Artful Dodger Day Showcase on Saturday, bassist Dan Doggett of the band Monument stretched his vocal chords.



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Drummer Mike Ashley of the band Antlers kept a steady beat at the Artful Dodger Day Showcase on Saturday night.

More Than Just the Music

By **JEFF WADE**
The Breeze

Music wasn't the only thing on display during the second day of MACRoCk.

In many ways, Saturday was when MACRoCk got down to business, with a smattering of panels, workshops and seminars. Sprawled across downtown Harrisonburg, these events covered the spectrum of the indie music community, ranging from how to record and sell albums, to sessions on the community's photography scene.

Tucked into Wonder Skate Shop and kicking off the Saturday afternoon festivity was a panel that took its name and subject from a modern classic.

Drawing from the music scene's everlasting love affair with "High Fidelity," the classic depiction of record store ennui, the panel bearing its name drew counted speakers from record stores and label runners across Virginia.

The panel gathered for a talk on the role of record stores in today's music scene. In a candid session, the gathered panelists reflected on the need for record stores as communal sites for music fans to gather and bands to promote themselves.

Though the economy has hurt the music industry, a resurgence of interesting vinyl records has been a silver lining. And with a hint and a nudge, the panelists let everyone

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Cookie Business to Expand to Blacksburg

By **KALEIGH SOMERS**
The Breeze

After three years of service to JMU and the Harrisonburg community, Campus Cookies is ready to expand.

The company is owned by 23-year-old Scott Davidson, a business management '09 graduate of JMU.

Davidson plans to extend his business to Blacksburg later this month, with a location to service the Virginia Tech campus and the surrounding town once classes start in the fall.

The business owner targeted Blacksburg for its similarities to Harrisonburg, as both are college towns whose local businesses are driven by the student demand.

Davidson believes that Blacksburg will benefit from the new store opening.

College towns "usually lose a majority of our primary target market over the summer, and we feel the community is in need of our service," Davidson said.

He will operate the new location full-time, but continue to check up on the original location several times a month.

"It's my baby and I want to make sure it starts out on the right foot," Davidson said.

Davidson hired Scott Kondraske, the current manager of Jimmy Johns, to operate the Harrisonburg location.

Kondraske, a former JMU student who takes classes at Blue Ridge, has experience with local delivery, and Davidson feels he is qualified for the job.

"He has a great train of thought and will fit in well with the culture at Campus Cookies," Davidson said.

Senior Amanda Johnson has

confidence in the business.

"As long as the student body is aware of how they work, I think it will be successful," Johnson said.

Davidson plans to integrate the business within the Blacksburg community through cookie donations at fundraising events for student organizations.

The original location, which opened in September 2007, began in Davidson's Hunters Ridge townhouse. Davidson had only one other employee helping him bake and make deliveries. That first night, the business only received two orders.

Formerly known as "Craving Cookies," the company switched names after a Florida business, which had a trademark on "Craving Cookies,"

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RYAN FREELAND / THE BREEZE

Campus Cookies, owned by '09 graduate Scott Davidson, sells a variety of treats, including Espresso Brownie, Chocolate Chip and Carnival cookies.

Disorganized 3-D Clashes with Epic Myth

By **JEFF WADE**
The Breeze

"Clash of the Titans" suffers from three clichés that are becoming increasingly prevalent in Hollywood.

The checklist of clichés? Sam Worthington as a lead to a multi-million dollar spectacle, an unnecessary remake of an earlier film and ineffectual and unnecessary 3-D.

"Clash of the Titans," a reshuffle of the 1981 flick of the same name, follows the tale of Perseus (Sam Worthington "Avatar," "Terminator: Salvation"), who is the bastard son of the surprisingly sparkly god Zeus (Liam Neeson, "Taken"). Following an unfortunate run-in with Hades (Ralph Fiennes, "Harry Potter"), Perseus loses the mortal foster family that raised him and becomes swept into a quest to

destroy the gods themselves.

