

Three U.Va. football players charged with assault at JMU

By JOHN SUTTER

The Breeze

Three members of the U.Va. football team are now suspended after an assault on Port Republic Road on Jan. 30.

Ausar A. Walcott, a redshirt sophomore linebacker, Devin R. Wallace, a redshirt sophomore cornerback and sophomore center Mike J. Price each face three misdemeanor counts of assault and battery by mob and one felony count of burglary-entering a dwelling with the intent to commit an

Mike London, U.Va's football coach, said in a statement Tuesday that the three players would be suspended indefinitely for conduct detrimental to

"The players know the expectations I have for them as student-athletes both on and off the field, and as representatives of both the football program and the university," London said in the







Redshirt sophomore linebacker Ausar Walcott (from left), sophomore center Mike Price and redshirt sophomore cornerback Devin Wallace were suspended from the U.Va. football team Tuesday after being arrested in Harrisonburg.

statement. "I am disappointed in the conduct of these individuals and the fact they chose not to represent themselves in the appropriate manner. They will not participate in any team activities while suspended, but they will continue to attend all study halls and to meet their academic requirements."

According to Harrisonburg police, three male victims said they were assaulted by a group of unknown males who entered an apartment in the 800 block of Port Republic Road in The Commons apartment complex.

"At this point in the investigation, it appears as though a verbal altercation took place outside the apartment complex amongst several individuals prior to the assault," said Harrisonburg Police spokeswoman Mary-Hope Vass in a press release Wednesday.

Kyle Kelly, a senior political science

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Commonwealth's Attorney promises gang crackdown in fourth election campaign

By AARON KOEPPER The Breeze

Harrisonburg's Commonwealth's Attorney wants a fourth term in office

Marsha Garst, who is running unopposed, attributed her successful re-elections to three original campaign promises: the vigorous prosecution of criminal cases, an efficient and competent office and an office responsive to victims of crime, the public and law

"I've had a very effective office," Garst said, after announcing Friday she would run in the November election. "And I can't take all the credit for that. My attorneys and staff are gifted and dedicated people. To them goes Garst, 41, has been unopposed since

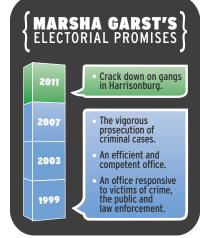
the 1999 Republican primary, when she faced her former boss, former Commonwealth's Attorney Andrew Douglas Stark. In the elections of 2003 and 2007, she had no opponents from any party.

No Democratic contenders have stepped forward yet for the election





Harrisonburg's Commonwealth's **Attorney Marsha Garst has** prosecuted more than 1,000 cases since 1994.



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PROPERTY DAMAGE

Stone Gate floor close to collapse, forces residents out

By JOHN SUTTER The Breeze

Eight students who were evacuated from their 1825 Stone Gate apartments will remain in a hotel until Sunday at the earliest after a floor nearly collapsed early Monday morning.

Senior Elizabeth Lyon said Stone Gate is paying for apartment A and E residents to stay in the Hampton Inn until either repairs are made to their ceiling or a building manager deems the property safe to enter.

A crack in the ceiling of apartment A became visibily larger and pieces of drywall fell from the ceiling early Monday morning, according to Lyon.

"[The inspector] found the floor to be squishy," said Wayne Lilly, a Harrisonburg building official, of the floor in apartment E. "If you walk on it, the floor kind of bounces around."

Lilly said the timeline for residents to move back in their apartments will ultimately depend on the extent of the

"If there are three or four trusses involved that's more you would have to tear up," Lilly said.

As of Wednesday, an engineer had not yet fully inspected the floor, which includes pulling up carpet and tearing out parts of the ceiling to inspect the

damage. The locks have been changed on both apartment doors and the residents must be escorted into their apartments to

retrieve their belongings, Lyon, a computer information systems major, said. Late Sunday night, a crack in the ceil-

ing of Lyon's first floor apartment began

to noticeably grow larger. As the women

of 1825 A watched the crack grow, chips of drywall began falling from the roof, a sign that made them worry their roof was

going to cave in. "Well it was either now or watch until it actually fell through," Lyon said. "We didn't want to get anyone in trouble, we just didn't feel safe in our own home."

Fearing a total collapse, the women called the fire department who respond-

ed at 12:55 a.m. Sunday night. Capt. Arthur Miller of the Harrisonburg Fire Department said crews saw a noticeable dip in the floor of apartment E, the one directly above A, on Sunday

night. Calls to Stone Gate were forwarded to the company that manages the complex, American Campus Communities corporate office, and were not returned by time The Breeze went to print on Wednesday. The company also manages South View and The Commons.

Lyon said she and her roommates noticed a dip in apartment E and had a small crack had appeared in the ceiling before Sunday.

HFD called Harrisonburg building officials who ordered an evacuation of apartments A and E. The building officials, working with the property managers, ordered a structural engineer to inspect the damage and design a repair

"In several calls, it's from occupants

having a party," Miller said. "The added load to the floor causes the floor to crack Miller said in some incidences it's not the number of people in the apartment

that causes the floor to crack, but the

actions, such as jumping, of the people



After a floor nearly collapsed in 1825, Stone Gate arranged to have residents of apartments A and E stay in the Hampton Inn.

Miller confirmed there were no active

parties in 1825 on Sunday night. "We knew it had happened before in

other apartments so we knew it was a possibility," Lyon said.

In 2010, Miller said HFD received nine calls city wide for weakened structures. Of the nine, three were in apartment complexes. Since 2008, HFD has

responded to eight calls in apartment complexes. This is not the first incident of resi-

dents being evacuated from Stone Gate because of cracks in the ceiling. In April, cracks in the ceiling of the second floor of 1813 Stone Gate caused building inspectors to evacuate residents

until the building was deemed safe. Resi-

dents were put in a hotel for about a week until the problem could be resolved.

Other complexes have had similar problems with weakened or damaged

In November 2008, partygoers rushed out of 1044 South View after the floor began to sink and showed signs of collapsing. Police and fire crews evacuated the entire building and residents of the apartment were temporarily displaced.

Most recently on Sept. 17, a party in apartment J on the third floor of 1348 Hunters Ridge caused the living room floor to collapse to the second floor and then to the first floor. Twenty-seven people were sent to Rockingham Memorial Hospital and two were sent to the University of Virginia Medical Center.

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Companies race to be China's **Facebook**

HONG KONG — The top social-networking service in the world's biggest Internet market was created by graduates of a prestigious university to help students communicate with one another. And it's not Facebook.

Renren.com leads China's surging social-networking market with more than 160 million registered users, according to Analysys International in Beijing. Competitor Kaixin001.com has more than 93 million. Their edge over billionaire Mark Zuckerberg's service: a government that blocks Facebook access.

"Our service is basically the same as Facebook's, in terms of functions and features," said Donna Li, a general manager at Renren. "We are more tailored to the China market."

With Facebook's valuation topping \$63 billion, Renren and peers may be the next investment

opportunities in a market with more Internet users than the combined populations of the United States and Japan. Those sites and competitors Tencent Holdings and Baidu have room to grow as the online advertising

market is projected to triple to

almost \$13 billion by 2014.

"Advertisers have really warmed to the new social-networking sites very quickly," said Steven Chang, chief executive officer for China at Zenith Optimedia, the media unit of Publicis Groupe. "A lot of advertisers are willing to do business with the new social-media sites because many of them actually use the services.

Renren ("everyone" in Chinese) is probably preparing for an initial public offering, said Michael Clendenin, managing director at consultants RedTech Advisers in Shanghai. The site's biggest investor is Japan's Softbank. Kaixin001.com, founded by former Sina Corp. executive Cheng Binghao, also is seeking a listing, Clendenin said.

Online advertising in China likely totaled \$3.9 billion last year.

POLICE LOG

Larceny

- On Feb. 8, a student reported the theft of \$212 worth of textbooks from Carrier Library.
- On Feb. 8, a student reported the theft of a residential parking pass, valued at \$212, from Huffman Hall.
- On Feb. 4, a student reported the theft of a commuter parking pass, valued at \$212, from the Convo A Lot.
- On Feb. 6, JMU Police reported the theft of a \$200 sign from Dingledine Hall. ■ On Feb. 6, a student
- fire extinguisher, valued at \$50, from Chesapeake Hall. ■ On Feb. 5, a student reported the theft of a

wallet from a secured

locker in Carrier Library.

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Property Damage

■ On Feb. 3, a student reported \$200 worth of

by bill wood

damage to a vehicle in the Grace Street Parking Deck.

- On Feb 5, a student reported \$100 worth of damage to vehicle mirror on Devon Lane.
- On Feb. 4, a student reported \$100 worth of damage to bricks surrounding a flower bed at Memorial Hall.
- On Feb 6, a student reported \$50 worth of damage to a toilet seat in Chesapeake Hall.
- On Feb. 4, a student reported \$50 worth of damage to a vehicle at Memorial Hall.

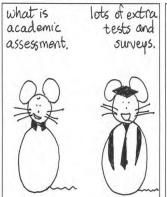
Alcohol and Drugs

- On Feb. 4, a student was charged with possession of marijuana in Hillside
- On Feb. 6, a student was charged with underaged consumption in Shorts Hall.
- On Feb. 6, a student was charged with a drunk in

public and underaged possession at Usman

- Circle. ■ On Feb. 6, a student was charged with underaged
- possession at Lois Lane. On Feb. 6, two students were charged with underaged possession in the White Hall area.
- On Feb. 6, two students were charged with underaged possession of in the Ikenberry Hall area.
- On Feb. 6, a student was charged with underaged possession in the Convo A Lot.
- On Feb. 6, a student was charged with underaged possession in the Sonner Hall area.
- On Feb. 5, a student was charged with drunk in public, underaged consumption and noncompliance with request in Dingledine Hall.

