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## FACULTY SENATE

# Registrar proposes schedule with more 75-minute classes

By MATT SUTHERLAND  
The Breeze

A new class schedule could be put into practice as soon as fall 2012, according to the Office of the Registrar. At Thursday's Faculty Senate meeting, University Registrar Michele White proposed a new schedule that would position 75-minute classes in a Monday/Thursday grouping and a Tuesday/Friday grouping. Shorter classes would meet in groups of Mondays/Wednesdays/Fridays and Tuesdays/Wednesdays/Fridays.

The proposal would increase the number of 75-minute classes that meet two times per week and decrease the number of 50-minute classes that meet three times per week.

The proposed schedule is an extension of professors' preference of longer classes. According to the registrar's research, almost 3.5 times more faculty members prefer 75-minute classes.

"With the 75-minute schedule, there's more time, room for discussion," White said, "and with the 20 minutes between classes, there's more time for students to ask questions."

Dan Smolkin, a senior public policy and administration major and the student representative on the committee, said a key point of the proposal's change in class grouping is to maximize the number of class sessions while still keeping class sizes at a smaller level.

"The purpose of this proposal is several-fold in what it's aiming at, in that we aren't leaving classrooms idle throughout the rest of the day," Smolkin said. "It initially does seem a bit confusing, but once you see it laid out in graphics format, it becomes much easier to understand."

Smolkin also stressed that the proposal was a model and still a "constantly evolving process."

Because Thursday's meeting was intended to gauge the faculty's opinion of the proposal, it will be up for vote in the near future.

White headed a committee of faculty, staff and a student representative

to develop a more feasible schedule.

The schedule also calls for an extra five minutes between classes. White said the extra travel time would be allocated by reducing the number of 50-minute class periods.

"We have proven that you can get from one end [of campus] to the other in about 20 minutes," White said.

White said there has been an increase in professors trying to cluster their classes between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. As Sen. David Fordham of the School of Accounting noted, most of his students learn better in this period. Because of this, the committee suggested professors schedule at least 50 percent of their classes in this time period. The committee's research showed students earned better grades in classes during this time.

The committee also proposed that some departments use Wednesdays, a day where no 75-minute classes would be scheduled, for classes that meet just once per week and for labs.

"Those of you that have been walking around on a Friday afternoon probably know that there's a drop-off of students coming to class," White said.

White has also seen an increase in the number of 75-minute classes in the past few years.

Despite the increase in travel time, there would still be a 40-minute increase of class time per week for professors, if this proposal were approved.

Following potential testing of the new schedule in the summer, a recommendation would then be forwarded to Jerry Benson, interim provost and senior vice president of Academic Affairs, for administrative approval. After the go-ahead is given, which would be no earlier than this fall, the schedule would be implemented for the following school year.

Senators generated several positive reactions to the proposal, mostly over additional travel time and the increase in longer class periods.

"Most of us like 90 percent of this proposal," Fordham said. "We like the

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## Sample schedule proposed to Faculty Senate

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:00AM	8:00AM - 9:15AM SMAD 270		8:00AM - 8:50AM BIO LAB 214	8:00AM - 9:15AM SMAD 270	
9:00AM	20 minutes for travel				
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M/Th, Tu/F - 75-minute classes that meet two times per week.  
 M/W/Th, Tu/W/F - 50-minute classes that meet three times per week.  
 Wednesday - One day per week classes, fourth hour of four credit classes, labs, clinical and studio classes. (These types of classes may also be scheduled any day of the week as long as they begin at an official starting time.)

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Students could expect to have a schedule similar to the example above if Faculty Senate approves a proposal to change class days and times.

## COMMUNITY

# open HARTS, open homes



CAROLINE PRENDERGAST / CONTRIBUTING PHOTOGRAPHER

HARTS participants eat breakfast in the Catholic Campus Ministries house Saturday morning. The CCM house is one of 17 locations that serves as a shelter between Nov. 15 and April 18.

## Homeless shelter program serves community for fourth year

By NATALIE DOHNER and EMILY WINTERS  
The Breeze

The scent of a hot meal and the sight of 22 cots lined up along the wall greeted Damon Stewart as he walked into the Catholic Campus Ministries building on South Main Street on Friday night.

Stewart, a 40-year-old homeless man from Harrisonburg, heard about the Harrisonburg and Rockingham Thermal Shelter (HARTS) program while at Carrier Library earlier this month.

Campus Crusade for Christ partnered with CCM to prepare dinner for about 30 of Harrisonburg's homeless this past week.

HARTS is sponsored by the United Way and is a last-resort shelter for homeless people from November through April. Each year, HARTS studies local trends to improve programs for the homeless.

After growing up in Brooklyn, Stewart moved to Charlottesville to be closer to his mom and aunt. In late November, he said he moved to Harrisonburg to help his sister take care of her two young children. Since moving here, Stewart said

### SCHEDULE FOR REMAINING 2011 HARTS LOCATIONS

Feb. 28 - March 7	Bridgewater Church of the Brethren 420 College View Dr. Bridgewater, Va.
March 7 - 14	First Presbyterian Church 17 N. Court Square
March 14 - 21	Ridgeway Mennonite Church 546 Franklin St.
March 21 - 28	Asbury United Methodist Church 205 S. Main St.
March 28 - April 4	Park View Mennonite Church 1600 College Ave.
April 4 - 11	Community Mennonite Church 70 S. High St.
April 11 - 18	Otterbein United Methodist Church 176 W. Market St.

he has had a hard time finding a job. In Charlottesville, he worked for Tropical Smoothie Café, the hospital and did construction work.

"It's so great, because no one wants to do that, I could work as many hours as I wanted to,"

Stewart said. "My dream job would be maybe opening a homeless shelter."

Stewart said he studied at Piedmont Virginia Community College for two semesters to

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## SCIENCE

# Periodic tiles of elements

By AARON KOEPPER  
The Breeze

Chemistry students put an artistic spin on the Periodic Table of Elements Saturday, painting chemical elements on tiles at You Made It!, a pottery painting workshop in downtown Harrisonburg.

The students and faculty painted 83 of 112 elements in the periodic table, which will eventually be mounted to the wall in the lobby of the Physics/Chemistry building, according to Brooke Stevens, president of JMU's affiliate to the American Chemistry Society.

The periodic table was painted as part of the American Chemistry Society's celebration of 2011 as the International Year of Chemistry, which will celebrate chemistry and educate the public,

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PHOTO COURTESY OF BETH COLE

On Saturday 83 of the 112 elements on the Periodic Table were decorated at You Made It! The tiles will hang in the lobby of the Physics/Chemistry building.

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Today  
rain  
70°/36°



Tuesday  
snow  
53°/33°



Wednesday  
sunny  
61°/31°



Thursday  
rain  
48°/32°

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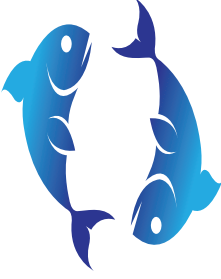
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# horoscopes



**IF YOU WERE BORN TODAY:**  
Born today, you are a real go-getter who can be counted on in almost any situation to be a reliable Johnny on the spot whenever anyone needs assistance or something needs to be done that only you can do. More than willing to lend your talents to any worthy cause, you can always be found at the center of things, playing your part and contributing much to the success of an endeavor.



**PISCES**  
(Feb. 19-March 20)  
You may not be able to practice

what you need to do successfully, which means, of course, getting it right the first time.



**ARIES**  
(March 21-April 19)  
You are likely to be contacted by

someone who has a plan but no real knowledge about it.



**TAURUS**  
(April 20-May 20)  
Things may get rather confusing

for you, regardless of the careful instructions you likely received. Trust your instincts.



**GEMINI**  
(May 21-June 20)  
You may not remember the last

time you felt the way you do; you can use this to your advantage when you are caught off guard.



**CANCER**  
(June 21-July 22)  
You may have to insist that someone

do all he can to protect you from the spotlight at this time. You're not ready for such attention yet.



**LEO**  
(July 23-Aug. 22)  
You'll reach the halfway point of a

personal journey. Look back at the path you have taken: Could you have taken an easier one?



**VIRGO**  
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
You don't have to do everything all

at once; indeed, a step-by-step approach is not only safer but also more productive.



**LIBRA**  
(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
You'll have most of the pieces of a

complex personal puzzle in place but you have more to find.



**SCORPIO**  
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
It's time for you to take a trip

down memory lane, not for the enjoyment, but in order to learn a lesson that is long overdue.



**SAGITTARIUS**  
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
You and a friend or partner may be

trading information more freely now than you have in the past. Today's developments mean a lot.



**CAPRICORN**  
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
Adjust your thinking to be more

in sync with those who are at the forefront of a group effort. It's time to be one of the team.



