A sustainable home

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WASHINGTON — American and European security officials have been caught on an open microphone discussing how to stop an alleged plot to attack an American nuclear power plant. The Washington Post reported that the U.S. government was considering plans to place sensors in the plant’s security system to detect any unusual activity.

In a recent interview, a senior government official said the United States and its European partners are considering ways to tighten security at nuclear facilities to prevent terrorists from gaining access to sensitive materials.

The official said the steps being discussed include the placement of sensors on critical equipment, such as the control systems for the plant’s reactors, to detect any unauthorized activity.

The government is also considering the possibility of increasing the number of security personnel on site, as well as the use of technology to monitor the plant’s operations.

President Obama has said the United States is committed to preventing a terrorist attack on a nuclear facility, and he has directed his security officials to take additional steps to enhance security at nuclear sites.

The White House has not confirmed the existence of the alleged plot, but the government has taken steps to enhance security at nuclear facilities across the country, including the placement of sensors and the deployment of additional personnel.

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Enduring the pain

Former Duke to participate in triathlon, raises money for the Alison Parker Memorial Fund

One former student is mixing brawn with heart to make an impact.

Eric Wagner, a 2012 JMU graduate, is joining two friends to compete in the Great Floridian Triathlon in Clearwater, Fla., on Oct. 21. The three friends have been training for the race, which will take place on the triathlon’s final day.

“I never doubted from the first time I really knew of Alison, in the SMAD competition, that this was the person I was going to be friends with,” Wagner said. “That came on, but I’ve got my friend and come on, but I’ve got my friend and friend with Parker during the spring semester of his senior year in 2012. Wagner is no stranger to displays of endurance. He was a member of the JMU triathlon club as a student, through which he competed in the past two years.

Safety is a big priority for the cab services, so good driving record is also important, according to Nadeem Rodeffer, the manager of Front Royal Cab and Limo.

“Everybody’s going to have a ticket, that’s not a big deal, but sometimes people forget about driving record — she’ll be following too close, they had an accident, those kinds of things,” Nadeef said. “We don’t want drivers that drive.

“Since safety is so important, this means that cab drivers must follow the rules, like don’t pass the cab under the circumstances. “We make sure the cab drivers have a driving record … they’re following our rules, [and] regulations we follow, ” Nadeef said.

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TRIATHLON

Wagner has since become a spin class instructor at Spring Hill Recreation Center in McLean, Virginia, and is a certified personal trainer. He is now teaching spin classes at Embassy Row, a gym in Washington, D.C. Wagner said that teaching spin class is a way they did for something, that he found it fulfilling and rewarding.

"I remember telling myself after the ride, "I can't believe I did that. This is so intimidating before, because you've done it so many times. "" Wagner said. ""It's a really powerful thing, I think, for people who have never done it before, because you'll realize you're capable of things that you never thought you were capable of before."

Still, Wagner realized that something was missing. He said that many of those who joined the ride were missing a cause, a reason to ride. He decided to create a cause for the ride by starting a fundraising campaign for the Alison Parker Memorial Fund.

"We definitely hope to host another Open Mic night, and the opportunity to express themselves," Evans said.

"There is no single narrative on what it means to be a survivor of abuse, or even to stop abuse, but there is a community of survivors who understand what we're going through," Phillips said.

"One of the reasons I think that people are drawn to these types of events is because it showcases how much the JMU community cares and focuses directly on supporting the survivors," Evans said.

"It was incredibly awesome to have my poem become more than just a Word document on my computer," Evans said.

"We definitely hope to host another Open Mic night in the future," Evans said.
Several events will take place on campus this weekend.
Stop asking women to prove themselves

There have been too many times I've been asked to prove my knowledge of the most basic aspects of men's personalities.

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As an avid “GameDay” fan who’s about the most “manly” fan I know — I know — I know that I can see it coming.

This is one of the many exhilarating scenes that begin the first season of “Gotham,” which is now on Netflix. From a not-so-concerned bystander.