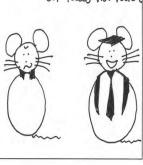
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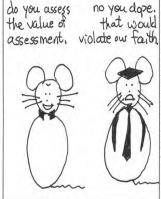


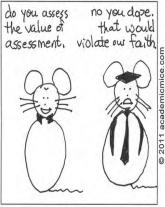
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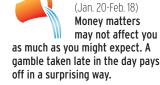
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IF YOU WERE BORN TODAY: Born today, you may have to grow out of a profound insecurity in order to grow into the confident and able individual the stars have fashioned on this date. Once you do, however, you can enjoy a long and fruitful career — and the kind of success in your personal relationships that is forbidden one who remains under the control of the kind of self-doubt from which you are likely to suffer when young.





(Feb. 19-March 20) You can pay off almost all debts if you have your priorities straight

PISCES

and keep an eye on the clock. **ARIES**



tough jobs, but you'll need some help on a few occasions. You know who you can count on to be there.

TAURUS



(April 20-May 20) Your to-do list is growing quickly, and you're going to have to pick up the pace if you want to continue checking things off. **GEMINI**



(May 21-June 20) A little exploration on your part yields information that can prove

invaluable both to you and those around you. **CANCER**



(June 21-July 22) Others are expecting more from you than you are able to

give, but if you buckle down, you can at least satisfy yourself.



slowdown, but if you're prepared, you can certainly use the time to your advantage. Intellectual processes accelerate.

LEO

(Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A positive outlook is essential, Combined with an imaginative approach, it can yield great results.

VIRGO



may not be for you, but don't try something so unusual that it creates unnecessary controversy.



(Oct. 23-Nov. 21) The hidden becomes obvious to you before the day is out. An offer comes to you that means more than you might expect.

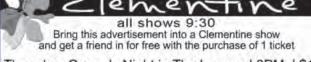
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Others may be taking your work and applying it in ways that

you never intended. It's time to



reclaim ownership.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) A formidable challenge comes your way; you may have to postpone something else in order to focus all your energies on it.



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On Monday, Jenna Robb and Paige Zanelli, members of the Tri-Sigma sorority, talked to students

about eating disorders in Warren Hall. In honor of Eating Disorder Awareness Month, the sorority gave

out mirrors saying "Smile, you look great" and Post-It notes for people to write positive traits about

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HARRISONBURG

Bourbon Street restaurant renamed

The former South Main Street restaurant and nightclub known as Bourbon Street is under new management, according to owner Hoshi Khambata. Renamed Tandori's Kitchen, the restaurant will offer American and Indian cuisine in a more family friendly setting and will close daily at 11 p.m. The restaurant, which opened three years ago as Indianthemed Bombay Courtyard, has been through three owners.

City Council funds **Boys and Girls Club**

Harrisonburg City Council agreed to contribute \$7,640 to the Boys and Girls Clubs of the City of Harrisonburg and Rockingham County on Tuesday, according to the Daily News-Record. The contribution is for the club's Saturday program at the Lucy Simms Continuing Education Center in Harrisonburg, which originated as a way to occupy at-risk youths on the weekend in the neighborhood around

Lauded reporter to hold workshops at JMU

Pulitzer Prize winning writer Amy Harmon will be visiting JMU on Monday and Tuesday. Harmon, a New York Times reporter, won the industry's top prize in 2008 for her series of articles entitled "DNA Age," Harmon will hold workshops and give a lecture in Harrison 1261 at 7:30 p.m. Monday.

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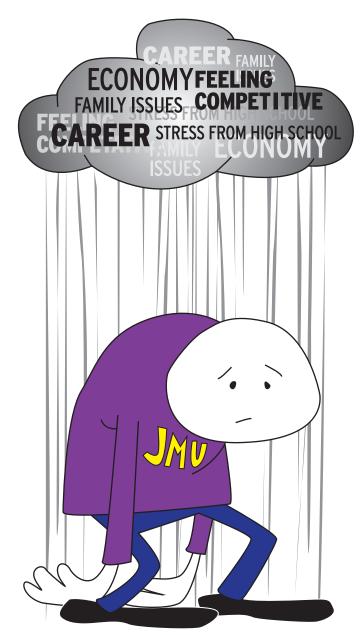
Sen. Webb will not seek re-election

Sen. Jim Webb (D) announced Wednesday he will not seek re-election in 2012 for his seat in the Senate, according to a press release. Webb says he plans to return to the private sector, but will continue his involvement in politics on some issues. Webb was elected as a Virginia senator in 2006 after defeating incumbent Sen. George

MENTAL HEALTH

Feeling the pressure

Study shows recession, lack of coping mechanisms negatively affect incoming students



In the fall of 2010, of the students who went to Varner House, 77.2 percent reported feeling sad or depressed and 74.8 percent felt anxious.

GRAPHIC BY JENA THIELGES / THE BREEZE

By STEPHANY HOLGUIN

More incoming students than ever before are overwhelmed as they transition to college.

Feelings of loneliness, homesickness and other academic stresses often lead to depression among students entering four-year universities. A new factor that contributes to freshmen depression has emerged: the dwindling economy.

According to the Higher Education Research Institute at University of California, Los Angeles, since the recession began in 2008, it has been noted that the emotional health of freshmen has declined. The report stated that freshman health has hit its lowest point dating back 25 years ago since the survey "The American Freshmen: National Norms Fall 2010" started collecting this information.

Other variables also contribute to the increasing numbers of students suffering from depression, said Shirley Cobb, associate director of Varner House and coordinator of Clinical Services. Some factors include the backdrop of the economy, feeling competitive, bringing stress from high school to college, family issues and feeling discouraged at not being able to find a job after graduation.

"I hear [students] tell me, 'I got to have something to major in, I got to make that choice right now,' when really it's healthier for them to explore who they are, what the areas are out there," Cobb said.

One sophomore biology major, who wishes to remain anonymous, said she suffered from stress and anxiety her first year.

"It was a downhill spiral because I was homesick," she said. "In October, I was diagnosed with mono, [and] had a bad roommate experience. Also, I was trying to find my place in school and would feel anxious in a social setting.

The sophomore also had personal

fears that her father would lose his job again because of the economic recession.

Amanda Glover, a freshman international business major, said balancing work alongside school has been a major factor in her anxi-

"I've had a job since freshman year in high school, and it's a stress having to ask my parents for money,"

Cobb says one problem might be that students have a hard time adjusting to their new roles in

"When they come here, they're little fish in a big pond," Cobb said. They just left their high school where they were big fish in a little

pond." However, many students' problems may go unnoticed. The anonymous sophomore did not ask for help her freshman year because she was not aware of the programs available and was too shy to ask for

"I would eat when I was sad and I would get anxious in a social setting because I felt like a tag along,"

Some resident advisers in freshman dorms have experience in dealing with the problems of depression, anxiety and stress in first year

Fiona Torres, a junior business management major, was an RA her sophomore year. Now she is an assistant for the Office of Residential Life.

Having been an RA, Torres got to experience a firsthand account of one of her residents suffering of

"She was very upbeat, but behind closed doors she had many anxiety issues," Torres said. "She did not get along well with any of her suitemates. It was hard to confront her with the help of the hall director.

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SGA



SGA Executive Treasurer Abby Ware speaks to senators on Tuesday about the lack of additional funds to expand the budgets for front-end budgeted organizations.

Organization members to lobby legislators in Richmond

By MATT SUTHERLAND The Breeze

SGA Senators are preparing to lobby for a bill in the State Senate this coming Wednesday that will require universities to count sign language as a foreign language credit.

Adam Hall, the senior senator who wrote the bill, said the trip would help the SGA learn more about larger politi-

"I think this will serve as a springboard for us to take a stand on the issue," Hall said. "Also, I think this a way for us to come together to look at these policies and see what we can do as student leaders."

The bill was passed in the Virginia House of Delegates on Feb. 3 and is currently being reviewed in the State Senate Committee of Education and

In case the bill reaches the Senate floor before Wednesday, SGA also recommended members write to their state senator in support of the bill.

SGA also debated a Faculty Senate bill that was sent to SGA to gauge the student body's approval. The proposal, which was introduced at the Jan. 27 Faculty Senate meeting, would require JMU to notify students where their tuition money is allocated. Current-

ly, the university does not specifically compile this information for students. The majority of the senators that commented believed it was necessary to disclose this information to the

students, including junior class vice

president Rheanna Martino. "I think if people actually knew where their money was going, people would be more inclined to change

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CRIME

Crime streak hits Hunters Ridge anartments over weekend

Three cars were broken into and an unknown person was seen brandishing a gun in public in Hunters Ridge over the weekend.

Around 3:30 a.m. on Sunday, an unknown male was seen in the 1300 block of Hunters Road waving a firearm. According to police, the incident resulted in no injuries

Mary-Hope Vass, police spokeswoman, said the suspect is described as a light-skinned black male, with

shoulder length braided hair and a dark-colored hooded sweatshirt.

Vass said police are still speaking with witnesses and as of Wednesday, no arrests have been made.

Friday night, three GPS units, along with other miscellaneous items, were stolen from three different cars on Hunters Ridge Road. Vass said one of the vehicles was unlocked and the other two victims said they locked their

Vass said none of the cars showed signs of damage.

Since the break-ins are similar and occured on the same day on the same stree, police are investigating if the incidents are related.

"We like to remind people to not leave items in plain view and to lock your vehicle at all times," Vass said.

