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## FACING FALL OUT

Fifteen Students Arrested, Police Expect More Charges to Follow From Videos and Photos

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*The Breeze*

Of the 24 arrests made Saturday related to the civil disturbance so far, 15 were JMU students.

Harrisonburg Police Department, Virginia State Police and Alcohol Beverage Control agents all made individual arrests during the Springfest melee in Forest Hills.

Six other men were arrested for assault or battery by mob and malicious wounding by mob for an incident on Port Republic Road around 9 p.m. Saturday. One male victim was taken to Rockingham Memorial Hospital and then by ground to University of Virginia Medical Center. Police also said there was a stabbing and a sexual assault reported early Sunday morning.

During Tuesday's city council meeting, Mayor Kai Degner called upon JMU President Linwood Rose to expel any JMU students who violently participated in the riot.

"We invite him to excuse them from JMU and our community," Degner said. "For the people who were here from outside our community, we don't invite you back." Police have

Violations between 2 p.m. Saturday and 6 a.m. Sunday	Total charged with this violation
Abusive language	1
Felonious assault	1
Giving false ID to an officer	1
Grand larceny	1
Shoplifting	1
Urination in public	1
Possession of marijuana	2
Open container	4
Assault and battery by mob/ malicious wounding by mob	6
Unlawful purchase or possession of alcohol	6
Profane swearing and drunkenness	10

Source: Harrisonburg Police Department

said they believe the escalation of the problems was mostly a result of outsiders at the party.

Police Chief Donald Harper reported that 227 officers from Augusta County, Rockingham



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**Harrisonburg's Mayor Kai Degner called for the expulsion of JMU students involved in Saturday's violence.**

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### ADMISSIONS

## Riot Produces Little Backlash On CHOICES

By **KALEIGH SOMERS and AMANDA CASKEY**  
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Despite the national coverage Harrisonburg received this week from the riot in Forest Hills, some prospective students are eager to enter JMU as incoming freshmen in the fall.

Jack Sullivan, a high school senior from Charlottesville who visited campus Monday for CHOICES, wasn't concerned about coming to JMU next year after hearing about the riot.

"I think it's kinda funny, actually," Sullivan said.

His father read the articles posted in Monday's *The Breeze* and believed the incident may have been dramatized.

"It looks like it got blown out of proportion," Sullivan's dad V.G. Sullivan said. "I can't imagine that it was a riot." He grew up in Charlottesville and said he's seen big parties before, but never one where anything was lit on fire. Still, he agreed it doesn't affect his opinion of the university.

CHOICES, held every year in February and April, is an event held for prospective students who have been admitted to JMU. The event gives high school seniors the opportunity to have their questions answered about JMU before making a final decision on enrollment.

Sophomores Chloe Seipel and Caitlin Von Gersdorff were CHOICES volunteers on Monday on the Quad. They said a few parents asked them questions about Springfest and one father of a prospective student even made a few jokes about it.

"I do wish it wouldn't have happened this weekend," Seipel said. "It's such a big deal right now, but everyone's just overreacting."

Mary Schaffner, a mother of a prospective student from Falls Church, Va., thinks worse events could have transpired over the weekend.

The riot "doesn't really affect my opinion as long as there's no guns being fired," Schaffner said.

Director of Admissions Michael Walsh said the admissions staff and Student Ambassadors, both involved in directing visitors around campus on CHOICES, asked him for instructions on "handling questions about Saturday night," Walsh said.

An e-mail sent out Sunday afternoon

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### AFTERMATH

## Landlords' High Fines Hit Residents Hard

By **RYAN PLATT**  
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The effects of this past weekend's debauchery are still being felt by residents of both Village Lane and Forest Hills Manor.

Both managements have issued fines to their tenants. Neither agreed to comment.

Forest Hills Manor management sent a letter to its residents with porches on Wednesday stating they were in violation of their lease and will be assessed a \$500 each, for a total of \$2,000 per townhome.

"Your living room area and deck was packed with people," the letter states. "Loud music was being played on the deck. The crowd was so big that management had to call the police to ask you to stop the party."

The letter stated the fine must be paid by May 1 or legal action will be taken against the residents.

"We never had more than 14 or 15 people in our house at one time, so we're going to fight it," said senior finance major Jordan Liles. "Everyone who had a porch [in the Manor] got it. Our landlord is trying to get money out of everyone," Liles said.

Junior political science major, Julia Mitchell, said she and her roommates plan to appeal the fine.

"Unless they can show us a picture with more than 10 people on our deck and 20 in our house, then I don't know how they're going to make us pay for it," Mitchell said. "It seems like they're just pissed the Manor got damaged and they're just taking it out on their tenants."

Village Lane, which is adjacent to the Manor, also fined its residents.

According Village Lane resident Allison La Gatta, her apartment was fined \$100 for violating its lease.

The junior political science and history major said her window was smashed from someone punching it, but no other damage occurred to her house.

Senior studio art major Lee Stashenko is a resident of Village Lane and is experiencing the aftermath firsthand.

"Someone threw a beer bottle at our back porch and the back window got smashed," he said. "I think we're going to have to pay for it, but we're not sure yet."

Stashenko said five houses on Village Lane have smashed windows. In addition to the property damage, the entire area was littered with garbage ranging from beer bottles to empty cases to lumber.

The management of Forest Hills was able to get the area cleaned up quickly.

"It actually looks a lot better," Stashenko

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**Some Forest Hills residents were fined \$500.**

### SGA

## Run-Off Election Today

By **AARON KOEPPER**  
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Voting will take place today in the runoff for SGA president between sophomore Andrew Reese and junior Caitlin Natale.

In the original race that took place last Thursday, Reese won 573 of the 1,610 votes and Natale won 405 of them. According to elections commissioner Rob Cellucci, since neither candidate captured the majority of the vote, a runoff has to be held.

The elections commission policy states, a runoff election occurs when neither candidate receives 50 plus one percent of the votes. The election is then continued for another week between the two top candidates to

Presidential Candidates	Number of Votes
Andrew Reese	573 (runoff)
Caitlin Natale	405 (runoff)
Tommy Cumberland	359
Paul Sexton	240
<b>Total Votes</b>	<b>1610</b>

determine a winner.

"I've tried to prepare myself for whatever happens," Natale said. "Throughout this whole thing I've said I'll do my best job — that's all anyone can ask of me."

Cellucci also said that voter turnout was lower than expected for the election. With four candidates running

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### Lighting The Stage

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# POLICE LOG

## Larceny

- On Friday a JMU student reported theft of an iPod, two cell phones, and a wallet containing cash, a credit card and JACard valued at \$780.
- On Sunday, a JMU student reported unauthorized charges made to a credit card.

## Property Damage

- On Tuesday, a JMU employee reported damage to a glass panel at E-Hall valued at \$1,000.
- On Friday, a JMU police cadet reported damage to a glass door at Showker Hall valued at \$1,000.
- On Sunday, a JMU student reported damage to a sun roof of a vehicle in the C3 Lot valued at \$250.
- On Saturday, a JMU student and police officer reported damage to tires on vehicles in

the R1 Lot valued at \$350.

- On Sunday, a JMU police officer reported damage to a tree in the Festival area valued at \$150.
- On Tuesday, a JMU employee reported damage to a parking sign at Shenandoah Hall valued at \$125.
- On Sunday, a JMU student reported damage to walls in Spotswood Hall caused by permanent marker valued at \$50.
- On Sunday, a JMU police officer reported damage to a window pane at Wilson Hall valued at \$35.

## Alcohol

- On Friday, police arrested a JMU student for public drunkenness, resisting arrest and non compliance at Ikenberry Hall.
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and property damage at Hillside Hall.

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## Assault

- On Tuesday, a JMU student reported being assaulted by an unknown female after a dispute over a parking space in the E Lot.
- On Friday, a JMU student reported being assaulted by unknown females near Hanson Hall.

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FROM BLOOMBERG NEWS AND THE WASHINGTON POST

## Rush to Rescue Quake Victims

BEIJING — China mobilized thousands of rescue workers in a race to save people stuck under the rubble of collapsed homes and schools after a 6.9 magnitude earthquake left at least at least 400 dead and many more injured.

President Hu Jintao, on a trip to Washington, called for an all-out effort to rescue victims in Qinghai province, sandwiched between the restive regions of Tibet and Xinjiang. Vice Premier Hui Liangyu arrived to oversee relief efforts in the mountainous region on the Tibetan Plateau, where temperatures were forecast to fall below freezing tonight.

Urgent assistance is needed to help at least 10,000 people injured after the quake struck at 7:49 a.m. local time, the official Xinhua News Agency reported. A 2008 tremblor that hit Sichuan province in 2008 killed about 90,000 people after schools and other buildings collapsed, sparking protests and accusations that corrupt officials turned a blind eye to sub- standard construction practices.

State-broadcaster China Central Television showed residents digging through rubble with their hands. Dozens of rescuers were shown struggling through fire and smoke to reach eight people the TV channel said were trapped under a collapsed hotel. Many remain buried, with more than 85 percent of houses flattened in the town of Jiegu, close to the epicenter, Xinhua said.

Efforts “by every means” should be made to rescue those trapped, Hu and Premier Wen Jiabao said in a statement posted on the central government’s Web site.

At least one-third of the buildings in the Yushu Vocational School collapsed and a student told Xinhua that there were several students in the building at the time. Rescue efforts have been hampered by a shortage of equipment, the agency said.

There were reports of students trapped in other schools, the Associated Press reported, without citing anyone.

Many of the buildings in the region, which has a significant ethnic-Tibetan population, are made of wood and mud, Xinhua said.

Ethnic Tibetans and Uighurs in neighboring Xinjiang province have complained for years that they are discriminated against by the majority Han Chinese and have not benefited from the country’s economic growth. Deadly clashes have broken out in both regions in the past few years, undermining the central government’s main stated aim of ensuring social stability.

Six hundred paramilitary personnel based in the vicinity were immediately dispatched to the disaster area. By 2:30 p.m. local time, they had rescued 113 people trapped under rubble, Xinhua said.

More than 3,700 paramilitary troops in Qinghai province were due to land in the disaster site by 9 p.m. local time today, Xinhua said. The airforce sent three planes to help transport rescue teams and 100 geologists to the quake site, it said.

State-controlled China Eastern Airlines Corp., the nation’s second-biggest carrier, sent two aircraft to help transport personnel and relief supplies, the state-owned news agency reported.

Help was also en route from other provinces: Guangdong in the south and neighboring Sichuan sent 600 firefighters, it said.

The national earthquake center said there is a risk of “strong” secondary quakes in coming days. Four aftershocks with a magnitude of 4.8 or higher followed within four hours of the main quake, the U.S. Geological Survey said on its Web site.

Sichuan province was hit by a magnitude 7.9 earthquake in May of 2008 as China prepared to host the summer Olympics in Beijing.

The epicenter of today’s earthquake was near the town of Jiegu, also known as Gyegu, which is the seat of Yushu prefecture and home to about 100,000 residents, Xinhua reported.

Electricity was to the area has been cut, roads damaged and telecommunications disrupted, according to the report. A local reservoir was also cracked, and workers were trying to prevent water flooding out, Xinhua said.

The Ministry of Finance said it allocated 200 million yuan (\$29 million) to deal with the aftermath of the quake.

Qinghai has a population of 5.57 million, the second- smallest of China’s provinces after Tibet. The province’s economy is also only larger than Tibet’s. Qinghai was used as a nuclear weapons testing site. The 721,000 square kilometer province is larger than Texas.

The quake also killed five people and injured another in Sichuan province and was felt in parts of Tibet, according to Xinhua.

The Chinese president met U.S. President Barack Obama in Washington on April 12 and is due in Brazil from April 14-17 to meet leaders from Brazil, Russia and India.

The Chinese president returned early from the Group of Eight summit in July of last year after ethnic rioting erupted in Xinjiang. The earthquake in Qinghai is unlikely to result in a repeat, said Willy Lam Wo-Lap, adjunct professor of history at Chinese University in Hong Kong.

“This is simply an earthquake which involves no military or political issues, unlike the Xinjiang riots,” Lam said. The Qinghai quake is also not as severe as the one that hit Sichuan.

## Proposed Public School Bailout

WASHINGTON — The Senate’s leading Democrat on education issues proposed a \$23 billion bailout Wednesday to help public schools across the country avert widespread layoffs, a sequel to the economic stimulus law that has propped up teetering state budgets for the past year.

The Obama administration immediately expressed support for an education jobs bill to help states through fiscal crisis, hoping to build momentum for the proposal from Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa.

In an appropriations hearing on Capitol Hill, Harkin noted that layoffs of teachers and other school personnel could exceed 100,000 before the next school year starts. The budget axe is falling in school systems across the country, prompting an array of education groups to mobilize for help.

“We must act soon,” Harkin said. “This is not something we can fix in August. We have to fix it now.” Harkin is chairman of the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions and chairman of the appropriations subcommittee on education.

The Democratic-led House late last year approved a measure of similar scope to help save

education jobs, but it stalled in the Senate. Whether Harkin’s proposal will gain traction remains to be seen. Senate Republicans, who have opposed the Democratic majority on most spending programs, can seek to block legislation through filibuster.

Education Secretary Arne Duncan seconded Harkin’s assessment of the gravity of the situation facing schools. He estimated that schools face layoffs in the range of 100,000 to 300,000.

“It is brutal out there, really scary,” Duncan told reporters after addressing the lawmakers. “This is a real emergency. What we’re trying to avert is an education catastrophe.”