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Remaining university parking lots to be replaced with fields of garbage

By MATT MURPHY
contributing columnist

When I was in high school, I took three levels of American Sign Language. I was briefly immersed into the world of nonverbal communication and the Deaf culture, and I was fascinated. I was excited to expand my signing capabilities on a collegiate level, but I was also terrified to find out JMU doesn’t offer ASL as a foreign language requirement. It isn’t, as some people may think, a taught under communication sciences and disorders. This is an alternative for students who struggle to grasp verbal languages. Learners would likely excel better in a language course based on ASL as a defining part of their identity and culture, something that doesn’t sound like a Deaf person’s

For Deaf people, ASL is so much more than a language — it’s a way of life. In fact, they don’t have to struggle to communicate, nor do they have to experience the overwhelming stench that mounds of garbage will bring to the campus. The university produces a lot of trash, but some are concerned that money can be enough to fill each lot. Luckily, this shouldn’t be a concern in the long run. Students can still purchase parking passes for the year, but now the money will mostly be directed toward importing garbage from nearby towns. The school keeps the trash plentiful and diverse, and it will also enable the school to fill all of the other parking lots. JMU’s facility is always in tune with the student’s interests, and, luckily, parking is no exception.

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Additionally, to classify deaf communication as a disorder is controversial in its own right. Most Deaf people don’t view their inability to hear as a disability — they see their deafness as a defining part of their identity and culture, something that’s strongly preferred over spoken language by the majority of Deaf people. ASL doesn’t offer students who are visual and auditory learners the ability to form a sense of community based on solidarity, within which they can fully express themselves and form relationships in which they aren’t Will others assume they have inferior intelligence because they can’t hear. Signing offers Deaf people the ability to form a sense of community based on solidarity, within which they can fully express themselves and form relationships in which they aren’t

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One hundred and fifty people have expressed concerns over “limited” parking in the past, and that replacing the lots with everyone’s litter is no longer having a space to park would really take something from those who use it. Making changes and yet you need to jump on board or get out of either way.

Though ASL is communicated differently, it’s as much a language as any other. It isn’t, as some people may think, a
Russell Elliot graduated from JMU in 2013 as a Spanish and anthropology double major, taking a break to focus on his studies. Now he lives in New York City working as an R&B singer. Russell Elliot lived temporarily in a JMU-owned small studio before moving to his current home New York City. Elliot in Jacksonville was where he was first discovered for his first single “Around.” ELLiot said he really never explored prior, but once it came finally intended for, but it quickly enveloped him.

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Today’s showcase, “Creating Connections,” is designed to share the voices of the people in those areas. Some of the things happening there range from front 7-Elevens and malls and everything around, but I just enjoy it here in the gardens. It’s just comfortable.

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Zach Nicely (left), a senior music education major, and Isabella Valdes, a sophomore vocal performance major, rehearse for Thursday’s showcase.

There is something to be said about opera’s ability to tell a story

Katherine Procell
senior vocal performance major and president of the opera guild

Many of the members are music majors who are training classically and studying with the vocal faculty, like Procell. She said countless hours of practice are needed every day when training to be an opera singer.

“Training to be an opera singer is just like any other skill. You need to practice, but most importantly it takes passion and dedication.”

Serrano also serves at church and elsewhere as a volunteer director and choir director where she helps the children, and many surrounding residents who jumped on board the neighborhood initiatives to make their neighborhoods and their world a better place.

The Opera Guild executive board as public relations chair and happens to be a double major, is on the Opera Guild executive board.

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“There is something to be said about opera’s ability to tell a story, make you laugh, make you cry, and move you through music alone.”

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JMU prepares for marquee matchup

Undefeated Dukes host in-state rival University of Richmond Saturday

By Matt Weyrich
The Breeze

The No. 6 ranked Dukes (6-0, Colonial Athletic Association, 5-0) head into their fourth conference matchup in as many weeks as the University of Richmond (2-4, CAA, 1-3-1) comes to town in a battle of the top two teams in the CAA. JMU is coming off its first shutout win in seven years. The Spiders are currently riding a three-game losing streak.

"It’s a big thing, but we’re going to prepare the same as we have every other week," said Withers. "It’s nice to have 'College GameDay' here and all the fans sold out, but we just have to focus on us."