"Clash" is akin to a greatest hits album of Greek mythology: It's a package of familiar characters that is recognizable, but is scattershot and incoherent. The inter-god machinations, which serve as the basis for the bulk of Greek mythology, are nonexistent. Instead the film plays hard and fast with myth by shuffling gods around and playing with their motivations, making them seem whiney and flat.

All that's left is the SparkNotes version: Zeus dotes on humanity, Hades comically schemes and Poseidon is left to ... play with water or something.

The film proceeds in the most typical of blockbuster progression, being in a hurry to get from set piece to set piece and leaving no time for

Clash of the Titans

★★★★☆

'PG-13' 118 min.

Starring Sam Worthington, Liam Neeson, Ralph Fiennes, Jason Flemyng

nuance or characterization. In this mad rush, a cast of characters get stuck in a revolving door of coming and going until it's time to serve as either comic relief, cannon fodder or both. Its development plays less like a film and more like a video game: It's a race to acquire as many power-ups as possible in order to make it to the next level and take on the final boss.

If the film had a compelling lead

to weight the proceedings, it might be able to work. Yet Perseus is as one-note as the rest of the cast.

Worthington sleepwalks through yet another big-budget movie, continuing to show that he has either the best agent or the best blackmail in all of Hollywood.

While the original "Clash of the Titans" was big on ideas but flawed in execution, the 2010 version coasts on a lack of ideas and thoroughly competent execution. The claymation of the original film dated it, but in the best possible way; the film came across as imaginative and whimsical. The passage of time has caused those special effects to fall on the right side of endearing, but it's hard to have the same fondness being held for the new version's unremarkable computer-generated imagery.

Something that definitely won't be looked back on with fondness is the atrocious 3-D.

Inorganically added during post-production, the 3-D is flat and lifeless. It's made worse by the fact that it contains multiple instances of objects being hurled directly at the screen — without a doubt the worst 3-D gimmick. The abysmal result highlights the producers' little time and even less effort put into this cash grab movie.

"Clash of the Titans" is occasionally entertaining in the way that big, dumb blockbusters tend to be. It has its fun moments, but it is mostly forgettable. When the film shows the monstrous Kraken in its predictable climax, it makes something very evident: The Kraken isn't the only large, lumbering and brainless monstrosity that's been released.

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tribal drumming and unintelligible singing of Prince Rama captivated the audience members, many of whom jumped out of their seats to rage on either side of the band.

Heavy rock thrashers The Hermit Thrushes provided an entertaining set full of blistering guitar riffs and machine gun drums, invoking many a dancing riot on Clementine Cafe's dance floor. They left behind more than one busted — yet satisfied — eardrum as they concluded their performance.

As night began to fall on Harrisonburg, Court Square Theater had the most appealing set for folk-rockers everywhere, as it included the bands Cotton Jones and Good Old War. Cotton Jones comforted the audience with harmonies and some good country lovin'. Singer Michael Nau's gorgeous and delicate vocals soothed the crowd's tired souls. Coupled with the deep, husky voice of his female pianist, it made for a memorable performance.

Philadelphia-based Good Old War provided the most outstanding set that night. Members Keith Goodwin, Dan Schwartz and Tim Arnold treated the audience to a 30 minute acoustic set, complete with harmonies and sweet lyrics. Their music, reminiscent of the vocal brilliance and simplicity of Simon & Garfunkel, was perfectly suited for the quiet atmosphere of Court Square. After the first song, all three band members came to the front of the stage and played the rest of their songs without any amplification, but with the benefit of audience participation.

Saturday afternoon began with the Artful Dodger Day Showcase. Post-rock bands Everybody, Everywhere and Monument woke the audience up with searing guitars and intense drumming



On Saturday, Monument member Gabe Marquez sang and played guitar at the Artful Dodger.