Duncan stopped just short of endorsing Harkin’s bill. But he said Congress must act in the spring. He said efforts to improve schools will be hurt if class sizes rise, summer school is cut and other programs are eliminated.

Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala., said after the hearing that he was considering Harkin’s proposal. “We cannot get ahead by underfunding education,” he said.

The economic stimulus law enacted in 2009 provided nearly \$100 billion for education, much of it to help states avoid layoffs.

## Poland Awaiting Crash Results

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia — Poland’s initial findings from a probe into the April 10 plane crash that killed President Lech Kaczynski will probably be announced later this week.

Investigators will most likely make a presentation in “two or three days,” Col. Jerzy Artyniak, a spokesman for the country’s military prosecutor, said in a phone interview.

Kaczynski, central bank Governor Slawomir Skrzypek and the top four generals in Poland’s armed forces were among those killed in the crash near Smolensk, western Russia, where they were to attend a ceremony commemorating the execution of thousands of Poles by Soviet secret police in World War II.

Officials from both countries have said there is no indication of mechanical failure and that initial findings point to human error, with the pilot ignoring advice from controllers to divert elsewhere because of foggy weather.

Sixty-four victims of the accident had been identified as of 6 a.m. Moscow time today, Russia’s Emergency Ministry said in a statement. Thirty bodies are ready to be returned to Poland, Russian Health Ministry spokesman Alexander Vlasov said by telephone from Moscow.

The plane, a Tupolev Tu-154, crashed on its first attempt to land, Gazeta Wyborcza reported today, citing Zbigniew Rzepa, a military prosecutor who has reviewed the flight’s “black box” recorders. He denied earlier reports that the pilot had made more than one approach, the newspaper said.

Damage to the cockpit-voice and flight-data recorders won’t block efforts to recover their contents, Rzepa told Polish news channel TVN24 in an interview.

Russian investigators have ruled out engine failure and an onboard fire as the cause of the crash, Deputy Prime Minister Sergei Ivanov has said. A review of fragments from the Tupolev has been completed, though work on the site is continuing because body parts are wedged deep into the ground, among other reasons.

Members of the Polish Air Force’s VIP transportation unit

have said it’s unlikely that the plane’s senior pilot, Arkadiusz Protasiuk, felt under pressure to land in unsafe conditions. Crew “are well trained and know how to say ‘no,’” Gazeta Wyborcza reported yesterday, quoting a pilot it didn’t identify.

Kaczynski will be buried in a state funeral at the Wawel Castle in Krakow, resting place of Poland’s medieval kings, on April 18. A ceremony will be held in Warsaw the day before.

The death toll from the crash stands at 96, Veronika Smolskaya, a spokeswoman for Russia’s Emergency Ministry, said by phone, retracting an earlier report that 97 people had died.

## Toyota Suspend Lexus SUV Sales

WASHINGTON — Toyota temporarily halted sales of its 2010 Lexus GX 460 on Tuesday after Consumer Reports labeled the sport-utility vehicle a “safety risk.”

In a rare move, the influential magazine warned consumers against the vehicles because of the way the car slides during certain maneuvers, noting that those slides could be a prelude to rolling over. The publication has not issued such a warning since 2001.

“We believe that in real-world driving, that situation could lead to a rollover accident, which could cause serious injury or death,” Consumer Reports said in a blog post.

Some auto safety advocates said the finding by the magazine highlights weaknesses in the federal government’s system for reviewing new models.

NHTSA has not yet completed safety testing of the 2010 GX460, according to the Web site safercar.gov.

Moreover, critics said, the type of problem turned up by the magazine would not have been found by the government because its tests are less involved.

“The government has a rollover course that they send vehicles through, but it’s not a very rigorous test,” said Clarence Ditlow, executive director of the Center for Auto Safety.

The National Highway Safety Traffic Administration “advises drivers of the 2010 Lexus GX460 SUV to use care and caution,” the agency said in a statement. It said it is conducting tests to verify the vehicle’s adherence to federal standards and to better understand the results of the magazine test.

In a statement late Tuesday, Toyota said engineering teams were testing the GX 460 using Consumer Reports’ methodology.

“We are taking the situation with the GX 460 very seriously and are determined to identify and correct the issue Consumer Reports identified,” said Mark Templin, Lexus Group vice president and general manager.

The company sold 4,787 of the SUVs in the first three months of this year, which was 1 percent of Toyota sales, according to edmunds.com.

The Consumer Reports finding follows months of bad publicity for Toyota stemming from the recall of millions of vehicles linked to unintended acceleration. It comes as Toyota has spent millions on consumer discounts and television advertising in an effort to revive its reputation.

In the magazine’s tests, drivers take the car through a situation like one a driver might experience when exiting a highway and entering an off-ramp. At about 60 miles per hour, the driver enters a

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turn and then quickly lifts his or her foot off of the accelerator.

The tests were conducted by four different drivers and in each case, the back end of the vehicle slid out.

“It was unanimous,” said Jake Fisher, senior engineer at Consumer Reports and one of the test drivers. “We asked each other, ‘Did you have that happen, too?’ It was quite surprising.”

“I’ve been testing cars for Consumer Reports for 11 years,” he said. “I’ve tested hundreds of vehicles. No SUV has ever had a tail slide out so abruptly or so far.”

The GX460 is equipped with electronic stability control, a system that is supposed to prevent such handling difficulties through selective braking and reductions of engine power. But the system doesn’t intervene quickly enough, the magazine said.

“We’re in the process of testing the 2010 Lexus GX460 SUV to ensure it complies with NHTSA’s safety standard for electronic stability control, and to understand better the results obtained by Consumers Union,” the federal safety agency said. “It is our belief that electronic stability control should prevent the kind of fishtail event described.”

## Twitter to Begin Selling Ad Space

WASHINGTON — Twitter Inc., the social-networking service whose users post about 50 million short messages a day, will start running advertising to generate sales from marketers eager to reach its audience.

The blogging site, founded in 2006, will carry “promoted tweets” from advertisers including Best Buy and Starbucks, according to a blog post from the company Tuesday. At the outset, the ads will appear at the top of search pages.

Social-media sites including Twitter have been reluctant to inundate pages with ads, highlighting the challenges of making money from millions of people who spend time interacting with others online. Arrangements that landed Twitter content in Microsoft and Google search results are worth about \$25 million, enough to make the company profitable in 2009, people familiar with the matter have said.

“This is the day when they start capitalizing on the audience they have collected, and as such will probably be no less important than the day that Google started taking advertising,” said Carl Howe, an analyst with the Yankee Group in Boston. “There’s a great likelihood it will generate revenue; now the question is how much.”

Twitter.com had 21.8 million U.S. users in January, up 9.1 percent from the previous month, according to ComScore Inc. in Reston, Va. San Francisco-based Twitter is the third-most popular social-networking site in the United States after Facebook and MySpace.

“Stubborn insistence on a slow and thoughtful approach to monetization -- one which puts users first, amplifies existing value, and generates profit -- has

frustrated some Twitter watchers,” co-founder Biz Stone said on the blog.

Twitter users post updates, or tweets, of as many as 140 characters to discuss anything from celebrity gossip to geopolitical events. More advertisers will be able to post tweets in the future, and ads will eventually be placed also beyond the search pages. If users don’t interact with the ad, it will disappear, Twitter said.

“It’s a minimalist approach for a minimalist platform,” Howe said. “They’re trying to find out that magical combination of something that generates revenue and yet isn’t too intrusive.”

## iPad Lookig For Its Own Niche

WASHINGTON — The price of Apple’s new iPad, starting at \$499, fits into more people’s budgets than any of its computers. But that doesn’t mean it will fit all of their needs.

The iPad can’t quite be your only computer, because you need a machine running Mac OS X or Windows to set it up and install software updates. And yet this device’s size, weight and inability to make phone calls preclude it from replacing a smartphone.

Instead, you need an opening between those gadgets, a vacancy that might otherwise be occupied by a netbook or electronic-book reader.

Many other attempts to fill that gap have flopped; who now remembers Microsoft’s “Smart Displays,” for instance?

The iPad is light-years better than those doomed devices, but it’s not “magical and revolutionary,” either (to quote Apple’s ad copy). A week with a \$699, 64-gigabyte model lent by the Cupertino, Calif., company had both “ha!” and “huh?” moments.

No doubt, the iPad will dislodge some laptops from coffee tables and boot some e-book readers out of carry-on luggage. But that says as much about the sloppy design of many netbooks and the limited capabilities of e-readers such as Amazon’s Kindle series and Barnes & Noble’s Nook as it does about the iPad’s virtues.

Buyers will want to hold out for iPad-compatible programs, noted with a plus symbol in the App Store. But they’ll also have to hope that iPad developers, especially smaller ones, can survive the App Store approval process: This company has a history of rejecting or removing applications for poorly explained reasons and shows no signs of relenting.

Would-be buyers also have to worry about future versions of the iPad making today’s look like the 1.0 release it is. For instance, mobile broadband-compatible models are due at the end of the month. But what if later on, Apple ships a lighter, paperback-size model?

Meanwhile, you can also expect, or perhaps just hope, that e-book and netbook vendors will step up their game.

The iPad may be the first good — not great — device to fill the gap between laptops and smartphones, but that doesn’t mean it should be the first one you buy.





**Thursday**  
Sunny  
76°/49°



**Friday**  
Thunderstorms  
81°/55°



**Saturday**  
Partly Cloudy  
64°/42°



**Sunday**  
Cloudy  
61°/43°

## RELAY FOR LIFE

# Annual Event has Deeper Meaning For Two Cancer Survivors at JMU

By **AARON KOEPPER**  
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Freshman secondary education and history major Meghan O'Reilly was told at age four that she was "so round you could pop me like a balloon."

The person behind Meghan and her mother in a Burger King line noticed her size and felt the need to comment.

"How can you buy that food for your daughter?" the woman had asked, surely feeling she was about to teach a valuable parenting lesson.

A family friend turned angrily to answer for Meghan's mother.

"Which of your children has cancer?" she asked.

O'Reilly spent two years in treatment for acute lymphoblastic leukemia, a type of cancer that affects white blood cells and is common in children under age 10. She went through chemotherapy and took steroids to offset the weight loss and side effects.

O'Reilly said she doesn't remember a lot of the treatment because she was too young, but she does remember the pain of the spinal taps, a procedure that involves extracting spinal fluid to check for cancerous cells.

"I still remember that and get twitches in my back," O'Reilly said. "I hated spinal taps. Eventually my mother just stopped telling me about them when we would go to the hospital."

O'Reilly's story is one of the several represented by Relay for Life. The event is held in communities and colleges across the country in celebration of those who been affected by cancer.

Relay for Life at JMU will begin Saturday at 7 p.m and last until 7 a.m. on Sunday. According to organizers, more than 1,870 students are planning to attend including O'Reilly and fellow cancer survivor Erica Calys.

They will join others in camping out, walking the lawn and lighting candles in memories of loved ones who died of cancer.

"It's as closely as we can represent a cancer patient's journey," said Annika Dean, Relay for Life community manager. "The dusk represents a cancer patient's diagnosis, the entire night and the walking around the track symbolizes a cancer patient's treatment and their fight against the disease."

"I'm pretty sure all of [Rockingham Memorial Hospital] heard me, and three nurses had to hold me down because I was trying to escape."

**Erica Calys**  
senior

This year has been record-breaking in terms of attendance and money raised for Relay events at JMU. Already, 200 fundraising teams have raised \$123, 837. The teams fundraise for cancer research and walk together throughout the night. Last year, 1,700 people attended and \$154,000 was raised.

Teams are composed of various campus organizations including fraternities and sororities, but many groups are organized by students who have known family members affected by cancer.

Relay for Life co-chairs Alyssa Schneider and Janessa Muraco hope Festival will be a more visible location where students in dorms and students eating in dining halls can see the event take place.

For O'Reilly, the fight was something she can barely remember, but for Calys, it was as recent as last semester.

"In August I noticed I had a lump in my neck, and I was feeling sick and



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**Freshman Meghan O'Reilly (left) was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia as a child. She will participate in JMU's Relay for Life on Saturday.**

tired all the time," Calys said. "When I came back to school [in the fall] I noticed that I had three of them and more growing."

Calys, a senior, took tests for mononucleosis and white blood cell count, and both came back normal. When she found four more swollen nodes in her neck, she went to see a pathologist on a nurse's recommendation.

Calys remembered the pathologist telling her it was lymphoma, but the

doctor was not sure what kind.

She had a biopsy performed and a node removed. The doctors determined she had Hodgkin's lymphoma, which had not spread to other parts of her body.

"Bone marrow biopsy was the most painful ever," Calys said. "I'm pretty sure all of [Rockingham Memorial

see **RELAY**, page 5

## IN BRIEF

### HARRISONBURG

#### On-Campus Assault On Duke Drive

Police released a timely notice Monday about an on-campus assault occurring Friday around 10:30 p.m. in the Duke Drive area. Two women were assaulted by another group of women and sent to Rockingham Memorial Hospital for non-life threatening injuries. One of the suspects was described as a tall, thin Hispanic or African American wearing a black jacket and jeans.

### RICHMOND

#### Va. Budget Will Restrict Abortion Funds

Gov. Bob McDonnell amended the state's budget on Wednesday that restricts funding for abortions to the national minimum. McDonnell provided enough funding to cover the requirements of the Hyde Amendment, which asserts that states must provide money for abortions in cases of rape, incest or when the mother's life is in danger. Planned Parenthood said its services will not be limited by the budget cuts.