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BUSINESS

Nutrition for students, by students

Three JMU students purchase and re-open ACS Nutrition on University Boulevard, become owners, manger of store

By MOLLY HAAS The Breeze

For three JMU business majors, being business owners before graduation was the first lesson in opportunity.

On Feb. 1, Erik and Adam Kuhn and Joe Walton celebrated the grand reopening of their ACS Nutrition store at its new location on University Boulevard as the store's new owners and managers.

According to Adam, the grand opening pulled in about \$400 in sales, or a successful day for the small business.

The Kuhn brothers began working at ACS Nutrition last fall.

The store features nutritional products and cleansing drinks geared for exercise and strength. The former owner lives in Pennsylvania, where more of the ACS stores are located.

When the lease for the old location on Deyerle Avenue was up at the end of January, Erik offered to take over the

'The store is out of the way for him," Erik, a senior business major, said. "We were only working part-time but basi-

cally running the store ourselves." Erik was already managing the accounts for ACS Nutrition, so he took the opportunity to keep the profits for himself and his brother.

"We knew it was profitable," said Adam, a junior business major. "And we knew we could make it more profitable."

'We want to feature the most popular products and hopefully have an online ordering system too."

Carl Hurlebaus

sity Boulevard.

senior business major and ACS nutrition website designer

Erik and Adam purchased the store with Walton, another employee and a junior business major, and students split the work and the profits three

vays, Adam said. Once the old location's lease was finished, they offered to buy the rights to the store's name and purchase a lease at the new location on Univer-

The men then enlisted Erik's roommate, Carl Hurlebaus, to create a website for the new store.

Hurlebaus, a senior business major, is in the planning stages of the site, which will also be used for a project in class, and is looking forward to making ACS Nutrition popular at JMU.

Hurlebaus hopes to have the site up and running by the end of the

"We want to feature the most popular products and hopefully have an online ordering system too," Hurlebaus

Erick said they hope to gear the store more toward students, who will get a 5 percent discount with their JACard. Erik is graduating in May and look-

ing for jobs in Northern Virginia. "Adam is going to stick around and run the business," he said. "I'll take a step back then and do mostly account-

After Erik leaves, the men plan to hire another JMU student to work parttime just as they do.

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GARST | Says finding evidence in mob cases difficult due to amount of fear

from front

this November, according to Alan Finks, the chair of the Rockingham County Democratic Party nominating

Since 1994 when Garst was an assistant commonwealth's attorney, she has prosecuted more than 1,000 cases.

Garst promised to use her office to crack down on gangs in Harrisonburg, citing the 2008 murder of Reginald "Shay" Nicholson, 19, as Rockingham County's first gang-related

Zackery Turner, 20, of Charlottesville, received a 30-year prison sentence and 10-year probation sentence in 2009 for

"That case really set a very big focus that we need to be aware of street gangs," Garst said. "This was an example of how open door parties could go wrong, and through no fault of the young people that were

"It's very fortunate that someone wasn't in the crossfire the parking lot was packed. think about that a lot," Garst

In part because of Garst's

risonburg and Rockingham Gang Enforcement Unit, a special investigative unit made up of two Harrisonburg police officers, one HPD sergeant and one deputy from the Rockingham County Sheriff's office, investigates gang activity in Harrisonburg, according to police spokeswoman Mary-Hope Vass.

The task force has given out 880 charges since 2006, including money laundering, solicitation of prostitution, manufacturing and distribution of narcotics and aggravated

CHARGE was also crucial in two murder investigations, and in 2010, arrested a gang member who was responsible for vandalizing approximately 12 buildings with gang graffiti, according to Garst. Garst, who was raised in

Bridgewater, said the most difficult part of the job for her has been prosecuting 26 murderrelated charges: 24 homicides and two manslaughters. "It's shocking for me, having

Garst also hopes the focus on

grown up here, that there have

been so many murders," Garst

efforts, the Combined Har- "It was just a perfect storm that I hope will never happen again. It was not a happy time for anybody. It was awful for the victims, awful for law enforcement, awful for JMU students and awful for anybody who lived here."

> **Marsha Garst** Commonwealth's Attorney

gang activity would make witnesses more willing to talk.

"Most [witnesses to gang crime] are afraid to talk, and I understand," Garst said. "We've had witnesses threatened."

While Garst has quelled gangs and vigorously prosecuted criminals in her career, the last seven months of her current term has brought a different kind of challenge.

The April 2010 Springfest riot resulted in more than two dozen arrests.

Two men still face felony charges.

Peter Richard Morgner, 20, of Vienna, Va., will appear in circuit court Feb. 22 for seven felony charges: conspiracy to incite a riot, destruction of property with intent, wearing a mask in public and four counts of assault against a police officer.

Kalvin Lamar Jackson, of Chantilly, Va., is scheduled to appear in circuit court Feb. 18 for two felony charges: malicious wounding and malicious wounding by a mob.

The conviction rate for only the felony cases from Springfest is drastically lower: of the 10 people arrested for felonies during the riot, only one has been found guilty: Japheth E. Rawls IV, 22, a former JMU student, was sentenced in January to 140 days of a 360-day sentence with one year of probation. He was found guilty of felony assault and felony participation in a riot.

Five other felony cases ended in Rockingham General District Court last July because there

was not enough evidence presented to the judge for a grand jury indictment, according to Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Louis Nagy.

Garst, who has only lost three cases, said losing was a difficult but necessary experience for her.

"I never want to lose, it's an important lesson that we're at the mercy of a jury," Garst said. "No matter how many cases you've won, every jury gets to make that decision. Garst said finding evidence

in any mob case was difficult because fear can distort human memory. "Part of it is when you strike

someone unconscious, they're not going to be able to look up and say 'Jim did it, and he had a blue hat and a red coat," Garst said. "These people were afraid for their life." Garst said her main goal with

the prosecution of Springfest cases was to prevent another riot from occurring.

"It was just a perfect storm that I hope will never happen again," Garst said. "It was not a happy time for anybody. It was awful for the victims, awful for law enforcement, awful for JMU students and awful for anybody

who lived here."

Garst said the trespassing ordinance passed by the Harrisonburg City Council in August was a step she believed would allow police to stop another Springfest from happening

The ordinance permits landlords and landowers to designate police as co-owners of the property, for the purpose of removing trespassers without permission of a landowner. Garst said the ordinance would be useful if there were to be an incident similar to Springfest because it would allow police to remove trespassers from apartment complex lawns.

Garst's office has also confiscated almost \$2 million in property from prosecuted criminals since 2000. The funds are distributed between the Commonwealth Attorney's office, the Harrisonburg Police Department and the Rockingham County Sheriff's Office are used to train law enforcement, buy new equipment and pay for travel expenses.

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U.Va. study: Recession takes toll on U.S. marriages

Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Americans without a college degree bore the brunt of the recent recession, and so did their marriages, according to a new report by researchers at the University of

The "Survey of Marital Generosity," conducted on behalf of the university's Marriage Project, found that 29 percent of couples reported that the economic downturn had put financial stress on their marriages.

At the same time, about a third of the couples surveyed said the recession had prompted them to work harder on saving their marriage — a finding that the report's author described as one of two "silver linings" to the longest economic downturn since the Great Depression.

Those who said they had redoubled their marital commitment as a result of the recession — 52 percent — were likely to report being in "a very happy marriage," compared with 25 percent who disagreed that the recession had caused them to deepen their commitment.

The other "silver lining," the report's author argued, was that 38 percent of couples who were considering divorce before the recession had postponed splitting. Those findings are consistent with other data that indicate divorce rates have fallen since the recession began. The drop in divorce rates has been attributed to couples delaying divorce because they are unable to afford the cost of lawyers and maintaining two households.

"This new survey tells us that

the Great Recession has had a double-edged impact on American marriages," said the report's author, Bradford Wilcox, director of the National Marriage Project and a University of Virginia sociology professor.

The survey was based on on a survey of 1,197 married Americans ages 18 to 45 conducted in December and January by the online research firm Knowledge

More than one-third of those surveyed said they worried often or almost all the time about being able to pay the bills. About 12 percent reported either struggling to pay their mortgages or experiencing a home foreclosure. Another 29 percent indicated they had experienced unemployment or reduced pay or hours as a result of the economic downturn.

Only a slightly greater proportion of couples with a college education — 41 percent - reported being in a "very happy marriage," compared with 37 percent of those with less education.

But among those who experienced at least two types of financial setback, 20 percent said they were at high risk of divorce, compared with just 7 percent of those who said they were relatively unscathed by the

The Marriage Project at the University of Virginia is an interdisciplinary initiative to provide research and analysis on the health of marriage in America, to analyze the social and cultural forces shaping contemporary marriage and to identify strategies to increase marital quality and stability.

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We were able to help her and consult her with in a non-awkward manner."

The student and Torres had one-on-one meetings to talk about the issues. After a breakdown, the student confessed to Torres that she had many financial issues and problems with school. Torres then offered to walk with the student to Varner House where she would get the professional help she needed.

RAs receive three weeks of training, in which each day has different discussion material. "What if" scenarios were included to prepare the new RAs for many possible situations, said Torres.

Torres said they had sessions focused on depression, Attention Deficit Disorder and students who have thoughts of suicide.

Now as an assistant at ORL, she experienced how parents get involved trying to help their children overcome possible depression or anxiety issues.

"I get many calls from parents concerned about their kids not being able to adjust to the whole college environment," Torres said. "Their kids get homesick, fit in and we even get calls about bad roommate situations."

According to Torres, the number of calls from parents increase during the fall semester when students are having a hard time adjusting.