EVAN MCGREW / THE BREEZE

that easily could have caused a migraine.

Court Square Theater featured the Soil & the Sun, a band hailing from Michigan. Soil & the Sun entertained the audience members with an explosive performance that used flutes, accordions, tambourines and more to create a unique but tight sound that received a standing ovation.

The Love Language followed with the most danceable set of the night: Spanish-influenced folk-rock with deep thrumming bass that shook the bones, rocking

keyboards and one of the tightest sounds of the night.

Here We Go Magic, the brainchild of muralist-turned-musician Luke Temple, closed the night with experimental sonic waves of delight.

Luke Temple's band worked the audience into a frenzy with its deep grooves, eventually culminating in a mini-mosh pit and a few instances of crowd-surfing. After shouts of "Play one more!" Here We Go Magic ended around 12:30 a.m. with one last yelping tune that brought MACRoCk to a shiny conclusion of applause.

MUSIC | Panels Discuss Art, Culture

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know that it'd be great to pay back these tradition torchbearers with a visit come Record Store Day on April 17.

Later at Clementine Cafe, professionals Don Zientara and Allen Bergendahi gave a talk on how to get the most out of do-it-yourself recording.

The first half focused on the do's and don'ts of D.I.Y. recording, and the later half invited interaction and conversation with the audience. While it was ironic to see recording studio heads advocating what may very well replace them, the feeling that the speakers were training their replacements was clearly on display.

Though it played to a notably

smaller crowd, the photography panel was intriguing in its own right. Speakers P.J. Sykes and Katie Stoop said from the start, the panel would be more conversational than others of the day, and the way the panel tapped into the two speakers' personal experiences went a long way in achieving the desired tone.

The speakers also touched on controversies surrounding photography. Topics ranged from merits of film and digital styles of photography to pondering the ethical ramifications of Photoshop. After all this though, speakers made sure to emphasize the value of persistence when attempting to balance art and commercial viability with one's photography.

Other panels showed that

MACRoCk was not exclusively about music. More shops joined in on the festivities by providing workshops and talks on bike and skate culture. Elsewhere, the D.I.Y. principles that had been so pronounced in the panels and talks were echoed in the ability to make a personal MACRoCk shirt at the Laughing Dog.

While panels might be viewed by the general festival-goers as the ancillary part of the music festival, this set of panels spoke for themselves in terms of importance. It is at these panels that the free-wheeling, contact-making, and meet and greet magic happens. That is what will be remembered long after the current crop of buzz bands have come and gone.

COOKIE | Owner Hopes to Brighten Campuses, One Cookie at a Time

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contacted Davidson. Asked to change the name, Davidson soon trademarked "Campus Cookies" and its logo.

Since August 2008, the company has operated at its South Main Street location, and is housed in the same facility as Little Italy Pizza.

The company averages between 40 and 80 orders per night.

While most orders come from students, Davidson often serves staff at Rockingham Memorial Hospital, and the 911 call center, all of which remain open late into the night. His other main customers include parents, who often order online.

"I didn't realize how popular the gift-giving service would be," Davidson said. "The ability to send a customizable package, delivered warm with a personalized message, is very valuable."

Johnson said many of her friends' parents send gift packages through the Web site.

Junior Adam Zisa also uses the service often.

"I've used them for when I have people over for movie nights," Zisa said. "Just the idea of it makes it all the more fun and exciting."

What started as Davidson's interest in online marketing and using Web sites to generate traffic for a business, became a chance for him to "see how I could create a system within my limited capabilities," including his townhouse, money and time. He met with mentors, filed for a business license and surveyed large classes of students regarding delivery options.

Several initial problems ranged



Campus Cookies owner Scott Davidson has run the local company since 2007 and intends to serve the Blacksburg community.

RYAN FREELAND / THE BREEZE

from lack of fridge storage to fights breaking out in front of his car and stolen delivery top-lights.