**AQUARIUS**  
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
Someone insists that he or she has

your best interests at heart, but all evidence seems to point to the contrary.

## NATION&WORLD

### Verizon iPhone encounters glitches

SAN FRANCISCO — The Apple iPhone 4 carried by Verizon Wireless suffers from a glitch — similar to one that plagues AT&T Inc.'s version of the device — that may result in dropped calls in certain areas, Consumer Reports said.

After testing the phone, which

was released this month, Consumer Reports said it won't include the device on its list of recommended smartphones.

"The Verizon iPhone 4 closely resembles the original AT&T iPhone 4 in many positive respects, including offering great multimedia functionality, a sharp screen, and the best MP3 player we've seen on a phone," Consumer Reports said on its website.

"Unfortunately, it also shares with its sibling the possibility of



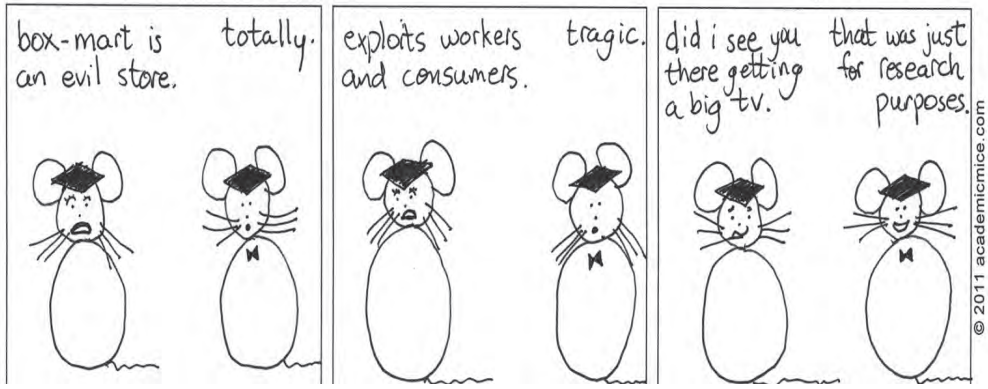
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### Fond farewell

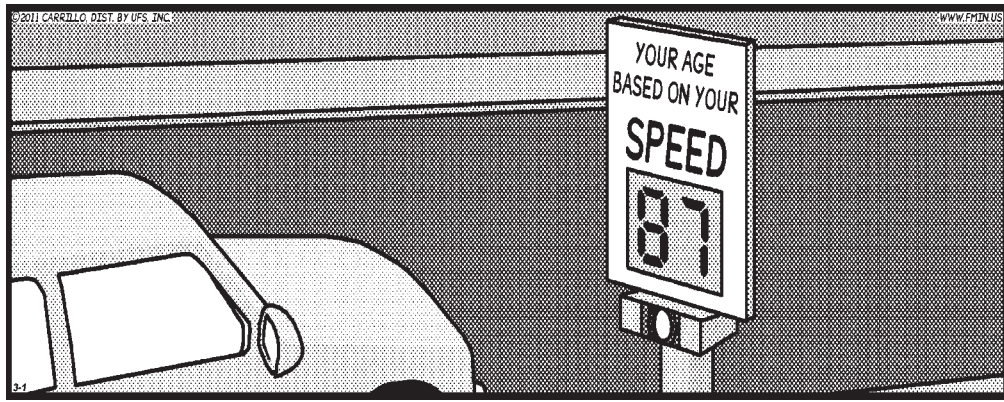
Cora Swider, a senior political science major, puts the finishing touches on her sign before the JMU men's basketball game on Thursday. Members of the senior class celebrated their last home game with pizza, sign decorating and a speech by former JMU football player Dorian Brooks of the Steelers.

### academic mice

by bill wood



### F MINUS



compromised performance in low-signal conditions when used without a bumper or case."

The iPhone, which first hit stores in 2007, has become Apple's best-selling product. It accounted for 39 percent of \$26.7 billion in total sales in the most recent quarter.

Calls may be dropped when the phone is gripped a way that affects the phone's signal strength, the group said.

Consumer Reports also said the device "performs superbly"

in most other respects and that using a case can fix the signal.

Consumer Reports similarly didn't recommend the iPhone 4 when it was released for AT [ampersand] T last year, citing an antenna design flaw that led to dropped calls.

Apple Chief Executive Officer Steve Jobs apologized and offered customers free cases to help fix the problem.

Verizon Wireless said less than half of 1 percent of iPhone 4 call attempts fail or are ineffective

in major cities, including New York, Chicago, San Francisco and Washington, D.C.

That's on par with the performance of other smartphones on its network, said Marquett Smith, a spokesman for Verizon Wireless.

The company isn't recommending that subscribers use bumpers.

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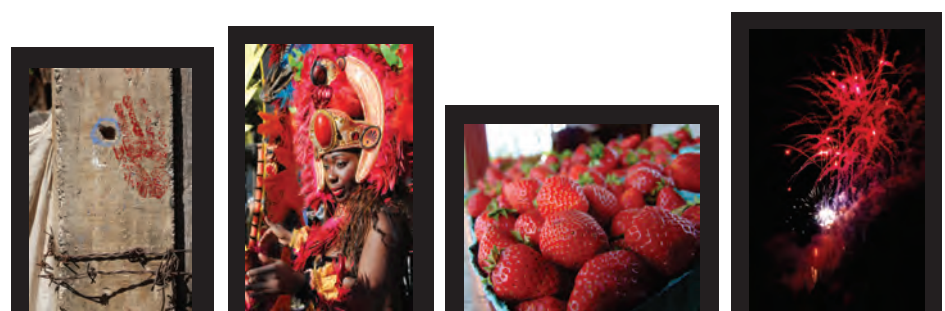
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## IN BRIEF

### HARRISONBURG

#### Gas prices spike

The average gas price in Virginia rose from \$3.06 on Feb. 21 to \$3.26 on Sunday, costing 50 cents more now than it did at the same time last year in Virginia. According to VirginiaGasPrices.com, regular gas costs as much as \$3.29 in Harrisonburg.

#### Police investigate gas station robbery

Harrisonburg Police are investigating a Sunday morning robbery of the Royal Mart convenience store at 895 E. Market St. The robbery occurred at around 7:40 a.m. Sunday, according to a press release. A black male with dark complexion, approximately 6-foot, entered the store and threatened the clerk. He then left and ran westbound down East Market Street with an undisclosed amount of money, according to police.

### ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

#### Forest fires still burning

Fires north of Harrisonburg have burned more than 3,000 acres in the past week, according to the United States Forest Service. The Coffman Fire, which started near Coffman Lane near Rawley Springs, Va., has burned 2,565 acres since Feb. 19. The smaller Chestnut Ridge fire in George Washington National Forest has burned 914 acres. Firefighters expect to contain both blazes by March 15.

## GREEK LIFE

# Picking up their 'Phi't'

Alpha Phi's Aphiasco charity event raises more than \$15,000 for heart disease research



NATE CARDEN / THE BREEZE



BLAIR BOSWELL / THE BREEZE

Runners compete in Alpha Phi's Move Your Phi't 5K on Saturday. Earlier in the week, Spencer Dukoff, a junior media arts and design and music industry double major, performs at the King of Hearts Male Auction. The money raised from Aphiasco will go to the American Heart Association and the Go Red for Women campaign.

By SALLIE DRUMHELLER  
contributing writer

About 300 people participated in Alpha Phi's Move Your Phi't 5K on Saturday, running on a course around East Campus and being cheered on by the sisters of Alpha Phi.

The 5K was part of the sorority's philanthropy week, Aphiasco. Throughout Alpha Phi sponsored proceeds nights at restaurants like Chili's and Doña Rosa, sold "JMU is for Lovers" T-shirts on the commons and held a King of Hearts Male Auction, all in hopes of reaching their fundraising goal of \$20,000.

Even though the chapter was still calculating the totals from the week on Sunday, Brittney Tardy, Alpha Phi's director of philanthropy, said they had raised more than \$15,000. The money raised will go toward the sorority's philanthropy, which is heart disease research.

While some of the money raised from Aphiasco goes to the national Alpha Phi Foundation, which supports the American Heart Association and the Go Red for Women campaign, the sorority also donates locally.

"We also specifically team up with RMH and the women's health focus at RMH and our money actually goes to women who can

go and get free heart scans," said Katy Summerlin, president of Alpha Phi.

The 5K participants included not just the sorority's sisters, but also their friends, fellow students and members of the RMH community.

"Through our philanthropic efforts, we help save people's lives. It was proof of the impact we have as a sisterhood."