Cobb said that while various environmental factors play a role in stress, anxiety and depression, some new students do not know how to deal with problems, which could result in putting them at greater risk.

Some students arrive for their first semester with little or no

knowledge on how to handle issues on their own. This mainly occurs because students have relied on their parents to solve their problems which leads to poor coping skills, said Cobb.

HEALTH Overprotective parents

may harm a student's coping skills

"I get many calls from parents concerned about their kids not being able to adjust to the whole college environment."

Fiona Torres assistant, Office of Residential Life

"Helicopter parents" is a term that gained popularity around 2008, said Cobb. The term describes excessive parental involvement in a child's life. This overprotection has led to students not experiencing frustration and a lack of problem solving.

"They come to college perhaps without experience of feeling frustrated and discouraged how to work with that," Cobb said. "So their coping mechanisms might be at a slight deficit."

In other cases, students might call their parents for help on the issues. According to Cobb, intervention causes parents to be distressed because their child is stressed, which eventually causes parents to swoop in and take over.

At times, parents helping out their children can be good, but at times it can be detrimental since it can cause the student not to grow with their coping skills, said Cobb.

Even though Cobb describes

JMU as a school where most students seem happy, a study by Varner House shows many freshmen have felt depressed, sad or anxious. In the fall of 2010, Varner House saw 77.2 percent of students seeking help feeling sad or depressed, and 74.8 percent felt anxious.

From 2007 to 2010, Varner House has seen a 60 percent increase of students using its services. According to Cobb, these numbers are consistent with the National Counseling Center.

Varner House offers programs that can help if someone is suffering of depression such as one-on-one or group assessments and workshops to help improve interpersonal skills.

If students are not interested in seeking out counseling, Cobb recommends doing a personal inventory, which is basically taking a personal emotional assessment.

"See what the resources you have and address who my friends support," Cobb said. "What am I doing physically in terms of nutrition and exercise? What is meaningful in my life?' That's the spiritual and religious side. Really address, 'What do I need to do to get myself out of this funk?'"

The anonymous sophomore had a support system that consisted of her friends and parents that pushed her to stay in school and continue attending JMU.

"Everyone goes through it their fall semester in freshman year," she said, "and when you feel like giving up and transferring home, don't. Because the spring semester is so much better and you can connect with new friends."

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from front remove the men and a

major, was in the apartment when the three men burst through the door into the party.

"I'm on the beer pong table and these guys bust in through the door and the guys come in screaming and wanting to fight," Kelly said Wednesday. "I don't know what the hell was going on."

Kelly thought the men's entrance was strange. After they came into the packed party, Kelly said he saw the men duck their heads down to get through all the people.

"Nobody wanted to fight — these guys were huge," Kelly said.

Kelly and Ray Beaulac, another witness from the party, said they didn't know why the three men entered the house, but suspected a racial slur was said outside.

Beaulac, a senior political science major, described the fight as a "mosh pit of instigators and mediators."

Kelly said people were trying

remove the men and as they were pushed out the door, the trim around the door broke off.

Beaulac said he stepped outside about five minutes later and saw a man lying at the bottom of the steps with a head wound. Beaulac, a former lifeguard, went down to help him, by applying pressure to the wound until paramedics arrived.

"I was down there for about five minutes with my hands around his head," Beaulac said.

Two of the three victims were taken to Rockingham Memorial Hospital with non-life threatening injuries and have since been released, according to police.

Vass said that information obtained during the investigation led police to the three U.Va. students.

Kelly said partygoers gave

police a Phillies baseball hat that one of the men was wearing and left at the party. On Tuesday, arrest warrants

On Tuesday, arrest warrants were obtained for Walcott, Wallace and Price and all

three men voluntarily turned themselves in to Harrisonburg

Police.
Walcott and Wallace were both starters in the 2010 season, according to Virginiasports.com. Walcott made 56 tackles in 11 starts this season and Wallace registered 38 tackles and broke up

This is not Wallace's first charge in Harrisonburg.

six passes this season.

On Sept. 17, during U.Va's bye week, Wallace was charged with purchase/possession of alcohol, a class one misdemeanor, according to online court records. Wallace was found guilty in absentia on Oct. 25 and was assessed a \$500 fine, plus \$116 in court costs and a six-month suspended license.

The three men are scheduled to make their first appearance in Harrisonburg/Rockingham General District Court on Feb. 28.

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SGA | About 50 percent of tuition is spent on athletics, facility maintenance

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things," Martino said.

According to statistics cited from the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, about 50 percent of an in-state student's tuition is used on athletics and facility maintenance and construction.

"The more education we have, the more proactive we can be," Martino said.

The SGA also approved

a bill that would make JMU the first university to endorse Pay It Forward Day, planned for April 28. The observance, which is recognized in more than 25 countries, including Italy, Australia and the United States, promotes goodwill by asking a person to perform a good deed in return for one they have received.

SGA approved \$1,250 in funds for five students from the Madison Investment Fund to attend the RISE Forum in Dayton, Ohio. The RISE program, also known as Redefining Investment Strategy Education, will be a way for MIF to learn more about investing and networking.

SGA also granted \$244 to the University Program Board for a new ticket box in Grafton-Stovall Theatre.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Help make JMU better

As a student, you've probably noticed that James Madison University frequently administers or participates in many surveys and assessments.

This reflects our interest in making sure that institutional efforts are effective and that students are achieving desired learning and development outcomes. As a result, the JMU Center for Assessment and Research Studies is nationally recognized and respected for its work in assisting faculty and staff in gathering, analyzing and utilizing data to improve academic programs and services. Additionally, many programs and services in the Student Affairs and University Planning division have garnered national attention. Measurement matters at Madison.

JMU takes part in a national survey every three years, capturing information from first-year and senior students regarding how they report spending their time and effort. The National Survey of Student Engagement, administered by Indiana University, collects information on student participation in a wide array of academic and co-curricular programs and activities at several hundred colleges and universities. The NSSE doesn't assess what or how students learn directly; rather, it illustrates the extent to which students participate in the types of processes and activities that lead to student success. Ultimately, the survey suggests

what we at JMU are doing well and where we might have room for improvement. By participating in this survey every three years, we are able to catch the previous survey's first-year students when they become seniors. This is another way for us to evaluate the effects of enrollment

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Working with Student Success programs — and as a parent of three JMU grads — I'm very proud of what JMU has to offer students. I also know that we can improve. If you're a first-year student or a senior, you can help by completing the NSSE online; you should have already received notification. The results may help guide changes in policies, programs and resources. For example, as a result of JMU's past responses, we significantly changed new student orientation and developed one-on-one freshman advising sessions for Summer Springboard. We need your help to identify areas where JMU is doing well and where we can improve. Students have told me that the survey takes 15-20 minutes; that's less time than it takes to check Facebook and it's more productive in the long run.

If you love JMU, and if you want to help us make it even better, please complete the NSSE when you receive our e-mail.

> Randy Mitchell, Ed.D associate vice president, Student Success



Redefining rape

Abortion has always been a controversial topic in the



United States. In 1973, the Supreme Court ruled in Roe v. Wade that a woman's right to abortion is protected under the 14th Amendment. While that right

has been established, the issue of federal funding for the practice has become increasingly divisive recently.

Instead of focusing on job creation, the top priority to voters according to a recent CBS News/New York Times poll, Republicans have attacked abortion funding as the second major legislation in this new session of Congress.

H.R. 3, the "No Taxpayer Funding For Abortion Act" sponsored by Chris Smith (R-N.J.), will place strict limits on federal funding for abortion. H.R. 358, the "Protect Life Act" sponsored by Joseph Pitts (R-Penn.), will amend the 2010 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to allow hospitals to refuse abortion care when necessarv to save a woman's life. Both were introduced on Jan. 20 and have been referred to their respective committees for testimony this week.

Originally, H.R. 3 would forbid all federal funding for abortions except in situations when "an act of forcible rape or, if a minor, an act of incest" was committed. Perhaps it was a coincidence, but the day after Jon Stewart aired a skit on "The Daily Show" mocking the "forcible rape" language, Smith removed the provocative term.

Studies have shown that most instances of rape occur when the victim knows the rapist, alcohol is involved, and force is not used. An article on Feministe.us, a feminist blog, took into account academic research on the topic. One study by University of Massachusetts professor David

Lisak led to a frightening conclusion: "In fact, these rapists may put the victim in a position where she is so

intoxicated or terrified or just isolated and defeated that she never even says 'no,' and because the culture overwhelmingly refuses to call these tactics what they are, even the victims themselves may be unable to call it rape for a very long time afterward, if ever." These instances of non-forcible rape

by acquaintances are most common on college campuses, and the victims are usually too embarrassed to talk about it. When these acts are not reported, it enables rapists to keep repeating the same behavior.

The fact that Republicans have tried to redefine rape to limit a woman's right to an abortion is a perfect example of outdated ideology at the expense of the welfare of Americans. Thanks in part to "The Daily Show," this attack on women's rights was exposed to the public and

Removal of the controversial language is only a small victory. H.R. 3 would still drastically reduce the accessibility to abortion. The bill would ensure that no health care service furnished, owned or operated by the federal government, or doctors employed by the federal government, could include abortion in their

If anything should be done legislatively, it should be to make medical care easier to obtain - not create a bureaucratic maze for women in need.

It seems "The Daily Show" is the only program on television that's not afraid to point out flaws in GOP logic. On Feb. 2, Stewart commented on tax dollars funding abortion. "People's taxes go towards things they don't believe in all the time. I didn't support the Iraq war, but my taxes still helped pay for it," Stewart said.

Roe v. Wade protects a women's legal right to an abortion, but it does not grant an economic right — a fact that Republicans have been quick to exploit.