Both locations will offer the same menu items. Davidson plans to soon expand the variety of cookies, care packages and apparel offered.

Parents can order by 6 p.m. for same-day delivery and Campus Cookies contacts the student directly to set up a delivery time. The site offers the ability to customize orders by selecting how many of each type of cookie and choosing from several different gift packages or combos with set prices.

Davidson's experimental focus on meeting sales goals transformed into a focus on the Campus Cookies experience, which he describes as making

someone's day a little better by receiving fresh-baked cookies. He believes college towns in general fit the profile for the business, and eventually he may expand to other college towns if he succeeds in keeping both locations open.

Davidson doesn't anticipate personally making much of an income while the new location gets up and running. As with any business, until the word spreads about Tech's Campus Cookies, Davidson expects to be putting more work into the business than making revenue.

Davidson continues to think of new ways to expand his market and gain recognition. The Harrisonburg location will also begin delivery-service at Eastern Mennonite University next year.

GAMES THIS WEEK

MEN'S TENNIS
Georgetown @ JMU
 Wednesday, 2 p.m.
The Dukes fell to the Hoyas, 3-2, in the VCU 4+1 Invitational held Jan. 24. The teams split the four singles matches while the Hoyas took the deciding doubles match to take the overall victory.

WOMEN'S TENNIS
George Washington @ JMU
 Saturday, 1:30 p.m.
The Dukes have lost two straight to the Colonials since beating them 4-3 in March 2007. Senior Kelly Maxwell has won two out of her three career singles matches against George Washington.

SOFTBALL
Radford @ JMU
 Wednesday, 4 p.m.
 Wednesday, 5:45 p.m.
Hofstra @ JMU
 Saturday, 12 p.m.
 Saturday, 1:45 p.m.
 Sunday, 12 p.m.
Redshirt senior Shannon Moxey leads the Dukes with both a .342 batting average and a .990 fielding percentage. Hofstra freshman Olivia Galati's team-leading 1.37 earned run average is the 37th-best in the nation.

BASEBALL
William & Mary @ JMU
 Friday, 6:30 p.m.
 Saturday, 6:30 p.m.
 Sunday, 2 p.m.
The Dukes lost both of their games against the Tribe last season. They were out-scored 5-20 in the weather-shortened series.

WEEKEND ACTION

Baseball
 Friday, vs. Old Dominion (6-1 loss)
 Saturday, vs. Old Dominion (7-5 win)
 Sunday, vs. Old Dominion (4-1 win)

Softball
 Friday, vs. Delaware (9-1 win)
 Friday, vs. Delaware (14-4 loss)
 Saturday, vs. Delaware (4-3 win)

Men's Tennis
 Thursday, vs. Richmond (4-3 win)

Track & Field (Colonial Relays)
 Friday-Saturday, (Individual results can be found at jmusports.com)

BASEBALL

Dukes Defeat Old Dominion

The baseball team continued its streak of series wins against conference opponents, taking two of three from the Old Dominion Monarchs this past weekend. The Dukes, who have won nine of their last 11, continued their solid play, particularly on the pitching side of the ball.

The Dukes (15-12, 6-3 in the Colonial Athletic Association) started off the set in Norfolk with a tough 6-1 loss Friday night. The Monarchs (13-19, 2-4 in the CAA) snapped the Dukes three-game winning streak, attempting to put the streaking Dukes at bay.

JMU spoiled a solid outing by starter Kyle Hoffman in the first game, as the senior pitched 6 1/3 innings, giving up three earned runs on just three hits and registering a career high nine strikeouts. The game was scoreless until the bottom of the sixth when junior left fielder Donnie Cornser homered for the Monarchs. Hoffman would get out of the sixth without incidence, but was pulled after giving up a hit and walk to start ODU's seventh.

