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Partly cloudy 74° / 57° Chance of rain: 0%

Board approves increased tuition

State mandates and budget reductions lead to raised rates

By PATRICK MORTIERE
The Breeze

2014-2015 TUITION FEE		\$	2015-2016 TUITION FEE	
IN-STATE	\$5,406		IN-STATE	\$5,724
OUT-OF-STATE	\$20,266	OUT-OF-STATE	\$20,858	
2014-2015 COMPREHENSIVE FEE		\$	2015-2016 COMPREHENSIVE FEE	
ROOM & BOARD	\$4,256		ROOM & BOARD	\$4,342
ROOM & BOARD	\$8,828	ROOM & BOARD	\$9,018	
2014-2015 TOTAL (COMMUTER)		\$	2015-2016 TOTAL (COMMUTER)	
IN-STATE	\$9,662		IN-STATE	\$10,066
OUT-OF-STATE	\$24,522	OUT-OF-STATE	\$25,200	
2014-2015 TOTAL (ON-CAMPUS)		\$	2015-2016 TOTAL (ON-CAMPUS)	
IN-STATE	\$18,490		IN-STATE	\$19,084
OUT-OF-STATE	\$33,350	OUT-OF-STATE	\$34,218	

KELSEY HARDING / THE BREEZE

Spring has arrived on JMU's campus, and with April showers comes pressing financial matters for the university.

JMU's Board of Visitors, the university's governing body, met Friday in the Festival Board Room to approve tuition and fees for the 2015-2016 academic year. Senior Vice President of Administration and Finance Charles King delivered the numbers during his presentation to the board, announcing higher undergraduate rates.

In-state undergraduates will expect an increase of \$318 in tuition and fees for next year, from \$5,406 to \$5,724, while out-of-state students face an increase of \$592, from \$20,266 to \$20,858. The comprehensive fee and room and board have also been upped \$86 and \$190 respectively for both in and out-of-state students.

In total, in-state commuter students will go from paying \$9,662 to \$10,066 a year — a \$404 total increase — while out-of-state commuter students will pay \$25,200 up from \$24,522 — a \$678 total increase.

Tuition, fees and room and board for in-state students living on campus will be \$594 more, while out-of-state students will pay \$868 more. In-state students living on campus will go from paying \$18,490 a year to \$19,084 a year — a 3.2 percent increase — while out-of-state students will pay 2.6 percent more, from \$33,350 to \$34,218.

King informed the board that recent reductions to the university's general fund and mandates from Richmond required the university to take action and increase rates.

"We knew, because of all these mandatory requirements, like the raises and the health insurance, that we had to go up on the tuition fees more," King said. "But we were concerned about the total cost. So to hold the total cost as low as we could, we held the student fees to the lowest amount in 10 years."

The increases in tuition and fees stem from certain costs the university must address next year, such as a 2.9 percent increase in spending for employer-provided health insurance and a 1.8 percent increase in the Virginia Retirement System. A mandated raise for faculty members is also only partially funded from the state, which leaves the university to pick up

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Keeping the ball rolling

JMU softball extends win streak to 23 games with weekend sweep

By BENNETT CONLIN
The Breeze

As the weather warms up and the fans flock to Veterans Memorial Park, the JMU softball team keeps tearing the cover off the ball as it racks up the wins behind some sensational hitting.

The Dukes (32-6, 11-0 CAA) improved their win streak to 23 games by sweeping their weekend series against the University of North Carolina Wilmington (15-21 overall, 2-10 CAA). JMU outscored the Seahawks by a combined 25-1 in the three games.

Offensively, the Dukes shined all weekend long and they concluded the series with a 10-0 victory in four innings which saw runs in each inning. In the first two games, the Dukes won 7-1 and 8-0 respectively.

The offensive consistency shown by the Dukes in the UNCW series has been a focus of head coach Mickey Dean and his players all season.

"I thought we had great at-bats," Dean said. "We really made the pitcher battle."

Sophomore outfielder Taylor Newton, who recorded three hits including a home run on Sunday, believes the team's preparation for the Seahawks prior to Sunday's series finale helped her hit as well as she did.

"I would definitely say that today was a good day," Newton said Sunday. "We have optional hitting in the morning before our pregame and I think that really helps a lot."

The Dukes prepared thoroughly during the week to make sure they'd play well offensively against UNCW.

"This week we've been working on each pitch that we're anticipating this team to throw," Newton said.



MALINA SCACCHI / CONTRIBUTING PHOTOGRAPHER

The Dukes celebrate their 23rd straight win, beating the University of North Carolina Wilmington 10-0 Sunday.

"We've been focusing a lot on our swings and it's been working out in the long run."

Beating UNCW three times this weekend lifts JMU to 11-0 in conference play and gives it a commanding lead in the conference standings. While the Dukes continue to pile up the wins and improve their overall record, they understand that they need to take everything one moment at a time in order to continue succeeding.

"The winning and the losing will take care of itself as

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Winning with words

JMU speech team tackles national competition

By JULIA NELSON
The Breeze

The auditorium is silent and the student on stage looks at the judge dead in the eyes. He wishes him a happy birthday and compliments his musical taste. He looks at his phone and reminds the judge to wish his wife a happy anniversary as well. He's delivering an informative speech about the easiness of hacking into someone's Facebook account by doing it right there on the spot.

The judge's mouth drops open.

"Everyone's [speech] was so freaking good," Olivia Adams, a freshman communication studies major, said. "I was like, 'I don't care if I get dead last in this round as long as I get to see this stuff.'"

Adams, along with 11 other members of the JMU speech team, competed at the National Individual Events Tournament hosted by the American Forensics Association last Saturday through Monday and came back as the No. 23-ranked

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University awaits voting changes

City electoral board holds off on recommendation for on-campus polling location

By PATRICK MORTIERE
The Breeze

An on-campus voting precinct may soon be a reality for JMU students as the result of a recently submitted proposal. Josh Humphries, a junior political science major and Student Government Association legislative action committee chair, lobbied Harrisonburg's Electoral Board last Wednesday for a plan to designate the university's

Convocation Center as a polling location for on-campus residents.

"We're expecting students in their first two or three months on this campus to have been integrated into the community, to know where to go, to navigate the city, to cross a four-lane highway and really go out and beyond where they'd be comfortable going in that short period of time," Humphries said.

The board, which is made up of three members

with bipartisan representation, is responsible for ensuring fair, open and transparent elections. Humphries submitted the proposal to them for consideration in hopes that it would receive a positive recommendation to city council, which would ultimately make a decision on the precinct. After explaining the logistics of the plan, Humphries suggested that the board take a month to consider the

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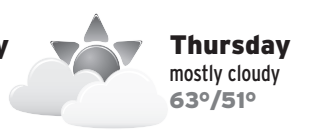
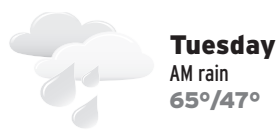
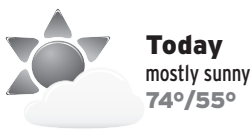
Junior Josh Humphries is advocating for a voting precinct on the JMU campus.

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April 13
Madison Vision Series: Lawrence Lessig @ Forbes Center Concert Hall, 4 to 5 p.m.
Visiting Scholar Judith Jellison @ 2105 Harrison Hall, 6 p.m.
Dark & Stormy Starry Monday Nights @ The Artful Dodger, 4 p.m.

TU
April 14
Bone Marrow Registry Drive @ Student Success Center 1075, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
JMU Chamber Orchestra @ The Forbes Center Recital Hall, 8 p.m.
JMU Jazz Ensemble @ The Artful Dodger, 7 to 9 p.m.
Team Trivia Night @ Clementine Café, 9 to 11 p.m.

W
April 15
Wildflower Walk with the Arboretum Director @ Edith J. Carrier Arboretum, 10 a.m.
Workshop: 5 Choices to Extraordinary Productivity @ Wine-Price Building 3rd floor, 1 to 5 p.m.
Open Mic Night @ Ruby's, sign-up starts 7:30 p.m.