"I’m really proud of the way our football team has handled the first seven weeks of the season, and we’re going to handle week eight the same way," Withers said.

2. Biggest game of the season

In the Football Championship Subdivision, 24 teams decide by a committee of athletic directors, earn a spot in the championship game.

Winning the Title

Winning the title is what every program strives for, but with the相爱canse, winning the CAA tournament will be held at JMU. The Dukes will look to remain undefeated in conference play this Thursday.

3. Richmond ranks high

The Spiders rank second in passing yards, passing touchdowns, total yards, passing efficiency and fourth downs, and they rank above JMU in turnover differentials and red zone stops.

Richmond sophomore defensive end Andrew Clark discussed the Spiders' defensive game.

"The defense is very well balanced. We have really good teams," Withers said.

Withers understands the odds at stake in this contest, but stresses that the team is focused on keeping things business as usual.

"We’re going to do the same things as we do every week," Withers said. "The put a system in place where every game we play is a big game. We don’t look at any opponent one way or the other, every game is a big game to us."

Volleyball

JMU prepares for marquee matchup

Volleyball junior right side Janey Goodman recently recorded her 1,000th kill

By Sammy Criscitello
The Drexler

Women’s volleyball continued its busy season by traveling to Drexel Wednesday night, defeating the Dragons in five sets. Goodman, a junior right side, has been a key contributor for the Blue Hens this season. Goodman recently recorded her 1,000th kill against the University of North Carolina at Wilmington.

"I think everyone is really looking forward to this," Goodman said. "I want to coach volleyball at a high school some day."

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Goodman, a junior right side, will crack the top five once she surpasses Allyson Halls’ 1,305 kills, and aims to crack the list before graduating next year. Leading the team with 31 4 kills this season, Goodman appreciates her individual accomplishments, but her mind set on the team's goals.

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The do’s and don’ts of alumni tailgating

Homecoming is upon us. Therefore, alumni, and all of their odd glory-day habits, are upon us. As a student, I’ve witnessed Homecoming gone wrong. I’ve experienced the shirtless, dangerous, hairy, intoxicated and outdated Homecoming nightmare that can’t be unseen. That’s why I thought, this year, providing a light-hearted list of “Do’s and Don’ts” for alumni will help combat the all-too-comfortable slide into old, college habits.

1. Don’t — Mess with the aux cord

Let me clarify — if you’re in the class of ’85 and feel the urge to throw on The Cars, Bruce Springsteen, Phil Collins or Depeche Mode, by all means, make it happen. Everyone loves that kind of music.

But the line stops at the class of 1994’s music. No one in their right mind wants to enjoy a fun afternoon filled with sun, laughs and Kurt Cobain screaming through the speakers.

This especially applies to all you early 2000s graduates. No one wants to see anything like that.

2. Do — Tell us about your experiences at JMU

While most of us don’t actually go to the football games and like to spend our Saturdays in the parking lots (sorry for dulling your #Edge, Everett Withers), most of the students here at JMU love this school. Frankly, it’s fascinating to meet alumni and hear about their own JMU experiences. Tell us about where you lived, how much the campus has changed and where you think it’s headed. You’re fascinating people, but you’re also JMU grads. And someday, we hope to be as well. So please, don’t skip out on the details of your college experience.

3. Don’t — Let loose with the dancing

Just keep the gyration to a minimum. This isn’t the well-established city where you now live and make great money. This isn’t a club. This is Harrisonburg. There are 19-year-old girls around who don’t want to see anything like that.

More importantly, this applies to all you parents out there. If you went to JMU and now your son or daughter is a student, that’s awesome. Hearing JMU family legacy stories is always heartwarming. But please, don’t slide back into your 20-year-old behaviors when you return. All you moms out there, don’t get on the back of that pickup truck at the tailgate and “shake your money maker” to Luke Bryan. Your son is somewhere around and he’s probably crying inside. Definitely a scarring experience. And dads, please just be careful. We all know you have that one trademarked dance, so stick to it. Don’t let drink No. 5 try and convince you to “shake things up” and whip out the sprinkler, or worse, the shopping cart.