The Monarchs would go on to score three in the seventh and two more in the eighth to pull away. JMU closer Kevin Munson struggled for one of the first times all year, surrendering two bases loaded walks in the seventh. The Dukes would score in vain on a sacrifice fly by junior third baseman McKinnon Langston in the top of the ninth.

Junior Kyle Hald pitched a complete game for the Monarchs, yielding just the one run on five hits while striking out eight.

The second game, played Saturday night, was a different story for JMU as it didn't take long for the team to wake up their bats. The Dukes' 7-5 victory was sealed by the top of the fifth inning, when the team scored four

FOOTBALL

Flipping the Switch



ROBERT BOAG / THE BREEZE

JMU football will hold spring practices until April 23, when they play their spring game at the University of Virginia. Weekday practices are at 4 p.m. while Saturday practice times will vary. All practices and scrimmages are open to the public. The Dukes finished 4-4 in the Colonial Athletic Association and 6-5 overall last season.

By DAN LOBDELL
 The Breeze

The football program has a new motto: "Flip the Switch," and the team has been showing it off on T-shirts worn around campus as players begin spring practices.

Defensive tackle Ronnell Brown is making that mantra the focus of his final season in a Madison uniform.

"During the offseason, [strength coach Jim] Durning preached to me that I need to flip that switch," Brown said. "So, you know, that's gonna be my motto. I'm gonna improve my efforts. If you improve your effort, gameplay, tackles, all the above will come."

In that mode, the team now sports purple shirts with the words "Flip the Switch" on the front and the date of the 2011 national championship game on the back. The Football Championship Sub-division will crown its winner Jan. 7 in Frisco, Texas, after holding the title game in Chattanooga, Tenn. since 1997.

If the Dukes expect to win their second national championship this season — the first was in 2004 — they will need several starters to step up from last season's 6-5 team.

The loss of All-Americans Arthur Moats and Sam Daniels to graduation leaves the reins of the defense in the hands of two upperclassmen, Brown and junior linebacker Pat Williams. Both were named

third team All-Colonial Athletic Association last season.

"I thought it was obvious we had a lot of carry-over from last year," coach Mickey Matthews said. "We have a lot more returning players than we did a year ago in the spring. We lost heavily the year before last, and this year we don't lose near as heavily."

Williams is one of three returning Dukes to start all 11 games last season and is Madison's most decorated player on the either side of the ball. In addition to his All-CAA recognition, he was awarded the CAA's Defensive Rookie of the Year in 2008, when he lined up at strong safety.

Joining Williams in the Dukes' seasoned secondary are safeties Vidal Nelson and Jakarie Jackson. Returning in the linebacking corps are starters Jamie Veney and Chase Williams. Rising junior Jon Williams, who started all 11 games at weak safety a year ago, is being held out of spring practice for academic reasons.

"Well, J-Will is a big part of our defense," rising sophomore Chase Williams said of Jon's absence. "And it's definitely a little bit different. However, Peter Rose is very talented and a very good football player. So he's gonna come in and do his thing."

On the offensive side of the ball, none of JMU's top four receivers from 2009 are in spring practice. Two graduated and one was dismissed from the team.

"We're all starting to gel all over again. We got a real good group of young receivers, and, you know, they can step up and make some big plays."

Justin Thorpe
 rising sophomore quarterback

In addition, junior tailback Scott Noble will not practice this spring because of academic reasons. Noble was the team's third leading receiver last year with 16 catches and 235 yards.

"And we're not really worried about that right now," Williams said "Right now we're just worried about getting better. Whoever's in there, just getting the job done. That's all it's all about."

Wide receiver Rockeed McCarter and tight end Mike Caussin graduated, while tailback Corwin Acker was dismissed after being charged with possession of marijuana. McCarter led the team in receptions, receiving yards and touchdowns each of the past two seasons while Caussin became only the second JMU tight end with 1,000 career receiving yards.

That leaves rising senior Marcus Turner, who has 29 career receptions, and

two redshirt freshmen, who have never played a down of college football, starting at the three wide receiver spots. Rising junior Kerby Long could also start, but he is being held out of spring practice for academic reasons.