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NFL quarterback hype

Sportscasters and fans perceive players' performance based on outcome of games

With just under two minutes left to play in last Sunday's Super Bowl



XLV, Ben Roethlisberger and the Pittsburgh Steelers' offense were given a chance to win the game, and subsequently their third Super Bowl title in the last six years.

With the ball at their own 13-yard line, the Steelers looked for an opportunity to drive, scoring a touchdown and overcoming the Green Bay Packers by one point.

Instead, Big Ben threw three straight incomplete passes, forcing a turnover. The moment the Steelers failed to convert on that final fourth down pass, it was as if the entire country began to react. Steelers fans were observably disappointed, while cheeseheads from all across Wisconsin began driving to Green Bay for the Packers' homecoming.

The game lived up to its hype; it asily could have ended with a different champion. Regardless of that fact though, opinions about both the winning and losing quarterback were immediately polarized.

After the game, sports analysts commented on Aaron Rodgers's performance and its possible implications for his future. Inappropriately, they then spent the following 10 minutes having a drawn out debate about a player who had not even played in the game — Brett Favre.

They spent 10 minutes ignoring the backdrop of Cowboys Stadium and the game that had just occurred there. Why? To examine how, why or if Aaron Rodgers now has a more prestigious career than the man who left Green Bay to play for his team's rival — the Minnesota Vikings.

The discussion was ridiculous and absurd on so many levels. How can you compare one quarterback's performance during a single game to another's entire career? How can you compare the performance of two players on two completely different teams? Brett Favre won his only Super Bowl ring in 1997 and played most of his career with a completely different Green Bay lineup. That's like judging the performance of the engine in a 1994 Honda Prelude with that of a 2011 Honda Accord.

Meanwhile, Roethlisberger is being excommunicated by the Steeler nation. Searching his name on Google yields countless results of enraged bloggers, several of whom go so far as to suggest he fell off his road to redemption after last year's allegations that he sexually assaulted a 20-year-old college student from Georgia.

It's unfortunate that public opinion regarding professional athletes is often so black and white even when games are close. It's even worse that those opinions extend to the players' character off the field.

Roethlisberger has clearly shown remorse over his actions and his attitude has been remarkably more positive ever since. The quarterback once reported as "self-absorbed," "irritating," and a "what's-in-it-forme?" attitude by a CBS sports report showed such growth this season that he was given the media cooperation award by this year's Pittsburgh chapter of the Pro Football Writers

Association.

It's unfortunate that public opinion regarding professional athletes is often so black and white even when games are close. It's even worse that those opinions extend to the players' character off the field. What if the game had gone the other way? What if the Steelers' offense had been able to complete that final drive? It could have happened.

Had the Steelers gone on to win the game, there might have been no discussion of Aaron Rodgers as the league's newest superstar quarterback. Brett Favre's name might never have been mentioned during the post-game analysis. Rodgers's extraordinary season might have been marginalized.

On the other sideline, Roethlisberger might have redeemed himself in the eyes of innumerable sports fans. He missed the first four games of the season only to return to play what some would consider the best football of his career. And he certainly showed the best attitude he has ever displayed.

The evidence is clear: In the world of sports, there are only winners and losers. The losers are forgotten and, perhaps in this case, resented, while the winners travel to Disney World and become the most recognized champions in all of sports.

Rodgers played a great game last Sunday, while Roethlisberger arguably displayed the worst performance of anyone on the field, throwing two interceptions, one returned by the Green Bay defense for a touchdown. But none of that might have mattered had the score read 32-31: Pittsburgh wins. No such numbers should drastically impact the perception of a

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A "you-put-the-dumb-indumbbells" dart to the meatheads who leave their weights all over the place in UREC.

From the signs all over Fitness Studio 1 that read: "Please rack your weights when finished with them."

A "DJ-got-us-falling-in-love" pat to the freshman with the best jams. From two girls who hate to dance, but for you we did.

A "creeping-isn't-caring" dart to the guy at Carrier Library who was sifting through my Facebook

From a slightly disturbed Duke, who has no clue who you are.

An "original-ornaments" pat to the guys on Devon Lane who decorated a tree with pairs of shoes.

From a girl who will lend you a few pairs of old sneakers.

A "curse-you,-environmentallyfriendly-car!" dart to all the small cars on campus.

From someone who thinks she's found a parking spot only to find a car there.

A "chugga-chugga-WOOHOO!"

pat to the two girls I saw run through the Village in an attempt to cross the train tracks as soon as they heard the train coming.

From a girl who stopped to watch you succeed and always quickens her step to beat it as well.

A "my-brain-might-explode!"

dart to my professors who all scheduled exams this week.

From a sophomore who wants to explore the world beyond her study lounge.

A "way-to-buy-into-

stereotypes" dart to the girls selling "Irish today, hungover tomorrow" T-shirts and shot glasses for St. Patrick's day.

From a real Irish girl who doesn't have to be drunk to have fun.

A "keep-your-hands-toyourself" dart to the person who decided to re-arrange and break my 3-D art project.

From a disgruntled artist who thought after 15 hours of work, it looked good the way it was.

A "they-sure-bleed-purple" pat to the JMU Pep Band for playing awesome new music at recent basketball games.

From a student whose "hands go up" and stay there until the game is

A "quit-tooting-your-own-horn" dart to the guy who let his car alarm go off in Sunchase three times during

From your sleepless neighbor who was tempted to throw something at you while you slowly walked to your

A "then-don't-watch" dart to the girl who felt the need to loudly inform everyone of her hatred of every aspect of the Super Bowl.

From a female football fanatic who knows that no one tied you down and forced you to watch the game.

A "make-up-your-mind" dart to global warming for making the weather in February go from 55 to 34 degrees in a 12-hour span.

From a girl who was wearing flipflops when it started to flurry.

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TSA procedures have gone too far

We've all heard the horror stories: Cathy Bossy, a breast cancer survivor, was ordered to show her prosthetic breast during a pat-down; security officers put their hands inside of travelers' clothing to search for weapons; 'naked' body scanner images were leaked onto the Internet for anyone to see.

For the past few months, the Transportation Security Administration has been under incessant fire for their new and controversial procedures, prompting such reactions as John Tyner's famous warning, "If you touch my junk, I'll have you arrested." Americans are officially fed up with airport security. Traveling is difficult enough without having to worry about being groped or photographed naked in the security line.

Now, to be fair, most TSA officers aren't trying to violate travelers. It's not as if they get up every morning and think, "I'd really like to grope someone today." In fact, they'd probably rather not touch travelers at all. Radio Host

Owen J.J. Stone claimed a TSA officer had to reach inside his pants during a search. Another radio host, Alex Jones of PrisonPlanet.com, said, "Even the TSA agent who put his hands down the man's pants was embarrassed at what he had been told to do by his superiors, apologizing profusely to the victim." It's the procedures that are causing the problems—not the people.

Invasive pat-downs, like the one performed on Bossy in North Carolina last November, are a violation of the 4th Amendment of the Constitution. It states, "The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated." Forcing a woman to show her breast prosthesis in public is certainly unreasonable.

While the TSA defends such

While the TSA defends such enhanced searches, stating that it allows travelers to go to private rooms and have the pat-down witnessed by a person of their choosing, being forced to expose private parts of your body to

strangers is uncomfortable, whether a friend is watching or not.

Though President
Obama has admitted
the transition to the
new security rules has
not gone smoothly, he
still refuses to change
the enhanced pat down
procedures. It's the typical
"deal with this or the
terrorists win" speech.

As for the full body scanner, the administration assured travelers that the images would be kept completely private and seen only by a trained officer in a separate room. That was a complete lie. Gizmodo.com, a

technology news website, found and posted 100 leaked pictures of full body scan images from Florida last year. If these images can be stored and transferred to the Internet, where else might they end up?

Since then, the TSA has taken at least one hint. The controversial "nude" images produced by the full body scanners have been reduced to less detailed, generic outlines of the traveler. We know the TSA is listening. Starting Feb. 1, the administration began testing the new software at three major airports to decide whether or not to spread it to the rest of the nation's 500 full body scanners.

But what does the government have to say about all of this? Though President Obama has admitted the transition to the new security rules has not gone smoothly, he still refuses to change the enhanced pat-down procedures. It's the typical "deal with this or the terrorists win" speech.

In December 2009, Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab, also known as the "underwear bomber," attempted to blow up a flight traveling from Amsterdam to Detroit. Since then, the government has insisted that every change in airport security is merely intended to protect Americans from such attacks. So the next time you're inappropriately touched in the airport, you know who to thank: the underwear bomber.

Only time will tell what the Obama administration will do about the new TSA procedures, but one thing is certain: They need to change. The fact that they have allowed TSA complaints to fall on deaf ears is taking a large step backward. It is possible to find a balance between national security and individual rights, but only if the government listens to what the citizens have to say.

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Sophomore center Mitch Allen had gone three games without a goal, before scoring two in a game against the Virginia Military Institute Keydets. Against the University of Virginia Wahoos, Allen picked up four assists.

By DREW BEGGS

The Breeze

With a home rink 60 miles away, practices that end well after midnight and \$900 yearly dues, if club ice hockey members aren't in it for the love of the game, they're in it for the wrong reasons.

The program has come a long way since the inaugural season just three years ago, when the Dukes had only 11 skaters — about half as many as a full roster — but managed a respectable 4-3

It's a perfect narrative arc for senior and team founder Meg Emery. They went from a division-less team that played essentially only exhibition

games, to a playoff contender in the Blue Ridge Hockey Conference. Boosted by an influx of freshman talent, the Dukes currently boast a 23-man roster and have improved to 6-3-0 in conference play and 7-3-0 overall.