TH
April 16
Open Mic @ Little Grill, 8 p.m.
Salsa Night @ The Artful Dodger, 9 p.m.
Music: Weekend Warmup with DJ Barkley @ Ruby's, 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

ACROSS

- 1 Software versions that probably have bugs
- 6 Deer sir?
- 10 Long-running TV forensic series
- 13 Reason for some food recalls
- 14 Tractor brand
- 15 Gavel sound
- 16 King of ragtime
- 18 California's Santa _____ Mountains
- 19 2,000 pounds
- 20 Lee in the frozen foods section
- 21 Gives off _____
- 23 Presley film set in Sin City
- 26 Noisy insect
- 29 Seuss' "Horton _____ a Who!"
- 30 In any way
- 31 Artist Francisco
- 33 Right-angled pipes
- 36 Penalty flag thrower
- 37 Sincere
- 40 Promise to repay, for short
- 41 The "E" in FEMA: Abbr.
- 43 Fez and fedora
- 44 Speaks scratchily
- 46 "Sour grapes" storyteller
- 48 Multi-room accommodations
- 49 One chasing outlaws for money
- 53 Domed home
- 54 Zip, as a Ziploc
- 55 Static jolt
- 58 Bikini top
- 59 Counter wipers, or what the starts of 16-, 23- and 49-Across are
- 63 Lanai wreath
- 64 Preface, briefly
- 65 Yeas and nays
- 66 Mass. clock setting
- 67 Mix, as a salad
- 68 Make into a statute

DOWN

- 1 Unsurpassed, or surpass
- 2 Danish shoe company
- 3 Animated character
- 4 Mountain hgt.
- 5 Isn't used, as machinery
- 6 Leaf under a petal
- 7 Phone book no.
- 8 Tycoon Onassis
- 9 Swiss convention city
- 10 Site for online bargain hunters
- 11 Legendary sleigh rider
- 12 "Not interested"
- 14 Animated kid explorer
- 17 Morning cup
- 22 For a _____ pittance
- 23 Actor Kilmer
- 24 "Now I remember"
- 25 Caspian and Black
- 26 Handle with _____
- 27 Gossip column couple
- 28 17-Down with hot milk
- 31 Boardroom diagram
- 32 Toronto's prov.
- 34 More than trot

By Ray Hedrick and C.C. Burnikel

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Thursday's puzzle solved

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P	I	A	N	O	G	R	A	D	S	A	N	S
O	P	T	I	N	E	O	N	S	E	L	S	E

35 Figure (out), slangily

38 Shout between ships

39 Soul mate

42 Nevada city

45 Word before base or ball

47 "Cut that out!"

48 Fantasy baseball datum

49 Holy Scriptures

50 Fairy tale baddies

51 Password creators

52 Fictional sleuth Wolfe

55 Second of four rhyming Greek letters

56 Actor Baldwin

57 Hissed "Hey!"

60 "Is that _____?": "Are you declining?"

61 Pair in a qt.

62 Took first place

WORLD NEWS

Obama, Castro have historic meeting

Tribune Washington Bureau

PANAMA CITY — For the first time in more than half a century, the presidents of the United States and Cuba met face to face Saturday, formalizing their joint bid to restore diplomatic ties and break from the nations' Cold War past, an effort President Barack Obama said could be a "turning point" for the region.

The symbolism of Obama and Cuban President Raul Castro seated beside each other was itself a sign of progress in the nearly four months since Obama and Castro first announced efforts to restore full diplomatic relations.

But far more tangible hurdles must still be overcome, in negotiations between the two governments over reopening embassies, ending Cuba's designation by the U.S. as a state sponsor of terrorism and other topics, and in Congress, where lifting the decades-long embargo is an all-but-certain non-starter.

Obama and Castro each conceded there might still be barriers, particularly America's insistence on addressing human rights abuses.

"But I think what we have both concluded is that we can disagree with the spirit of respect and civility, and that over time it is possible for us to turn the page and develop a new relationship in our two countries," Obama said.

Website chronicles China's censorship

McClatchy Foreign Staff

BEIJING — The Chinese Communist Party operates out of a vast walled-off compound, known as Zhongnanhai, near Beijing's Forbidden City. It is here that party leaders oversee the Great Firewall — China's 24-hour control of the Internet.

Some 5,900 miles away, in a cottage in Berkeley, California, the staff of China Digital Times tries to poke holes in the Great Firewall. Every day, they collect, translate and publish many of the censorship directives the party sends to state media. They aggregate breaking news deemed "sensitive" by China's rulers and highlight the code words Chinese people invent to get around the censors.

"There is no way you could take all these critical voices and party directives and put them together on one website in China. It would be taken down immediately," said Xiao Qiang, chief editor of China Digital Times and an adjunct professor at the University of California, Berkeley. "But outside the Great Firewall you can do that. And that is what we do."

Since Xiao founded China Digital Times in 2003, it has become a go-to site for English speakers wanting to keep up with China's Internet and its 640 million "netizens."

Pakistan refuses to aid Saudis in war

McClatchy Foreign Staff

ISLAMABAD — Pakistan's Parliament voted unanimously Friday not to join the Saudi Arabia-led military coalition that's fighting Houthi rebels in Yemen, a blow to the desert kingdom, which had been so certain of Pakistan's support that it had displayed Pakistan's flag at its press briefing center among those of other coalition members.

The motion in Parliament, which was offered by the government, tried to soften its rejection of the Saudi request for ground troops, aircraft and naval vessels by promising to send forces should Saudi Arabia itself come under attack. But it pledged neutrality in the Yemen conflict in order to further diplomatic efforts, launched last week in conjunction with Turkey, to end the crisis.

Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, who could, if he chose, dispatch troops without Parliament's authorization, and the powerful army chief of staff, Gen. Raheel Sharif, who is no relation, had said they would follow Parliament's guidance.

Pakistan's refusal to take sides in Yemen deprives Saudi Arabia of the participation of one of the biggest militaries in the Muslim world. Pakistan has about 550,000 active military personnel and as many reservists.

UN asks Saudis for time to help Yemen

McClatchy Foreign Staff

GENEVA — The United Nations is pressing Saudi Arabia to ease its restrictions on flights in and out of Yemen's capital, Sanaa, saying the tight limitations have delayed the arrival of life-saving aid and frustrated the evacuation of thousands of stranded citizens from nearly 40 countries.

Johannes van der Klauw, the U.N.'s humanitarian coordinator for Yemen, said Friday he had discussed the issue with senior Saudi diplomats. He said other U.N. officials have voiced similar concerns to the United States, which is providing logistical support, including midair refueling of combat aircraft, to a Saudi-led bombing campaign against Iran-backed Houthi rebels in Yemen.

Hundreds of civilians have been killed in the campaign, the U.N. has said.

The U.N. push for more air access to Yemen comes as humanitarian aid officials express growing concern that the country is running out of essential supplies, from food and water to gasoline.

The U.N. said Friday that "the last ships carrying food imports" arrived at the Red Sea port of al Hudaydah on April 5 and that "credible reports emerged yesterday of warships affiliated with parties to the conflict" blocking access to the port.

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NATIONAL NEWS

South Carolina police officer faces grand jury

Los Angeles Times

NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C. — Prosecutors in South Carolina are going to a grand jury with the case of the former police officer who shot and killed a black man during a traffic stop.

The soonest the case could be presented to a grand jury is May 4, according to the prosecutor's office. The former officer, Michael T. Slager, is being held on a charge of murder for the shooting death of Walter L. Scott on April 4. Slager is not expected to appear in court again for weeks. "My role is to hold accountable those who harm others unlawfully, regardless of profession," prosecutor Scarlett Wilson said in a prepared statement. "This office does not dictate nor comment upon police policy, training and procedure. I am, however, deeply concerned when those who are sworn to serve and protect violate the public's trust."

In most jurisdictions across the nation, the decision to go to a grand jury is a required step given the seriousness of the charge.

Ex-Senator Craig appeals fraud conviction

McClatchy Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Former Idaho Republican Sen. Larry Craig "appears to have gambled that he would not be pursued for his violation" of campaign finance laws, the Federal Election Commission now says.

In a new brief that resurrects details about Craig's 2007 arrest in the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport, the FEC suggests Craig's use of campaign funds to pay legal fees headed the "famous observation that it is often easier to seek forgiveness than permission."

"But it does not reflect much effort to comply with federal law," FEC attorney Kevin P. Hancock wrote in the legal brief.

The brief filed Thursday counters Craig's arguments before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, often called the nation's second-highest court. In that document filed last month, Craig challenged a trial judge's order that he pay a \$45,000 fine and repay the \$197,535 in campaign funds that he used for legal fees.

Senators celebrate successful "vote-a-rama"

Tribune Content Agency

WASHINGTON — Senate Democrats want Majority Leader Mitch McConnell to embrace lessons of the budget vote-a-rama that took place just before recess.

"Too often, the budget vote-a-rama is characterized as a partisan exercise that leaves no lasting policy impact. Working with you, we hope to make this Budget vote-a-rama different. While we strongly oppose the underlying Senate Republican budget and the negative impacts it would have on middle-class and working families, we believe the following four amendments represent policies that deserve a vote in this Congress," the senators wrote.

They include an amendment designed to back legislation to promote paid sick leave, to bar employment discrimination for pregnant workers, to provide for middle class tax relief and to grant married same-sex couples equal access to both Social Security and veterans benefits.

Congress proposes cuts to transit project grants

McClatchy Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Rail and bus systems across the country could lose nearly half their funding under two proposals in Congress to end federal grants for transit projects.