### WEST VIRGINIA

#### Gas Levels Keep Investigators Out of Mine

High levels of methane gas are keeping investigators out of the Upper Big Branch mine where an accident occurred April 5. The worst coal mining disaster in 40 years destroyed ventilation systems that provide oxygen to the underground. Investigation crews will not be able to inspect the mine until all methane gas is cleared from the area.

### WASHINGTON, D.C.

#### Making History: One Tweet at a Time

The Library of Congress announced on Wednesday that it will archive all public tweets posted on Twitter since its establishment in March 2006 according to *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. Twitter will allow the Library of Congress to archive the tweets after a six-month delay. It can be used for "internal library use, for noncommercial research, public display by the library itself, and preservation."

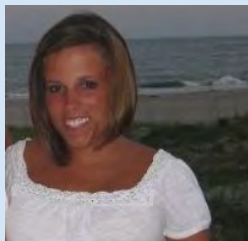
## VOTING

# SGA ELECTIONS 2010

The SGA student body president runoff between Andrew Reese and Caitlin Natale and minor elections for class council officers and academic college senators take place today from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at <http://sga.jmu.edu>. Interested students not on the ballot can run a write-in campaign.

## SENIOR CLASS COUNCIL CANDIDATES

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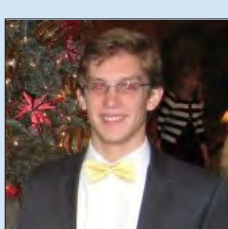
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**Secretary:** Stephanie Kissam

**Treasurer:** Eric Hogan

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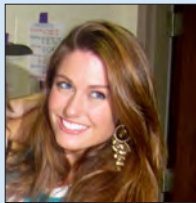
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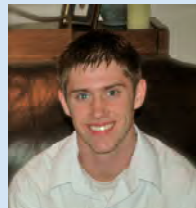
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**Treasurer:** Kenzie Fisher

**President:** Matt Klein



## College Senator Candidates

### College of Integrated Science and Technology Senator:

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### College of Math and Science Senator:

- Jay Lee

### College of Business Senator:

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- Katie Cole
- Andrew Elgert

### College of Education Senator:

- Adam Hall

### College of Arts and Letters Senator:

- Jordan Descovich
- Patrick Elwell

## SGA

# SGA Responds to Springfest Riots

By **AARON KOEPPER**  
*The Breeze*

While Tuesday's Student Government Association senate meeting discussed a variety of issues, members were most vocal on a topic that's been in the minds of everyone in JMU and Harrisonburg: Springfest.

SGA President Candace Avalos divided the senate into five different groups and asked them to come up with ways to avoid a riot at future events. The solutions will be presented to the SGA executive board tonight.

"This is to strictly talk about solutions, this isn't a time to vent about what happened or play blame games," Avalos said.

In addition to SGA initiatives, Avalos presented her response to the city council at its meeting Tuesday.

Junior Zack Evans and senior Cassandra Harvey went to the meeting on Tuesday with a proposed letter for organizations to send to the city council. Avalos said SGA is going to go over the letter in more depth, but said she plans to sign the letter.

"This isn't a direct apology," Evans said. "We took that out because we think it's not appropriate for all students to take the blame for a few students' actions."

Evans said they only made a brief mention that most of the arrests weren't JMU students because they didn't want

"All these generalizations need to be stopped. We don't like to be stereotyped as JMU brats, and they don't like it when we stereotype them as townies."

**Lisa Wise**  
JMU Senior

to appear to be dodging responsibility. "I don't like that President Rose and other JMU faculty have been criticized,"

## SGA's Solutions

- Using SGA's annual upcoming event "The Big Event" to do community service projects
- Door-to-door apologies on behalf of the SGA
- Dukes Helping Harrisonburg – an initiative started to work with the community through service projects
- Collaboration with admissions to help repair the image of JMU to prospective students
- Finding alternative ways to celebrate the year through JMU-sponsored events on campus
- Advocating pride in our school, not our parties
- Education and communication with the student body about the injuries from Springfest and the dangers of binge drinking

senior Lisa Wise said. "We're adults, and we're responsible."

Wise said that if an open discussion was going to take place between Harrisonburg and JMU about solutions, stereotypes had to be thrown away and both sides had to treat each other like adults.

"All these generalizations need to be stopped," Wise said. "We don't like to be stereotyped as 'JMU brats,' and they don't like it when we stereotype them as townies."

## SGA Grants Money to Three Organizations

Wise, the acting president of the Outdoor Adventure club, received a \$4,600 grant for a public bike library approved at the meeting. The money gives the club enough funds to buy 12 bikes,

see **SGA**, page 5



# ARRESTS | Police: 'We Will Always Critique Ourselves' After Incidents

from front

State Police were called in to control the crowd that police estimated swelled to 8,000.

Police said they took preventative measures to avoid any situation, including using media outlets and working with apartment management.

## An Apology

SGA President Candace Avalos formally apologized for Saturday's events to the council, and most of the room applauded her statement.

"I am here because this matters, not because anybody asked me or forced me to be here," Avalos said. "We're sorry that we hurt the relationship with the

community and that we damaged the reputation of our students and the reputation of our institution."

Arrest records will be given to JMU and Judicial Affairs, as customary from HPD. Josh Bacon, director of Judicial Affairs, said Monday he did not expect a large number to be students. In the university judicial system, students would face the same charges that police had levied.

More charges could be on the way, police said. They plan to use footage recorded by officers and what has been posted on YouTube to press more charges. Bacon said he did not know of these police plans as of Monday.

## HPD Review

Police also said Monday they

will now look into how the situation was handled.

"Any time we have an incident like this, or anything similar, we will always critique ourselves," Boshart said. "We're going to go back, and we're going to see what we did right. There are certain things we did that worked. We're going to find things that didn't work as well, and we're going to have to look at those as well."

In previous years, students say they have seen police constantly monitoring the area and issuing more citations. However, the police presence was substantially reduced early Saturday afternoon.

Harper said he believes that trouble arose when an unidentified partygoer broke his leg. The ambulance was not able to reach

him because there were too many people blocking the Forest Hills entrance.

Police also said that despite complaints from some partygoers that they didn't hear the announcements or receive the JMU blast text to disperse, there were visual reminders for the crowd.

"When tear gas starts getting deployed, and people are still standing there, and they're still throwing rocks and bottles, and you can see this — it's time to leave," Boshart said.

## Injuries

Three HPD officers and two state officers were injured during the riots, but all were treated on the scene, according to Harper. The most serious injury to a

police officer was a damaged shoulder after someone threw a block of concrete and broke his riot shield.

To dispel rumors that the riots led to the death of a dog in the K-9 Unit, Boshart said Monday that a dog was hit with a bottle, but was not injured or killed.

Police estimated there were 42 injuries by Monday, and seven were taken by ambulance to RMH.

Two partygoers were flown to the UVa. Medical Center, and one was transported by ground; none had life-threatening injuries.

"Unfortunately this was an extremely bad situation, an extremely volatile situation," Boshart said.

On Saturday, a triage station for

the injured was set up outside the Forest Hills area for partygoers hit by tear gas or pepper spray.

"A lot of the students were brought over that way to be decontaminated and washed off," Boshart said.

Later in the afternoon, police worried about the fires spreading from the three or four torched dumpsters. Harrisonburg fire crews could not access the fires because the crowds were in the way. Boshart said the fires burned themselves out until a crew could eventually get in to the area.

Matt Sutherland contributed to this article.

# CHOICES | Image Questioned

from front

to Student Ambassadors by their president, junior Emily Govel, told ambassadors to familiarize themselves with Rose's statement. They were also told not to discuss what could be seen as rumors.

While Govel instructed Ambassadors not to say anything about the riot unless questioned, Ambassadors did let parents know Springfest was not school-sponsored.

While Student Ambassadors and admissions staff expressed concerns and disappointments about the situation, they also instructed visitors to read President Linwood Rose's address to the JMU community posted on the JMU Web site, according to Walsh.

Student Ambassadors also said they did not remove any copies of Monday's *The Breeze* from their boxes.

"Only time will tell what it does for admissions," Walsh said. "Now if [ambassadors] were asked what they think as a student, I'd expect them to give their opinions on the subject."

Walsh added that he received only two e-mails from concerned parents since Saturday's events.

"They basically just wanted to know what we planned to do about the situation," Walsh said. "We will answer people's questions, but we will also promote

the university."

One Student Ambassador said the parents he talked to did not think it was a "big deal" because they understand what happens in college and situations get out of hand.

Jackie Sams, a high school senior from Laurel, Md., is thrilled with JMU. She hadn't even considered changing her opinion about the university.

"I love the campus, actually," Sams said.

Her mother, Patrice, called the admissions office to make sure CHOICES was still being held, but otherwise feels that JMU is still a better alternative to other schools close to their home.

"I think it's one of the safest campuses," Sams said. "I'd rather her go here than somewhere else like Towson."

Other incoming students have specified the event has completely changed their once-positive outlook on the university. A comment on *The Breeze's* Web site left by a prospective student showed other students were not pleased with Saturday's events.

"I was worried JMU was too much of a party school, now I know," the post said. "I will not be attending for 2014. The event just settled it for me."

One Student Ambassador, who did not want to be named, was not concerned with Springfest's impact on the high school students. He said that he didn't

think it affected students' decisions, but the news coverage about the event did not help.

The event went on as planned, as the main focus was on "JMU's academic programs, student opportunities, and our fine faculty and student body," Walsh said.

Admitted high school students had the opportunity to tour the campus, talk with professors in different majors and learn more about the programs and services JMU offers.

Sara McBurney, a senior in high school from Smithfield, Va., attended CHOICES on Friday and stayed in the area on Saturday. She said her decision to attend JMU in the fall was not at all affected by Springfest.

"Any school you go to will have a certain group of people that are going to break the rules, so I don't really think too much on it," McBurney said.

She also said JMU's reputation as a "party school" did not hinder her decision, before or after the weekend.

"I understand that this is a very serious issue, but you also have to remember that you're dealing with college students," McBurney said. "They were carrying on a tradition that had happened in previous years and nobody intended it to get out of hand like it did."

## SPRINGFEST

# In Aftermath, Dukes to Help City, Residents

By MEGAN MARTIN  
contributing writer

JMU has been a part of the Harrisonburg community for over a century, and despite the past weekend's events, that fact is not going to change. The strained relationship that remains must be addressed, which is where Dukes Helping Harrisonburg is trying to step in.

The group was founded by junior Andy Eblin to give students a place to organize service events in order to give back to the Harrisonburg community and repair the negative reputation students have gained.

"I created the group on Facebook at 9 a.m. on Monday, and by 9 p.m. the group had 1,000 members," Elbin said. "Now I'm trying to move toward becoming an actual club on campus."

As stated on the group's Facebook page, "The relationship between the town and the university has been great for both of us. The university provides Harrisonburg with a great deal of its revenue, and Harrisonburg has provided the university with a

supportive community, staff and a great place to live. Relations have tensed up a bit these days, and we as Dukes owe it to the city to work on that."

After a meeting with Miriam Dickler, Harrisonburg's spokeswoman, and the SGA, Eblin set out to build a more direct relationship between the city and the university.

"I created the group on Facebook at 9 a.m. on Monday, and by 9 p.m. the group had 1,000 members."

Andy Eblin  
creator of Dukes  
for Harrisonburg

"I'll be going over my meetings with the city community service office, JMU's Office of Public Affairs and my call with Mayor Degner," Eblin said on the group's Facebook page. "From there, I want to work with

whoever would like to join me in setting up a plan for a series of large scale community service events, with the first taking place not this weekend, but the next."

Students and members of the Facebook group are asked to voice their concerns and bring up any issues they would like to discuss at the upcoming meeting.

"This weekend about 50 students are scheduled to meet on the field in front of Hillside dorms. Participants will be directed and transported to places all over town offering community service opportunities," Elbin said. "So far I've been in contact with Downtown Renaissance and the United Way. Next weekend we will be holding a similar event, only larger."

For more information about how to become part of Dukes Helping Harrisonburg, the first meeting is on April 20 from 6 to 7 p.m. in Taylor Hall. Check the Facebook page for the exact room number later in the week, as it is still being determined due to the growing size of the group.



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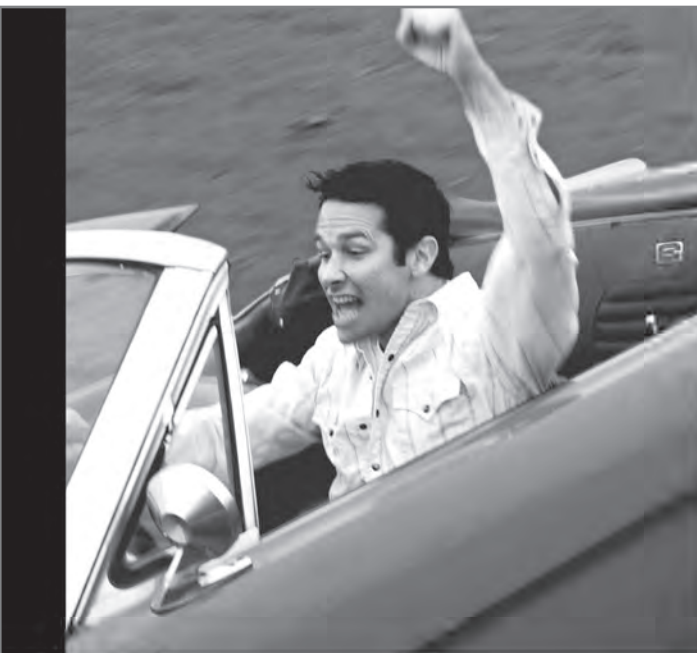
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# ELECTION | Low Turnout Was a 'Surprise'

from front

for president and two other contested elections, Cellucci expected a higher turnout.