"When it first started, it kinda just seemed like a bunch of kids who wanted to play some hockey, kinda ride along with the JMU name, but as it progressed you could see it getting a little more serious here and there," said Doug Fordham, a secondary education graduate student and team goalie. "From the beginning, it was a bit disorganized just 'cause it was uncharted waters for us. None of us had ever done something like this and started a club."

The team clinched its spot in the playoffs with a win over Northern Virginia Community College on Jan. 29 and looked to finish the season with wins over rival University of Virginia on Feb. 4 and Virginia Military Institute on Feb. 5. Beating U.Va. has been a goal for the team since the beginning of the season.

It's something that's likely been talked about in their 11:30 p.m. practices for

"It's definitely a drag, especially when you have to drive an hour to practice," Fordham said. "You know, we don't get home 'til 2 a.m. the next day and some our kids have 8 a.m. classes to go to."

The way the players goes about practices reflects how they play in games.

JMU plays a fast moving hockey game. Each player skates in tight patterns so even if one loses the puck, another player is near to pick it back up.

We like a free style of play," said Andy LeClair, senior and captain of the team. "We don't really have a system of a play, more a creativity and speed type, cause we have a lot of fast kids. We try to let them use their speed and be creative."

Despite the hour or so drive to Charlottesville, there is a small, rambunctious crowd of JMU faithful, made of mostly family and close friends, eager to watch the Dukes beat the Wahoos at the teams' shared home rink on Feb. 4.

Throughout the first period, the Dukes dominate the bottom 40 feet of

the rink, and have no fear of pushing through high traffic areas and picking up "trash," or rebound, goals. By the end of the first period, the Dukes lead 5-0, but it's momentum that dictates a hockey game, and a 15-minute intermission saps whatever momentum they had.

The Dukes come out for the second period flat, perhaps too comfortable in their lead. As the Wahoos ramp up the physical play, they begin to generate more scoring chances by forcing the Dukes to make mistakes in their own end.

After trading goals midway through the second period, the game starts to get

see HOCKEY, page 10

FEB. 1 - 6 **CLUB SPORTS RESULTS***

Women's Rugby

27-7 win over William & Mary

Men's Ice Hockey 8-5 win over U.Va.

- MVP's: Mitchell Allen,
- Zach Jackson
- 13-1 win over VMI
- MVPS: John Loveland, Sam Stone

Tennis

- Won Silver Bracket at Mid-Atlantic Championships Fifth place in Mid-Atlantic region
- **Gymnastics**

Will be hosting the only home meet of the year on Feb. 19 ■ Won fourth place at

2010 Nationals Ski & Snowboarding

- **Current conference standings:** Women's skiing: first place
- Women's snowboarding: first place Men's skiing: second place
- Men's snowboarding: second place
- * The Breeze does not vet the results provided by the clubs. We encourage all JMU sports clubs to report results to Allie Krafft at jmusccvicepresident@gmail.com every Monday; results are printed Thursdays.

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Team unanimously selected to win CAA

After Dukes make it to the NCAA quarterfinals last year, CAA coaches choose JMU to be at the top again

By EMMIE CLEVELAND The Breeze

The loss of two All-Americans didn't prevent the JMU women's lacrosse team from being chosen unanimously to win the conference this season.

The Dukes boasted a 17-3 record (9-0 in conference) last year. They won the Colonial Athletic Association and made it to the quarterfinals of the

NCAA tournament. This year, their season begins Feb. 26 at home against George Washington University and conference play opens

April 2 at George Mason University. The CAA preseason coaches poll has the Dukes picked as the favorite, followed by the College William & Mary

and Hofstra University. 'These preseason things don't mean too much to us as a team, because we know that no matter what they say, they don't help us or hurt us," sophomore attacker Casey Ancarrow said. "We just have to play like we normally do, like

we did last year, as hard as we can." Ancarrow, a CAA Rookie of the Year and a member of the 2010-2011 United States team, is one of JMU's eight returning starters.

"I think that's part of the reason why there's so much respect for our program for this upcoming season," head coach Shelley Klaes-Bawcombe said. "For us it's not about any one player. We're a very balanced unit, and we try

to take the pressure off of each other." Another of JMU's key returners is senior attacker Mary Kate Lomady. Lomady was named to the Intercol-

legiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association All-American team last season, along with two of the Dukes' biggest losses — midfielder Kim Griffin and goalkeeper Morgan Kelly. Griffin was a four-year starter and

led her team in points (61) and gamewinning goals (eight). "As far as Kim Griffin goes, she just did so much for us all over the field," Klaes-Bawcombe said. "We don't nec-

essarily feel like any one player is going

to take that role on. The entire team is going to have to pick up their level to

make up for that loss." Griffin's teammates are confident they will be able to compensate for

the gap she left. "Weaknesses wise — we lost one of our best midfielders to graduation," Ancarrow said. "But I don't think that will be too big of a deal this year because we have a lot of upper classmen

midfielders that are ready to step up." Kelly, the Dukes' other big loss, left big shoes to fill in one of the most important positions on the field goalkeeper. Kelly was ranked first in the nation in goals-against average last season (6.9) and led the CAA in save

percentage (.508) as well. "We're just trying to build the confidence in the goalies that returned really trying to create a competitive environment — and get the most out of the two returning goalies," Klaes-Bawcombe said. "There's no clear answer. It's just grinding it out every day and trying to get our players to be the best they can be and not trying to live in someone else's shadow."

Sophomore Alisa Konishi and junior Alex Menghetti are looking to replace Kelly in the cage.

'[I'm trying to] just basically have energy on the field and have a defensive presence in the cage," Menghetti said. "And have my defense trust me in situations and know that I'll come up with a big save."

According to Klaes-Bawcombe, the Dukes are focusing on defensive unity in hopes to maintain their defensive success from last season.

"I think our defense is doing well as a unit - coming together instead of it just being individual players," Menghetti said. "I think we need to improve on our communication, definitely... but overall we right now are looking pretty good with our intensity and

coming together." JMU's biggest conference rival, W&M, returns a whopping 10 starters. But Klaes-Bawcombe believes her



NATE CARDEN / FILE PHOTO

Senior attacker Mary Kate Lomady is one of the Dukes' key returners this season.

team has an edge.

"There's not necessarily one particular person that we're going to rely on to score our goals," she said. "And I think that that's going to relieve a lot of the offensive players, bring the stress level down, bring the pressure off of them so that they can just play free. I think it's going to be hard for the opponents to scout us because we have so many offensive weapons."

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Advance to playoffs for first time in club's three-year history







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JMU sophomore defender Chris Martin checks University of Virginia freshman forward Sean Buckhorn in the Dukes' 8-5 victory over the Wahoos on Friday. Martin has noted two goals and five assists this season.

away from the referees, and the almost natural rivalry between JMU and U.Va. boils to the surface. While more aggressive play and heavier hitting mark the period as a whole, a high hit on LeClair quickly becomes a retaliation check from behind by IMU defenseman Andrew Novak that the entire U.Va. team takes exception to. And then something happens that's totally unique to hockey as a sport and wouldn't be condoned in any other game

"We don't like to start it, but we'll never back down," Ford-

Fights erupt as multiple players defend their teammates and themselves.

"I hit some kid, and they didn't enjoy that so pretty much the whole team came after me, and then [Brendan] Hanrahan stood up for me and took out one of their guys," Novak said.

"They crossed-checked our guy at the bench behind the back," said Hanrahan, a senior. "There were three U.Va. guys just pounding him on the ice. I come to his aid, and I pull one guy off — I wasn't trying to fight him originally — and then he started throwing punches."

It's several minutes before the referees can get things calmed down again.

Waiting for the penalties to be parceled out, JMU's combatants are all smiles, and it's clear the fights aren't personal. Novak gets tabbed with the only fighting penalty for JMU, garnering a disqualification from the game and suspension for the following game. Hanrahan earns a five-minute major penalty for checking from behind and a game misconduct, prematurely ending his night as well.

The Dukes' 19-man roster can absorb the disqualifications without much damage; U.Va, though, only dresses 12 players, and with only one substitute per position, losing even one of them is something they can ill afford.

It's U.Va., however, that gains the momentum from the altercations. After converting on several mental lapses from JMU, the Wahoos have pushed the game into what seems like striking distance, scoring three goals over the last eight minutes of the period to make the score 6-3. The third period sees much

of the same: both teams jockeying for position and JMU getting a pretty goal off the backhand of sophomore Frank Ashby. With 5:26 to go, sophomore Ben "Chef" Rizzo gets into a scrum with U.Va.'s Eric Priamo, which ends with Rizzo's helmet being torn off and Priamo getting disqualified for grabbing his facemask.

But again, it's U.Va. that gets the boost from the altercation, potting two goals just 36 seconds apart and leaving the score at 7-5 with plenty of time to go.

Any hope of a comeback, though, is stamped out a minute later by an impressive individual effort from freshman Sam Stone, who scores his second goal of the game while sliding behind the net on his stomach.

With that, the Dukes win a game that meant nothing in standings, but had been circled since the beginning of the

Twenty-one hours later, the Dukes return to Charlottesville to take on VMI (0-9), and the crowd is significantly more red and yellow than purple and gold. Hoping to build momentum

the regular season on a high note, the Dukes are eager to spoil the crowd's mood.

going into the playoffs and end

"They're not having a great year, but you definitely can't take them lightly. Just gotta stay focused and get the win," LeClair

From the opening faceoff, the Keydets' game plan is clear: intimidate and beat the Dukes into submission, and for the first five minutes it works. VMI has the higher quality of play and the game's first goal, which comes after a dominating shift.

