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### ANOTHER PROUD PARENT

I was so excited to see the birth of my twins in the Class Notes section of the latest version of *Madison* online. My name is Jessica Harding Scheible ('99), and the birth of my girls, Lucy Anne and Brianna Kate, made it in this issue. I would really love to have a copy of this to save for my girls. Thank you!

JESSICA HARDING SCHEIBLE ('99)  
Virginia Beach, Va.

### MADISON ONLINE

Thank you for speaking with me on the phone regarding my concerns with reading the online version of *Madison*. Let

me begin by stating how much I enjoy the magazine. I read it cover to cover! It is a great publication that keeps alumni informed and proud to have graduated from JMU. I have a DSL connection, which I know is not known for very high speeds, but it is much faster to browse through the print version than to wait for pages to download. I believe that the print version is still much more user-friendly. I certainly understand the need to conserve both paper and money. Please do not take these concerns as a reflection on the publication. It is fantastic, and I look forward to receiving my copy.

F. JOHNSON SCOTT III ('87)  
Bedford, Va.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Check out the new [www.jmu.edu](http://www.jmu.edu) and read even more *Madison* magazine-style profiles and features on the revamped JMU homepage. And keep your address up-to-date with JMU or sign up for the *Madison* mailing list at [www.jmu.edu/madisononline](http://www.jmu.edu/madisononline).

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### {Editor's Note}

## Professors You Love

Who can believe it has been 10 years since David Hillgrove ('79) sent me an article he wrote about an inspiring psychology professor and JMU personality with the arresting lede: "I am personally responsible for Eileen Nelson's retirement, and I feel terrible."

Writers and editors will understand the joy I felt at reading such a wonderful sentence. I knew we had one of the best magazine stories in hand — ever. I had no idea that this submission, which sparked a contest for more contributions among our readers, would become the most popular, longest-running and award-winning column in *Madison*. That's because it hits the core value of the Madison Experience — the meaningful exchange between professor and student that is legend here at JMU.

Two on the magazine staff especially, Michelle Hite ('88) and Elaine Stroupe, have delighted in honoring those special relationships with editing assistance and by helping our contributors express themselves.

Since those early days, Professors You Love also became a catalyst for transforming *Madison* into the kind of magazine it is today — a venue for members of the Madison community to talk to one another about their college days and their present lives.

Today you'll notice that much of *Madison* — whether the personal experiences or scholarly insights — comprises stories written or photos taken by alumni, professors, students and donors. These individuals have been motivated by their Madison Experience enough to take the time to compose their thoughts and sentiments and share them with the rest of the Madison community.

Today social media has given this kind of sharing and self-expression a broader reach and more immediacy. At JMU, you can participate by visiting the JMU home page ([www.jmu.edu](http://www.jmu.edu)), Facebook, flickr and more. In addition, Professors You Love now has its own Web page, where you can find all the past columns and read the newest submissions without having to wait for the next issue of *Madison*. Don't see your favorite professor? Send us your story. (We can help you with editing or writing.) See Page 32.

And don't miss the new Students Who Rock column beginning with the fall issue.

To all of our columnists and contributors and the professors who inspire it all: Thank you; you keep *Madison* alive and thriving.

— PAM BROCK, executive editor



## Award winners

### CASE loves Professors You Love

Alumni and student writers, and the magazine staff, earned a sixth writing/editing award from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (District III) for the 10-year Professors You Love series. The 2009 honor is a Special Merit Award for feature series writing. Read more on Page 33.

*Madison* also earned an Award of Excellence from CASE in the 2009–10 Alumni Magazines category. Congratulations — and thank you — to all the student, alumni and faculty writers, designers and photographers who contribute to *Madison!*



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