Brittney Tardy  
Alpha Phi director of philanthropy

To end the week of fundraising and philanthropy, the sorority hosted the Red Dress Gala at Spotswood Country Club on Saturday night for sisters, their families, heart attack survivors, people from the university and special guests from RMH. Ticket sales and proceeds from a basket auction also contributed to the philanthropy fund.

"It was truly inspirational and heartfelt," Tardy said. "I think it really hit home with the sisters

and guests because through our philanthropic efforts, we help save people's lives. It was proof of the impact we have as a sisterhood."

The sorority also raised approximately \$2,000 at its King of Hearts Male Auction Wednesday night.

"We had 24 great guys and it was really fun," said Summerlin, a junior media arts and design major. "We had a great turnout and a lot of other sororities came out and supported us."

Although the events are similar from year to year, Tardy said this year was an improvement from last.

"I'm so proud of this week we've achieved and changed since last year," Tardy said. "The weather was better, we got a FLEX machine [for T-shirt sales] and we had better marketing. We advertised on buses, talked to professors to make announcements in class, and we even were on the 'Be The Change' blog."

Tardy's feelings about the success of the 5K were shared across the sisterhood.

"Overall it was a great week and as a group there was such a good collective effort," said Michelle Sims, a sophomore interdisciplinary liberal studies major. "Everything was really organized and the girls braved everything including the rain and we had an

even better number participate in the 5K."

Some students said the increased marketing effort grabbed their attention and encouraged them to run in the 5K and others came out to run with friends and support the sorority.

"I have a friend in Alpha Phi who told me about it," said Jack Stevens, a senior international business major.

Stevens ran with his friend, Dean Jezwinski, a senior international affairs major. Although Stevens considers himself a seasoned runner and participates in many races on campus, Jezwinski did not train for the 5K, but was interested in supporting cause.

"It's all about having fun. I'm not in it for the lap time," Jezwinski said. "We're here to support the sisters. It's a great cause."

The 5K brought out the most participation of all the events during the week. Of the 154 active Alpha Phi members, 80 percent participated in some way for the race.

"If our sisters didn't run, they made a donation," Summerlin said. "Every one of our sisters is active in some way. Philanthropy is a very large part of our chapter."

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## MEDICINE

# Student nurse takes top honor in state

By ANNE ELSEA  
The Breeze

JMU has the top nursing student in Virginia.

Alexa Greenstein was awarded the honor at the Virginia Nursing Students Association convention on Feb. 5.

"I think I won this award because I am one of the individuals that is not only involved with nursing and the nursing profession, but I'm also involved in our student nursing Association," Greenstein said of being named Student Nurse of the Year.

Currently, the junior nursing major is the general body delegate for JMU's 200 member organization. At the conference, 450 students attended from programs across the state. At 120 students, JMU had the most students from one school at the convention.

Greenstein has helped organize Spring Fling, a day event for the handicapped kids in the Harrisonburg area, fundraisers at football concessions, and senior prom, an event for senior citizens in Harrisonburg.

In her position, she communicates with the state-level delegates and the higher officers within the organizations.

"I want to expand the organization and spread awareness on campus, add events, and be recognized in the Harrisonburg community in the next few years," Greenstein said.

Greenstein hopes to become either a critical nurse or an emergency nurse after she graduates.

Not only did she win awards at the conference, but two other students were elected to state-level positions, and the NSA organization won awards.

Joe Woods was elected to the Virginia NSA board as a public relations member and Jacqui Kirol, a junior nursing major, was elected to be the Torch newsletter editor.

Besides the individual student's awards, the JMU NSA won the Breakthrough to Nursing Award and the Most Active Constituency Award.

JMU's NSA won the Breakthrough to Nursing Award for their volunteer assistance during Take a Look Day. During the day, prospective students interested in nursing come to Health and Human Services building and the nursing department for a tour and learn more about the nursing major.

This year, NSA is involved with many different projects including a canned food drive for Our Community Place downtown, organizing fundraising for Relay for Life.

To win the MAC award, a school had to show community service and planned events during the past year.

"The awards won and the participation at the conference shows how committed the JMU NSA is to nursing and community service," said Woods, a junior nursing major.

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## SCIENCE

# Hydrogen fuel seminar attracts businesses, government

By AARON KOEPPER  
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More than 40 business representatives and county officials from across Virginia gathered in the Festival Highlands Room on Friday to see the latest advances in hydrogen fuel cell technology.

Organized by Virginia Clean Cities, the "Hydrogen 101" seminar included projects from JMU students and a prototype Chevrolet Equinox that runs entirely on hydrogen fuel cells, devices that convert hydrogen molecules into electrical energy.

The seminar consisted of product demonstrations and lectures to educate attendees about hydrogen technology and its potential uses.

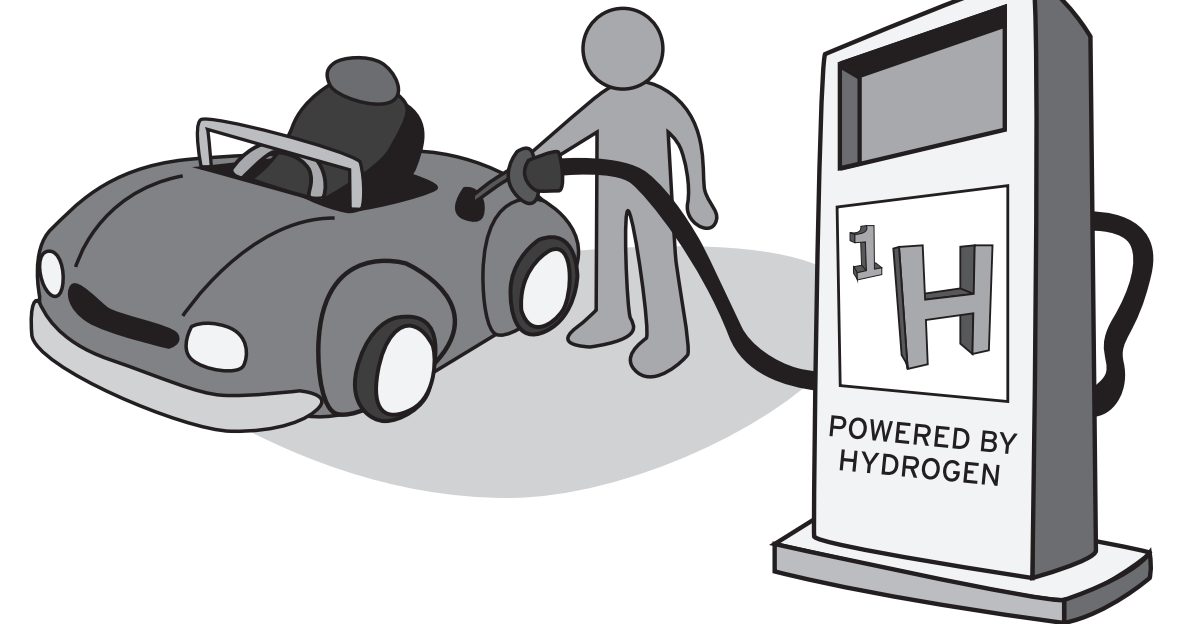
"Hydrogen 101" is one seminar in a series across Virginia and Maryland on hydrogen technologies organized by Virginia Clean Cities, a nonprofit organization that seeks to reduce oil consumption and while increasing the use of alternative fuels, according to the organization's website.

Dan Attard and Taylor Moellers, two senior integrated science and technology majors, presented their plans to the audience to make a microbial electrolysis fuel cell. The cell creates hydrogen fuel from the cellular processes of the microbes living inside the cell.

Attard said he and Moellers haven't built the cell because the materials for it are difficult to find.

"Working to get all the supplies has been challenging," Attard said. "The majority of the materials are carbon-based but aren't available commercially."

If the fuel cell can generate electricity, Attard said they would try to create a larger scale version that could work as a back-up power supply at the



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Miller-Coors brewery in Elkton.

Providing back-up power for businesses and hospitals is the most common current use for the fuel cells, according to Chris Bachmann, director of JMU's Alternative Fuels Vehicle Lab.

Bachmann cited Bloom Energy, which has installed fuel cells known as Bloom Energy Servers in the buildings of major corporations including Adobe, Google, Coca-Cola and Walmart. Energy Servers can remove hydrogen from either renewable or fossil fuel sources and produce 100 kw of power a day, according to Bloom Energy's website.

Most of the fuel cell market today focuses on power cells that can be

hooked to natural gas lines in an emergency situation if conventional power sources were not available, Bachmann said.

Bachmann said he thought adoption of hydrogen as a fuel source was necessary on a large scale because fossil fuels, especially oil, are overused and are becoming scarcer worldwide.

"We have 10 years on the clock," Bachmann said. "We'll deplete all our oil by then."

According to Bachmann, the Middle East has approximately 85 years worth of oil remaining for the world's current rate of consumption.