"I was surprised at the low voter turnout," Reese said. "I received more votes in my special election as treasurer than I did in my general election."

Reese said he thought there might have been less voting because of the lack of visibility of candidates.

"Our first week of campaigning was Easter weekend and then there was Springfest," Reese said. "There's a real damper on the elections now."

Reese said the runoff represented an opportunity for him to reach as many students possible without distractions.

"As long as I'm out there and getting out to groups in the next week, I can keep my lead," Reese said.

Natale said that she's going to approach the runoff the same way that she approached the general election, by making herself as visible as possible.

"From very beginning of I've tried to talk to as many people as possible, as many groups as possible," Natale said. "I have

been in full force since the very beginning, and nothing's changed. I've been acting like it was a runoff."

Both candidates said that their experience with SGA was key to their candidacy.

"This is my third year, I've been in here since a freshman year," Natale said. "I've had a lot of different experiences. I feel like I've had an opportunity to see the good things and the not so good things SGA has done."

Reese emphasized his executive experience.

"I've been on exec for two administrations, and I've seen how different presidents play the role," Reese said. "I think I can take the best of both worlds."

Reese also said he wanted to make SGA more visible to the student body.

"A lot people come to our meetings and just see us giving out program grants," Reese said. "But it really is about identifying our goals on campus, and informing students about issues that they're concerned about."

Elections for student body president, class officers and college senators will take place today from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at <http://sga.jmu.edu>.

# DAMAGES | 'We Didn't Invite 8,000'

from front

said. "They had people out all night, and with my roommates we all helped clean up the backyard."

The damages, however, were not limited to houses and the leftover trash in the area. Several vehicles that were parked along Village Lane were damaged.

"A friend that was staying with us, his back windshield got completely smashed, and he ended up driving home the other day without it," Stashenko said.

La Gatta said her car was dented from thrown beer bottles. La Gatta said one dent prevents the driver's side door from opening.

"I saw bottles of beer hit my

car," La Gatta said. "It's from the side [of the car] I saw students throw things."

Stashenko said that he did have a few friends over, but pretty soon it got out of hand and his house was filled with people he didn't know.

"We had friends over, but we obviously didn't invite 8,000 people," he said.

Liles and the few friends he had over watched most of the riot from his porch.

"It was just chaotic and I don't even really know how to describe it," Liles said. "I could see big clouds of smoke coming from the dumpster and people screaming and running from the area."

# SGA | EARTH Presents Bike Library Plans

from page 3

locks, helmets and baskets. The bikes will be available to students for a two-week period.

Wise hopes the library will gain popularity and expand beyond 12 bikes as students show interest in the coming year.

Both SGA and the library's organizers cited JMU's master plan, which plans to cut all motor vehicle traffic on campus except for buses.

"It makes sense to have an alternate form of transport on a big campus like this," said a sophomore service coordinator Kelly McClure. "We're going to put together good fundraising programs for it. It's a novel idea

and everyone will use it."

The idea originally belonged to the EARTH Club, but was supported financially by the Outdoor Adventure Club because it could accept grant money from SGA.

Adam Hall, the chair of the finance committee, strongly endorsed the bike library.

"It's a very new and novel idea," Hall said. "EARTH Club was very transparent the whole way."

The Asian Student Union also received a grant of \$10,000 for Asian Culture Week and the Baha'i Association received \$2,800 to bring Native American Baha'i speaker Kevin Locke to campus next year.

# Study: Cloudy Days Drive College Selection

*The Washington Post*

Glossy brochures have a way of making college campuses look absolutely idyllic: Picture-perfect sunny days! Students sporting iPods walking to and from class across lush green lawns! Classrooms filled with attractive, laughing, diverse, well-dressed students!

But a picture-perfect day might not be the best day to visit some campuses, according to a new study by a University of Pennsylvania assistant professor. The best weather? Overcast and cloudy.

Uri Simonsohn of Penn's Wharton School analyzed weather patterns and the enrollment decisions of 1,284 prospective students who visited an unnamed university "known for its academic strengths and recreational weaknesses." He found that for each standard increase in cloud cover on the day a student visited, the chances of him or her enrolling increased by 9 percentage points.

Simonsohn's study, titled "Weather to Go to College," was published in the March edition of *The Economic Journal*.

"When you think about it, it kind of makes sense," Simonsohn told the *Times Higher Education* in London. "To some extent, you do feel less guilty if you are working hard if it is not appealing to be outdoors. If it is cloudy and raining outside, you don't mind reading. If it is beautiful and sunny, you feel like you are not doing what you are supposed to be doing with your time."

*The Daily Penn* discussed the pro-cloud findings with the university's dean of admissions, Eric Furda, who said the study was "counter-intuitive." And there are no plans to change university tours, Furda told the student newspaper.

A student tour guide, Stephanie Lerner, told the *Daily Penn* that she gives better tours when the weather is beautiful — and she "can't imagine a student who wouldn't fall in love with Penn on a sunny day."

# RELAY | Saturday's Event to Celebrate Cancer Survivors and Raises Money for Cancer Research



DAVID CASTERLINE / THE BREEZE

**Senior Erica Calys (center) was diagnosed with cancer in the fall of her senior year. After her diagnosis, Calys went to Kansas for treatment and was unsure if she would be able to return to JMU for the remainder of the year. Calys will participate in Relay this Saturday to celebrate defeating her cancer.**

from page 3

Hospital] heard me, and three nurses had to hold me down because I was trying to escape."

Calys spent four months in Kansas where she went through two cycles of chemotherapy, not knowing whether or not she could return to JMU the following semester.

"I felt terrible, vomiting and sleeping all

day," Calys said. "I don't understand how anybody could go through any more [than two treatments]."

Good news came in December, when a test showed the cancer had gone into remission.

"My nurse came in and was waving papers, saying, 'It's gone!' " Calys said. "The entire waiting room burst into applause, and life picked back up again."

This moment of beating cancer and the hope that a cure might be found is represented by the sunrise on Festival lawn.

"Each and every one of us has been affected in a different way," Schneider said. "They always say our generation will be the one to find the cure and with the involvement I've seen, I think it's possible."



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# Dr. Joseph Mirenda Memorial Bike Ride & Run

## Sept. 18, 2010

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Each participant will receive a T-shirt and a reflective ID armband. (Subject to availability.)

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# CHOOSE EARTH WEEK

Harrisonburg Earth Week Coalition presents Earth Week, April 17th to April 24th. Lots of activities will take place all over campus and town, including movies, workshops, live performances and more.

Visit [www.jmu.edu/news](http://www.jmu.edu/news) for a full listing of events.

**APRIL 14: Trash Sort.** 11 a.m. on the Commons outside Gibbons Dining Hall. See how much trash should have been recycled.



**APRIL 16: Lecture:** Dr. Ken Doxsee, University of Oregon, will lecture on "Green Chemistry" in ISAT 159 at 3:30 p.m.

**APRIL 20: Supercharge Me.** Jenna Norwood will show her documentary about a lifestyle change to eating raw foods and the benefits this change has on the environment. Following her documentary, she will answer questions from the audience. 7 p.m. at Memorial Hall.



**APRIL 22: JMU Environmental Challenge 2010.** Student teams



will be judged on their sustainable solutions for the JMU campus to reduce, reuse, recycle, repair and restore. These solutions may be high-tech, as well as simple low-tech approaches that help JMU move toward the ideals of environmental stewardship.



**APRIL 23: Science on a Sphere.** Explore Jupiter and changing climate from an astronaut's perspective. Showings will be on the half hour from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the SOS theater in Memorial Hall.

**APRIL 19-22: Dining Activities.**

- Vote for next year's Recycle mug design, April 19-23
- Sign the "I Pledge" and "What's important to me" posters in Market One, Top Dog, PC Dukes and Festival. Free reusable containers to the first 300 customers at Mrs. Green's, April 19
- "Happy bEARTHday" cake in D-Hall and East Campus Dining Hall, April 22
- "Dim the Lights" Earth Day meal at D-Hall and East Campus Dining Hall, April 22
- "Bag the Bag" day, April 22

**APRIL 17-24: Earth Week.** See the Earth Week Events Calendar at <http://hburgearthweek.weebly.com/>



## JMU wins Governor's Environmental Excellence Award.



James Madison University's commitment to becoming a model steward of the natural world was recognized with a Governor's Environmental Excellence Award April 7th at the Environment Virginia 2010 Symposium at Virginia Military Institute in Lexington.



**ENVIRONMENTAL  
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EDITORIAL

We Tell the News

MONDAY’S ISSUE OF *The Breeze* was a hot commodity. And we’ve since received criticism.

The entire front page was dedicated to the weekend’s out-of-control Springfest for good reason. The massive headline ‘War Zone’ was pulled from what an attendee told our reporter. It was a reoccurring theme throughout interviews; the vivid description matched the photo that covered half the page. Our photographers took countless images of the graphic scene, and we chose what best told the story.

Was it too much? No. It was the honest news.

Thousands of prospective students and parents would be visiting campus for CHOICES on Monday, something we knew as we prepared the paper Sunday. But visitors do not drive our coverage.

The purpose of *The Breeze* and of all media coverage is never to hide the news nor lessen its impact. It would be a bigger disservice to treat Saturday’s riot like a regular occurrence. Selling JMU to prospective students is the responsibility of public relations, admissions, Student Ambassadors and other students. It is not ours.

We will continue to cover Springfest from multiple angles as long as it remains relevant. We welcome comments from readers at [breezejmu.org](mailto:breezejmu.org) or to [breezeeditor@gmail.com](mailto:breezeeditor@gmail.com).

LETTERS

Do you think we are made of money?

In the March 25 faculty meeting, the tuition surcharge resolution was passed. This would allow some departments to start charging students more for tuition in an effort to raise revenue and cover budget shortfalls. You would now not only have to frantically search for open classes, but you will also have to think, “How much is this costing me?”

Currently our tuition is based off of our residency, either in-state or out-of-state. This resolution also raises the question of the benefits of residency. As a resident of Virginia, I chose to stay in-state to save money —to get the best education for the best price, but this theory seems to not matter anymore. Although the faculty senate is concerned about whether the tuition surcharge would affect enrollment in

you?” or, “What happens if the ring gets lost?” I bought a high school ring, left it on a counter in art class while making pottery and have never seen it since.

Some may want a class ring to symbolize their hard work or to “[personify] each of your unique experiences” while at college. But, isn’t that what your diploma is for? And when you finally land that job that motivated you to go to college in the first place, won’t that satisfaction supersede any piece of jewelry you could ever own?

Think about it. Is it really worth it?

these majors, they should be more concerned that the surcharge could cause students to have to change majors or more drastically drop out of school.

The economy is still slacking, and students are fighting to continue their education. Students are now, before this surcharge, struggling to stay in school. Programs such as Madison for Keeps are working extremely hard to raise money for students to continue their education. The faculty should consider other options to raise money for departments. Raising surcharge tuition for departments will deter students from specific majors and cause others to struggle in meeting financial criteria. In regards to the Faculty Senate recommending tuition and fee rises for some departments, I think not.

Alexandra Longest  
junior communications major

Is It Worth It?

In regards to John Scott’s article titled, “Show Some Class, Buy a Ring” posted in the March 22 issue of *The Breeze*, class rings are a waste of money and are in no way representative of our time spent at any university.

Whether you are graduating as a high school senior or as a college senior, money is always of the essence. Do you really have the financial freedom to throw away a minimum of \$170 on a ring you may rarely wear? Some may believe that the ring will be an everyday accessory, but take a minute or two to really ask yourself if it would. Ask questions like, “Is your girlfriend going to wear this ring or

CANDACE AVALOS | contributing writer

Vote SGA Today

Runoff elections are today. Last week 1,672 JMU students voted in the election for the executive council officers and student representative to the Board of Visitors. All of the positions were filled except one: the president. For a candidate to be elected to an office, he or she must receive 50 percent plus one of the vote. With four candidates running for the presidency, it was nearly impossible for that to become a reality. The remaining two candidates, Caitlin Natale and Andrew Reese, had one more week to campaign for their runoff election.

So what does this mean for you? This means there is still a chance as JMU students to have your voice heard in this election. Your vote is crucial for the university because you are electing the person that will represent you as a JMU student. The student body president is responsible for representing your voice as students on a local, national and international level. They also serve as president of the Student Government Association, which is a group dedicated solely to reaching out to students and addressing any student needs. Make an informed decision and decide who you want to represent you by reading over the candidates’ platforms online.

Aside from the runoff election,

remember that today you are also voting for class council officers and senate representatives for respective colleges. The class council officers include president, vice president, secretary and treasurer of every class. They plan events specific to your class here at JMU such as the Mr. Freshman Pageant, the Ring Premiere, the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony and the Senior Class Countdown; they also represent you in the SGA senate. The college senators represent your voice in your academic college and specifically address concerns related to your major or any other academic issues.