The legislation, sponsored by Republican Reps. Thomas Massie of Kentucky and Mark Sanford of South Carolina, also could affect more than 750 companies in 39 states that produce rail and bus transit components.

According to the American Public Transportation Association, eliminating federal transit funding would put 66 projects at risk. They include light rail and streetcar projects in Charlotte, North Carolina; commuter rail in Fort Worth, Texas; and bus rapid transit in Fresno, California.

Transit advocates are pushing lawmakers to continue federal funding for these projects as part of a long-term transportation bill Congress needs to pass this year.

Compiled from Tribune News Service.

IN BRIEF

JMU

Madison CyberZone to hold food drive

The Madison CyberZone is having a food drive at the JMU Bookstore on Wednesday, April 15. The event, which is called the "Hunger Hero Food Drive," will benefit the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank. Alternative donation locations will be available on campus at UREC, Festival and the Student Success Center.

Volunteers from Lambda Chi Alpha and Phi Mu will assist with the event, and Apple, Dell and the JMU Bookstore have donated prizes and discounts.

Anyone who donates 10 pounds of food or more will be eligible for an 8 percent discount on a Mac or iPad, or \$100 off a Dell. Additionally, anyone who donates food will be given a coupon for a gift and will be entered in a drawing.

Students interested in volunteering for the event should contact Madison Cyberzone Manager John Morris at morrisjp@jmu.edu or call 540-568-6092, or they can find more information at facebook.com/JMUbookstore.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Hillary Clinton to run for president

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton announced her official bid for the Democratic party's presidential nomination for the 2016 election on Sunday.

The announcement was made in a video called "Getting Started," featuring a variety of Americans of all demographics and ages discussing their plans for 2015, leading up to Clinton's announcement.

"Everyday Americans need a champion, and I want to be that champion," Clinton said in the video. Clinton continued by expressing her support for the middle class, stating that "the deck is still stacked in favor of those at the top."

Clinton also reached out to American families in the video.

"When families are strong, America is strong," Clinton said.

The video ended with Clinton expressing her hopes that Americans will join her "on this journey."

Advocating a change

Taxes and policies discussed at College Republicans' banquet



DANIEL STEIN / THE BREEZE

Chairman of JMU College Republicans and junior political science major Wes Fisher (left) and senior public policy major Cole Trower hosted the first JMU College Republicans Spring Banquet.

By CHRIS KENT
The Breeze

JMU College Republicans, an organization committed to promoting conservative ideals on campus, hosted its first Spring Banquet last Thursday. The meeting included both Republican representatives and JMU students.

Noteworthy attendees included former Virginia Gov. Jim Gilmore, Rep. Bob Goodlatte (R-Va), Virginia Delegate and JMU business law professor Ben Cline and political science professor Pete Giesen.

Giesen received the first Pete Giesen award at the banquet. Named after him, it honors political service to the state of Virginia and continuing efforts to educate and involve students in state politics. Giesen's political career started in 1964 when he was elected Virginia Delegate to the 25th district and continued until his retirement in 1996 when he was State House Representative.

Gilmore and Goodlatte gave the keynote speeches at the event, eliciting standing ovations from the audience.

Gilmore, who was in charge of the commonwealth as governor from 1998 to 2002, spoke at the end of the dinner, touching on what he considers to be the problems America faces today. Gilmore listed the nation's fluctuating economy as the greatest concern, followed by the current foreign relation policies. He believes the lack of quality, high-paying jobs available to college graduates across America has contributed to inadequate

job growth.

"When a person comes out of college they ought to have an opportunity to have a selection of jobs that will give them a decent career," Gilmore said. "Forty-seven percent of college graduates in America today end up working in jobs that do not require a bachelor's degree and that is because we do not have good enough career paths in the United States. We have inadequate job growth."

Gilmore believes the tax cuts and special interest loopholes in national policies have stifled the job market and economy in America. He would rather see tax cuts across the board, not just for special interest groups or companies, and he would like to see the loopholes in tax laws closed, hoping this will encourage investment and economic growth.

"I think it is a deliberate policy to have slow growth in this country," Gilmore said. "I think it is because we keep raising taxes on investments. When you raise taxes on investments, you get less investments, and when you get less investments you get fewer and less jobs."

Gilmore was approached with questions, asking if he was seeking the Republican nomination for president in 2016. While he didn't officially give the intentions on doing so, he laughed, saying he was thinking about it. He mentioned the bad taste the current administration left in his mouth regarding Barack Obama's policy on pulling out the U.S. military from nations and the semi-isolationism

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Diets dissected

JMU professor questions the effectiveness of popular food trends



KELSEY HARDING / THE BREEZE

By NICK RICHARDSON
contributing writer

In a world focused on beauty and obsessed with the next big thing, "quick fix" foods have become very commonplace in society. Many believe that doctors are hasty to tell others what they can and can't eat. Some individuals are noticing that there's something wrong in terms of food consumption and living a healthy lifestyle.

Assistant Professor of Religious Studies Alan Levinovitz's book, "The Gluten Lie: And Other Myths About What You Eat," explores the fad diets and foods many are told to, and not to, consume. Levinovitz exposes the truth behind the ineffectiveness of these diets, and questions the idea that there is a wrong way to consume food.

"The book is not exactly about being healthy or not healthy, it's about pushing back against the idea that there is some ideal way to eat," Levinovitz said. "People want to believe people have discovered the best way to eat or the right way to eat, but there is no such thing."

Levinovitz explained that the book was inspired by his own subject of study: religion.

"I began writing about food beliefs a couple years ago," Levinovitz said. "I got interested in what I noticed was a almost religious attitude that people had towards their dietary habits. I thought that it would be useful that instead of just taking a scientific approach to whether or not people are eating healthy, to taking a more religion or historically-based approach."

On Thursday from 6:30 to 8 p.m., there will be a discussion event held by the organization JMuse Café on the third floor of Rose Library, where Levinovitz will be showcasing his book. The event will include gluten-free foods, an early opportunity to purchase the book before its April 21 release date and discussion of the topics covered within its pages.

Michael Trocchia, chair of JMuse, was able to shed some light on Levinovitz's book event and the processes involved.

"JMUSE has an annual theme that we work with throughout the year, and this year that theme has been 'demystifying the expert,'" Trocchia said. "This particular event fits well because it is debunking the pseudo-experts, Levinovitz is demystifying the pseudo-science around some of the information we have been getting about our diets."

The first portion of the event will be spent discussing the food trends and topics Levinovitz wrote about in the book, such as what he sees as elusive and mythical beliefs about healthy eating, and his take on what society tells people to do and why it's wrong. There will then be time for group discussion and questions, followed by an even larger group collaboration allowing people to share their challenges, objections, questions and comments about the things Levinovitz presented in his writing.

"The whole focus of JMuse Café is discussion and discussing topics that you don't normally," Ashley Kreis, the article borrowing coordinator at Carrier Library and a publicity coordinator for JMuse, said. "Food for thought, I guess."

Levinovitz's writing also questions many of the things that have been stated as facts by professionals in the field of health.

"People desperately want to believe that the world is filled with foods that are good and foods that are bad, and diets that are right and foods that are wrong," Levinovitz said. "The reality is we don't know and we've never known."

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TUITION | Students last spared raises 15 years ago

from front

the remaining costs.

Former Lt. Gov. Bill Bolling, who began serving on the BOV's Finance and Physical Development Committee last July, said that, considering the factors in play, the increase to the rates could've been much worse.

"Dr. Alger and [King] have really done a great job minimizing the impact of the tuition increases at a time when we were getting hit by a lot of things that we don't have any control over," Bolling said.

According to Bill Wyatt, JMU's associate director of communications, \$24.5 million of a \$27.3 million reimbursement from the state on a capital project will go toward renovating Madison Hall. The other \$2.8 million will go toward the Resource Recovery Facility on East Campus.

The revenue from the capital project helped cover new expenditures to the university, and money brought in by the admittance of 300 additional students this fall also generated increased funds to help keep costs to the students — like tuition and fees — lower.

The inclusion of 300 new students, however, chips away at JMU's 16-to-1 student-to-faculty ratio, so as a result, the university will prepare to hire 30 new instructors for next fall at an estimated cost of about \$3 million.

In an effort to keep the cost of tuition and fees down for next year, King and his colleagues combed through every budget within the university to find discretionary funds that could be reallocated. In the end, they came up with about \$6 million to soften the blow of increased rates.

"Don't expect that kind of number every year when I stand up here," King said. "Because we looked everywhere, I know where to look to help control the costs for next year."

According to King, an independent company was hired to analyze efficiencies in the way money was being allocated and spent on campus. The company is expected to conclude its work in June, and its findings are to be shared with the board at the fall meeting.