Scoring. It's something JMU's top center and second leading point-getter Mitch Allen is used to doing and something he's failed to do since Nov. 12, despite high scoring affairs against U.Va. and NVCC.

But a cross crease pass from sophomore Kenny McMullen to sophomore John Copenhaver ties the game up. Just moments later, Allen ends his drought, by displaying sterling soft hands before firing a quick wrist shot past Keydet goaltender, Tommy

JMU goalie Eric Daley repeatedly shuts the door on the counter-attacks the Keydets manage, making several 10-bell saves from five feet away.

The Dukes' second line (of

Stone, McMullen and Copenhaver) makes up for its small size with its speed, agility and crisp passing, all of which come into focus during a passing play that dissects the Keydet defense and Stone makes no mistakes in finishing. The Dukes never looked

At the start of the second period, the ice tilts so far in the Dukes' favor, VMI might as well have been skating uphill. JMU pounds in another five

goals in the second period, and at 10-1, everyone but the clock knows the game is already over. Throughout the third period,

the Keydets show sparks of life and energy, but never enough to wrestle the game away from the Dukes and the game ends 13-1, with eight JMU players scoring at least once. For now, the team is look-

Lynchburg, Va. from Feb. 25-27, something that's never happened before in team history: working harder practices, but still managing to have fun. "I'm working on my goal cele-

ing forward to the playoffs in

bration: the 'John Wall Dance,' freshman Eric Jacobs said. "For playoffs, it's all about the right mentality going into it."

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

JMU to face George Mason again

By THOMAS ESTES The Breeze

Just a few weeks separate college basketball fans with the most exciting part of the college basketball schedule — March Madness.

As the regular season comes to a close at the end of February, teams are fighting to put themselves in the best position to compete for conference titles and earn a spot in the big dance.

For the Dukes (17-8 overall, 7-6 in the Colonial Athletic Association), their road became more difficult after dropping two straight games last week, which temporarily knocked them out of the CAA's coveted top four the teams that receive first-round byes in the CAA tournament.

But finishing in the top four is still a possibility for the sixthplace Dukes, who have four conference games left to play.

"Just get back on track, get back to a focus," junior forward Julius Wells said. "We're still in the running for the top four, so we're trying to stay focused and get in

Though optimistic about their chance, the Dukes realize that falling short of their goal is a real possibility.

"We know that we're probably

going to have to play four games in four nights to win the [CAA] championship," senior forward Denzel Bowles said.

JMU lost to 11th place College of William & Mary 73-67 on Feb. 2 and again to second-place Virginia Commonwealth University 70-66 last Saturday. "I think it was more of our

energy level against William & Mary," Wells said. "But against VCU it was a battle. They just made a couple more plays than us, and got a couple more calls, but we were right there." These were the Dukes' second

and third home losses of the season. JMU suffered its first home lost on Jan. 22 when CAA rival George Mason University came away with the two-point victory. JMU has the chance to give

first-place Mason (20-5, 12-2) its first home loss of the season this Saturday in Fairfax, Va.

"I love playing against Mason," Bowles said. "Playing against [forward Mike Morrison, we always have fun playing against each

During Matt Brady's three seasons as JMU head coach, the Dukes are 1-5 against Mason with their lone win being a 68-66 win at home in February 2009.

"We've only beat them once

since I been here," Wells said. "It's gonna be big going down there to get the win."

In the January matchup

between these rivals, Bowles had a monster game scoring 21 points and grabbing 14 rebounds. "I always usually play good

against Mason," Bowles said. "I hope we can get this win. That's all that matters to me." The Dukes' six conference loss-

es have come by an average of 3.5 points, with their biggest defeat being two six-point losses. "We've got to close out some of

these games that are close," Brady said. "I'm confident that we're going to start closing out some of these games." The confidence stemming

from Brady does not cover up the fact that the Dukes are not playing up to their full potential. JMU was picked to finish fourth

in the CAA in the preseason and two late season losing streaks have them sitting below their expectations.

"Everybody is mad that we're losing," Bowles said. "We're coming together as a team; we're getting the chemistry right so we can get this winning streak right."

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Solutions to Steeler suffering

Four ways for Steelers fans to cope with Super Bowl loss

The denial. The dejection. The uncontrollable hopelessness and of course, the overwhelming grief followed



sudden loss of bladder control. It's almost a week after Super Bowl

XLV, and I'm sure many of you Steelers fans are still recovering from Sunday's upsetting loss to the Packers.

As a New York fan, I feel your pain. I've experienced my share of miserable losses, dismal upsets and stupid football players shooting themselves in the leg. I've been there, and I'm here to help. Below you'll find my list of therapeutic remedies for dealing with heartbreaking sports losses that have been found to be successful 112 percent of the time. In fact, I'm so confident that these will work that I'm letting you use them risk-free for 30 days, or until whenever the next issue of *The Breeze* comes out and you no longer have to read this.

The existential approach

Does it really matter that the Steelers didn't win? After all, there's always next year, and if not that, there's the year after. Really, in 20 years, is this Super Bowl going to make any difference in the overall direction and happiness of your life? Hell, in 80 years we'll all be dead anyway, and will anyone care then? Look at humanity in general. We make up only a small fraction of the Earth's history, modern civilization even less. Does the Super Bowl mean anything in the grand scheme of things? What does winning really mean? Best served with a side of LSD and Friedrich Nietzsche, the existential approach is not for the faint of heart, nor for the sound of

Comfort eating is a great way to deal with the pain of depression, and it's healthy too! You know how many calories you burn lifting chip after chip to your mouth?

Hockey

With the help of Sidney Crosby, the Pittsburgh Penguins are shaping up to a decent season, ranked second in the Atlantic Eastern Conference thingy. For the gloomy Steelers fan there's always the alternative of cheering for another Pittsburgh team. A Stanley Cup win is sure to distract from those post-football blues, just so long as you suppress the constantly nagging feeling that winning the Stanley Cup isn't, and never will be, as cool or as gratifying as winning the Super Bowl.

The munchies

Another reliable way to deal with the pain is to head on over to your local grocery store and load up on the snacks. Comfort eating is a great way to deal with the pain of depression, and it's healthy too! You know how many calories you burn lifting chip after chip to your mouth?

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PLAY REVIEW



In "Defiance," Charlie Cook (left), a sophomore theatre major, puts on a emotional performance as Colonel Morgan Littlefield, while Cameron Clarke, a sophomore theatre major, performs as a gunney sergeant. The play runs every night until Saturday at 8 p.m. with a matinee at 2 p.m. on Saturday.

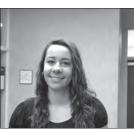
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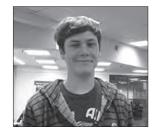


"I'm really someone who would rather go on an a Valentine's Day trip or a fun activity like snowboarding or a hike rather than little gifts." LAURISSA DRAGAN. freshman interdisciplinary liberal

studies maior



"A teddy bear, with, like, a red ribbon around its neck and holding a rose and one rose is more romantic than 12." BRIANNA ELIADES, freshman kinesiology major



"A date to a concert." NICK PEACOCK, senior media arts & design and history

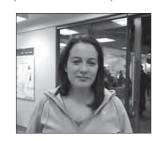


"I'm all about experiences, so instead of an object, I would much rather have a gift of going out to dinner to somewhere nice or going on an overly romantic date, something cliché but thoughtful.' **OWEN WINGO**

sophomore musical theatre major



"T-bone steak, properly seared." JONATHAN LYNCH iunior health sciences maior



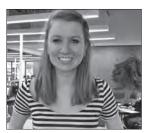
"I'm a sucker for homemade stuff, like last year my boyfriend made me a card. I feel like it's too close to Christmas to expect anything big.' KARISSA PYATT, junior international affairs major

WHAT GIFTS HAVE YOU GIVEN IN THE PAST?



"I gave a scrapbook one year as a Valentine's Day

JAMES FEY, sophomore health sciences major



"In elementary school, I just gave out the little Valentine's Day cards. To be honest, I kind of forget about Valentine's AMY GUZZARDI,

senior English major



"I got someone an inflatable chair." BEN LEBEAU, junior media arts & design and English major



"The best gift that I've actually given is a necklace. It's a heart necklace with a halfcarat or quarter-carat diamond.' **ALEX PALMIERI**

senior math major

Information compiled by staff writer Beth Cole

COMMENTARY

Super Bowl commercial hits and misses

By JEFF WADE The Breeze

The Super Bowl is one of few events left that almost everyone watches. It's one of the few events that bring us together, to cheer on teams that most of us didn't care about a week ago.

It's also the one day that everyone stops to pay attention to the ads they will be ignoring for the next year.

The Super Bowl's commercials usually fall into one of the three quintessential elements of American culture: movies, cars or beer.

This terrific three serve as a fair barometer of America as a whole. When movies are in demand, advertisers are hoping that you'll want to escape your problems. When beer commercials are running on top, the message is that consumers should drink them

But this year showed that the car is king, and that it's

time for good times. Or that climate change legislation is dead and the economy is back to where

people can blow cash on cars

again. Pick one.

The car commercials almost all went for high-concept

The most successful version was the various Volkswagen commercials. The teaser for its new Beetle was an effective tease of the car's relaunch. The ad for the new Pasat with its adorable mini-Darth Vader struggling to harness the force emerged as one of the best of this year's commercials.