4. Do — Bring the nice beer

We college kids like changing things up here and there. After a while, Keystone starts to taste like a slap from an elderly man and Busch starts to taste like styrofoam. So, please, don’t be afraid to offer us some “nice” beers. What’s funny is that these beers still aren’t considered top shelf stuff. Budweiser, Corona, Blue Moon or anything in that category would apply. But I wouldn’t know anything about that yet because I’m not of legal age.

So, there you have it. A crash course guide from a student on how to successfully navigate the exciting return to the old stomping ground. I, for one, am extremely excited for Homecoming — it’s many students’ favorite weekend of the year and all of us look forward to welcoming you all back to our beautiful campus.

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Why do grads return for Homecoming?

When we think of the Homecoming game, two things usually come to mind: current students gathering in raucous celebration of their school with football and tailgates, and students from bygone eras making the pilgrimage back to their alma mater one more time to remember the good times they had in the flower of their youths.

Yet it’s becoming increasingly common for people who just graduated from college to make the trek back for the game each year. Why's that?

Well, the simplest answer would be that it’s a chance to visit their friends who are still in college, and I wouldn’t fault you for arriving at that conclusion first. However, I think that the motive lies much closer to the older graduates. They come back because, for four years of their lives, this was home. This is where we slept, went to classes and made lifelong friends.

College is a place of firsts. The first time you ever had a closely held belief challenged in front of your peers. Your first time away from home and the comfort of family life. Perhaps even your first serious relationship was during those defining, four years. It’s a step that can change personalities, religious views, political opinions and outlooks on life.

I’m set to graduate in December, so my time here is coming to an end. I face a world in which there’s plenty of uncertainty and economic tension. The real world is knocking on my door and, sooner or later, I’m going to have to open it. Given all of this, the prospect of being able to return to college to revisit those happier, somewhat carefree days when the biggest thing I had to worry about was an essay due the next day sounds like an absolute dream.

So, next year, when this tradition rolls around once again, I’ll be sitting right there beside you, getting a chance to relive it all.

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An apple a day
Tips and tricks to picking and preparing the best apples

By CAROLINE BRINDLE | THE BREEZE

Pull out your flannels and dust off your fall boots — it’s apple-picking season, Dukes! With the leaves just starting to change, it’s the perfect time to grab a group of friends and head to an apple orchard this weekend. Not only is apple picking a great way to spend time outside in the crisp, autumn air, but the rewards after a laborious day of picking are endless (yes, I’m talking about baking the day’s winnings).

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Healthy Treat(s): Now that you’re aware of apple-eating benefits and have picked the best bunch, it’s time to do the actual eating. There are many ways to incorporate apples into your day-to-day meals. Try an afternoon snack, such as sliced apples dipped in peanut butter, a topping in your fruity fall salad or a post-dinner dessert.

Ready to hit the orchards, but not sure where to go? Look into some of the local spots nearby, like Showalter’s Orchard and Greenhouse, Carter Mountain Orchard or Paugh’s Orchard. Each spot offers a variety of apples to choose from, so explore their websites for more details. Let the apple-picking commence!

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Home sweet home

Alumni break past the JMU bubble after returning to university as faculty and staff members

By MICHAEL BETTER
contribution writer

The students of JMU have a reputation for being a tight-knit community. That same community feel is what brings many JMU graduates back as professionals. About 850 members of the nearing 2,600 university faculty and staff are alumni.

“People find a second life,” Ashley Privott, director of alumni relations, said. “You have your friends you went to school with as a student, and then you come back as a professional and you get to see what is outside of the JMU bubble and all that Harrisonburg has to offer.”

The invisible bubble some at JMU describe can represent the strong sense of community felt on the university’s campus that causes many to stay on campus in lieu of venturing out into the community. Alumni faculty and staff who experienced this as undergraduates revealed the same community feel among themselves, though their worlds extend outside the university confines to Harrisonburg’s neighborhoods and historic downtown.

Eric Fife, director of the School of Communication Studies, graduated from JMU in 1990 and returned in 2001 as a professor.