"As we thought, they've identified that we're pretty lean," King said. "But they have identified some things that we could probably be more efficient in. But maybe we can find some more savings."

David Scala, a senior political science major

and student representative to the BOV, sat in on his last meeting before Robby Smith, a junior psychology major, takes over in the fall. As a liaison between the student body and the governing board, Scala gave his thoughts on reallocation efforts.

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This year, the General Assembly's budget made room for a 2 percent increase to faculty salaries. But according to King, the state will only be expected to cover about 47 percent of the funds — or to the tune of approximately \$1.3 million. That leaves the university to come up with the other 53 percent, or roughly \$1.5 million, for a total cost of over \$2.5 million.

"There's only really one place to do that, and that's with tuition and fees," King said. "And obviously state government knows that and that's why higher education has this fund split that nobody else has. Because they know we have the ability to generate additional revenue."

According to Vanessa Evans-Grevious' report to the board as the chair of the Education and Student Life Committee, Faculty Senate speaker David McGraw extended appreciation for the salary increases, but expressed concern from the faculty over salary compression and inversion.

Compression occurs when there is little difference in pay between two faculty members, despite years of experience or seniority, while inversion takes place when the base salary for new faculty members increases every year to incentivize the position. In turn, however, existing faculty members may not see increases to their pay at the same rates, which can lead to salaries becoming inverted.

On top of a salary raise for faculty, classified staff with five to 30 years of service to the university will receive an additional \$65 annually to stymie compression.

Despite having to make up for new costs, JMU was one of five universities in the state to receive funding for capital projects. The university received \$24.5 million from the state's general funds to renovate Madison Hall, which is attached to the Student Success Center and slated to open in fall 2016, and will eventually house JMU's admissions operations, graduate school and international programs, according to King.

The university was also approved for \$55 million in funds from the state legislature toward a future student housing project, though no plans for such a project are in the works. In all, projects valued at over \$300 million dollars are expected to be completed in the coming years, including a new \$80 million dining hall in place of D-Hall, and a \$20 million parking deck on the corner of S. Mason Street and MLK Way.

The last time JMU undergraduates were spared a tuition raise was 15 years ago for the 1999-2000 academic year. In-state students experienced a 20 percent cut in their tuition as the result of an \$868 million state budget surplus. While fees and room and board expenses weren't covered under the cut, in-state students still saved themselves roughly \$396.

The BOV will meet once more on June 5 to approve the university's budget for the coming year, before returning in the fall for a meeting on Oct. 9.

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PRECINCT | Alger, administration express approval for voting proposal

from front

proposal and come to a decision on a recommendation by the next meeting in May.

Instead, the board held off on committing to a target date, and passed a motion to table the proposal for consideration at another time.

"I don't think we can give you a deadline, because there are too many other issues that have to be addressed along with the proposal," Greg Coffman, chair of the city's electoral board, said. "And I wouldn't want to put staff or city government under some kind of deadline that they may find difficult to honor, or that we may find difficult to honor."

The university does experience a high turnover rate of on-campus voters as new students come and go every year, and there's concern of whether the university will meet the requirement of at least 500 registered voters.

Humphries assured the board that there are currently 2,433 registered voters at the university's address. He clarified that there's a possibility that some individuals are still registered at the address despite relocating off-campus, but it's unlikely considering they wouldn't receive mail at their new location.

Bill Ney, the vice chair of the board, explained that the board should consider the information provided by Humphries along with information that Debbie Logan, Harrisonburg's general registrar, will be tasked with gathering in the course of time.

"We have Josh's statistics, but we do not have the city's statistics," Ney said. "We need to spend some time to find out before we say, 'Yes, we think it's a good idea,' or, 'No, we don't think it's a good idea.'"

SGA voted unanimously in favor of the proposal at a senate meeting on March 24, and its been gathering traction ever since. President Jon Alger and his senior leadership team have come out in support of the proposal, as well as students and politically

charged organizations on campus, including College Democrats, College Republicans, Madison Liberty and Virginia21.

Humphries stressed that the idea and implementation of on-campus polling locations has been around for some time, and that schools like Virginia Tech, the University of Virginia and George Mason University already offer such accommodations to their students.

"It's not something that's brand new, it's not something that's revolutionary," Humphries said. "I hate to say it, but we're not being any kind of trendsetter here. We're actually a little bit behind."

The addition of a new precinct would come with certain expenses. According to Logan, the estimated cost to designate a new polling location and provide an adequate number of voting machines is close to \$20,000.

In a letter from his senior administration, signed on behalf of his executive assistant Maggie Burkhart Evans, Alger expressed willingness to engage in a conversation on how the university could share the costs of a new precinct with the city, should it be approved by city council.

Other criticisms of the proposal stem from those who believe that an on-campus precinct would benefit the agenda of a particular political party or ideology. However, Humphries explained that, according to JMU's Office of Institutional Research, the campus is politically divided, with a third of students identifying as conservative, a third as liberal and a third as middle-of-the-road or independent.

"This is not something [with which] we're going to be overwhelming any particular ideology or promoting any sort of agenda," Humphries said. "This is getting all students, no matter what your ideology is, out to the polls, and registered and voting."

Humphries estimates that approximately 6,500 students, or 37 percent of JMU's student body, live on campus. Data from the Campus Vote Project suggests that polling locations on campus



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Sandra Price-Stroble, city electoral board secretary, approved of a motion to consider the proposal for discussion at another time.

could significantly increase student-voter turnout and improve the democratic process for some, which is Humphries' ultimate goal. "It's been a fun project, it's been a long project, it's been a tasking project — but I've learned a lot, for sure," Humphries said.

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BANQUET | Gov. Gilmore reaches out to student Republicans

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this creates.

However, on the opposite side, Gilmore doesn't favor the neo-conservative policy of using military first and then questioning later, which Obama's predecessors, like George W. Bush, promoted. Neo-conservatism includes those who promote American interests abroad and are characterized by their use of military force.

Christian Heiens, a junior political science major and College Republican, was surprised by Gilmore's comments on foreign policy.

"I think it is interesting that he is understanding that younger Republicans are more in tune to the Rand Paul message, so especially talking to a bunch of college Republicans, I think he is trying to reach out to us, but I think he is genuine about it," Heiens said. "He is understanding it is not just isolationism versus invading every country in the world. The United States as a leader in foreign policy has to be able to do everything."

Gilmore ended his remarks by saying that he thinks the people of Virginia are suffering under the current administration,



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Political science professor Pete Giesen received an award named in his honor for his political service at Thursday's banquet.

and the closing speech by Goodlatte championed this belief. Goodlatte left the event before he was able to be approached for comments, although his closing speech summarized that problems faced by normal Americans today are due in great

part to the belief that the government can solve anything. Goodlatte added that changes needed to be made to welfare and retirement entitlements.

The event even attracted Virginia Delegate Ben Cline. Both left encouraged by the turnout and cohesiveness of the young Republicans present. Cline said he was thankful for the event, especially for the work done by JMU College Republicans to recruit new members. JMU is in what Cline regards as the Commonwealth's breadbasket of Republican voters and encourages the JMU College Republicans continuing volunteer efforts.

"I have noticed an enthusiasm by students to get involved, to give back to their communities and to their commonwealth," Cline said. "JMU republicans, JMU students in general, are very aware of the world around them. They want to be involved, they want to contribute to the betterment of their world. And those with Republican leanings have really helped out the cause statewide, and nationally, by getting involved here at the JMU CR. So, power to them!"

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Here we go again

Sen. Tom Cotton's plan for military incursion could lead to another war in the Middle East



Tom Cotton (R-Ark.), the Republican senator behind the short-sighted and simple-minded letter to Iran signed by 47 United States senators, wishes to march us off to another war we have no business rushing into.

In an interview with a radio host for a conservative group known as the Family Research Council, the Republican senator from Arkansas said that a bombing campaign against the Islamic Republic of Iran would only take "several days" in his estimation. He went further and said a military incursion into Iran wouldn't last as long as the Iraq invasion, nor would it take as much force to capture and subdue.

It's scarily similar to the language so many people in the Bush administration used in the run-up to the Iraq War.

Dick Cheney said almost the exact same thing as Cotton, telling the media that the war in Iraq would be a matter of "weeks, not months."

Remember when Assistant to Secretary of Defense Ken Adelman was so confident in our military that he said saving Iraq from Saddam Hussein would be "a cakewalk?" Yeah, you don't really hear that much from him anymore, do you?

Obviously Cotton hasn't paid much attention to recent history, or he would have noticed that what he's proposing is so similar to the buildup to the Iraq War that to act so callously would lead us off the cliff once again into yet another military quagmire.

There have been 4,412 soldiers who have given their lives in Iraq, and despite our best efforts, it sank into violence.