"Hydrogen is the perfect fuel,"

Bachmann said. "This is the cleanest and most abundant resource we've ever found."

But Bachmann also acknowledged several obstacles to using hydrogen as a fuel source on a large scale.

"The number one barrier is cost," Bachmann said. "Fossil fuels are very reliable and cheap, and people are familiar with them. How do you compete with that?"

He said technology has not been developed to mass-produce hydrogen fuel cells.

"We understand how to split water



# ENERGY | JMU chosen for 'forward thinking' energy research, initiatives

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and how to use some catalysts," Bachmann said. "But if everyone around the world makes significant discoveries and puts that knowledge together, you have to opportunities to make significant changes."

Several of the attendees said they found it helpful for their fields.

Kermit Shaffer, Spotsylvania County Schools' director of transportation, said he was interested in how hydrogen fuel cells could replace oil.

"Petroleum won't last,"

Shaffer said. "I'm very impressed with the [Equinox] car — the power, the responsiveness, how quiet it was."

Spotsylvania County runs five propane-fueled school. The buses were bought through a partnership with Virginia Clean Cities, according to

Shaffer.

Mitch King, who works with the Old Mill Power Company, said even after attending other hydrogen seminars, that the alternative fuel wasn't a good fit for his company.

"I'm not ready to do anything with it because of cost," King

said. "The trick is making it work from renewable sources."

Alleyn Harned, Virginia Clean Cities program coordinator, said the organization decided on JMU as the location for the seminar because of its environmental stewardship.

"We chose this site because the university was a leader in [alternative fuel] vehicle work," Harned said. "JMU seems to be very forward-thinking."

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# HARTS | Group helps a half-dozen more homeless this winter than last

from front

be a probation officer, but was unable to manage both work and school.

"You really appreciate and respect people who can do that," Stewart said. "My mistake was I finished two semesters, and the opportunity came to get more hours and I decided to work instead."

HARTS was established four years ago and partners with religious organizations throughout Harrisonburg to host the homeless throughout the winter. On an average night, HARTS will serve about 30 guests.

Every week from November to April, a different religious organization houses HARTS.

This is the second year CCM has hosted HARTS at JMU.

Patrick Wiggins, a HARTS coordinator, at CCM for two years, became interested in helping the homeless at a young age.

"When I was seven, I volunteered with my parents at a soup kitchen and it changed my life," said Wiggins, a senior biology major. "It shapes your heart and mind, especially at a young age."

CCM and Campus Crusade for Christ are two of the many religious organizations at JMU serving HARTS this year. Other organizations have volunteered including Hillel, InterVarsity, RISE and the Muslim Student Organization.

"We involve everyone, not just CCM, so that really makes us different from the weeks that they spend other places," said Eddie Rozynski, HARTS manager and a senior geography major.

Compared to last year,

Wiggins said he has noticed an increase in the number of homeless guests coming during the week.

"We took in about six or seven more homeless men and women than last year," Wiggins said.

Because HARTS can provide only 22 people with beds, when there is an overflow, the remaining people find shelter at the local Salvation Army, Wiggins said.

The homeless sleep in the main room of the CCM house with a wall of chairs separating men and women. They can choose to shower and are given a towel and toiletries.

"It's just an example of the beauty and kindness that can be in people," Stewart said. "To see students helping like this, it's really touching."

Wiggins works alongside the homeless and stays in the CCM house with the people HARTS members serve throughout the week.

Guests must check in with HARTS at 6:30 p.m. for dinner at 7 p.m. In the morning, they leave by 7 a.m.

"I go through the whole process that they go through, it takes empathizing to a whole other level," Wiggins said. "I can stand shoulder-to-shoulder with them."

Elizabeth Tedder, a junior biology major, is a part of CCM and also volunteers at HARTS.

"You really get to understand that they're people," Tedder said. "They're ignored all day; this is their chance to interact."

Rozynski has close ties with the homeless he helps through HARTS because he said his aunt was homeless throughout

her life.

"I've developed close personal bonds with the people here and their stories have become my stories," Rozynski said. "Every day it makes me more and more grateful."

According to Rozynski, working with the homeless has allowed him to put his life into perspective.

"If something goes wrong in my day, it's pretty trivial compared to what they go through," Rozynski said.

Kyle Fiddelke, 21, is now homeless after moving to Elkton, Va., from Connecticut in November, where he had some criminal trouble.

He was given an ultimatum by his family and so moved in with his sister to seek a better life.

When he said he began having problems living with his sister, he moved out of her house to live on his own. Having dropped out of high school twice, Fiddelke is now looking to get his GED.

"I've made some mistakes but I want to make a good life for myself now," Fiddelke said.

Fiddelke hopes to pursue culinary arts or business.

Though they've experience challenged throughout their lives, both Fiddelke and Stewart have hopes they will overcome these setbacks.

"We're all going to be tested in some way or another," Stewart said. "Be strong and persevere or buckle in and crumble. And I'm a fighter. I'm not going down."

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# CHEMISTRY | Wall done in May

from front

Stevens said.

2011 was named the International Year of Chemistry by UNESCO, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry.

IUPAC is the international body that governs the rules for chemical terminology, methods of measurement and other standards.

The painters of the other 29 elements will paint and fire the tiles at their convenience, Stevens said.

While the tiles were required

to feature the element's abbreviation and number on the periodic table, students and professors had the creative freedom to add whatever they wanted.

Some worked their individual names or designs into the tiles. Kevin Caran, an associate professor of chemistry, decorated two tiles: one for potassium, No. 19, abbreviated K, and calcium, No. 20, abbreviated Ca.

Junior chemistry major Michael Morris chose the element tin.

"I took tin because it was open," Morris said. "I just wanted to be part of the periodic table so I could see it when I come back to JMU."

Students and professors chose their elements through a silent auction, which had a minimum bid of \$5 for to pay for the tile to be fired in a kiln.

The student affiliates of ACS raised \$237.50 from the tile bids and from a table they set up in the Phys/Chem building last week, \$50 of which go to Relay for Life. The other \$187.50 goes to the student affiliates.

Stevens said they hope to have the entire periodic table on the wall by the end of the semester.

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# SCHEDULE | Possible implementation set for fall 2012

from front

75-minute classes, we like the extra time between classes, we like all of that."

But Fordham added he was concerned how many students would miss Friday classes. Other senators shared Fordham's skepticism of the proposal's addition of more Friday class time.

"I get many letters from students' ombudsmen saying, 'Please don't penalize this student for doing a university activity on this day.'"

Susan Nye, a kinesiology department senator, pointed out the increase in Friday afternoon classes should be inconsequential to teaching methods.

"If they choose not to come to my Friday class, that's their choice," Nye said. "But I'm still going to hold them accountable for the material that I cover on

that particular day. So maybe the faculty needs to step up and say, 'You're doing a Friday afternoon class.'"

Many senators also worried about the suddenness of a new schedule being enacted by this fall, but the committee worked to quell this inaccuracy.

"There's nobody trying to exercise any unreasonable power here," said Val Larsen, interim head of the Marketing Department and a faculty senator.

The proposal was formed by studying several schools similar to JMU in size, curriculum and location. Among 25 schools, the committee said they focused on Kansas University, the University of Richmond and Duke University.

Some students believe it's too complex to keep track of which day corresponds with which

class, including Rachel Bisaga, a freshman interdisciplinary liberal studies major.

"I don't like that at all," Bisaga said. "It sounds a lot more confusing, and I like the schedule how it is now. I would actually kind of like Monday/Wednesday/Thursday. Tuesday/Thursday/Friday is too much. I don't like having class on Friday."

Senior marketing major Jenna Stanton, who plans to graduate in May, thinks students next year could have difficulty with longer classes.

"I definitely like the 50-minute classes better, I think I can pay attention more with shorter classes," Stanton said. "I'd like to have a week that's combined and just get it over with earlier."

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# In defense of chicken 'lovers'

Student doesn't advocate bestiality, but explains logic following animal rights



If it was legal to have sex with animals, I would choose not to, but as a truth seeker I have to ask: Why aren't people allowed to have sex with animals?

Typically people think it's illegal because it's a horrible thing to do or because it harms animals that obviously can't give consent.

If you think that bestiality should be illegal because it's disgusting or whatever other adjective you prefer to use, then why would you support free speech or freedom of religion? I could say things that would disgust you or practice a faith that might disgust you, yet most of you would probably not try to forcibly prevent me from speaking or worshipping however I wish. We tolerate speech that disgusts us because we know that we are morally fallible and that it doesn't hurt anyone.

No person, absent of a messiah figure, is capable of knowing with absolute certainty what is right and what is wrong. If they were, then would freedom be obsolete. While people would have the ability to make decisions, it would be in their best interest to make the right decisions and avoid punishment.