The lack of experience at receiver does not seem to bother either potential starting quarterback.

"We're all starting to gel all over again," rising sophomore Justin Thorpe said. "We got a real good group of young receivers and, you know, they can step up and make some big plays."

Thorpe won the CAA's Rookie of the Year award after taking over for rising senior Drew Dudzik in the Richmond game. At that point, Dudzik and Thorpe had been splitting time, but Dudzik's season ended when he broke his foot in the third quarter against the Spiders.

Thorpe had a productive year, passing for 1,260 yards and five touchdowns while also leading the team in rushing with 654 yards and five scores.

Dudzik, who showed promise prior to the injury, is confident that no matter who ends up playing, the offense will be successful.

"Well, you know, I'm excited about the group that we have," Dudzik said. "We've got a lot of young receivers, a few freshmen are gonna be playing. But we've got some veterans too. We're executing well, we just gotta keep getting reps. Everyday we're gonna get better."

SOFTBALL

Can't Read Her Poker Face

Freshman Pitcher Cara Stecher Leads Dukes to Two Victories Against Delaware



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Cara Stecher was named CAA co-Rookie of the Week on March 29, sharing the honor with Georgia State's Audrey Mason.

By KELLY BRAGG
 contributing writer

The softball team won two of three games this weekend in its conference series against Delaware. The Dukes improved to 16-19 overall and 4-2 in the Colonial Athletic Association on the season. The majority decision against the Blue Hens was the team's sixth consecutive CAA series win.

The first game of Friday's double-header went to the Dukes, 9-1, while the Blue Hens returned the favor game two, winning 14-4. Following back-to-back blowouts, few could have anticipated the nail-biter that would follow.

The 609 fans that gathered at Veterans Memorial Park for Saturday's game were rewarded.

At the end of the regulation seven innings, the teams were tied at three, sending the game to extra innings. After a scoreless eighth inning, the Dukes took control with a little small-ball.

To start the bottom of the ninth inning, freshman third baseman Haley Johnson singled and advanced to third after a sacrifice bunt and groundout. With two outs, sophomore second baseman Caitlen Manning came up to plate.

Manning came through, hitting a

Next on the Plate

The Dukes host the Radford University Highlanders for a double-header on Wednesday at 4 p.m. and 5:45 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Park.

walk-off single to clinch the 4-3 win for the Dukes. Manning proved to be a force to be reckoned with, as she went 2-for-4 with three RBIs, one run and a home run.

"I just have confidence in myself. It's all about just believing that your team can win the game," Manning said.

Freshman pitcher Cara Stecher pitched six innings in the first game of Friday's double-header and pitched a complete game Saturday.

Stecher improved her overall record to 8-6 with the two wins. She also pitched 1 1/3 innings in game one, giving up seven runs on nine hits in mop-up duty for the Dukes.

Despite her trying relief outing, Stecher's performance thus far has been consistent, particularly in a starting role. In her 13 starts, the defending CAA Rookie of the Week has given

up more than three earned runs just twice.

"I know the way I compose myself helps my defense, so if I look like I'm getting frustrated with what I'm doing, then my defense is gonna get frustrated, and the offense too," Stecher said. "So as long as I stay composed and I make my pitches, I know my defense will have my back."

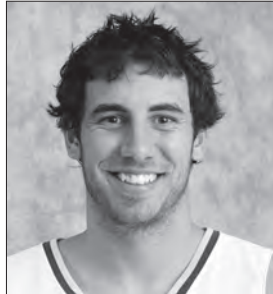
While the defense did have Stecher's back for most of Saturday's game, the series clincher was jeopardized by two fielding errors in the top of the ninth inning.

But even then, the freshman showed no signs of frustration or anxiety. Instead, she got the third out and stepped aside for the offense to win the game.