How well do you think a military takeover of Iran would go, given the presence of ISIS in the Middle East right now? Probably not too well.

Maybe I'm being too hard on Cotton. I mean, how can he have time to learn from the mistakes of the past when he's incredibly busy meeting with a lobbying organization for the arms industry known as the National Defense Industrial Association?

I guess the sound of sweet lobbyist money and political point-scoring drowns out the sound of common sense and rationality.

The deal we are currently negotiating with Iran is something that the rest of the world has been busy taking care of for the past few weeks. It's shown that actually having diplomatic negotiations with a country you have grievances with can work.

Has Cotton not seen the progress we've been making with Cuba? After years of economic and diplomatic isolation, we're on track to see reforms within Castro's communist government.

Did this require the U.S. military to storm Havana and install a new government in order to see new changes in Cuba? No. All it required was talking about the issues facing us like adults to gain some progress.

Bashing people over the head with our military isn't the only way to solve international issues. Sometimes sitting down with the other side and hashing out the issues can actually result in solutions beneficial to both parties.

Sounds crazy, I know, but it's worked in the past and can still work now.

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RACHEL PETTY | Petty for your thoughts

One language isn't enough



After living in Europe for over two months, I'm officially annoyed at America for only teaching me one language. The majority of European people I've met speak at least (emphasis on the "at least") three languages: their languages of origin, English and at least one other they picked up along the way.

I understand that English is a universal language that connects most people, but I don't understand why learning another language isn't stressed in America. Sure, students may learn Spanish beginning from fourth to sixth grade, but it isn't enough. The first few years of life are critical in learning a language, so it should start in preschool.

One hour of learning Spanish the easy way once a week isn't effective. Spanish should be a critical part of the elementary curriculum so by the time students reach middle school, they can communicate effectively in another language besides English.

The other problem is that foreign language classes aren't required in all schools. Students can choose among a few languages, which usually results in one year of multiple languages to avoid it being too

difficult. High school students may only take one year of a language and never use it again, which is pointless.

If students already knew English and Spanish, they could then choose another language to learn. Of course, some students may not be interested, but that should be a choice they make in college, just like they do with other subjects.

I'm not sure why the United States doesn't seem to take learning foreign languages more seriously, but it's something I feel strongly about. I feel at a disadvantage in Europe when I hear people say they know three or more languages, and it makes me wish I knew more than just English and Spanish (and this is only because I chose to continue studying it).

Countries may not be as close in proximity to the U.S. as they are in Europe, but that shouldn't matter. There are a ton of Spanish-speaking people in the U.S., and it would put us at an advantage if everyone knew the language. Knowing another language is also critical if you plan to travel.

The U.S. needs to buckle up and start making foreign languages a core part of its education curriculum.

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From a senior whose ordering habits are only acceptable in college.

A "thanks-for-a-great-four-years" pat to the students and professors of the Geographic Science program here at JMU.

From a senior who's going to miss the sense of community in the IO lab brought by the love/hate relationship everyone has with ArcMap.

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Make sure to get all the facts

Israel isn't always as peaceful as it's painted to be



Iran and Israel — one of the two countries recently killed 2,104 people, roughly 500 of whom were children, and has been a colonizing power since its establishment, building a separation wall, illegal settlements and segregated roads. It's also known to have nuclear weapons, yet hasn't signed the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Agreement, nor does it allow for inspections by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). No, that country isn't Iran, which Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu called "the foremost sponsor in global terrorism" in his speech to Congress last month; that country happens to be Israel.

Netanyahu stood in front of our elected officials, who know well of Israel's past and present violence against Palestinians (the most recent eruption of which was in the summer of 2014), as well as its uninspected nuclear facilities, claiming that even though Iran has been working with the United States and other countries to reach a peaceful nuclear treaty (the framework for this deal was finally reached on April 2), they're a threat to the Middle East, a threat to Israel and a threat to world peace in general.

Netanyahu even went on to say that Iran uses a medieval Islamist creed, while using quotes from the Old Testament to justify Israel's colonialist activities (mind you, the Old Testament is in fact older than the Quran and Islam itself).

Such statements in the past few months have shed light on the extent of hypocrisy within American and Israeli foreign policy.

One country, Israel, can use religion to justify its existence in a "promised land," call itself a "Jewish state" and have uninspected nuclear facilities with close to full backing from the U.S., yet has the audacity to criticize a country that also calls itself a religious state and uses its respective doctrine in its laws.

I'm not sure where U.S. politicians got the idea that Iran is a more dangerous threat to peace than Israel, when it's Israel that continually discriminates against, harasses, detains and kills innocent Palestinians, whether they're citizens of Israel or residents of the West Bank or the Gaza Strip.

How can our politicians buy into the fact that Israel is a true democracy while it continually builds illegal settlements on historically Palestinian lands and implements segregation?

How is Israel not a threat to peace when Israeli settlers harass and assault Palestinians on a daily basis?

There are sites, such as www.nad-plo.org

and others that record daily instances of settler violence directed at Palestinians, yet such violations don't make it to mainstream news media.

Those of us who happen to read more into the Palestinian-Israeli conflict find themselves faced with a plethora of information — and misinformation — that's not only mind-boggling, but is indicative of why so many people view Palestinians as the aggressors and not victims of settler colonialism.

My argument here isn't one of hate or anti-semitism.

It seems that whenever someone criticizes Israel, it's seen as an attack on Judaism itself.

To me and many others, Israel and Judaism aren't synonymous in the same way that al-Qaida and Islam aren't synonymous either.

I would also like to point out that using the word "anti-semitic" is very vague because Arabs are Semites as well, as the definition in Merriam-Webster clarifies.

One can even say that Israel is itself anti-semitic for its treatment of Palestinian Arabs.

My argument is also not one that tries to justify Iranian and Palestinian violations or transgressions, but one that tries to point out that Israel's house is made of fragile glass, yet it keeps throwing stones at others who, at many times, commit less atrocious acts against humanity.

My argument is one that calls on our representatives, our media and our educators to fairly represent facts as they exist on the ground as opposed to "facts" as they exist in the political sphere.

If peace is to ever be realized, we must first learn who those who transgress and oppose peaceful solutions are. We must learn to analyze and point out hypocrisy when and where it exists no matter the side it originates from.

We must realize when fear-mongering tactics are being used to vilify the oppressed while supporting the oppressor.

We must forget about race, religion, class, pre-existing alliances and nationality when looking at the fate of humanity as a whole.

So next time you hear about how Iran is such a threat to stability and world peace, think of the actions of those who are making such a bold claim.

Then ask yourself why no action is being taken to uphold our democratic values after the way our alliances have shaped themselves.

If we continue to support those who violate human rights, aren't we guilty by association?

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KRISTEN CAMPBELL | letter to the editor

GayMU needs to be advertised better

Members of Madison Equality might find that spreading the word about GayMU week will encourage more students to participate, become educated and more accepting of members of the LGBT community.

Personally, I haven't seen much advertisement for GayMU week's events in the past few weeks.

The only way I knew the week was coming up was because I saw a friend's post about it on Facebook. I haven't seen any fliers around campus, received any emails or seen any other posts on social media promoting the events.

I would definitely feel more encouraged to participate and support Madison Equality if I had seen more advertisement for GayMU in

the previous weeks.

Perhaps Madison Equality has trouble getting members outside of the LGBT community involved in the week's activities because they're simply uninformed, or don't feel as if they'll be welcomed to participate in the events because they themselves don't identify as a member of the LGBT community.

Madison Equality could also consider partnering with other organizations on campus in order to spread the word, get more participants and show that GayMU week is supported by other organizations.

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Fair trade fashion

Downtown boutique works with students to organize fashion show

Junior media arts and design major Emily Estep models a Misty Gardens dress and block-print scarf for the The Green Hummingbird fashion show last Thursday evening. Six senior organizational communication studies majors organized the show, working with The Green Hummingbird owner Eleanor Held.

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By **REBECCA JOSEPHSON**
contributing writer

Multi-colored woven scarves, flowing vibrant skirts, patterned harem pants and delicate handmade jewelry stretched the lengths of long tables in the Madison Union Ballroom. Though this merchandise is usually found on racks in the downtown boutique The Green Hummingbird, selections from the store were both on sale and on models at The Green Hummingbird Fair Trade Fashion Show last Thursday night.

The show, put on by six senior organizational communication studies majors, was to promote this new store and to educate JMU students about fair trade products. Serena Cersosimo, Rachel Cousins, Alyssa Herington, Alex Kriss, Steph Lummis and Gloria Pak teamed up in one of their classes and decided to address Eleanor Held, owner of the Green Hummingbird, about coordinating an event to promote her store.

Held's store, open Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., is fairly new; it opened this past August. All the products within the store are fair trade, most being handmade items of clothing or accessories from around the world.