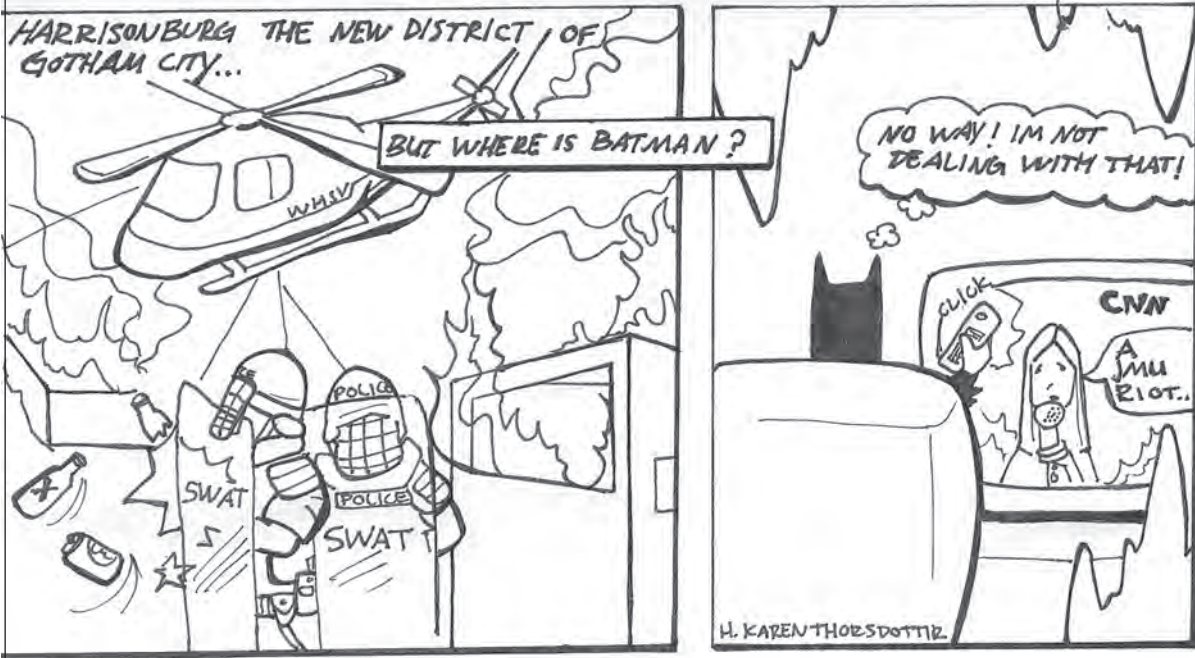
We have come a long way as an organization this year through building new programs and structures, reaching out more to the student body, and acting on student concerns that are important to you. The SGA has been changing for the better this semester and we don’t want to slow down momentum even for one minute as this new academic year arises. Now it’s up to you to vote for the representatives who will continue advocating for students next year.

It’s your choice. Make your voice heard. Vote today. <http://sga.jmu.edu/voting>.

Candace Avalos is a senior Spanish major and SGA president.

SPRINGFEST COMMENTARY

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STEPHEN LEE | The Breeze

Listen Peter, We Have E-Hall

If I died right now, made my way up to heaven, and St. Peter asked me about the Springfest riot of 2010, I would respond, “Look and listen Peter, we have E-Hall.”

St. Peter would look appalled and more confused than a wise man who had been told to shut his trap. Yet, this is how I would start my explanation.

E-Hall leads to true happiness. No other words can describe my feelings for the wonderful slice of heaven brought down to earth. Once the cashier swipes my card, I follow my routine. First, find a big table. Second, go to the salad selection for a variety of cold dishes. Third, snag two slices of pizza. Fourth, grab the specialty dish near the entrance. I start eating massive amounts ‘til I’m almost full. And finally, I indulge in strawberry shortcake and cookies. I leave those big, beautiful silver doors with an E-Hall dash full of joy and satisfaction.

E-Hall is like a mini JMU. And Malcolm Gladwell, the author of “Blink and Outliers,” would agree. Gladwell advocated that the more variety and options people have, the more likely

they will be happy.

At E-Hall and JMU, you have dozens of options at your fingertips. You can choose between the Earth Club sandwich or the Greek Life pizza. Maybe later down the road, you’ll have room to eat a Marching Royal Dukes cake. Heck, maybe your whole four-year course will be in the Student Government Association. And that’s the beauty of JMU. We have so many options and opportunities to attend to our personal tastes and preferences. There are a multitude of clubs, organizations, majors, minors and dining halls to choose from. Not only that, but we have the option to be affiliated with roughly 18,000 different students. Imagine if we did not have these options. What if fraternities controlled the social life scene? What if there was only one community service group on campus? What if P.C. Dukes were the only dining hall? What if there were no parties?

It is so easy to focus on the Springfest riots and bash JMU for the community’s actions and conduct and forget about the benefits of the university. Now is the time for us as

a community to tell people, like St. Peter, why JMU makes us happy. I can’t tell you how many wonderful memories I have had in this university and many of them did not involve partying. I was able to attend events such as: speeches by Desmond Tutu, Jimmy Carter, and Barack Obama, seeing the Marching Dukes play in the Macy’s Day Parade 2008 and the concert Say Anything. And if a Harrisonburg resident harassed me about the incident, I would turn to him, look him in the eye and say: “JMU makes me happy, and one riot does not define a school.”

I don’t know how St. Peter would respond to this. Maybe he would pull the lever and the cloud underneath me would dissipate sending me straight down to hell. Maybe he would fly down and pay to eat at E-Hall with me. I only know that for me, E-Hall leads to true happiness. A large quantity of options leads to happiness. JMU does, as well.

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DARTS & PATS

Darts & Pats are anonymously submitted and printed on a space-available basis. Submissions creatively depict a given situation, person or event and do not necessarily reflect the truth.

Submit Darts & Pats at [breezejmu.org](http://breezejmu.org)

A “thanks-for-sticking-with-me” pat to the concrete floor of Rockingham County Jail.  
*From an arrested Springfester who appreciated your cool understanding throughout the night.*

A “your-calf-muscles-have-never-looked-so-good” pat to my roommate of four years. Thanks for the memories brother!  
*From a dirty, musical lad who’s more than a tad bit sad to graduate.*

A “way-to-make-a-mess” dart to my roommate for microwaving a pickle — the cherry on top of an already crazy weekend.  
*From a girl who can’t get the smell of scorched pickle out of her nose.*

A “don’t-look-so-alarmed” dart to the guy I met at E-Hall who never called.  
*From a girl who was asking to share a cup of coffee with you — not for your hand in marriage.*

A “thanks-for-not-getting-arrested-at-Springfest” pat to my daughter.  
*From Dad: alumnus, 1982.*

A “you’re-going-to-care-about-your-university’s-reputation-IF-you-graduate” dart to all the students who disgraced it this weekend.  
*From a proud, successful JMU alumna who fights daily in the D.C. workplace to prove JMU is more than a party school.*

A “my-arteries-don’t-have-to-know-about-us” pat to the new KFC Double Down sandwich.  
*From one of the many men who fell for your greasy, deep-fried seduction.*

A “you-don’t-really-have-to-Fight-for-Your-Right-to-Party” dart to SpringFest.  
*From the Beastie Boys.*

A “quit-your-crying-already” dart to the babies whining that JMU’s reputation has been destroyed by Springfest. No it hasn’t, and be proud that you go to this awesome school.  
*From a senior who loves this place and wouldn’t trade the world for these past four amazing years.*

A “you’ve-had-that-thing-for-20-years-now!” dart to my roommate who still can’t use the bathroom without leaving some on the seat.  
*From your suitemate who thinks you need to work on your aim.*

A “you’re-there-when-I-need-you” pat to slurpees for knowing how to treat me right.  
*From a girl who doesn’t need a man to make her feel good.*

A “way-to-mend-the-fences” pat to the Dukes Helping Harrisonburg.  
*From a student who is proud her fellow classmates are ready to make amends for their mistakes.*

A “three-days-is-not-timely” dart to JMU Police and Public Safety for their delayed response on assaults.  
*From a Duke who shouldn’t have to walk in groups all night, every night.*

A “get-your-own-swirl” dart to the cursive uppercase S.  
*From the treble clef who is tired of getting misread as you.*

A “you’re-so-creative” pat to the charitable-minded students selling hot dogs for Haiti.  
*From a sophomore who thinks you guys rock.*

A “did-you-ever-know-that-you’re-my-hero?” pat to the senior boys in Ashby who nursed us back to health after we were tear-gassed last weekend.  
*From two freshman girls who can see clearly now.*

A “good-thinking” pat to myself for going home this past weekend for Mom’s home cooking.  
*From a girl who enjoys her weekends tear gas free.*

A “not-cool” dart to the boy pictured on the cover of *The Breeze* standing defiantly on the hood of my car. I hope the police find and arrest you.  
*From an alumna who wants to be proud of her school but is disgusted by people’s behavior this weekend.*

An “I’m-not-bothering-you,-so-don’t-bother-me” dart to the bee that won’t leave me alone.  
*From a girl who learned in first grade not to freak out and you’ll be alright, but the stinging feeling on my arm is telling me this bee never get the memo.*

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# Taking a Stand on Springfest

Comments and Opinions From the JMU Community Found at breezejmu.org

You people need to seriously relax. Everyone is acting like JMU had some golden reputation before this happened. Honestly if I was a high school student and I saw this, it wouldn't make any difference to me whatsoever. If those kids aren't smart enough to realize this doesn't happen every weekend, maybe they don't need to be here anyway.

Everyone keeps talking about JMU's "reputation" and it's cracking me up. Outside of Fairfax County, where 95 percent of the students come from, JMU has NO reputation at all. I was on the way from George Mason to Virginia Tech when I saw the school on the side of the interstate and decided to check it out. I'm from Virginia and I had never even heard of this place. You are really, really delusional if you think this school has a far-reaching five-star reputation.

The only long-lasting effect from this will be that the cops will be quicker to pounce on parties that attract a crowd. There is no reputation to destroy, and nothing these idiots did this weekend is going to affect the way a potential employer looks at your degree.

**Kevin Anderson on April 12, 2010**

As a Harrisonburg resident, I am disgusted at the comments by the JMU students on here who believe that they are entitled to a party of this size or nature. From an estimate that I heard from one Harrisonburg police officer, your party will cost the city of Harrisonburg approximately \$50,000 to pay for the overtime necessitated by this event. Please remember that you are guests in this city. Members of this community want to see you thrive. We want to see you have an enjoyable college experience (and most of us are OK with that involving some "responsible indulgence"), but you crossed the line this weekend. Stop pointing fingers and start figuring out how you're going to prevent it from happening again.

**CC on April 12, 2010**

Students said that a Facebook page had been set up for this event, which may explain why so many people showed up this year who were not from JMU. Perhaps using the social networking site is not such a good idea — or maybe it should be used better. Sounds like students should work with the community and university in the future to make sure this kind of thing never happens again. I've worked in places with 20,000 or more people in attendance. It takes excellent management to pull off events thousands of people attend — especially if alcoholic drinks are present. Bring in people who manage big events and get their input about how to avoid this kind of trouble in the future. I'm thinking the outsiders crashing the party and looking for free booze did the most harm. Better organization and prevention involving student, community and university organizers is needed.

**Shelley Aley on April 12, 2010**

I went to JMU for six years, and have been to several block parties in Forest Hills, which were huge and not once did police need to use tear gas to subdue a crowd. I'm sure there were a couple of problems at the block party, and I'm sure some people from out of town were to blame, because no matter how drunk JMU kids get, most still know their limits. I lived in Harrisonburg and went to school there long enough to know that that it would be a one-horse town without JMU. It would be some chicken farms and a Mennonite university — that's it. The students from JMU and their parents put food on your table, pay your salary and are the only reason anyone knows where Harrisonburg is.

What you eventually will realize is that college kids have always and will always get drunk. Large groups of college students getting together to drink twice a year is nothing new, and instead of creating a controversial and costly situation as the Harrisonburg Police Department did, you should work with it. As long as the university exists, alumni weekend, Springfest and the block party will ALWAYS happen, so get over it.

I've seen crowds of thousands of people drink in a contained area in Washington, D.C. with absolutely no problem. So, HPD, work with the students and close off that part of Port Republic Road for TWO days a year, let the kids get drunk and keep them contained. Be proactive instead of reactive, and then you will find that things can be easier.

I'll say this to residents near Forest Hills as well: Guess what? You moved there knowing full well what you were getting into when you moved next door to college kids, so get over yourself and remember that the developers of your neighborhood are to blame, not students.

**Clay Kelly on April 12, 2010**

I almost fell for the whole, "JMU — we're all about a balance of academics and fun" at CHOICES. I was worried JMU was too much of a party school, and now I know. CHOICES on the 9th (the day right before "the riot") was fun. Harrisonburg is picturesque and has a college town feel.

However I will not be attending for the class of 2014. This event just settled it for me.

**2014 Student on April 13, 2010**

I was honestly considering JMU over Virginia Tech because of some scholarship money and "legacy" status or whatever they want to call it. This pretty much solidified my decision to go to Virginia Tech. JMU is starting to look a lot like Radford. I know its not fair because probably 70 percent weren't JMU students, but thats life.

**Highschoolstudent on April 13, 2010**

I think many people are missing the key factor that contributed to this riot — NON-JMU STUDENTS. Every article clearly states 8,000 people attended instead of the 3,000 to 4,000 last year. Where did these people come from? JMU has been having crazy parties all year with no effects like these. Clearly people from out of town came in, and, not living or going to school here, decided to go nuts. I'm sure there are many JMU students who participated, but I feel like the brunt of the blame was out of town students deciding to go crazy.