Additionally, a key factor in the two wins was Stecher's ability to stay calm under pressure. Despite her age and experience, the freshman has established herself as the Dukes' go-to pitcher in big games.

"She's just really cool under pressure, and goes out there and does her job, and doesn't let anything bother her," coach Katie Flynn said. "She was a warrior today throwing nine innings, and she threw a ton of innings yesterday too."

MEET THE PLAYER



- Ben Louis
- basketball
- Melbourne, Australia
- junior, sports management major

What's your pick for the NCAA champion? I'm gonna go with Duke because Duke's been playing pretty well through the whole thing. But I would definitely like Butler to win. They're coming from a middling conference and I would love an underdog to win.

Best post-game snack? Probably some type of pasta, something light but with carbohydrates to get you ready for the next game or practice.

What's a random talent you have that no one knows about? I can juggle but I don't know if that's weird or wacky.

What is your current obsession? I was addicted to Dexter and I was obsessed with that for a while.

What is something you wish you were better at? I wish I was a better singer or drawer. I can't sing or draw.

What is your favorite sport to play? Probably Australian rules football. Its like a mix between rugby and soccer. You can run with the ball, kick the ball and the objective of the game is to kick it between two big goal posts.

Where's your favorite place on Earth? A tropical island somewhere on the beach. My dad's from an island called Mauritius. The beach there is pretty spectacular.

What do you like to do in your free time? I like to watch movies. I'm a big fan of just relaxing and picking up a DVD and watching it.

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runs on five hits to extend its lead to 7-0. The inning, highlighted by a two-RBI triple by sophomore catcher Jake Lowery, saw every Dukes run scored with two outs.

Despite scoring five runs in the bottom of the fifth, ODU was held scoreless the rest of the way. Freshman D.J. Brown earned his second win of the year, giving up just two earned runs in five innings of work. The other three runs, all unearned, were a result of an error committed by JMU.

Lowery went 3-3 for the Dukes, while senior outfielder Matt Browning extended his team-leading batting average to .455 with a 4-5, two-RBI night.

Sunday afternoon's rubber match featured beleaguered JMU ace Turner Phelps making his seventh start of the season. Phelps, who gave up more than one run an inning in his first three starts, continued his domination of conference foes. Reeling off two straight wins, Phelps anchored the Dukes, pitching a complete game en route to a 4-1 win for the Dukes.

Phelps would strike out 10 Monarchs on the night, a season-high for JMU pitchers. He only surrendered five hits and continued to harness his control, giving up just two walks. Prior to Sunday, Phelps had averaged just over eight walks per nine innings.

The Dukes offense was led by junior first baseman Trevor Knight, who went 3-4 with an RBI. The preseason CAA Player of the Year, who also started the year off slowly, ended the series hitting .330 on the year. Senior catcher Brett Garner would knock in two more with a sacrifice fly and triple in the second and fourth innings respectively.

JMU will look to avenge their March 17 loss when they play at No. 1 University of Virginia Tuesday at 6 p.m. The Dukes will also rematch Virginia Military Institute on Wednesday afternoon after playing the Keydets March 24. Their first matchup, held at Veterans Memorial Park, was a 17-13 win for the Dukes. JMU clinched the victory as they went on a 15-1 scoring run to end the game.

The team will continue conference play this Friday, when it will begin another three-game series against William & Mary at home. The Tribe (17-10, 3-3) took both games against the Dukes in Williamsburg last season.

— staff reports



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Rising senior quarterback Drew Dudzik (right) ran plays last week after spring practices began Wednesday. Dudzik was the starting quarterback for the first five games last season until he broke his foot in the Oct. 10 game against Richmond. Dudzik will be competing with rising sophomore Justin Thorpe and two incoming freshmen from Texas for the starting quarterback position.

NFL

McNabb Heads to D.C.