“I was definitely in that JMU bubble as a student and I didn’t pay attention a whole lot to the Harrisonburg community,” Fife said. “My time as a student usually involved [being on campus] and I lived on campus all four years. When I was a student, I thought of Harrisonburg as simply the place where this wonderful university happened to be and, now as a faculty member, I have experienced that Harrisonburg is also a wonderful place to live.”

As a father of three kids, Fife has found Harrisonburg and the surrounding areas to be family friendly, but he added that the close community among the faculty in the communications department is also second to none.

“Among the department, when we are doing job interviews, we emphasize the collegiality of the department,” Fife said. “There really is a sense of people helping each other out.”

Privott believes the attraction of JMU is hard to leave behind. Although she didn’t receive her undergraduate degree at JMU, it’s clear to her that by the time graduation comes around for most students, they consider the university home. Privott also spoke of the joy many faculty members feel.

“You’re lucky. You get to be at home every day,” Privott said. “Every day is Homecoming.”

A graduate of JMU in 1998 and an assistant professor in the kinesiology department, Catherine McKay lives in Charlottesville and feels a strong sense of pride to be a part of the JMU community and all that it brings.

“In my classes now, I try to educate my students to try to take the bubble outside of JMU and how we can make the world a better place,” McKay said. “From holding doors for folks and making eye contact with other people, those leadership skills we build here at JMU.”

For McKay, the JMU bubble she experienced as an undergraduate is still here today, but she wants to change that.

“It is important that we share it with everyone,” McKay said. “I think that everything we do allows us to be the change, like the JMU slogan says. To make those awesome impressions everywhere we go, like we do here, in the JMU bubble.”

The sense of community at JMU can also be represented by the long tenure of some faculty members. Both Fife and McKay described the unique opportunities they have had to teach alongside professors they had and looked up to as undergraduates.

And they are pleased to see the sense of community continue. Although JMU has grown exponentially in the last couple of decades, from about 12,000 undergraduates in 1998 to over 20,000 undergraduates today, that closeness remains.

“As the times change, to see that growth and still to see JMU keep that tight-knit community feel is what makes JMU so unique,” McKay said.

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University prepares for Homecoming

Celebrations will include a variety of locations and events for all students

The Homecoming week festivities will include a D-Hall celebration dinner in preparation for its upcoming renovation. Renderings of D-Hub, the temporary replacement for D-Hall, will be displayed.

By INGRID BASHEDA and MOLLY O’TOOLE
contribution writers

The “Purple Out” pep rally, Late Night Breakfast and a football match against a longtime JMU rival, the University of Richmond Spiders, are just some of the activities happening during this year’s Homecoming week.

Dining Services has been working on events for Homecoming since June 2015. Angela Ritchie, marketing manager for JMU Dining Services, said that Dining Services brainstorms ideas for Homecoming each year to introduce new ideas to students and alumni, as well as preview what’s to come for the university.

“We like to include a variety of our locations to involve as many students as possible,” Ritchie said in an email. “With this being the last year for D-Hall as we know it, we want to give everyone the opportunity to enjoy it and get a peek into what’s to come.”

Some of the events earlier in the week included Madison Monday, an awareness day that kicked off Homecoming week, and Tailgate Tuesday, when tailgate food favorites were served at PC Dukes. Friday there will be “Friday Funday,” when a variety of games will be offered to students at Festival and Bistro 1908.

Also Friday, from 4:30 to 8 p.m., is “Celebrating the Past...Continuing the Legacy,” a planned goodbye dinner to D-Hall and a look back at past dining employees and JMU alumni.

To help plan all of these events, JMU Dining Services has worked with the JMU Alumni Association to ensure the plans would be included.

According to Ritchie, the dinner will be a way to keep alumni in the loop about the future of D-Hall.

“We have had a lot of interest from alumni wondering about the plans for D-Hall, so Homecoming weekend provided us with an ideal opportunity to share our plans,” Ritchie said.

D-Hall will be serving hors d’oeuvres and a menu voted on by alumni, as well as a live music performance.