**John Joe on April 12, 2010**



GRAPHIC BY NATALIYA IOFFE / THE BREEZE

Police presence should have been at Springfest all day as it typically is. Not once did a cop car drive down the main street of the party as they have done in years past. This is a necessary deterrent to mob actions and foolish behavior. Showing up at 3 p.m. in riot gear was warranted, but the local law enforcement should have not allowed the situation to escalate as much as it did. Around 1 p.m. I witnessed bottle throwing in the main area of the party which continued for a few hours. Why were there no police officers present at that time of the day? The university knew well in advance that this party was going to take place as they hired more law enforcement officers and notified apartment and property managers. Why were they not used in the most efficient and productive manner?

If anybody was present at the block party, they would know that there was not a riot until the officers came out in the riot gear. The riot happened at the end of the row, as everybody was moved out of the apartments and forced to walk down to the end of the street. Riot gear typically incites a riot rather than preventing one. Better measures and foresight could have prevented this event from getting out of control.

**JMU Senior on April 12, 2010**

Was throwing tear gas into a crowd of thousands really such a bright idea? If someone had been trampled to death, that would have been on the Harrisonburg Police Department. Not to mention thousands of people there NOT throwing the bottles still had to suffer the consequences of burning eyes and momentary blindness. HPD is lucky no one was sent to the hospital with asthma-related problems.

I am not defending the students in anyway — just asking HPD to reevaluate their response tactics.

While the students probably relished that there were no cops patrolling during the day at the block party, kids were roaming the streets with open containers easily "stepping off the sidewalk." Even though no one wants to admit it, those cops who hand out citations at every other party might actually be useful. Where were those cops this weekend? Preparing to invade? They should have been there earlier working crowd control before it got out of hand.

**A thought on April 13, 2010**

I think it's one thing to have a barbecue, throw around a football or Frisbee, listen to some music, enjoy a couple beers and hang out with friends. In fact, that's what happened at my apartment complex, and everyone was fine. Instead, Pringfest escalated into a massive gathering centered around binge drinking. That is the "alcohol problem" at JMU — we drink too much in a short amount of time. We can blame a lot of people other than ourselves, but we cannot say we drink responsibly.

I have been to too many parties where students, all of them from JMU, engage in keg stands, random hookups and binge-drinking games. I have participated in, encouraged or remained silent about these behaviors. I will no longer participate in such games and will attempt to speak out against them. I hope enough like-minded JMU students join me; we can truly change our campus and our culture to be more responsible.

Alcohol is something we should be able to enjoy, not abuse. The affects of alcohol abuse on our campus are all too familiar. As one of my professors asked once, "Do your lives really have such little meaning that you simply discuss who you 'hooked up' with the night before?" Unfortunately, I think he's correct.

**Andrew on April 12, 2010**

I've been to block party/springfest/whatever it's called for the past four years. There were never any problems such as this. I was at the first house broken up on block party at the end of Forest Hills where the riot squad first showed up. Before they showed up nothing was out of the ordinary — just kids partying. As SOON as the riot squad showed up, people started testing their limits and things snowballed from there. Did JMU really think the party was going to be cancelled? Of course it was going to get out of control. I believe the cancellation was a stupid move and hold whoever "cancelled" it responsible for the outbreak. Take away a persons freedom and they will rebel.

**Eric on April 12, 2010**

Where did this idea that police should have been there from the beginning come from? The police who were on duty were most likely doing thier job, and that job covers the entire city of Harrisonburg. If you JMU children wanted a police presence, you should have paid for it. Now, it's going to be the taxpaying citizens of this city who have to pay for your misbehavior.

JMU children are such hypocrites. You prance around this city acting superior to the local population, and then cry foul when we hold you accountable for your misconduct. Lets be clear about this. No JMU student owns the property this gathering was on. Property management warned students ahead of time about what would happen if things got out of hand. Students chose to ignore those warnings. Students displayed a complete disregard toward to the community and suffered for it. You have no one to blame but yourselves.

**Scott Davidson on April 13, 2010**

I have no doubt that a substantial number of non-JMU students were at the event and participated, but this is irrelevant. Even if others were involved, this is a JMU event and ultimately, they are responsible. Don't think for a second this isn't casting a bad shadow on the University — every alumnus I know in the Washington, D.C. area is furious about having to hear this is in the media. If you throw a party at your house, and someone attending does something awful or damages neighbors' property, you're going to get in trouble — not just that individual. The ease at which current students are attempting to completely brush this off as the work of others and take no blame or responsibility is laughable.

**Andy on April 12, 2010**

"It was like Somalia here at night."  
No, Mr. Collichio, it was not.

**Brian on April 12, 2010**

Any culture where drinking is conducted for the purpose of getting "smashed/wasted/trashed" and excusing poor behavioral decisions is a serious problem. This is bigger than the JMU campus; this is an American cultural issue. Our society views alcohol as an end in and of itself. I've heard plenty of people say, "I work hard during the week to justify going out and drinking on the weekends." Really? Your daily living habits are centered around a Saturday beer binge? This has been said by many JMU students, but it's also an American mentality in general. Many Americans "work so they can drink." All I can say is, what the crap? There's so much more to live for, people — so much more.

**Kathryn on April 12, 2010**

When you come to college, you are on your own. You get to make your own choices, and it feels great! However, at the same time a large part of making your own choices is taking responsibility for them. This includes the consequences — good or bad.

When I came to CHOICES as a prospective student, I was amazed at the spirit of the students here, and I believe that spirit still lives on. However, the events of Springfest weekend has shown me that that spirit has changed. This was evident as I walked through campus and saw a beer can left on the ground from the past weekend. The entire campus certainly felt the repercussions of Springfest weekend. *The Breeze's* front page was covered with images of police attempting to control the situation. I can only imagine the thoughts going through the parents' minds as they walked through campus overhearing stories, spotting beer cans and reading our newspaper. JMU already has a bad reputation for being a party school, and this past weekend certainly did not help improve our situation.

I know that not everybody involved in Springfest contributed to the riot. I know that some were there just to enjoy a Saturday afternoon at the end of a hard semester. I don't think that their Saturday afternoon deserved to be rudely interrupted by flying bottles and tear gas. However, for those of you that were throwing beer bottles and lighting dumpsters on fire. I want you to just man up and take responsibility for your actions. My guess would be that you were drunk and that is what brought out the crude behavior. Accept the fact that you had had too much to drink and you were way out of control.

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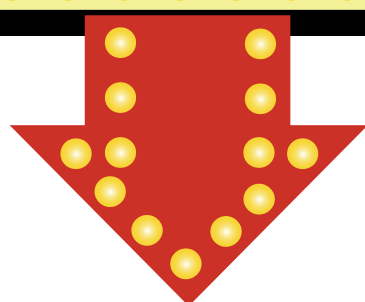
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After his heart stopped beating for unknown reasons, Aaron Eaton was rushed to Rockingham Memorial Hospital and remained in a coma for two days.

# a miracle

On Easter Sunday, Father Jim Curran of the Catholic Campus Ministry shared a heart wrenching story with churchgoers. A few days before, Aaron Eaton, while visiting his girlfriend Sarah Musselman, was rushed to the hospital. The events to follow remain somewhat of a mystery.

By **CAITLIN HAWES**  
*The Breeze*

Two Fridays ago, as JMU student Sarah Musselman was writing a paper, her boyfriend Aaron Eaton entered her bedroom in Stone Gate and complained of a fast, irregular heartbeat. Staying calm, Sarah felt his chest, which she said was “pretty much going crazy.” She instructed him to lay down and went to call her mother, who is a nurse.

When she turned around, Eaton’s eyes rolled back in his head. He became unresponsive and stopped breathing normally; every 30 seconds he made a gasping breath and abnormal moaning noises. Musselman couldn’t feel his heartbeat anymore. She called 911 and an ambulance immediately arrived.

“At first, I kept my cool,” said Musselman, a junior English and secondary education major. “Once [the situation] was out of my hands, my emotions went wild.”

In tears, she called Eaton’s parents, who were six hours away visiting his sister in Ohio. In the other room, she could hear the EMTs shocking Eaton with defibrillators, giving him oxygen and performing CPR.

After about half an hour, the paramedics carried him out on a stretcher and drove him to Rockingham Memorial Hospital. As the ambulance reached the hospital, the paramedics used the defibrillator a seventh time and finally brought Eaton’s heart rhythm to normal. For almost 45 minutes, his heart had

done little more than “jiggling” and sporadically beating.

Eaton, 21, lives in Fredericksburg and studies mechanical engineering at Germanna Community College. After hearing the news, Eaton’s family immediately drove to Harrisonburg.

“We couldn’t believe it. This couldn’t be happening. He’s healthy. He played soccer during high school,” said Cathy Eaton, his mother.

Eaton was in a coma for the next two days. After he arrived at the hospital, the paramedics took him to the emergency room, transferred him to a catheterization lab to check his heart and then did an electrocardiography scan, which showed that his arteries were normal. A CAT scan also came back negative.

Unsure of what happened, doctors took him to the cardiac care unit where they initiated a process to cool his body. In order to preserve his brain and internal organs, the doctors lowered his body temperature to 92 degrees with a hypothermia blanket and bags of ice.

“You go numb and just try to stay focused, asking yourself how soon can I get there?” said Al Eaton, his father.

By the time Eaton’s family arrived around 9 p.m., a group of friends and extended family had already arrived at the hospital. Eaton’s parents spent the first two nights in the room, holding his hand and touching him, something the doctors said would help by providing him with sensory contact.

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## Everything Other Than Springfest

After a long weekend of Springfest-afflicted tomfoolery and the destruction of brain cells, dumpsters and dignity, I’m sure many of you are still reeling from what can be described as “an inglorious s---storm of drunken debauchery.” In order to help you re-enter the real world, here’s a short summary of recent newsworthy events.

Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens announced last Friday that after 34 prestigious years, he and his multiple chins will be retiring



at the end of the session. At the ripe age of 562, Stevens plans to dedicate the remainder of his years to gluing his face together into more human-like

dimensions so he won’t scare

his great-great-great-great-great-grandchildren.

Speaking of too many adjectives, regressive, two-faced and completely insincere, Virginia Gov. Bob McDonnell discretely reinstated April as Confederate History Month with the teensy snafu of neglecting to mention slavery. Meanwhile, May will henceforth be known as Al-Qaeda Appreciation Month. In other news, Northern Virginia has decided to secede from Virginia. The rest of Virginia has no problem with it.

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Speaking of things that would best be directed elsewhere, “Lost” fans will be pleased by ABC’s decision to dedicate five hours of the infuriating series to its finale on May 23. Meanwhile, everyone else is just pissed.

Speaking of anger toward others, National Football Conference East fans rejoiced Sunday with the demolition of Texas Stadium, the former home of the Dallas Cowboys, football’s most detestable team. Supporters of the Eagles, Giants and Redskins will all be disappointed to learn that none of the Cowboys were injured in the blast.

Speaking of things that are a blast, the ongoing effort to legalize marijuana took a huge step recently, as it was confirmed that California’s November ballot would have a measure to legalize possession. With any luck, this initiative will kill two birds with one stoner, serving as a voting initiative as well. California authorities are hopeful that the Golden State’s potheads will put down their Hacky Sacks and Bagel Bites long enough to voyage outside their hippie hovels and finally contribute to society.

Speaking of sticky icky, Tiger Woods’ fall from grace was epitomized last week after a fairly sticky (and icky) tie for fourth place at the Masters Tournament. After an exhausting five months of having his personal life put on national display, it looks as though Woods is no longer capable of putting 110 percent effort into driving balls into holes. This is probably because his hot Swedish wife won’t let him either. Boom, roasted.

Now you’re all caught up on the current events outside the JMU bubble. Feel free to dive right back into it as the weekend fast approaches. I’ll join you in a bit — right after my roommates and I take our souvenir tear gas canister to the police station for autographs.

Andy Fram is a junior media arts & design major and a humor columnist at *The Breeze*.