A perfect and morally infallible person could dictate every aspect of our lives to us, and we might obey, and everything might be great because all of us might always be doing the right thing and never doing the wrong thing.

Because we recognize that we are all flawed and all capable of error, we allow people to do and say whatever they want so long as it does not harm others. What makes bestiality any different?

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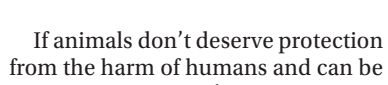
The single limitation on freedom — the "so long as it does not harm others" part — leads into the second possible justification for bestiality being illegal: It harms animals, but they can't consent to it. This statement is valid, but inconsistent with United States law and most of our lifestyles.

Can animals consent to being owned? Can animals consent to being slaughtered? Do those actions not harm them?

If animals deserve protection from the harm of humans, then we would have to make it illegal to consume any animal product or own a pet or go hunting. Animals can't give consent to these activities, and yet all of them are harmful.

If you treat a pet well, they probably are better off with you than without you, but ownership is slavery and the benevolence of a slave master is not justification for slavery.

Because we recognize that we are all flawed and all capable of error, we allow people to do and say whatever they want so long as it does not harm others. What makes bestiality any different?



If animals don't deserve protection from the harm of humans and can be owned as property (which they currently can), then the act of bestiality is a victimless crime, and we're back to the starting point of "it should be illegal because I disapprove of it."

It's uncomfortable to be faced with this hypocrisy in the law, but legalizing bestiality shouldn't be scary. History has shown us that alcohol prohibition didn't stop people drinking, that censorship doesn't stop people from speaking out, and that banning prostitution and pornography doesn't prevent people from finding pornographic material or prostitutes in a black market.

Banning things does not prevent them from happening; it only punishes people for their choices.

Making bestiality legal probably won't cause people to suddenly start having sex with animals, because those who feel the urge and need to do that probably already do. So who benefits from keeping it illegal? No one, really. And the amount of benefit animals receive from bestiality being illegal is almost negligible in comparison.

Animal husbandry, pet ownership, slaughterhouse factories, animal pageants and pet shows, dog fighting, bestiality — it's all or none. I charge that anyone who would ban one or more of these actions without banning all of them is being inconsistent and hypocritical.

We can all pick and choose which of these we think are OK and which we think aren't, and we can try to convince others to think the same as we do, but we can't apply those feelings to the law without implying that we are infallible. I hope no one is arrogant enough to think that they are.

Hypocrisy in the law cannot be tolerated, regardless of how relevant that law is to our lives.

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**A "thank-God-for-Wednesdays"** pat to the girl in Student Ambassadors who has to dress up for tutoring.  
*From a guy who's now considering getting some extra help in math.*

**A "feed-me"** dart to Dining Services for not opening any breakfast places on Saturday mornings.  
*From starving senior girls who wake up at a reasonable hour on the weekends.*

**A "condiment-crazed"** pat to Top Dog for getting bigger to-go condiment containers.  
*From a senior who likes to leave with my panini and chips and know I won't be begging for more ketchup.*

**A "please-don't-stop-the-music"** dart to the girls coming out of bathroom stalls with ear buds.  
*From a girl who likes to multitask too, but knows when it's time to turn off the iPod and pee in peace.*

**A "smile-back"** pat to Festival for a putting entire goldfish in my Madison mac and cheese pasta crumbs.  
*From a pastafarian who feels lucky.*

**A "Surgeon-General's-warning"** dart to the Army lad who insists on dipping during lecture.  
*From two health-conscious sophomores who don't think Copenhagen is exactly nutritious.*

**A "hallelujah!"** pat to whoever removed the skunk on the Copper Beech hill that's been there for more than four weeks.  
*From a Copper Beech resident who was sick of smelling putrid road kill every time she drove home.*

**A "you-made-my-day"** pat to the girl passed out on the floor of Carrier Library who had a "spare change?" sign in front of her.  
*From a fellow student who was having a rough day too and wished she had some change to give you.*

**A "late-night's-got-a-new-face"** pat to the host of the "Early Late Show" for giving me a laugh from time to time.  
*From a senior who would love to stay up early — and late — with you.*

**A "check-your-chromosomes"** dart to the girls walking across the I-81 bridge singing "I Just Had Sex."  
*From a sophomore anatomy student who knows it's impossible for you to have felt so good.*

**An "it's-called-Cheesy-Thursday-for-a-reason"** dart to the girl who bugged in front of the line claiming no one wanted grilled cheese.  
*From a junior who had enough respect for her fellow JMU students to wait her turn for some glorious grilled cheese.*

**A "way-to-be-a-go-getter"** pat to the curly-haired bartender at Clementine who serves drinks until 2 a.m. on Thursday nights and still shows up bright-eyed and bushy-tailed to her 9 a.m. class on Fridays.  
*From a fellow beer enthusiast who admires your energy.*

**A "thanks-for-the-sneak-attack"** dart to the torrential downpour on Friday morning.  
*From one of many dedicated students who sat through class completely soaked from the waist down.*

**A "git-r-done"** pat to the camo-lovin', country-playin' Route 9 bus driver for curing my homesickness.  
*From a temporary Stone Gate resident who misses her permanent Southern residence.*

**A "you-should-have-asked-for-a-spot"** dart to every guy who refuses to ask a girl to spot them on the bench press at UREC.  
*From the girls who got their job for a reason and can save you if you drop the bar on yourself.*

**A "you-give-me-faith"** pat to the people in Potomac A side who started my washer when I walked away from it after paying.  
*From a grateful girl who needed her jeans washed.*

# Coast not clear of oil's effect

Species are dying rapidly, oil from BP's spill proposed as being at fault

The death rate for species in the Gulf of Mexico has risen drastically over the past year.

Everyone remembers the BP oil spill as one of the most talked about subjects of 2010. People in Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi and parts of the Florida panhandle were furious with the way the situation was handled, allowing the oil spill to drastically affect each and every one of these states.

According to FoxNews.com, Louisiana, Alabama and Mississippi are leaders in the nation when it comes to shrimping, but the business took a major downturn, while Florida's tourism was affected greatly. "South Park" even made a parody of the situation on Oct. 27 and Nov. 3, 2010.

From May to July, we were led to believe that BP, with the help of a lot of volunteers, was able to clean up the mess in the Gulf of Mexico.

Samantha Joye, one of the top marine scientists from the University of Georgia, uncovered oil from the sea floor, that destroyed marine life.

"Magic microbes consumed maybe 10 percent of the total discharge, the rest of it, we don't know. There's a lot of it out there," Joye said in a Feb. 19 article on yahoo.com.

According to Joye, when the people who were cleaning up the Gulf finished in July, they presumed that certain microbes would help clean up by eating the leftover oil that BP and the volunteers didn't get to, but they were completely wrong. The microbes didn't do what was expected and much of the life on the sea floor has suffered because of it. Sponges, sea stars and coral are all dying because they are suffocating from the oil.

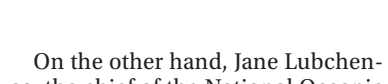
According to Reuters.com, the

bodies of approximately 20 infant and stillborn baby dolphins have been found along the Gulf Coast since Jan. 20. Moby Solangi, the director of the Institute of Marine Mammal Studies in Gulfport, Miss., said this was 10 times the normal amount of stillborn baby dolphins found at this time of year from natural causes.

The mortality rate for dolphins has almost tripled over the last year off the coast of Alabama and Mississippi. This increase is being seen as a possible result of the oil spill because of all of the oil that was in the Gulf.

"I've been to the bottom. I've seen what it looks like with my own eyes. It's not going to be fine by 2012," Joye said to the Associated Press.

It's bad enough that many animals are dying because of mistakes made by people, but the least we can do is help stop the mess we've created and find a solution to the deaths that continue to occur on the sea floor.



On the other hand, Jane Lubchenko, the chief of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association, said, "Even though the oil degraded relatively rapidly and is now mostly but not all gone, damage done to a variety of species may not become obvious for years to come."

It doesn't seem logical to wait such

a long time to see what will happen to the vast number of species that live in the Gulf of Mexico. BP and the government need to do something before more species are harmed. It's bad enough that many animals are dying because of the mistakes made by people, but the least we can do is help stop the mess we've created and find a solution to the deaths that continue to occur on the sea floor.

The Gulf of Mexico is one of the biggest producers of shrimp in the world. According to ABC News, Louisiana alone has a shrimping business that brings in \$1.8 billion. It would be a shame if many of those people lost their jobs because we forgot to clean up our mess and relied on some magic microbes to clean all of the oil in the Gulf.

Let's stop putting everything off for the future because it's our generation that needs to deal with the problems that the current generation has set up for us.