According to the official websites of Fair Trade International and the World Fair Trade Organization, "The term fair trade defines a trading partnership, based on dialogue, transparency and respect that seeks greater equity in international trade. It contributes to sustainable development by offering better trading conditions to, and securing the rights of, marginalized producers and workers — especially in developing countries."

To Held, this means buying items where she knows the artist or where there is only one middleman.

"We make sure we can trace the product back to the source and that the artisans are being supported and treated and paid well," Held said.

The variety of unique clothing is the reason Kriss recommends shopping at the store.

"The Green Hummingbird has so many unique and beautiful products from countries around the world and from local artisans," Kriss said. "Shopping here means

you are directly having an influence on the lives of others and giving them a life with affordable wages and safe working conditions."

At the fashion show, Held also talked about her process and decision to start the store. With a lifelong passion for fair trade, she volunteered at popular fair trade chain Ten Thousand Villages. After noticing the scarcity of fair trade clothing stores, she realized that opening one is what she wanted to do.

Though it took a while, Held finally turned her dream into reality when she opened her doors at 320 South Main St.

"It was a long process and finally about a year after the idea first came to me I signed my lease and started my business," she said.

Held said she also owes credit to her mother who has supported her through the opening and running of the store.

Six models, including one male model wearing items from their smaller but equally unique men's section, strutted across the stage in the clothing Held sells at the store.

"... I have been motivated to research more about fair trade to see the kind of impact we can have around the world and locally."

Alex Kriss

senior organizational communication studies major and fashion show coordinator

This gave the audience a chance to see some of this fun and interesting clothing on real people before they took the chance to shop from the display Held brought along.

Yet, more than a new shirt, Kriss was hoping the audience would take something else home with them from the show.

"The most significant thing that I have taken away ... and what I hope for others to take away from the fashion show is the meaning and impact of fair trade," Kriss said. "Since working with Eleanor I have been more conscious of where I shop ... and I have been motivated to research more about fair trade to see the kind of impact we can have around the world and locally."

With the name of the store coming from a story by Kenyan political and environmental activist Wangari Maathai, The Green Hummingbird is doing what the little hummingbird was doing in the tale. In the words of the hummingbird, "I am doing the best that I can."

People may tend to think that what Held is doing does not help the workers on a global scale, but Kriss would not agree.

"Eleanor really is an incredible and very driven woman and I think she can definitely serve as a role model to many of us, proving that no matter how small, any contribution to fair trade helps tremendously," Kriss said.

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Ready, set, glow



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Students participate in the Glow Run at University Park on Saturday. The race path consisted of three loops circling the perimeter of the park. All proceeds from the run went to the Friends of Valley Charities, a Harrisonburg nonprofit organization. Some funds raised by FVC at the run were for a scholarship for a JMU student with or directly affected by cancer, and the remaining funds will go to local charities.

JMU hosts first Glow Run 5K to raise money for various charities, student clubs sponsor the event with glow kits and DJ

By **JOANNA MCNEILLY**
contributing writer

People were glowing, glowing and gone on Saturday evening. With their glow sticks and smiles, students lit up the night sky during the Glow Run 5K for the Friends of Valley Charities.

The Friends of Valley Charities (FVC) is a Harrisonburg nonprofit organization that helps raise money to support various charities in the Shenandoah Valley and is funding a scholarship for a JMU student with or directly affected by cancer.

Susan Kruck, founder of FVC and a professor in the College of Business, worked with Zic and her team to get this event at JMU.

"We're really excited about having the first Glow Run at JMU," Kruck said. "The overall long-term goal is to have this scholarship last forever."

One student who benefited from this scholarship was Brianna Keefe, a junior hospitality major, who signed up for the scholarship and received it because her mother had breast cancer.

"I'm really honored and grateful to be the first one to receive this scholarship," Keefe said. "It means a lot to my family and I."

Last Monday, her mother went in for her five-year checkup

and there were no signs of cancer.

"Everything's good, she's five years [cancer free]," Keefe said smiling.

Senior public policy major Kathryn Zic, president of the Public Affairs Student Organization as well as the director of development of Friends of Valley Charities, helped put the Glow Run together. Last year, there was a Color Run, but those were banned from campus due to the large mess it created, according to Zic. Despite the leftover color, the 5K made more money than any other on campus, raising \$6,000.

With the help of the JMU Student Government Association's contingency funding, this year the organization was able to do a Glow Run at the University Park, similar to a Color Run, but with glow sticks and a DJ entertaining the runners and walkers throughout the evening.

Taking place at University Park, with three loops around the perimeter of the park counting as the 5K, students, kids and adults took part in the run for different reasons.

As the countdown began, participants were ready to take off into the night, starting their run under a tunnel of lights to lead the way.

The event was not timed, making it an easy-going experience for all types of walkers and runners. Each registered participant

received a custom glow-in-the-dark finishers medal, a T-shirt, a glow kit with glow sticks, necklaces and wristlets, and free photos that were taken throughout the course. There was a photo booth, a face-painting tent and games like corn hole and frisbee.

Hannah Ming, a junior public health education major, said it was a huge moment for people who aren't into the "party scene."

"Being given the chance to do something that's fun with your friends and for a great cause, it's exciting," Ming said.

Emily Bennett, senior administration major and Public Affairs Student Organization member, helped facilitate the event by advertising it with networks such as the Harrisonburg radio station, WXJM.

"It's really what you make it," Bennett said. "You don't have to run. You can walk, you can dance."

As Kieran Calambro, a freshman marketing major at JMU, crossed his last loop around the course, he was smiling, but also out of breath.

"Watching the sunset as I ran was the best part of my Glow Run experience," he said. "It gave me a fuzzy feeling because we were all running for a good cause."

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The project of a lifetime

JMU '43 alumna and local resident writes memoir with help of student



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COURTESY OF LOUISE WHITMER

TOP LEFT Louise Whitmer and her husband restored their 1823 "dream home," Contentment, in Mt. Crawford, Virginia. **BOTTOM LEFT** The table and shelves hold framed photographs of Whitmer's children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She and her husband have four daughters. **RIGHT** Whitmer graduated from JMU in 1943 when it was known as Madison College. She's writing a memoir about her experiences at school and beyond.

By **CLAIRE HASKINS**
contributing writer

When Louise Whitmer attended JMU, she had to get permission to go off-campus. If she or a fellow student wanted to go on a date, they had to submit written approval from home first and all initial meetings with men were supervised by JMU's administration. That was in the early 1940s, and Whitmer's had an entire lifetime of memories to supplement her college experience. She has known for a while that she wanted to put her life experiences into a memoir.

"I've been writing things as I think of them, through the years, for a long time," Whitmer, a '43 JMU alumna, said.

Whitmer has been involved with JMU and the surrounding area for many years. Along with studying education at what was then called Madison College, she worked at Harrisonburg High School for 25 years before retiring as the director of guidance in 1985. She met her husband, Herbert Whitmer, at JMU in 1939 while she was a student, and three of her four daughters attended the university. When she decided that she was ready to start organizing and collecting her existing writing into a single volume, it made sense to call a JMU contact, Steve Smith, the associate vice president for Constituent Relations.

"[She] told me she was in the process of writing a book," Smith said.

When Whitmer mentioned that she was looking for a student to help her with her project, Smith connected with the School of Writing, Rhetoric and Technical Communication, putting into motion the process of finding an interested student to fill the role. Caoimhe O'Sullivan Roche, a sophomore media arts and design and writing, rhetoric and technical communication double major, was quick to reply to the email that was sent out in late March.

"I thought it was an incredibly unique opportunity," O'Sullivan Roche said. "I saw it, and I immediately thought, 'I need to contact her about this.'"

"I've been writing things as I think of them, through the years, for a long time."

Louise Whitmer
'43 alumna and author of memoir

O'Sullivan Roche will help Whitmer organize the stories she has already written, along with deciding how to fit in her other experiences. Although she recognizes that there might be some challenges involved in a task this personal, O'Sullivan Roche is looking forward to hearing more about Whitmer's experiences.

"It's interesting because [her story] captures a time that we don't always remember anymore, a very simple time," O'Sullivan Roche said. "That's not to say that life now isn't simple or just as ideal or wonderful, but it's just [a time] that's very different from living now."

Whitmer is planning on including memories of growing up, traveling and raising her four children with her husband. One important aspect of her life included in the memoir is Contentment, the Mt. Crawford home built in 1823 that the Whitmers restored and had registered as a Virginia Historic Landmark.

"We found an old house in the country that was in a pretty run-down condition," Whitmer said. "We fell in love with it. We redid the whole house, but we didn't change anything. We left it as it was, furnishing it with antiques we had gathered throughout the valley."

O'Sullivan Roche is helping Whitmer to achieve her goal of leaving a lasting legacy for her children and grandchildren, but she finds other value within it as well.