Realistic drawings of the new D-Hub and D-Hall will be provided for all to see. D-Hub is the in-progress, temporary dining hall that’ll be located by the Mauck Stadium baseball field and the Village.

A photo booth full of backdrops of the dining hall through the years will be provided as well. Ritchie also said that past Dining Services associates will be recognized at the dinner.

JMU 1992 alumna Laura Newell shared her enthusiasm for this event.

“I think events like this are a fantastic tradition and I think we get away from celebrating traditions too easily,” Newell said. “I loved D-Hall, especially the chicken strips and nacho night. It was a great social gathering site, too.”

D-Hall will be open to the whole JMU community that day as well, so past and present students may mingle and enjoy the occasion together.

“D-Hall is special to all of us so we want to send it off in style, and eagerly await what’s next in the JMU Dining legacy,” Ritchie said.

Also working alongside the JMU Alumni Association are the JMU cheerleaders. According to Kelly Moore, the coordinator of promotions and spirit and head cheerleading head coach, the team worked alongside the JMU Alumni Association to plan the pep rally and Late Night Breakfast. It’s also hosting a cheerleading alumni event that invites all JMU alumni cheerleaders to cheer on the field during the first quarter of the Homecoming football game.

“Homecoming weekend is especially important because we must reach out to all JMU alumni and remind them of the sense of pride they have for JMU nation,” Moore said.

The cheers that are used throughout the Homecoming game are different from a normal JMU game because the team tries to use cheers and stunts that will help the audience get even more into the game. It hopes that these cheers and stunts will make for a more energetic game day environment.

“We want all of our fans to feel a sense of pride in JMU nation and support not only the football team, but all of JMU as a whole,” Moore said.

The Marching Royal Dukes are also rehearsing for Homecoming weekend. Christina Ballangee, an MRD on the color guard, said that some of the songs featured will include, “Sweet Child of Mine,” “Don’t Stop Believing” and “Faithfully.” After the game, the MRDs will be doing a post-game performance that includes popular songs “Get It On” and the JMU fight song.

“We hope everyone experiences the JMU energy during the game and that bonds will be tightened,” Ballangee said. “It is such a great place to show school spirit and be excited for the big game.”

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Coach reflects on life in recent book

Lou Campanelli was JMU’s first men’s basketball head coach when the team was founded in 1973.

By MATT TYSON
The Breeze

It can be easy to gravitate to an underdog story in sports, whether it’s a fictional movie like “Rocky” or the true story of the 1980 “Miracle on Ice.” Thanks to former JMU basketball coach Lou Campanelli, fans of the Dukes will now have a story of their own to enjoy.

This weekend, Campanelli will be releasing a book based on his experiences coaching the Dukes titled, “Dare to Dream: How James Madison University Became Coed and Shocked the Basketball World.” The book tells the story of Campanelli’s role in starting up the men’s basketball program and the team’s successful NCAA playoff runs in the early 1980s.

To coincide with the book’s release, Campanelli will be doing a signing at the JMU bookstore on Saturday before the Homecoming football game.

“It’s just terrific,” Campanelli said. “I love this school. It will be a nice thing to have for the alums.”

When Campanelli became the first men’s basketball head coach in 1973, JMU was a very different place. It was much smaller and had only become coed a few years prior. Without a strong recruiting base, Campanelli had to recruit players who were overlooked by larger, more established schools.

“We had to find kids in the backwoods who weren’t wanted elsewhere,” Campanelli said.

What Campanelli did recognize in these young men was something other schools overlooked — their hearts. One of these early JMU players was Pat Dosh, a 6-foot-3, small forward from the Washington, D.C., area.

“I was a good high school player but I wasn’t tall enough and couldn’t jump,” Dosh said. “I was what you called a tweener.”

While he didn’t offer Dosh a scholarship immediately, Campanelli recognized that Dosh would bring a competitive spirit to the young team.

In a short time period, Campanelli’s decisions proved to pay off. In 1977, four years after the team was founded, JMU made the jump from NCAA Division II to Division I. Four years after this, Campanelli led the team to the 1981 NCAA tournament, where the Dukes upset Georgetown University 61-55 in the first round.