BP and the government should work together to find a way to clean up the oil that remains on the sea floor.

If there was better communication between the oil companies and the government, then build up of oil on the sea floor could have been avoided. The government has enforced stronger laws and penalties for drilling which should help to prevent future oil spills from drilling platforms, as long as rules, regulations and communication are clear.

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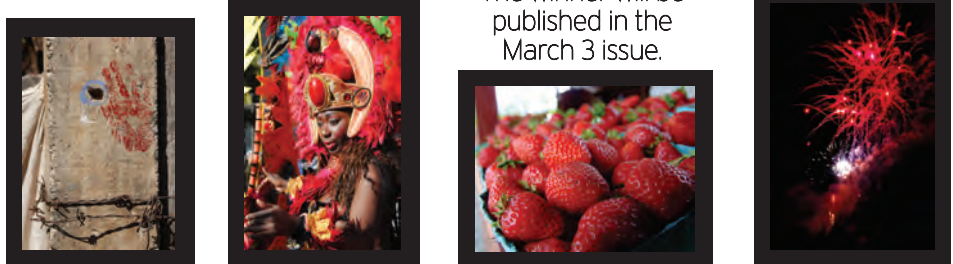
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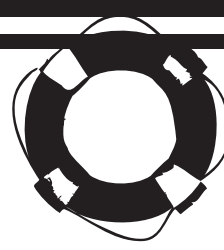
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## DEDICATION

Orchestra spends months on marimba concert for Forbes Center's opening

By **NEAL HOLLOWELL**  
contributing writer

The Concert Hall's stage evoked an image of Daedalus' Labyrinth, as the entire space resembled a maze of percussion instruments, tympani's xylophones, congas, cymbals, gongs and bell sets of every kind.

The Forbes Center for the Performing Arts presented "Marimba Orchestra and Friends," a collaboration of nearly 50 people, including students, alumni and faculty, Saturday evening as part of the Forbes Center's official opening celebration.

According to Jen Kulju, Forbes' public relations coordinator, 500 of the 600 seats were sold out, and the chorus seating above and behind the stage was reserved for even more instruments.

The performance opened with an original piece by

graduate student Jamieson Carr. Appropriately titled "Shock and Awe," the piece began with a literal bang from a drum before the stage lights even came on.

"Girlfriends Medley," initially a lullaby, quickly transitioned into an emulation of classic vaudeville tunes. This piece also featured a solo by Michael Overman, a JMU percussion professor and director of the JMU steel band.

Overman pounded away at the xylophone for several minutes during an arrangement featuring several of his students. He even created a few chuckles when, before his solo, a projector screen showed in big bold, silent movie-era letters "XYLOPHONE SOLO," and at its conclusion, when he was joined again by his students, "EVERYBODY NOW!"

"Dr. Overman is always fun to watch perform. He always

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"Marimba Orchestra and Friends" featured the JMU marimba orchestra and JMU steel band, as well as a premiere work by graduate student Jamieson Carr, written exclusively for the opening of the Forbes Center for the Performing Arts.

**ANDY FRAM**  
that's so college

## Evolution of college stereotypes

Puberty isn't the only phase college freshmen leave behind

College stereotypes are great. Besides always being able to find someone who fits into whatever idealized vision you have of one in your head, they also make for easy, recyclable.

Most people fit stereotypes to some degree. There used to be plausible credibility for denying such horrible

accusations. You used to be able to say, "I wasn't any stereotype. I definitely wasn't a bro, I sure as hell wasn't no smelly hippie, I was my own

person." But then they invented hipsters and you couldn't get away with that anymore.

However, perhaps it was when I was in line at Food Lion buying Solo cups, condoms (hey, it's possible) and a case of beer that I had my first ugly encounter with reality. Despite my presumptuous notions and scathing sarcasm toward pigeonholed college identities, I have nevertheless been sucked into the social black hole of college and emerged from it as some sort of disfigured Frankenstein-hybrid of the stereotypes I've tried so hard to avoid.

The realization is indeed sobering but it raises certain questions that my senioritis-ridden brain can dedicate ample time. How did this come to be? How has my stereotype in high school affected my even more stereotypical self now? Why isn't it Friday yet? Luckily, what you'll find below is your entire last four to seven years of existence summed up in approximately 700 words.

**Dude, bro, dude**

You might have been a reasonably good to talented sports star at your high school, but that n00b stuff doesn't fly anymore. Luckily they have intramural sports, which is great because real sports would interfere with your very rigorous drinking schedule. High school bullying and pranks are a thing of the past. You're much more mature now and childish antics such as wedgies and swirlies have evolved to beer bonging and roofies.

**Hip with the kids**

Whether you're a hipster, hippie or hipless, your origins lie in a high school social life cemented together by a strong emphasis on alternative, nonmainstream music. That or drugs. Anything on TV that's "visually stimulating" was created by someone who was high and you like to scrupulously point out any and all drug references you pick up on, such as how a skunk kinda smells like weed, or any reference to 4/20. In college, you've been able to widen your interests, which could include Frisbee, drug use, Kurt Vonnegut, longboarding, drug use, blogging or shopping at Goodwill. Your parents have long given up hope. Possible majors: English, philosophy, media arts and design and music industry.

**It's a Jersey thing**

'Nough said.

**Dumbocracy**

What's the only thing sadder than one SGA rep who takes their job too seriously? Two SGA reps who take their jobs too seriously! In high school you might've had good intentions to make the world a better place but human nature is a b----. That's OK though, because accusatory finger pointing over trivial matters — besides actually getting something done — is great practice for real Congress.

**I'll be Bach**

Music majors have remained relatively consistent throughout their lives in the fact that A) they're absurdly cliquy to the point of exclusive, B) the central music building/office is like a second home (possibly even a first) and, C) they're keepers of some of the most debatably nerdy "major jokes". Watch out for them at parties.

## Working with merit: Student, professor lead Scout class

By **BETH COLE**  
The Breeze

A professor and a JMU student set up their classroom not on campus, but in the Valley Mall.

Geology professor Eric Pyle and senior English major Steven Colella will teach a set of Boy Scout merit badge classes at the Always Be Prepared Outlet, a scouting-focused store in the mall.

"The [Boy Scout] youth have always been able to engage in specialized skills for merit badges, so [the classes are] like a little short course," Pyle said.

Scouts, ages 11 to 16, register for the class to attain badges.

Colella will teach a section of the communications merit badge class in April. He will have each Scout write a short report within the five-hour frame and give a persuasive presentation in a group.

Also in April, Pyle will be teaching the geology merit badge. Using maps and slide presentations, Scouts will identify different rocks and fossils, analyze rock formations and identify where certain rocks may have originated from around Virginia. After the initial course, Scouts will go out in their neighborhoods to identify rocks and bring their findings back to Pyle, who will sign off on the badge.

"It's designed to be as hands-on and engaging as possible because it's hard to keep a 14-year-old sitting still for more than 15 minutes at a time," Pyle said. "So you have to engage accordingly."



Ethan Zook, of Rockingham-Augusta Search and Rescue, teaches a course on the Emergency Preparedness Merit Badge to local Boy Scouts, ages 11-16. They were taught how to react to situations like carbon monoxide leaks and fires.

Three Eagle Scouts opened the Always Be Prepared Outlet in the Valley Mall last year to celebrate the 100th year of scouting.

The store hosts a collection of international military gear that owners have collected over the years. Past the

German helmets, Swiss cargo jackets, Bosnian cargo hats, knives, flashlights and army boots, a small area is blocked off with about 20 chairs in a circle. On the wall hangs a poster with the Boy Scout law, along with dozens of fliers for different classes, each focused

around a merit badge.

According to one of the owners, Terry Leake, the store has helped about 300 Scouts earn merit badges since it opened in October. The store is one of

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### MOVIE REVIEW

## Movie could use some 'adjustment'

New thriller 'The Adjustment Bureau,' in theaters Friday, lacks character development, substantial plot

By **RACHEL DOZIER**  
The Breeze

George Nolfi, the director and writer of "The Adjustment Bureau," is not William Shakespeare. Therefore, his attempt to show love at first sight in this movie was an utter failure. Matt Damon and Emily Blunt are certainly no Romeo and Juliet, but they are quick to pretend to fall into the undying love spiral that exists in most Ashton Kutcher and Nicholas Cage movies.

### The Adjustment Bureau

★★★★☆

'PG-13' 99 min.

Starring Matt Damon, Emily Blunt, Lisa Thoreson

The most heart-wrenching part of this whole story is the fact that it could have been a very intellectually stimulating, post-"Inception" kind of film with some comical "Monsters, Inc." undertones. Instead, it was

turned into a cheesy, implausible love story with an underwhelmingly interesting backdrop.