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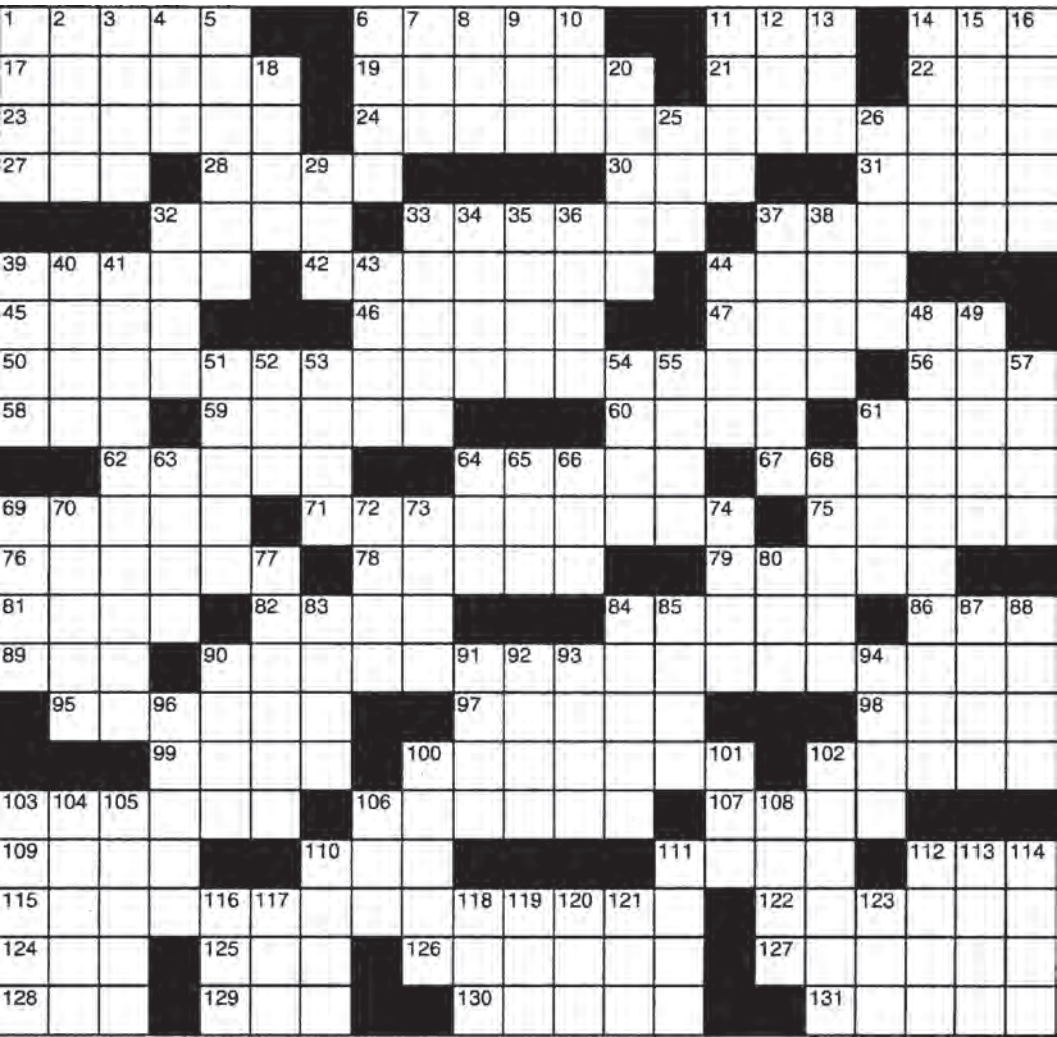
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26 Bread ingredient  
29 Wee one  
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33 Chest material  
34 Get wind of  
35 Tennis legend  
36 A roaring success?  
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94 Big bird  
96 Indra Gandhi’s father  
100 Enjoy the beach  
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102 Diatribe  
103 “To fetch - . . .”  
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GAMES THIS WEEK

- WOMEN'S LACROSSE**
- **Drexel @ JMU**  
Friday, 7 p.m.  
*The No. 12 Dukes won their first Colonial Athletic Association game this past Friday, a 10-9, double-overtime thriller against Towson University. Senior Kim Griffin scored the winner in sudden-death overtime, giving her the deciding goal in the past three JMU victories.*
- BASEBALL**
- **UNC-Wilmington @ JMU**  
Friday, 6:30 p.m.  
Saturday, 6:30 p.m.  
Sunday, 2 p.m.  
*UNC-Wilmington, last season's Colonial Athletic Association Tournament's runner-up and this year's host, are currently third in the CAA with a 6-3 conference record while JMU stands in second at 9-3.*

APRIL 10-15 CLUB SPORTS RESULTS\*

- Baseball**
- VS. UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA**
- Game 1: 4-3 win
  - Game 2: 9-3 win
  - Game 3: 6-2 win
  - Top Hitters: George Stipisich, Scott Lobdell
  - Top Pitchers: Adam Henne, Paul Vogt
- Gymnastics**
- NAIGC NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**
- **Women:** 4th place (143.025)
  - Vault: Elly Hart, 1st place (9.75)
  - Uneven bars: Amanda Daley, 10th place (9.15)
  - **Men:** All-around (142.4)
  - Pommel horse: Dan Grant, 12th place (12.5)

- Crew**
- ROCKETTS LANDING REGATTA**
- Men's varsity 4: 2nd out of 3
  - Women's novice 4 A: 2nd out of 3
  - Women's novice 4 B: 4th out of 4

\*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](mailto:jmusccvicepresident@gmail.com) every Monday; results are printed Thursdays.

BASEBALL

Looking To Get Back On Hot Streak

The Dukes traveled to Radford University on Tuesday, looking to continue their hot streak in a weekday, out-of-conference away game. Having won eight out of their last 11, the Dukes failed to seize the momentum as they fell to the Highlanders, 15-12.

The loss gave the Dukes (18-15, 9-3 in the Colonial Athletic Association) their third straight loss to non-CAA opponents following losses to U.Va. and Virginia Military Institute last week.

Freshman Nick Slogik made the first start of his career for the Dukes. Young reserves Bradley Shaban and Cole McInturff also got the start for the Dukes.

The Dukes, coming off a sweep of CAA rival William & Mary, had a great start in the top of the first. After a hit batter, two walks, and two more hits, the Dukes boasted a 5-0 lead going into the bottom half.

Slogik was unable to take advantage of the offensive outburst as he failed to record a single out. After an error by first baseman Knight allowed two runs to score, another walk loaded the bases.

The Dukes were able to tie it up in the top of the second on RBIs by shortstop David Herbek and designated hitter Matt Tenaglia. However, the relentless Radford attack would come back for more.

The Highlanders would tag Kuhn for a one-out, four-run rally in the bottom of the second inning before sophomore Josh Futter replaced him. Radford ended the second with an astounding 11 runs.

Three hits and a Radford error gave the Dukes three runs in the top of the fourth, cutting the deficit to one. Radford would respond with three of their own in the bottom half, getting all the runs they would need to pull out a victory in the slugfest.

The Dukes will be back in action this weekend with a home three-game series against the UNC-Wilmington Seahawks.

— staff reports

TENNIS

Poised for POSTSEASON SURPRISES



DAN GORIN / FILE PHOTO

Last year, sophomore Leah DeMasters was a third-team All-CAA doubles performer with partner Rebecca Erickson.

By GEORGINA BUCKLEY  
The Breeze

Not since being runners-up in 1991 has the JMU women's tennis team come close to a Colonial Athletic Association Championship title. The Dukes travel to Norfolk this weekend looking to end their decades-old drought and return as victors.

With a deeply talented CAA field, the Dukes are far from the favorite. However, recently few teams have been playing as well as JMU has.

JMU (8-7) has won seven of its eight matches since returning from the Puerto Rico Spring Break Tournament. This streak included a 2-1 mark in the CAA Round Robin tournament.

The No. 6 seed Dukes will have their first round match Thursday when they play the No. 11 seed Towson, whom they soundly beat last month, 7-0.

The team believes it can channel this month's momentum into a winning run this weekend. With

winnable matches in the first two rounds, the team is poised to put itself in position to win a championship.

"We've finished out a lot stronger than we ever have [this season] we're on a good winning streak," senior captain Rebecca Erickson said.

Her sentiments are echoed by fellow senior and captain Kelly Maxwell.

"We play against an 11th seed [Towson] and then we play the three seed [Georgia State] but I definitely think we can upset them, especially if we all play just as well as we did against UNC-Wilmington," Maxwell said.

The Dukes narrowly lost to the top-seeded Seahawks, 3-4 on March 28, their only loss at the Round Robin and their only defeat since spring break.

If the team advances past Georgia State, it will be the furthest the JMU seniors have ever advanced. This year's draw mimics the one

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NATE CARDEN / THE BREEZE

Sophomore and team No. 2 Tommi Nissinen has arguably been the Dukes' most consistent performer this year, going 10-4 this spring.

By JOEY SCHOEN  
contributing writer

This Thursday marks the start of the Colonial Athletic Association's 2010 Championship tennis tournament, and this year, JMU has something to prove.

Despite a steadily improving regular season, the squad is the sixth seed for the fifth year in a row.

Last year the Dukes fell to William & Mary, 1-4, in their quarterfinal match-up. They have not been able to get past their opening matches in the past five seasons, each year losing in the quarterfinals. But this year, things may be looking up.

The Dukes (15-9) boast both youthful and experienced players. After starting the year 0-4 against CAA opponents, the Dukes have won three of their past four matches within the conference, including going 2-1 in last month's CAA Round Robin tournament.

One of the most seasoned Dukes is senior Mike Smith, the team's No. 1 player. Smith says he is more excited about this year's team going into

the CAA Championship than he has been in years past.

"I've done it for four years, it's never easy, I would expect this year to be no different," Smith said. "I would say that we are more competitive this year than we have been my last three years. I feel like we're going to have a better chance to win as a team."

The team's record this year is its only winning record during Smith's tenure here. The team went 10-10 in 2007-08.

Smith, who is 13-11 in singles play, also excels on the doubles court, where he is more decorated. He and his doubles partner, junior Matt King, were honored with the All-CAA second team selection last year, and they are hoping to top that this year.

"Hopefully we'll continue to keep playing good doubles. We've had a strong season so far," King said. "It's looking good for us to win the doubles point"

The duo has a 23-10 record on

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BASEBALL

7-Year-Old Inspires Dukes to Be Better People, Athletes



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Justin Brown, from Haymarket, has been an honorary member of the JMU baseball team since the beginning of the season. When he was 2 years old, he was diagnosed with a type of brain tumor known as craniopharyngioma. After multiple surgeries, Brown's cancer has subsided. It was not until this past winter that the Friends of Jaclyn Foundation, a nonprofit organization, matched Justin up with the Dukes.

By MATT DEMSKY  
contributing writer

When you first take a look at Justin Brown, you would see what is expected: a 7-year-old boy enjoying a beautiful day at the ballpark. As he took the field to throw out the ceremonial first pitch at Sunday's baseball game against William & Mary, it looked as if he won a contest to be a "Duke for a Day." Few would ever guess the truth: He is already a Duke.

Sunday was Justin Brown Day at Veterans Memorial Park. While the Dukes pulled out a heart-racing 7-6 win, it wasn't the best story of the day. It was Justin's day — a day long overdue — as the story behind how this boy became the biggest little Duke is all but ordinary.

Justin has already spent more than half of his life in an intense battle to survive. When he was only 2 and a half, his parents began to notice some problems, mainly in his increased liquid consumption.

"At first, doctors told us that we should stop giving him liquid in bottles, as he was too old for that," said Justin's father Scott. "A few weeks later we saw an eye doctor, who was able to identify a lemon-sized tumor in the back of his eye."

"This tumor engulfed Justin's pituitary gland and destroyed it, leaving

him legally blind in his right eye. He has to take a shot of growth hormones every night."

The doctor informed the family that Justin immediately needed three surgeries. After initial success, the tumor eventually grew back, devastating the family.

"You know, you always want to go through it instead of your son or daughter, but that's not how it works, and you have to sit there and suffer with them," Scott said.

The family received the best news when they heard of a proton radiation therapy opportunity in Boston. After undergoing the procedure, Justin's tumor was reduced to the size of a pencil tip. There is always a chance that the tumor could grow back, so Justin undergoes a yearly MRI to make sure there is no further activity.

After all of his battles, many of which he was too young to even remember, Justin fought his way to the title of "cancer survivor."

After an undoubtedly deserved miracle, another one struck right on cue. Last year, Scott was watching an HBO "Real Sports with Bryant Gumbel" special featuring the Friends of Jaclyn Foundation, an organization that gives children with pediatric brain tumors an opportunity to pair with a college athletic team.

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## WOMEN'S | Hope to Play Top Seed



NATE CARDEN / THE BREEZE

Freshman Megan Douglass came on the scene in a big way for the Dukes this year, going 10-5 as the team's No. 4 seed.

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the Dukes faced last season. The team won their first round match against No. 9 Towson last year, only to lose to then-No. 1 seed Georgia State in the second round, 5-0. However, the Panthers lost some key seniors from last year's squad.

"They [Georgia State] basically had the same score against UNCW as we did," Maxwell said.

After a slow start marred by a lack of practice time, JMU coach Maria Malerba feels the Dukes have been able to hone their skills and are hitting their stride.

"The second half of our sea-

### Opening Rounds

#### Women

-Thursday, 2 p.m. vs. Towson

#### Men

-Friday, 9 a.m. vs. UNCW

son has gone really well," Malerba said. "When we played those first six or seven matches we weren't ready and didn't have enough court trips."

JMU does not have indoor courts, so court time for the team is limited to January and February. Instead, they travel to Bridgewater College to get limited time at the indoor courts there.

For now, Malerba is hoping for the chance to play Georgia State, as the Dukes have not faced the Panthers yet this season.

"I think because they're on a winning streak right now they're feeling pretty confident..."

They're very excited at the chance to knock off a high-seeded team," Malerba said.

With national powers such as UNCW, Virginia Commonwealth, and William & Mary making up the top of the conference, the Dukes will have their work cut out for them if they want to win a title.

## MEN'S | Won 11 Out of Last 14 Matches



NATE CARDEN / THE BREEZE

**Junior Yaroslav Voznenko is 7-4 as a singles player this season, playing primarily as the Dukes' No. 5 seed. He is also 5-6 with doubles partner Stephen Hardy. The economics major joined the Dukes in January 2008, coming from Kherson, Ukraine.**

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the year. King transferred to JMU from Old Dominion last year, and in his first season as a Duke he teamed up with Smith 11 times, earning a 6-5 record.

The duo has previously been ranked nationally, as high as No.38 by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association in February. Smith attributes the increased success to the practice they've had playing a full year together.

"Our other goal would be to get first team all-conference for doubles," Smith said. "We were second team last year; we only played 10 matches, so this year we've got obviously 30 or 35. Hopefully we'll have more they can look at and so that will maybe give us a better shot."