"From my perspective, it would definitely be something that, as a JMU student, I would love to read," O'Sullivan Roche said. "I feel like a lot of people ... need a book like this to show this genuine, well-lived life that a lot of people will admire. She's a real integral part of this community."

Whitmer hopes to have her currently untitled book completed by the end of July, but she's in no rush to get it finished. She and O'Sullivan Roche are enjoying their time together.

"I'm sure it will [go well]," Whitmer said. "I have a wonderful helper. Together we're going to get going and we're going to do it."

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album review

Her own twist

New Marina and the Diamonds album slays with pop vocals

By **EMMY FREEDMAN**
The Breeze

Playing at summer music festivals is a rite of passage for up-and-coming artists, and Marina Diamandis, otherwise known as Marina and the Diamonds, will be playing at all the big ones: Lollapalooza, Coachella and Sweetlife. So her recently released album, "Froot," deserves a listen.

The album is the third from the Welsh singer-songwriter and it mixes a quirky take on pop with compelling melodies, deeply personal lyrics and

imaginative instrumentation to create a sound that has begun to gain traction in the music world: a female singer with strong vocals creating her own twist on pop. This latest genre is what dominates radio's Top 40, in the form of Charli XCX and Tove Lo. And

now Marina and the Diamonds has given us another album but with much more imagination.

The album starts bravely, relying solely on the power of her voice and lyrics to draw you in. There is no booming beat, no fast drums. But there's something compelling about her voice, strong and expressive. "I've found what I'd been looking for in myself," she sings in the opening track, "Happy." A melodic beat joins her and the piano halfway through and by the end you're hooked, especially when the song fades into the peppy "Froot," complete with a light chorus that shows off the range of her voice.

Another fun number on her 12-track album is "Better Than That," in which Marina and the Diamonds sings about a guy who's seduced by a boy slayer and gets caught up in her game.

On "Savages," another treasure, she sings, "I'm not afraid of God, I'm afraid of man." The chorus is fast-paced and provides a good penultimate note for the album.

The nice thing about this album is how melodic, raw and authentic it is. She relies on surprising twists in melodies and minimalist instrumentation to allow her lyricism and vocals to stand out. While many artists rely on their lyrics being swallowed up by remixes and pounding beats, Marina and the Diamonds succeeds by allowing her voice to carry her to the top.

The album starts and ends in a similar way. The opening track is about her finding happiness with someone else, and in the closing track, "Immortal," she sings about how she's chasing after time, but at the same time "the memories of our lifetime" will be her survivor. Both tracks are stripped down so that her celestial vocals shine through, allowing the listener to connect with her on a personal level.

"Froot" is the work of an artist who's charting her own path. It'll be interesting to see where she ends up. Wherever it is, it'll be a fun trip to take with her.

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SPEECH | Each member has 30-minute practice sessions with coach



COURTESY OF JESSIE BUR

JMU's speech team recently competed at the National Individual Events Tournament in Portland, Ore. There were 11 events ranging from informative speeches to literary interpretations of prose and drama. Two team members were quarterfinalists in prose interpretation and informative speaking, and the team ranked No. 23 nationally in individual events.

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best individual events speech team in the nation. The tournament was held in Portland, Oregon at Lewis and Clark College with 86 schools represented and over 900 competitors.

There are 11 individual events held at these tournaments ranging from informative speeches, similar to the kind GCOM students are assigned, to literary interpretations of prose and drama. Adams and Jessie Bur, a senior media arts and design major, were quarterfinalists in prose interpretation and informative speaking, respectively. That means they were in the top 24 finalists in their events out of about 150 competitors.

Bur was also selected and recognized as a member of the All-American team, a highly selective application-based group of 16 speech competitors from around the nation. All-Americans not only perform well in tournaments, but excel academically and participate in community service as well.

"It was a bit of a shock because I'd actually applied a few months earlier and forgotten that I applied," Bur said.

The success of the speech team at this year's national tournament was especially significant considering how young most of the members were. Only two seniors attended, and the remaining

10 were all freshmen and sophomores. The seniors act as a support system for the newest members of the team alongside the director of individual events, communication studies professor Lee Mayfield.

Mayfield's time commitment to the speech team requires half-hour practice sessions with every member for each event they compete in, which can be up to six events, as well as twice-weekly meetings and frequent travel to competitions at universities around the country. His dedication has led him to coach national champions in the past.

"A good speech team coach has a strong commitment to the students because you're not just a coach," Mayfield said. "You're an advisor, in [academia] and life."

Mayfield has been involved in competitive speech since he was in second grade, and has been coaching the JMU team since 1992. He also serves as the vice chair of the American Forensics Association, acting as the liaison between the student population and national council and makes sure the two groups understand each other.

"One of the great things about Lee is, not only does he tell you what he thinks of your speeches based on his experiences in forensics, but he also wants to hear what you want," Bur said.

Mayfield's friendly relationship with the team — they affectionately call him "P-Mayf," short for Professor Mayfield — combines with his expertise in forensics to create a "super coach." His example even inspired Nathan Selove, a sophomore communication studies major and one of the speech team competitors at the national tournament, to want to become a speech coach in the future.

"Seeing the coaches and the relationships they develop with the students, that's something I could see myself doing," Selove said. "I want to keep learning all I can because I really want to be a coach."

The members of the speech team are a tight-knit group because of all the time they spend together. They spend almost every weekend together but don't get tired of each other. Selove and Bur even live together.

"We're one big happy family," Selove said. "We're one big group of people that really care about being each other's friends and being each other's teammates."

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CLUB SPORTS



SAM TAYLOR / THE BREEZE

Women's club ultimate frisbee hosted the College of William & Mary, George Mason University, Liberty University, the University of Virginia, Virginia Commonwealth University and Virginia Tech at University Park on Saturday. The Dukes secured a spot in the regional tournament, which is scheduled for April 25 and 26 in Axton, Virginia.

Flick of the wrist

Women's club ultimate frisbee hosts tournament at UPark, secures spot in regionals

By **ANDRE HABOUSH**
The Breeze

In a season blanketed by snow and ice, the women's club ultimate frisbee team prepares for an uphill battle to get far in postseason play.

This past weekend, the club competed in a sectional tournament, which featured only colleges from Virginia. The participants included the College of William & Mary, George Mason University, Liberty University, the University of Virginia, Virginia Commonwealth University and Virginia Tech.

On Saturday, the team split its four games with a pair of wins and losses. JMU was victorious against George Mason and Virginia Tech, but lost in games against Liberty and UVa.

"I thought we had really good team chemistry to start. We're trying a lot of new things in some of our easier games, working on things that we really needed to work on," Jenna Behringer, a captain and junior political science major, said.

While Behringer saw an united team, Claudia Dimick, a captain fifth-year senior sociology major, observed some blossoming players.

"There are some really incredible players on our team," Dimick said. "Our rookie class has developed so much this

year. I was really proud of them today. All of us as a team are really coming together. We're a good team because we really like to play hard, but we have fun and we're like a family, so that is what makes it worthwhile for everyone."

On Sunday the team played another four games. After winning its first two matches against William & Mary and VCU, JMU had to win one of its final two games against VCU and George Mason to secure a spot for regionals. After a loss to VCU, the Dukes rebounded with a victory against George Mason.

"We could have just given up, everyone was tired from the whole tournament, but we came out really strong and winning that huge game, so now we have a spot for regionals," Allie Wallace, a captain and junior interdisciplinary liberal studies major, said. "Especially that last game we needed every person we could get, so every rookie and every freshman had to step it up, and play their hardest, and they were able to do that."

All three captains saw the ups and downs of the tournament, as they have for the whole season.

"It's been a tough season because of the weather," Dimick said. "It's definitely hard for us to get out and have practice because there aren't a whole lot of places provided for club teams that are indoors and the snow has been difficult for us."

In February, JMU attended a tournament in Charlotte, North Carolina, called the Queen City Classic, but struggled and only won one of its eight games.

The next tournament the Dukes participated in was two weeks ago. The tournament at Towson University became a makeup for JMU, as a planned home tournament for the last weekend of February got cancelled due to inclement weather.

Practices too had been irregular with most practice fields covered in snow, so the team cut its practices. Normally, practice is four times a week for two hours.

Next on the schedule is the regional tournament. On April 25 and 26 in Axton, Virginia, JMU will compete with other teams in the Atlantic Coast Region to obtain a bid to play in the national tournament. Schools in Virginia, Delaware, Maryland, and North Carolina compose the region.

Currently, JMU stands seventh in the seedings.

This year JMU does not feature an A and B team due to the many seniors that graduated last year and tryouts were held. Aside from these three captains, the team also has an executive board featuring a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. Alumni often come back and train with the team.