The film centers on the fact that in this world there is an "adjustment bureau" run by a "Chairman" (in this case a heavily implied God figure) who makes sure important people's lives stay on track. Matt Damon (who plays political candidate David Norris) is a very important person — think a less polished, white version of a young Barack Obama. He meets a girl in a bathroom (Emily Blunt, who

plays Elise) and in one encounter that lasts under five minutes and includes one semi-passionate kiss, he falls madly in love with her. The big "twist" is that he's not supposed to ever see her again because together they will ruin each other's lives.

But young Matt, full of love and severe issues of co-dependency, won't let the love of his life (whom he met in the bathroom that one time) slip away. He tries to fight the

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# CONCERT | Features Superman-inspired piece

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looks so relaxed," said Georgia Musselman, a junior music education major.

The concert also featured solos from JMU faculty members Lori Piitz and Wanchi Huang.

During the piece "Concerto for Piano and Percussion Orchestra," Piitz led the marimba orchestra in a nearly 15-minute piece. Piitz alternated between solos and accompanying roles.

Huang showed her prowess on violin throughout "Lex," a piece inspired by the Superman villain. Huang showed

a dynamic understanding of violin, as she was able to play several styles within one piece. She transitioned between long draws with the bow, intense, frantic high note scratching and picking of the strings with her fingers.

Also present in "Lex" was the orchestra's first attempt at mixed media. Behind Huang and the orchestra, a projector screen displayed several repeated images in bright neon colors, depicting criminals and policemen. An idea borrowed from the experiences of one of Overman's graduate students.

"I'm not sure we were necessarily trying to do anything specific," Overman said. "We thought that sounded like a fun idea."

The performance shifted tone in the second half following intermission. The JMU steel band, under the direction of Overman, took the stage, wearing bright neon shirts, shorts and sunglasses. Their outfits contrasted with the suits, ties and dress worn by the previous performers. This group likewise imitated the music of steel drum's Caribbean origin.

They performed an original

piece, "Left Turn Layne," written by their director.

"I cranked it out in about a week," said Overman jokingly.

In reality, this performance had been in the works for many months. Work on some of the pieces began last fall, while many others have been in preparation since January, Overman said.

Tonight, the Forbes Center's Recital Hall will host a faculty recital, spotlighting Beth Chandler on flute and Paulo Steinberg on piano. Tickets are \$6-\$9.

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# SCOUT | Class in mall teaches 21 merit badges

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many in the area that offers Boy Scout merit badge classes and helps them get the requirements to earn each of the 21 badges needed to become Eagle Scouts. To do this, the owners enlist experts to come in and work with the scouts.

"Almost every merit badge has a requirement where you have to talk to a professional in a particular area and ask them how they prepared for that area," Pyle said.

Both Pyle and Colella were Scouts themselves.

Colella, an Eagle Scout and troop leader in his hometown of Frederick, Md., already taught six badges with the program: communications, citizenship in the community, camping, environmental science, Indian war and American heritage.

For each class, Colella goes over a list of requirements. Some can be done in a classroom setting, but others, like citizenship in the community, have prerequisites, like attending a town hall meeting and discussing it.

As a Scout leader, Pyle previously taught the

environmental science merit badge, where Scouts staked out an area at a Scout camp in the Shenandoah Valley and identified all of the organisms. They then carried out an environmental project or service in order to meet the merit badge requirements.

Pyle also helped with merit badges at Philmont Scout Ranch, where he taught Scouts how to pan for gold.

Pyle's first badge as a Scout was the geology merit badge. He said it taught him to get out and see the world and "planted the seed" for his future career.

For that reason, Pyle hopes to make his merit badge class as engaging as possible.

"That's what the merit badge program, one part of it, is supposed to do, is give boys a taste of all these different things that you could conceivably do," Pyle said.

The classes will run through the end of the school year. In the summer, the store will close to avoid competition with scouting camps around the area. Leake said they may re-open next fall.

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# MOVIE | Fails to thrill

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system to ensure that he'll be with her forever.

The main problem with this movie, besides its general premise, is the fact that the chemistry between Damon and Blunt is zero to none. She has proven multiple times that she can play a hilarious, sarcastic character and if "The Wolfman" taught us anything, she should probably stick to comedy. I lost it in the scene where she admitted to calling off her engagement to her fiancé (who turned out to be more attractive than Damon) because of her

love for the man she had spent less than 24 hours with.

Damon's character is much too unpolished to ever be a political candidate and his willingness to give up his career for a woman he barely knows gives me little faith in the political system. Unfortunately, the movie focused more on the development of Damon's character who lacked personality and his once-toned abs. With overly dramatic acting and inappropriately comedic writing, this movie resembles a movie theater commercial asking you to silence your cell phone more than a thought-provoking psychological thriller.

The movie hits wide release this Friday.

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# HUMOR | 'Chin up,' losers

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They may open a conversation with the question, "What's your favorite augmented sixth chord?" although chances are you don't have to worry about that unless you're at a tubas vs. trumpets keg-off. Good luck finding a career that doesn't leave you Baroque.

**I'm a loser, baby**  
There are also losers. If you're a loser now, you were an even bigger loser in high school, so chin up — you've come so far! Plus, you're the only ones who will eventually have any relevant use for the term "trust fund." (Damn you, Mark Zuckerberg.)

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## MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Dukes finish regular season with win over VCU Rams

By **THOMAS ESTES**  
The Breeze

JMU plays its first game in the Colonial Athletic Association tournament against the William & Mary Tribe on Friday at the Richmond Coliseum, after an up-and-down regular season.

This time last year, redshirt sophomore guard Devon Moore was four months into rehab for a torn ACL and missing the entire 2009-2010 season.

On Saturday, Moore scored 11 of the game's final 17 points to propel the JMU

men's basketball team over Virginia Commonwealth University 72-69 in the last game of the regular season.

Moore saved his best performance of the season for the last game, as he finished with 18 points, four rebounds and five assists.

"Last game we had played 'em I had some of the same opportunities. Just wasn't able to finish," Moore said. "This time I was able to make the shots and it helped out the team."

JMU (21-10 overall, 10-8 in the CAA) completed its regular season by beating

VCU (21-10, 12-6) at the Siegel Center in Richmond, for the first time since 2005.

Saturday's win marked the first Dukes' victory over one of the CAA's top-four teams this season. They were 0-6 in previous match-ups.

"That was a big win and it definitely shows what we are capable of," said freshman guard Andre Prince. "We believe that we belong in the top four, so to beat a top-four team shows that we are better than a sixth seed."

JMU was picked to finish fourth in the CAA at the start of the season, but went

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6-7 in their last 13 games. The inconsistent Dukes went from being tied atop the league and a 15-3 record, to finishing in sixth place.

"We lost a lot of tough games, especially in the CAA," said junior forward Rayshawn Goins. "We just want to put those games behind us with the tournament coming up."

Half of JMU's 12-man active roster did not play for JMU last season for various reasons.

Moore and redshirt sophomore forward Andrey Semenov missed last season with injuries. Prince and freshman guard Chad Jackson were still in high school, and Goins and junior guard Humpty Hitchens transferred to JMU over the summer.

"We have a lot of talent on our team now and we hear people tell us that all

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## BASEBALL

# JMU adds three more wins

Dukes win three of four games in series against Le Moyne College, handed first loss of the season Friday



ZACH SOULIERE / THE BREEZE

Senior starting pitcher Alex Valadja threw 6 1/3 innings against Le Moyne. JMU scored a combined 23 runs in the last three innings of each game in Saturday's doubleheader, winning 14-7 and 16-8.

By **ALEX VAN REES**  
The Breeze

JMU baseball continued its offensive prowess this weekend as it hosted the Le Moyne Dolphins of Syracuse, N.Y. in a four-game series at Eagle Field at Veterans Memorial Park.

JMU (7-1) won the last three games of the series after suffering its first loss of the season Friday afternoon to the hot-hitting Dolphins, 11-6. The Dukes struggled to bat and couldn't take advantage of situational hitting.

"I feel like we played hard, but Le Moyne is a great squad and they came out ready to play," said senior second basemen Trevor Knight. "They just outplayed us today. Not everything went our way and you have to give a lot of credit to Le Moyne."

Senior starting pitcher Evan Scott had a solid outing in the series opener against the Dolphins, but he couldn't find the same form from the season opener. Scott yielded three runs and allowed only three hits, but walked five Dolphins through four innings Friday.

"Today I didn't have my best stuff and anyone who has seen me pitch before knows that," Scott said. "I had trouble locating and I just need to work on that and be prepared for next week. I have to figure out a way to throw strikes in important situations."

Friday was Knight's birthday and as a present to himself, he knocked his fourth home run of the season off the scoreboard in right field. The home run was 34th of his career for JMU, and he is now tied for the sixth all-time home run hits in Dukes history.