The Dukes will take on the No. 3 seeded Seahawks of the University of North Carolina-Wilmington on Friday. The two teams have met before this season, with UNCW taking the win, 6-1. The Seahawks are ranked No.73 nationally by the ITA.

Despite the loss during the regular season, Coach Steve Secord is optimistic going into the tournament. Secord led the team in CAA Championships in 1989 and 1991.

"We lost to them earlier, but I think we definitely have the ability to beat them," Secord said. "I think the guys will go in with the right attitude and hopefully get the job done."

JMU's singles players are headlined by their top three: Smith, freshman Greg Vladimirsky and sophomore Tommi Nissinen. All three have winning records on the season, the best being Nissinen's 18-6 mark this spring.

Additionally, the team's No. 6 ranked sophomore Jovan Milic won his match against UNCW earlier this year, accounting for JMU's lone point in the match.

The Dukes will be going into the tournament having won 11 of their last 14 matches. If JMU defeats UNCW on Friday, they will move on to play in the semi-finals on Saturday.

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# BROWN | Practicing His Fastballs

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Scott jumped on the opportunity and immediately called, hoping there was a team available for his son.

As fate would have it, David Warner, the manager of the JMU baseball team, saw the same HBO special and was equally touched. Intrigued by the idea, he presented it to the coaching staff, and the team said it would be more than happy to take Justin under their wing. In the fall of 2009, Justin and his family were invited to the team's preseason barbecue, where they interacted for the first time.

"It all worked out," Scott said. "Everything happens for a reason."

After finally being told he was in remission, Justin Brown Day marked the culmination of the journey that has transcended his age.

"He can function like any other boy his age now," Scott said. "Although he is legally blind in his right eye, it happened at such a young age that we think he just naturally adapted to it. Seeing him out there, it feels like it's larger than life."

With a firmer handshake than most adults, Justin lacks the shyness and skittishness one might expect. But despite his experiences, he is still a little boy.

When asked how it felt to be part of the baseball team, he flashed an ecstatic, wide-eyed smile, and softly said, "I have no idea."

According to Justin, his favorite part of baseball is hitting, and he calls himself a "slugger."

Before his big moment on the field, he assured everyone in the press box he would be throwing a fastball for the opening pitch. Judging by his form and aim, you could tell he'd been practicing.

It seemed as though destiny had a part in the JMU's weekend sweep over W&M. On Sunday, the Dukes were able to walk-off with a win, courtesy of senior Matt Browning. Browning, a senior and leader of the team, has watched Justin go from the shy kindergartener at the team picnic to the team's biggest little player.

"Regardless of whether we were going to win or lose, we were able to recognize him," Browning said. "It was great to have all of his friends there and it was definitely special to get a win like this for Justin."

While Justin's stature is small and at his age young, the impact he has made will be long remembered. As the Dukes move along with their season with big hopes, in mind, they won't have to look any further than their own teammate for motivation.

# Club Crew Season Wrap-Up



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JMU Crew Club, which began competition in 2008, has made great strides in its first couple seasons. While the club has been recognized as a club sport by the university, its success has come amidst some disadvantages.

Due to lack of funding, the team has been unable to transport their shells to crew competitions, known as regattas. The team has been forced to rent shells from local universities or high schools, giving them limited opportunities to compete.

The team competes seven times during the school year – three times in the fall and four in the spring. They normally compete in the sweeping 8s category (eight rowers in one boat, each with one oar) and the sweeping 4s category (4 rowers in one boat, each with one oar). While most of the boats compete in the novice category, the team does feature one men's sweeping 4s team that competes at the varsity level.

Club crew boasts some successful performances so far this season. This past fall, at the Occoquan Regatta, the fifth largest head race in America, three of four team entries placed in the top 35 percent of their respective categories. The women's novice 4s team gave the club its first, first-place finish this spring at the Occoquan Sprints.

The team's last regatta of the season will be at the Mid-Atlantic Crew Championships on May 2 in Northern Virginia.

- Colonial Athletic Association women's lacrosse Player of the Week and Rookie of the Week for the week ending in April 11
- Three-time Rookie of the Week award winner, having also being selected for the weeks ending in February 27 and March 20.
- Scored three goals and had two assists in JMU's 10-9 overtime win at No. 8 Towson April 9.
- Scored a career-high five goals in 18-9 win at Delaware April 11.
- Third on the team in goals (23) and assists (11)
- Second on the team with 34 points
- Has helped lead the Dukes to a No. 12 national ranking
- Only played four games freshman before taking a medical redshirt, but still won CAA Rookie of the Week for the opening week.
- U.S. Lacrosse All-America honorable mention as a junior and senior in high school
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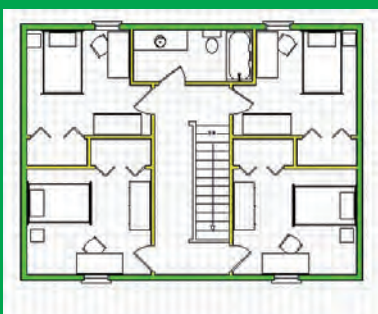
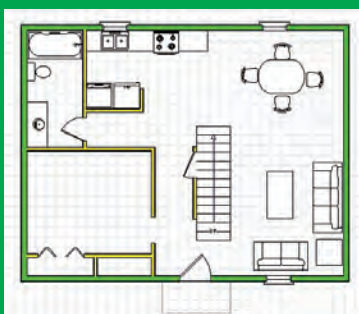
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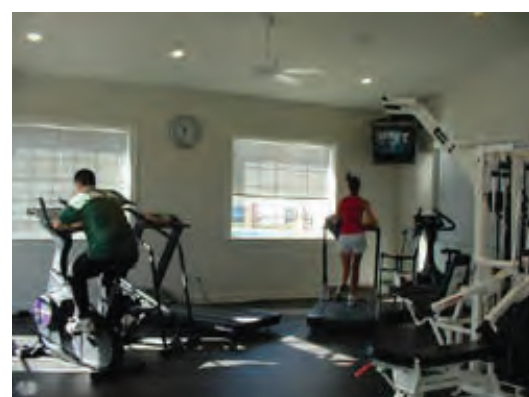
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She and his family asked him

"I honestly don't even remember being at Sarah's," Eaton said. He has no recollection of the

On April 6, the doctors took him to the operation room where catheters were stuck up his legs and clavicle area to connect to his heart and test different pathways,



**Junior Sarah Musselman, his girlfriend, was one of more than 25 visitors of an unconscious Aaron Eaton.**

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Eaton returned to school on

In a month, Eaton will return to U. Va.. Medical Center to check his heart.

**By JEFF WADE**  
*The Breeze*

Not only is his speech foreign, but he also looks truly bizarre. This wouldn't be a problem if the audience wasn't subjected to multiple

Even if one gets past the terrible acting, that still doesn't help in understanding the blurry visual style of filming, the haphazardly introduced and abandoned subplots, complete lack of consistency and numerous other idiosyncrasies that make "The Room" what it is.

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The first JMU screening of the film played to about 40 brave souls. The crowd present for this travesty contained a mixture of "Room" neophytes and experienced veterans. Not everyone was immediately in on the joke, as evident by the

One day that dream will be realized. And on that day, dining halls across campus better hide their spoons.



**By NICK SLOANE**  
*The Breeze*

Many of the other songs have a similar feeling. The exception to the trend comes with the 12-minute goliath "Siberian Breaks." The song goes through

Are any of these tracks the next "Kids" or "Electric Feel"? Not even close. But that's actually exactly what Goldwasser and Van Wyngarden want. For this record, the group decided not to release any singles, with Goldwasser stating in a January interview with NME.com, "We'd rather people hear the whole album as an album and see what tracks jump out rather than the ones that get played on the radio."



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# The ‘Glee’ Gang Is Back — with a Vengeance

The Washington Post

Triumphantly, if a bit lazily, “Glee” returns from a hiatus Tuesday night, and it is still filled with that incessant, full-volume glee, the kind that gets under the skin of anyone who doesn’t like it when people burst out into song. Mostly “Glee” is laden with cruelty, which ironically is its most winning element: “Those sweaters make her look home-schooled,” announces a cheerleader about Rachel Berry (Lea Michele), the nerdy songstress who commandeers the glee club.

“Oh, hey, William,” sneers that track-suited terror Sue Sylvester (Jane Lynch as the nefarious cheerleading coach; the actress is now fully digesting all of “Glee’s” scenery) to the eternally optimistic glee club coach, Mr. Schuester (Matthew Morrison). “I thought I smelled cookies wafting from the ovens of the little elves that live in your hair.”

A voice of wisdom, the spacey

guidance counselor Ms. Pillsbury (Jayma Mays), finally acknowledges something that is ostensibly about life at McKinley High School, but could be about our youth-obsessed, “Idol”-atrous, Justin Bieber-fever, “Twilight”-ish culture at large: “I think we spend so much time with these kids, we start acting like them.”

High school is a delicious hell. Once in a while, an education reformer will present new data and arguments for doing away with the institution as we know it, with seldom a word about how to replace the school of hard knocks made up of homecoming games, yearbooks, proms, musicals, pep rallies and also bullying, drugs, petty crimes and the torment of bad skin. It’s not a 100 percent terrible idea — to assess young Americans around age 14 or 15 and funnel them off to separate, more appropriate curricular and vocational channels. Underlying the argument is the one inescapable fact of high school: It works

a real doozy on us, forever.

Nowhere has this been more clear lately than in Itawamba County, Miss., where, very much like an episode of “Glee,” the school board voted to cancel a high school prom rather than let a lesbian teenager named Constance McMillen bring her girlfriend as her date.

After a flurry of media attention and protests from the American Civil Liberties Union and others, the board relented and Constance was allowed to go to the prom on Friday — which turned out to be a prom for losers. When she and her date arrived, only faculty chaperones and a few other students (some of them learning disabled) were there. Meanwhile, across town, parents of the popular kids paid for and staged a big, secret prom, with all the glitter and good times, and no invite for Constance.

This actually happened, and it comes with about 1,000 ready-made jokes for “Glee” creator

Ryan Murphy and his writers. The show revels in a world where the underdogs (the gay kids, the disabled kids, the minority kids, the awkward kids) are magically gifted with song-and-dance moments from a fantasy of pop charts, which transport them away from a world where jocks wait around the hallways to douse them with Big Quenchy cups filled with blueberry slush.

Viewers fell into a deep infatuation with “Glee’s” dynamic, and didn’t seem to mind that the show burned off its most interesting plot developments within the first month, racing ahead like a series afraid of imminent cancellation. Instead, despite being the gayest straight thing on TV, “Glee” is a smash. Since its debut last fall, the show has spun off hit songs and will soon be a concert tour featuring cast members. More interestingly, it has assembled an online legion of devotees known as Gleeks, who revel in the show’s twin aspects of spite and comeuppance.

When we left them, the students of the McKinley High School’s “New Directions” glee club had won the “sectionals” competition, guided by Mr. Schuester. They had momentarily vanquished Coach Sylvester, whose obsession with ruining glee club became her undoing.

“We’re stars now,” gushes Rachel to her fellow gleeks. “On par with all the jocks and popular kids. It’s a new dawn here at McKinley and we are going to

rule this school!”

Cue the Big Quenchy dousing.

With Tuesday’s episode, “Glee” presses the reset button, which increasingly is the only thing it knows how to do. While the show is still definitely a kick to watch (and really, what more does it need to be?), some viewers have begun to kvetch that it’s the same thing every episode, gnawing at the edges of predictable romantic triangles and stereotypical angst (the kid in the wheelchair wants respect; the gay kid wants his father to understand him). The plot content that occupies the spaces between the song performances feels more thin this time around.

As there is nothing more self-consciously and ironically rapid on network TV than “Glee” (ironically being the key word), these criticisms are only a little bit valid. “Glee” exists first and foremost as an excuse to enter the illusory world of its musical numbers, where these lovable losers suddenly have full bands, great costumes and perfect lighting at their disposal, and thus transform themselves — literally, according to album sales — into pop stars.

Next week, “Glee” turns itself over to utterly wonderful gibberish in a nonsensical episode devoted to the oeuvre of Madonna. Sylvester, who is blackmailing McKinley’s principal, has ordered him to play Madonna (her personal hero)

over the school’s PA system all day long, which turns the student body into the guises and moods of the Material Girl, with characters on the verge of losing their virginity while singing mash-ups of Madonna songs (“Like a Virgin,” etc.) to one another.

Sylvester commands her cheerleaders to take to stilts and perform a jaw-dropping routine to “Ray of Light,” which displeases her: “Sloppy, freak-show babies!” she screams at them. “Somewhere in the English countryside, in a stately manor home, Madonna weeps.

“Now hit the showers.”

I don’t know if the success of “Glee” can be of any consolation to poor Constance in Mississippi, but already a “Glee”-ified world is on its way to both celebrate and rescue her: Her friends now include Ellen DeGeneres and other celebs; members of Green Day and singer Lance Bass are reportedly going to Mississippi next month to stage a repeat prom, just for her and Gleeek-type underdogs all over the state. And if the popular kids want to come? Well, they’re invited too.

“Glee” still has that magical, super-gay quality to it that can be both unnerving in our current socio-political divisiveness and yet it can also be surprisingly comfortable and cool. As a Facebook and iTunes phenomenon, it is brilliant. But as a television show, it’s in danger of losing its initial pizzazz.

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