In Campanelli’s 13-year span as head coach, the Dukes made it to the NCAA tournament three times between 1981 and 1983, each time making it the Round of 32. In addition to the upset over Georgetown, the team also upset Ohio State University in 1982 and came within two points, losing 52-50 to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in the following Round of 32 game. This was a UNC team that featured future superstars such as Michael Jordan and James Worthy.

“All my JMU memories were milestones because everything we did was a first time,” Campanelli said. “No school had ever been a girls school and in nine years been playing in the NCAA tournament.”

During Pat Dosh’s years with the program in the 1970s, he went on to become the second-leading rebounder in school history and is currently in the JMU Athletics Hall of Fame.

“I had a great career there thanks to Coach,” Dosh said. “He was integral in making me the type of person I am today.”

In 1985 Campanelli accepted the coaching job at the University of California, Berkeley, where he lead the Golden Bears until 1993. Remaining in the Bay Area, some people close with Campanelli told him he should write a book on his experiences.

“My wife always said I should,” Campanelli said. “Once when I was talking to Dr. Carrier he told me to find go find a notepad, get a pencil and write a book.”

With the help of Dave Newhouse, a former Oakland Tribune sports writer, Campanelli was able to tell his story and give Newhouse the material needed to make the story sell.

“It definitely has the rags-to-riches symbolism,” Newhouse said. “How did this tiny school in the Shenandoah Valley [pull off] those upsets?”

Now, at the age of 77, Campanelli wanted to get the book published soon as a way to give back to the fans.

“At my age it’s now or never,” Campanelli said. “Time’s going by fast.”

Campanelli’s book will also serve as a history of how much JMU has grown as a university as well. The early successes of the young basketball program correspond with the beginning of JMU’s expansion into university as well. The early successes of the young basketball program correspond with the beginning of JMU’s expansion into the region. Campanelli’s widow, Rebecca Newhouse, is a former JMU professor of English.

“This story proves that David can still smack Goliath,” Newhouse said. “Just walking through campus, I get lost, “ Campanelli said. “It’s a wonderful feeling, like watching your child grow up.”

It’s a feeling that Campanelli will get to experience once again this weekend as the JMU football team prepares to take on the University of Richmond and hopes to continue a successful season. Only this time, students and fans of all ages will be able to share the day with the coach who created a JMU sports legacy.

“This story proves that David can still smash down Goliath,” Newhouse said. “Some-where between the mouse that roared and David and Goliath, there’s Lou Campanelli.”

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An anniversary for some, a milestone for many

Center for Multicultural Student Services celebrates its 30th anniversary during Homecoming weekend

By CLAIRE HASKINS
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Nearing the 30th anniversary of its conception, the Center for Multicultural Student Services (CMSS) has seen JMU through enormous growth and change. However, some of its initiatives, like the Homecoming step show, Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Week, summer programs for high school students and Experiential Learning Tips, have kept on going.

“We are still carrying those torches forward,” Valerie Ghant, the director of CMSS since 2008, said. “We’ve also expanded upon and enhanced several of our programs.”

One of the newer initiatives is the Diversity Education Empowerment Program, or D.E.E.P Impact, which hosts dialogues and speakers on subjects related to diversity and are geared toward the entire student population. The D.E.E.P Impact program, which formally started last school year, began as the Multicultural Attaché program, which was similar, but only available for certain on-campus housing areas.

“We’ve seen this program grow ... to now being able to have all of our programs open to the entire JMU community,” Ghant said.

D.E.E.P Impact is hosting its first student diversity conference this spring. A new class associated with D.E.E.P Impact, Developing Leader Skills, was also started by CMSS and began this semester.

“We’ve expanded the D.E.E.P program to an actual class for students who have an interest in exploring more about diversity in themselves and others,” Ghant said. “We’ve collaborated with our academic faculty and staff through the years on certain programs, but this is the first class that we’ve been able to grow out of our 30 years.”