"It feels good to hit a home run on your birthday," Knight said. "But it also feels bittersweet because we still lost the game and that is more important than hitting a home run in the end."

Dolphins second basemen Vincent Richmond smashed a three-run home run in the fifth inning. Le Moyne jumped ahead and never looked back. The Dolphin's pitchers were in form as none of them surrendered more than three runs in the game.

"They outpitched us today," said head coach Spanky McFarland. "The strike zone was a little wide and they took full advantage of it. Our hitters continually fell behind and it's tough to always hit from behind in the count each time."

The Dukes dominated both games on Saturday afternoon, which was reminiscent of last weekend's doubleheader sweep against the Bucknell Bison. JMU won 14-7 and 16-8 in convincing fashion.

Senior centerfielder Alex Foltz smashed two home runs, drove in five runners and went four-for-four with a walk in the first game.

"It was a complete team effort out there," Foltz said. "I got myself into a couple of good hitting situations and my teammates really helped me out. Le Moyne threw some good pitches, and we had to work for it today, but a win is the most important thing."

Excellent pitching was also on display in game two. Sophomore starter D.J. Brown hurled 5 2/3 innings, scattered nine hits, surrendered five earned runs, all while striking out five Dolphins.

"The key today for D.J. was throwing strikes and not giving up free bases," McFarland said. "We made them hit to score, instead of walking around the bases like Friday night."

Game three of the four-game series went back and forth until the eighth inning when the Dukes took control by scoring six unanswered runs to cruise toward the win.

Junior catcher Jake Lowery led the offensive attack and launched a two-run home run, his sixth of the year, and scored two runs. Other key contributors in game three included Knight, who was two-for-two with three RBIs and two walks, and freshman Tyler McFarland, who went three-for-five, and drove in three runs and scored two.

"The strength of our team is our offense," said coach

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RYAN FREELAND / THE BREEZE

## First-game celebration

JMU women's lacrosse celebrates its season-opening win over George Washington University Saturday afternoon. The Dukes won 12-5 and got two-goal contributions from sophomore Casey Ancarrow and juniors Caitlin McHugh and Monica Zabel.

## SWIM & DIVE

# Team places second in CAA tournament

JMU finished second overall in the four-day Colonial Athletic Association championships in Fairfax.

Towson University claimed the title for the fourth consecutive year and the College of William & Mary placed third.

In the first day of events, JMU jumped out to a quick lead, placing all four of its participating divers in the top-six for the three-meter event. Junior Nicole Jotso came in first place, followed by sophomore Kimberly Helfrich (third), senior Jessie Everett (fifth) and junior Chelsea Savage (sixth).

On the second day of competition, the Dukes held onto their lead over the Towson Tigers as they beat four school records in five events.

The first record broken was in the freestyle relay event. Senior Carly Gibson, juniors Catalina Mendieta, Eva Hannesdottir and Rebecca Hunt finished second with a time of 1:31.95.

Freshman Morgan Johnson broke the 500-yard freestyle race, clocking 4:52.21 and earning ninth place.

Hannesdottir broke another JMU

record in the 50-yard freestyle event with a time of 23.14 in the preliminaries. She finished third in the finals.

The fourth record broken was in the 400-yard medley relay. Gibson and Hannesdottir joined sophomore Andrea Criscuolo and senior Lisa Colapietro to finish fifth with a time of 3:44.20.

In the third day of events, JMU gave up its first place spot and fell behind Towson.

In the 200-yard medley relay, Criscuolo, Mendieta, Hunt and freshman Shannon Dubay came in second, breaking another school record with a time of 1:41.07. Criscuolo and Gibson came in second and third, respectively, in the 100-yard butterfly.

All four divers placed again in the 1-meter board. Everett led JMU taking second place.

In the final day of competition, Hannesdottir took first place in the 100-yard freestyle, but the team couldn't reclaim first place from Towson.

— staff reports

## GAMES THIS WEEK

### BASEBALL

■ **Radford @ JMU**  
Tuesday, 4 p.m.

The Dukes play another game at home before traveling to the College of William & Mary this weekend.

### SOFTBALL

■ **Georgetown @ JMU**

Wednesday, 4 p.m.

Softball hosts its first game of the season on the year-old field at Veterans Memorial Stadium.

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

■ **UNC-W @ JMU**

Wednesday, 4 p.m.

JMU finishes regular season play hosting the Seahawks.

### MEN'S TENNIS

■ **St. Francis (Pa.) @ JMU**  
Saturday, 10:30 a.m.

■ **Howard @ JMU**

Saturday, 2:30 p.m.

The Dukes host their first home matches of the season.

### WOMEN'S LACROSSE

■ **Fairfield @ JMU**

Saturday, 1 p.m.

JMU beat Fairfield 12-11 last year.



# BASKETBALL | Finishes sixth

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the time," Prince said. "We went from just a basic team last year to a team that could win our [conference] this year."

Head coach Matt Brady is the man who should get all the credit, the players believe.

"Coach Brady is one of the most important parts of our success," Prince said. "He motivates

us to get better in practice every day."

Brady's leadership has led to the Dukes' earning 20 regular-season wins for the first time since the 1981-1982 season. Thus far in his JMU career, Brady is a combined 54-44, after inheriting a program in its eighth losing season.

Despite finishing sixth in the 12-team CAA, the Dukes do not

feel like they are second to any team.

"We can play with anybody," Goins said. "On any given day we can beat anybody in the country if we put our minds to it."

If the Dukes beat the Tribe Friday, they play Hofstra on Saturday at 8:30 p.m.

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ZACH SOULIERE / THE BREEZE

Senior infielder Trevor Knight celebrated his birthday with his 34th home run of his career with the Dukes, placing him sixth on JMU's all-time home run record.

# BASEBALL | Hosts Radford University on Tuesday, travels Friday

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McFarland, Tyler McFarland's father. "There really are no easy outs in our one through nine hitters and that's what makes our team competitive."

Although senior starting pitcher Alex Valadja threw 6 1/3 innings, yielded eight earned runs and 11 hits, he is optimistic about his start and what is to come in the future.

"I felt really good out there tonight," Valadja said. "I was commanding the zone better and I didn't walk as many hitters. I felt much better tonight than my first start and it's all about building on each start to become a better pitcher."

The bullpen pitched stepped up in the second game as three relievers combined for 2 2/3 innings without surrendering

a single hit or run.

In game two earlier in the afternoon, the JMU bullpen went 1 1/3 innings, and allowed only one hit and no runs.

"We're still trying to figure out the roles of the relievers in the pen," McFarland said. "Today was a great chance for us to see some of the relievers in different roles, and they all did a great job."

JMU won the last meeting on Sunday 4-1, and had six hits to the Dolphins' five. It wasn't the offensive battle it had been the previous two days but the Dukes were happy to win the series.

The fourth and last game of the series saw three JMU freshman pitchers take the mound. Freshman lefty Luke Munson got the start which was the

first of his career and allowed two hits and two walks in two innings pitched. Junior pitcher Scott Mayer and freshman pitcher Tyler Thornton each contributed two innings of shutout relief. Freshman pitcher Jarred Tate was credited with the win as he struck one batter out and walked another.

Foltz led the Dukes with a walk and three RBIs. Tyler McFarland added two hits, an RBI and a run. It was a game that saw freshmen successfully step into new roles both at the plate and mound.

JMU baseball is back in action Tuesday afternoon at 4 p.m., as they host the Radford Highlanders at Eagle Field at Veterans Memorial Park.


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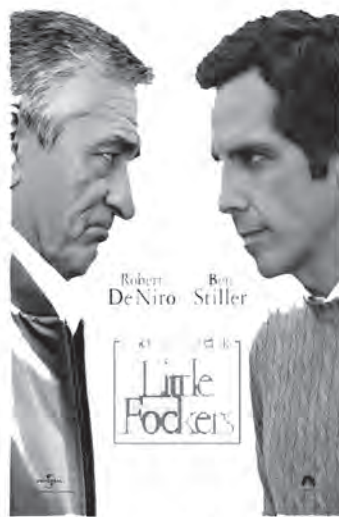
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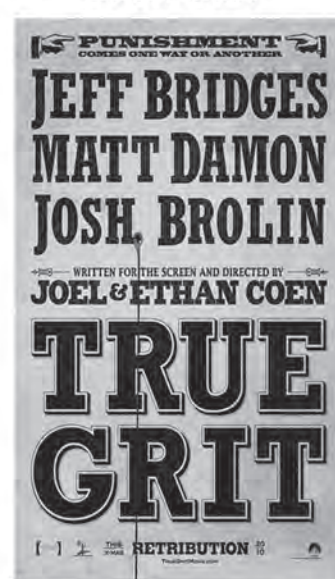


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