It was smart and effective but it didn't make me want to

There is a danger to these big extravagant commercials, though. This could be seen in the barely-a-euphemism pandering of the Mini ad, or the head scratching gimmickry of whatever that Audi commercial was. It was dumb and ineffective

— and it didn't make me want to buy a car.

for movies that nobody actually wants to see but everyone will go to were out in full force.

go-around for the slowmotion and explosion crew in

On the movie front, trailers

This includes another

a new "Transformers" movie, and a third voyage with Capt. Jack Sparrow as Johnny Depp steals and plunders every scene from whatever co-stars are left.

The slate of movies adapted from comics continues, as Marvel makes their most serious hero look silly in "Captain America" and makes their silliest hero the most serious with "Thor."

Thankfully, the trailer for "Cowboys and Aliens" showed that there is more to it than its awful (or awesome) name. And the short tease for the Spielberg and J.J. Abrams collaboration continues to do a great job of promoting a movie that's plot is still a total mystery.

It is usually expected for beer commercials to be the dumbest and sexist ones of the lot.

And bad taste brings us

all the way around to those

Thankfully the Pepsi Max spots carried the torch of misogyny and crotch gags that typically takes all the various Anheuser-Busch brands together to provide. Good job, website.

The controversy overshadowed the other two more successful versions of



COURTESY OF MCT CAMPUS A young Darth Vader attempts to use the force on a 2012 Volkswagen

Passat in one of the Super Bowl XLV commercials.

controversial Groupon ads. Directed by mockumentary

pioneer Christopher Guest, the ads depicted celebrities appearing to raise awareness of issues such as Tibet and deforestation before extolling the virtues of the social savings

drive on the site where the heartless company behind this idea are matching donations up to \$100,000 to the charities in question. It could be worse. At least

the ad, as well as the donation

they didn't catapult a baby around a hotel room.

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Pain, heartbreak make for a 'Blue Valentine'

By JUDSON WHITE The Breeze

Is it possible to fall out of love? This is a question that is both asked and seemingly answered in the heartbreaking romance, "Blue Valentine." The film, starring Ryan Gosling and Michelle Williams as a couple at the end of their destructive marriage, is finally being released across the country after its extremely well-received debut at the 2010 Sundance Film Festival.

Gosling plays Dean, a charming but dim high school dropout who meets the girl of his dreams while helping out at a moving company. Cindy (Williams), a pre-med college student stuck living with her dysfunctional parents, finds herself trapped in an unhealthy relationship. Love doesn't strike instantly, but the two form a deep connection once several solemn events bring them closer together.

What makes director Derek Cianfrance's feature debut so memorable is how it's conveved. Instead of portraying Dean and Cindy's growing apart chronologically, the film shifts back and forth in time during the several years they are together. In one scene, Cindy can't stand to look at Dean as he carries their young daughter. In the next, the

two blissfully perform a song and dance number with a ukulele in the early morning hours outside a bridal shop in Brooklyn. The juxtaposition of the different stages of the relationship is so startling that it is hard to believe the same couple is being depicted on screen. While the film flashes back to happier times, the present day married Dean and Cindy try to recover their relationship on a weekend night

Blue Valentine

★★★☆ 'R' 112 min.

Starring Ryan Gosling, Michelle Williams, John Doman

The scenes that ensue in this setting depict material so rarely presented in mainstream movies: raw human emotion. The flashbacks to the couple's happier moments offer glimmers of hope to an otherwise disheartening story.

This concurrence of the characters' pre-marital courtship and postmarriage despondency is evidenced even more so from Cianfrance's use of different cameras for each stage of the relationship. Entirely different types of cameras were used for the postand pre-marriage scenes. While this

change in style shifts the mood of each scene, it also gives off the impression of two different movies paralleling each other.

"Blue Valentine" would not be nearly as successful without the captivating performances from Gosling and Williams. The two make up the film's emotional core, and their unusual veracity makes it easy to forget that these are actors depicting characters.

The believability of the couple may be thanks to Gosling and Williams' utter dedication to their roles. Before filming took place, the actors staged out arguments in a shared home, living on the budgets that their respective characters would encompass. These transformations led to a chemistry between the two, while not always positive, strengthened by improvised dialogue during the majority of the movie's runtime.

"Blue Valentine" is by no means an enjoyable or easy film to watch. It portrays something many of us are familiar with: the complex heartrending process of falling in and out of love. But it also shows the pure delight and blissful times that process

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Ryan Gosling plays an estranged husband alongside his on-screen wife Michelle Williams in "Blue Valentine," coming soon to Harrisonburg theaters.

PLAY | 'Defiance' finds success with both dialogue, absence of dialogue

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Junior theatre major Quill Nebeker and sophomore media and design major George Dippold managed to put "Defiance" together in four weeks.

"Defiance" is set on a military base in North Carolina, just after the conclusion of the Vietnam War. Shanley's characters intrigue and none fit the classical definition of either protagonist or antagonist.

"Defiance" follows Captain Lee King (junior media and design major Khyre Dean), a reluctantly promoted marine. Lee believes that his race, rather than his credentials, prompted his appointment.

King is a torn character. He reveals that he joined the military out of a desire for homogeny and anonymity, but is thrown into the spotlight with

his recent promotion.

Dean's best work is shown in the absence of this dialogue. In a scene where Littlefield belittles and calls out King, Dean's facial expressions and body language showed more than any line could. He displays a believably moving mixture of anguish, frustration and rage.

While the play focuses on King, several subplots intertwine throughout.

"Along with questioning what themes you get out of it, you question which character you follow as a hero and what plot you want to take through it," Dippold said.

Charlie Cook, sophomore theatre major, plays Colonel Littlefield. Despite his age, Littlefield has not yet reconciled himself to the fact that his career is almost done.

Defiance

Director Quill Nebeker Runtime Every night until Saturday at 8 p.m.; Saturday at 2 p.m. **Tickets** \$6-\$10

Cook portrays this vulnerability while still carrying on the charade of the commanding, decisive leader. In later scenes, the audience sees Cook showing genuine desperation and humility when he is at the mercy of

In his role as the base Chaplain, freshman theatre major Robert Mathis begins the play not quite fitting in with the other characters. He comes off as over-the-top. But as the piece progresses Mathis dropped this for the role of a man who, despite meaning well, has secretly

dark motives. Mathis's ability to progressively change from cheerful to sinister was phenomenal.

Rebecca Dowdy, junior media arts and design major, embodied the most dynamic role as Meg Littlefield, the wife of Colonel Littlefield. Dowdy's ability to seamlessly switch from a passive housewife to a spurned spouse was the highlight of the scenes she was in. Dowdy plays a woman who is torn between her own interests, and the fidelity required to maintain her marriage

Because of the high degree of conflict of this play, and the bar the actors set in terms of acting quality, the slower scenes weigh it down. Compared with the heated arguments that precede and follow them, these parts seem to trudge along, while the audience waits for more interesting

dialogue and argument.

"Defiance" also attempts to tackle too much in the 90-minute runtime. Several subplots, while providing interesting material, are not expanded upon, and they ultimately fizzle out and are largely unanswered before the abrupt conclusion of the piece.

"Defiance" presents drama at its most basic, visceral form. If you are looking for a character-driven production, look no further.

The show runs tonight through Saturday at 8 p.m., with a matinee on Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Studio Theatre. Tickets are \$6-\$10.

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LARPing may console Steelers fans mourning over recent loss

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Thank God (with a nod toward the U.S. food industry) for providing us with such mouthwatering favorites as Quadruple Stuffed Oreos, powdered cheese byproducts and good ol' fashioned double-fudge, mousse-filled, triple-chocolate decadence ice cream. Once you

experience the combined effects of congestive heart failure, diabetes and crippling obesity, any lingering Super Bowl depression is sure to clear up in no time.

LARPing

For those of you who don't know what LARPing is, it stands for live action role-playing, and it's

basically a cooler, real life version of Dungeons and Dragons. (Just kidding — it's just as lame.) LARPing is a great way to deal with the loss. It's fun, which keeps your mind preoccupied, you get exercise, which releases endorphins, and it makes you realize that, however, sad and pitiful you might feel after a Steelers' loss, at least the high point of your

week isn't running around in a cape hitting people with cardboard swords.

I hope some of these tips will help to get you through the rest of the off-season. If you're still looking for some reassuring and need additional help, Varner House is an almost as good, if not nearly as

good, alternative. And hey, look at the bright side — at least you're not a Redskins fan.

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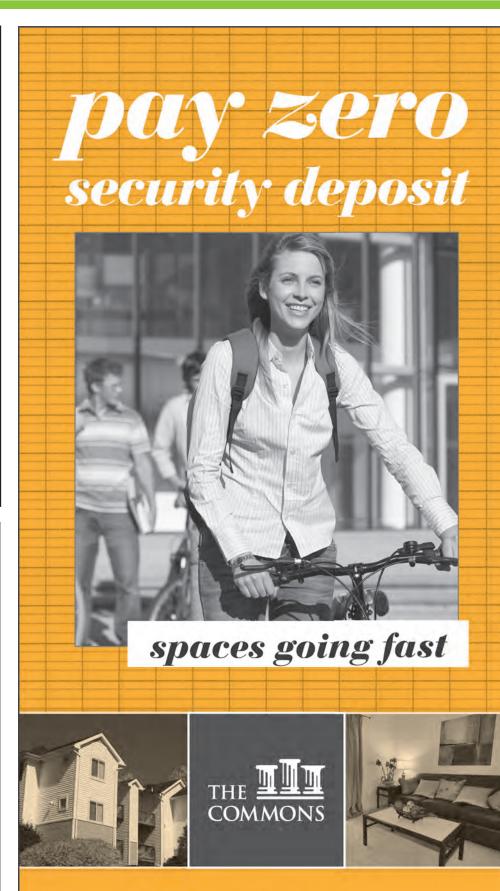
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