The Inter-Cultural Greek Council (ICGC) is also a part of CMSS, and is an umbrella organization for 12 sororities and fraternities. This is a fairly new addition to CMSS because the organizations now housed in ICGC were previously part of separate councils. In 2008, Alpha Kappa Kappa, Sigma Iota Alpha, Lambda Phi Epsilon, Omega Psi Phi and eight other multicultural sororities and fraternities were joined under ICGC.

“It made more sense to not have any divides amongst the multicultural Greek-lettered [organizations],” Ghant said.

Another recent change has been the move of CMSS to its new office, Taylor Hall room 207, last semester. Its old space was essentially down the hall in Warren Hall room 245. The new space allows more room for staff offices and for students who hang out in the office to eat lunch, study or visit with friends.

“This is the center for people who don’t feel like they have a home at JMU sometimes,” said Ashley Short, junior communication studies major. “CMSS gives you that home. When you come here, everybody welcomes you. It’s a fun place.”

Short is the president of Esteem Models, a CMSS-affiliated club focused on improving self-esteem and confidence through dance and modeling.

Donald Jones Jr., a senior health sciences major who works as a D.E.E.P Impact diversity educator, has been involved with CMSS since early in his freshman year and also finds it a place to easily connect with others.

“[CMSS] has impacted me by providing opportunities for me to grow and meet new people, not just at James Madison but from other schools as well,” Jones said. “It’s helped me by providing a safe haven for me to express my opinions on certain political matters as well as listen to those of other people.”

Although many changes have happened in the past 30 years, the main mission of CMSS has stayed the same.

“Our job is to keep the pulse — to hear what the pulse is, and what is it that students need,” Ghant said. “And what can we do to collaborate with other departments, to collaborate with other student organizations, to make it happen so that the space is safe for everybody.”

Individual growth and awareness of diversity is important to the programs that CMSS facilitates.

A responsibility of CMSS is “providing programming that celebrates diversity, that educates individuals, that provides a tremendous amount of awareness and opportunities to learn and to gain different perspectives,” said Chervon Moore, the assistant director of multicultural Greek life as well as director of the Female Institute for Learning and Development.

The 30th anniversary of the center provides an opportunity to reflect on what the center has accomplished as well as what it plans to accomplish in the future.

“It’s exciting,” Moore said. “Thirty years is a pretty big milestone for anything. It’s just exciting to be able to see the impact that the Center has had on lives over the last 30 years, and continuing, as we continue to grow.”

The center plans to celebrate its 30th anniversary during Homecoming weekend by holding a reception Friday, its annual step show Saturday along with the ICGC, and having a Sunday brunch hosted by the Black Alumni Chapter and the Contemporary Gospel Singers.

“We want to celebrate 30 years of being on campus and being a champion for diversity,” Ghant said. “We’re excited to make it to 30 years.”

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Meet JMU’s royalty

By ALISON GIPS | contributing writer

Every year, the Mr. and Ms. Madison titles are awarded to two seniors, one male and one female, who embody the spirit of JMU. Members of any student organization, association or athletic team at JMU can be nominated. In previous years, the deciding committee was composed of the student body vice president, one male and one female member of the Student Government Association and one faculty member. This year, however, the committee expanded to include students not affiliated with SGA to ensure the most fair selection process, according to Meredith Parker, senior public policy and administration major and student body vice president of the class of 2016. Read their full interviews online at breezejmu.org.

“I am a hardworking, honest person, who stands up to say what I think even when it’s unpopular.”

Jennifer Conn
psychology major

“The title of Mr. Madison to me represents someone that embodies the JMU spirit.”

David Tessier
finance major

“I don’t believe that your grades or peace of mind have to suffer to be involved socially.”

Heidi Jenkins
communication studies major

“I love JMU, and I never take for granted the opportunity to attend school at such a special place.”

Adrian Carpenter
public policy administration major

“A title doesn’t change anything, but everyone likes recognition for good work they’ve done.”

Michael Jacob
computer information systems major

“Never for a second have I let the thought of leaving this place, even for a semester, cross my mind.”

Kat Maniatakis
media arts and design major

“I am a firm believer that if your whole heart isn’t in something, then why do it at all?”

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