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — In the boldest move since Mike Shanahan took over as head coach, the Washington Redskins acquired quarterback Donovan McNabb on Sunday night in a trade with the Philadelphia Eagles.

McNabb, a six-time Pro Bowler, instantly changes the face of the Redskins' offense, simultaneously casting uncertainty on quarterback Jason Campbell's future and the team's plans for this month's draft. His arrival also means Redskins fans can expect a new starting quarterback at the start of the 2010 season.

In exchange for McNabb, the Redskins gave up their second-round pick in this month's draft — the draft's 37th overall selection — and a fourth-round selection in the 2011 draft. Next year's pick, though, could become a third-round selection, depending on McNabb's performance this season.

McNabb was Philadelphia's dependable starter since midway through his rookie season in 1999. He led the Eagles for more than a decade, taking them to the Super Bowl XXXIX, the same season in which he was named the NFC's offensive player of the year in 2004. A mobile quarterback and polarizing figure for many fans, McNabb's future has been in doubt in Philadelphia since the Eagles acquired Michael Vick in 2009 and drafted Kevin Kolb in the second round of the 2007 draft.

Despite votes of confidence from Eagles Coach Andy Reid and team president Joe Banner, the Eagles began putting out feelers last month that they would be willing to trade McNabb. At the same time, the Redskins were

weighing their options for the 2010 season.

With a new coaching staff in place, the Redskins are expected to implement a new offense this season, so it's not surprising that they sought out a new quarterback. It wasn't immediately certain how this might affect the team's draft plans. Many around the league expected the Redskins to pursue a quarterback in this month's draft.

Shanahan has said he intended to personally scout four to five of the top quarterback prospects. They've already brought in Notre Dame's Jimmy Clausen and Florida's Tim Tebow for in-person visits and Oklahoma's Sam Bradford and Texas' Colt McCoy were both expected to tour Redskins Park this week. At least one league source said Sunday night that the Redskins could still draft a quarterback and use McNabb as a buffer to allow a young quarterback to learn the team's new system and adjust to the professional level.

As veterans go, there aren't many with a more impressive resume than McNabb. A product of Syracuse University, McNabb was the second overall pick in the 1999 draft. In the years that followed, he was a postseason regular and often a thorn in the Redskins' side, leading the Eagles to four straight division titles (2001-04, five conference championship games (2001-04, '08) and one Super Bowl appearance.

The 33-year-old quarterback already has more than 32,000 career passing yards and 200 touchdowns. He comes to Washington, one of the Eagles' chief NFC East rivals, as Philadelphia's all-time leader in wins, pass attempts,

completions, yards and touchdowns.

Speaking to reporters last month at the NFL's annual owner meetings, Shanahan declined to name Campbell as his starter, saying the Redskins' five-year veteran would have to earn the honor in training camp. He clearly had different plans, though.

Campbell had been the cornerstone of the Redskins' offense for the past five years. Drafted in the first round of the 2005 draft under former coach Joe Gibbs, Campbell has started the team's past 32 games and 52 of their past 56. Since taking over the starting job midway through the 2006 season, no quarterback has started more games for the Redskins since Mark Rypien led the huddle from 1989 to '93.

But playing by an embattled offensive line and a rotating cast of coaches, Campbell struggled to make the Washington offense more effective. Last season, Campbell was sacked 43 times, more than all but two other NFL quarterbacks. Statistically, Campbell had posted noticeable improvements since taking over the starting job four seasons ago. He annually improved on his completions, touchdown passes, passing yards and quarterback rating.

But it wasn't enough to impress the new coaching staff. Shanahan's first hire was his son, Kyle, as the team's offensive coordinator, which signaled a renewed commitment to the passing game. Last season, when Kyle Shanahan was the offensive coordinator in Houston, the Texans featured the league's top-ranked passing attack.

With McNabb in place, the team still has four other quarterbacks under contract: Campbell, Rex Grossman, Colt Brennan and Richard Bartel.

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