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'Golf with a shotgun'

Flying Rabbit Sporting Clays in Mount Crawford, Va., offers cheap experience for 'clay' shooting

By **NOEL CANTNER**
contributing writer

Ear plugs? Check.
Goggles? Check.

The rifle's muzzle pointed at the sky, the stock pressed against your cheek, the butt against your shoulder, leaning forward, front sight lined up. Finger on the trigger, waiting. Ready?

"Pull!"

A bright orange "clay" glides effortlessly across the sky.

In Mount Crawford, Virginia, Flying Rabbit Sporting Clays has served novices and aficionados for 24 years. Co-owner and Winchester resident Rick Hill took over the 60-acre establishment in 2008 after retiring from a sales position at John Deere.

The best analogy he gives for sporting clays is "golf with a shotgun." His passion for hunting carried over into this new line of work.

"It's a great way to relax and forget about everything else," Hill said.

So how does it work?

Flying Rabbit provides shooters with a 16-station course, each one with two to three "traps," which launch the Frisbee-shaped clays into the air. The moving clays replicate a "flush," or the movement of birds when taking flight. Some traps launch the clays one after the other, called a report pair, whereas others are launched simultaneously, a true pair.

Shooters can choose from a 25-shot round to a 50-, 64- or 100-shot round. On average the 16-shot round takes 45 minutes to complete, whereas the 100-shot round takes closer to two hours.

Prices range from \$8 for the 25-shot round, up to \$43 for the 100. It's even cheaper for students, costing \$6.50 for 25 shots and \$38 for 100.

The clays vary from 2.5 to 4 inches in diameter, and all have their own specific paths throughout the air. Some fly straight up, others are launched across the ground and some even fly toward the shooter.

Shooters typically participate with at least one partner, who triggers the trap to launch the clay. They can, however, shoot individually by using a time-delayed controller. Shooters commonly participate in groups of four to five and rotate going first. Before shooting, one round of clays is launched as a "show pair," which allows the shooters to see how the clays fly. Once a shooter is ready, Hill yells "Pull!" to the other, who then presses a button on a remote, which sends a radio signal to the trap, directing it to launch the clays. The shooter then follows the gliding clays, releasing the trigger when he's confident the orange disc is falling in his line of sight. Scoring is based on a simple X's and O's system, reflecting either a hit or miss.

For JMU senior media arts and design major Will Jarrett, the competitive element is what draws him.

"There's sport in it and I can know whether I'm succeeding or failing pretty quick based on the fact that I'm hitting them or I'm not," Jarrett said.

Jonathan Bowman, a senior writing, rhetoric and technical communication major, started shooting last year.

"It's just so satisfying to aim, pull the trigger and see the clay explode," Bowman said.

There's one thing for Hill that makes the job all worth it in his eyes.

"What makes me passionate is bringing in people who have never fired a gun, and having them break their first target, and the joy I see from them from making it happen," Hill said.

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COURTESY OF NOEL CANTNER

Co-owner of Flying Rabbit Sporting Clays, Rick Hill, and his dog Clay on site of the course.

PROFFITT & FRASER Double Take

There are some benefits to being at the bottom

Reconstruction is needed to fix flawed league

If you're going to tank, at least respect your fan base

By **STEPHEN PROFFITT**
The Breeze

Searching the term, "NBA Tanking" on Google, the sites NBATanking and Tankathon dominate the first two results.



Tanking is a team's willingness to throw games for better stock in the next year's draft lottery.

This epidemic is plaguing the NBA and it's our discussion for this week's Double Take.

Seven NBA teams currently sit with under 30 wins. The Minnesota Timberwolves have only 16 victories to their name, and because of that, they'll have a great shot in next year's lottery for the top pick in the draft.

The original lottery concept to award teams who had poor seasons the previous year with high-tier draft picks has turned into a separate game to see who can be the worst. It's not fair to the fans and that's what my main argument is. With

an economy coming out of a recession, people still have rigid use of disposable income. How are the front offices of these teams allowing this losing to persist? The expansive talent in the NBA should not yield almost a fourth of the league having fewer than 30 wins.

Reconstruction is needed and commissioner Adam Silver should step forward and lead this procession to persuade teams not to simply give in for a slim potential for future success.

There's enough valid argument for how much competition exists throughout an 82-game season. We don't need this extraneous layer of outright bailing on games night after night.

It's not like we need more teams in the playoffs. Sixteen teams is plenty, and in my opinion too many.

Monitor the bottom half of the league with more care. If needed, reward successful teams with better picks. That, at this point, seems like the only logical way to get teams to continuously strive for success.

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By **RYAN FRASER**
The Breeze

I am currently bitter with the sports world and it's unpredictability. My Boston Bruins were eliminated from playoff contention on Saturday night after a painful Jekyll and Hyde season, while my NBA team, the Boston Celtics, are duking it out for a No. 8 playoff spot. This comes after trading away its two best players and suiting up 22 players this season. God, I hate sports



(also why I love them).

The Celtics competing for a playoff spot is what motivated me to suggest the topic of tanking this week. It's an ugly sports word for losing and mediocrity in hopes of them being a future contender. Many think it's a sin while others welcome it with open arms. I lie more toward the former under the caveat of having a plan.

I mean what's the problem here? If your team is abysmal why try to win with it, but instead blow it up and attempt to right the wrongs and build future playoff contention. I don't encourage open losing and admittance of it because these athletes are too prideful and the fans are still paying money — but

tanking is a plan, per se.

The key is again is to have a plan. Amass draft picks, pick a good coach and have patience, but also a drive. You can't expect everything to work after one year of tanking, but you can't wait six years in order for everything to fall in place either.

I think the biggest thing is to not screw over the fan base. Honesty is the best policy in the situation. If you're honest in saying "Stick with us. These two years will suck but we are going to be good in three," how can fans not respect that? They aren't dumb and it's not like every game is going to be a loss, you never know what could happen. Don't raise ticket prices (76ers) don't sell it like you are winning this year (76ers) and don't act like you are putting the best product on the floor (Lakers).

Tanking isn't always a surefire thing. I have been fortunate enough to see two tanking runs be fruitful (the Celtics in 2008 and this year kind of). But it isn't always the case. The Cubs are finally looking like a playoff potential team after a decade of futility. The Timberwolves are horrendous with no real plan in sight. And the best team in for tanking purposes, the 76ers look ... well I have no idea. If you're going to tank do it right and don't screw over your fans.

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SOFTBALL | Righthander Good leads the CAA in wins, ERA and strikeouts



The team crowds the plate following a three-run home run from sophomore outfielder Taylor Newton.

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long as we're doing what we're supposed to do and not treating it as one big picture, but breaking it down," Dean said.

Freshman pitcher Megan Good believes that Dean is right. The Dukes want to remain calm about their win streak and while it may be an achievement capturing the attention, they need to place their focus on the next pitch and the next game.

"It's pretty cool," Good said about the winning streak. "But we can't let it get to our heads though, we've got to take it one game at a time."

While the Dukes win streak and hitting have garnered a good deal of attention lately, their pitching staff continues to shine.

Megan Good quietly improved her CAA-leading record to 19-0 on the season, with a 1.02 ERA and 135 strikeouts in just 124 innings pitched. Good threw four shutout innings and only allowed one hit in Sunday's game. She also

struck out six Seahawk batters in that outing.

Good was also named one of 26 finalists to win 2015 USA Softball Collegiate Player of the Year.

The balance between hitting and pitching makes the Dukes such a dangerous team and allows them to win by such large margins.

"I think the balance is pretty awesome," Newton said. "Our pitchers are just in the zone, they're all focused ... when you see them on the mound you just know that they're gonna go to work for you and we're gonna go to work for them in the field."

The Dukes continue to work as they travel to Greenville, North Carolina, to face the East Carolina Pirates in a doubleheader on Wednesday. The Pirates have struggled this season and are 11-32 overall. The first game of the doubleheader begins at 3 p.m.

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ULTIMATE | Club frisbee glides to regionals

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On the other side of the field, the men's ultimate team, Hellfish Ultimate, continues to struggle this season, but maintains alliance with the women's side.

"We all practice at the same time, almost always at the same field," Behringer said. "We're all pretty close, we spend a fair amount of time together. We do an annual charity fundraiser once a year called Huck."

The charity raises money by inviting JMU students to play with both varsity teams.

While the women's ultimate Frisbee team will lose Dimick after the season, the rest of the team is still young and looks forward to gaining experience and refined skill.

"We will only be graduating a few seniors this year, so we really hope to start next season coming out strong against teams that we see a lot," Behringer said. "We have some really strong players that are returning next year. We don't necessarily have expectations yet, but I'm excited to see where it takes us against teams that we play all the time and different teams."

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Club ultimate frisbee clinched a spot at regionals with five wins and three losses this weekend.

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