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## DUKES

### Students assemble to reflect on Virginia Tech tragedy

BY KATRINA BRAMHALL  
contributing writer

A sense of eeriness loomed over the Festival lawn Wednesday night when students gathered to light ceremonial candles as they had done just one year ago to pay homage to the 32 lives lost in the tragic Virginia Tech shootings.

"This is a hard day for a lot of people," said JMU President Linwood Rose. "What springs from crisis is solidarity. Don't reserve hugs for special occasions."

His instruction resonated with those gathered, as many clung friends close and shared long hugs.

The crowd, splashed in orange and maroon, was a diverse group ranging from fraternity brothers to international students. Hundreds came out on the chilly night. Some wore shirts with the now famous message: "We are all Hokies."

The names of the deceased were read one by one, a new candle lit after each. The persistent flames spread throughout the crowd.

"As international students we're struck by this crime," junior Vlad Kassiyev said. "We share the pain of those lost and their families. We came here to honor them."

Before the ceremony ended, a microphone in front of the crowd was open to those who wanted to express their thoughts.

"From all of the Hokies out there we really appreciate your support," said a 2007 Virginia Tech alum addressing the crowd of Dukes. "Hats off to you guys. Thanks."

The chant "Let's go! Ho-kies!" was repeated five times among those who stayed until their candles melted to the size of the fingertips that pinched them.

Junior political science major Ashley Bertoni attended Westfield High School, in Chantilly, Va., the school of two of the students who were murdered, and of the shooter, Seung-Hui Cho. Bertoni drove home to Chantilly, as did many of her high school friends at Virginia Tech, to be in the comfort of family and friends.

"Our community came together and now I'm here to see JMU come together," Bertoni said. "I feel safe here. I'm really proud to go to JMU because there are blast e-mail and text message alerts, alarm systems and card swipes outside dorms."

Before coming to the vigil, the brothers of Kappa Alpha Psi held an event called "Light a Candle." The event's purpose was to spur discussion about national tragedies, including the 2006 Amish school shooting in Lancaster, Pa., and the suicide that occurred in Rockingham Hall last August.

"All of the lives lost across the country was unnecessary," said Kappa Alpha Psi President Brandon Artis. "I'm glad to see people haven't forgotten and are here recognizing what happened only one year ago."

Student body president Lee Brooks was pleased with the student turnout at the vigil, and noted a difference from the previous year.

"Last year the vigil had more of a religious aspect," Brooks said. "We decided to let people reflect in their own personal way this year." The Student Government Association and Student Ambassadors organized the light vigil.

Brooks added that last week the SGA bought one of 32 trees that will be planted on Virginia Tech's campus to remember those lost.

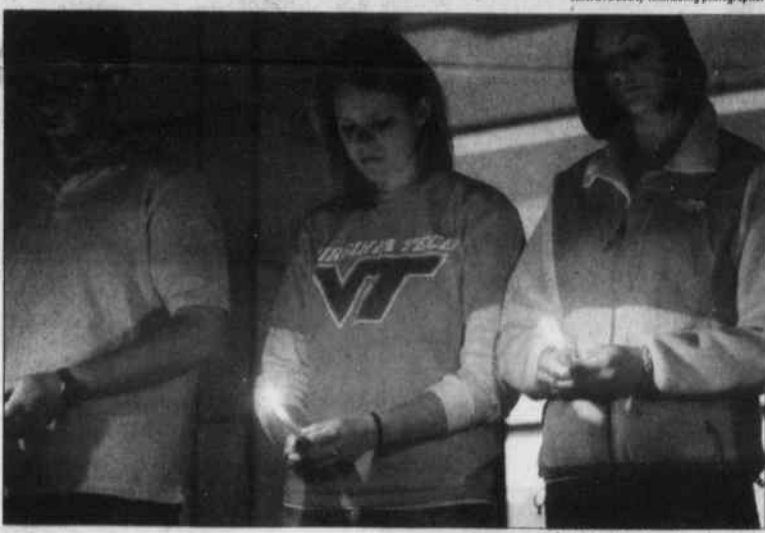
## UNITED



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Students stand on Festival Lawn Wednesday at the candlelight vigil for the one-year anniversary of the Virginia Tech shootings. Tech held a similar vigil to finish a lengthy day of ceremonies and exhibits in remembrance of the 32 victims killed last year.

## HOKIES

### Blacksburg vigils, memorials commemorate anniversary

BY TINA DILEGGE  
contributing writer

Upon the conclusion of the candlelit ceremony at Virginia Tech last Wednesday, a moment of silence was broken when a student cried out "Let's Go!" igniting the crowd to respond in an overwhelming Hokie chant.

On April 16, 2007, a lone gunman opened fired onto the campus of Virginia Tech, taking 32 lives and leaving the Hokie community shocked and devastated.

A year later students, faculty, friends, family and other members of the community gathered together on the Virginia Tech Drillfield for a candlelight vigil.

A somber silence fell over the crowd as Tech student body President Adeel Khan opened the evening ceremony.

"We stand here today stronger as a community, better as individuals and even more steadfast in our conviction to always keep 32 in our hearts and minds," Khan said. "We love you, we miss you, and we would give anything for you to be here with us today."

One-by-one, students representing the 32 lost, lit candles from a larger ceremonial one, which burned throughout the day, and stood side-by-side as each victim's name was read. The sea of maroon and orange was illuminated as each person's candle was lit.

After each name was read, people stood tranquil, holding their burning candles as horns were sounded. A solemn piece was sung by a choir in white, while heads were bowed and tears fell.

Prior to the candlelight vigil, classes were cancelled and events of remembrance were held on campus throughout the day.

In Squires Student Center, an art exhibit "April 16: Remembrance, Recognition and Healing" was set up in the Perspectives Gallery. People walked through the exhibit, viewing a collection of photos, notes, cards and memorial items sent from all over the world. Photos from the day of the shooting, drawings of victims, letters from children and handcrafted items brought people to tears as they recalled the effects of last year.

In a letter from an elementary school student, addressed to Virginia Tech, a boy wrote, "I feel very sorry that such an incident happened there. To tell you something, I am Korean, and I think that's why I want to apologize, and ask you not to hate Koreans." The gunman Seung-Hui Cho was a Korean immigrant.

Another child wrote, "I feel very close to each victim even though I never knew them."

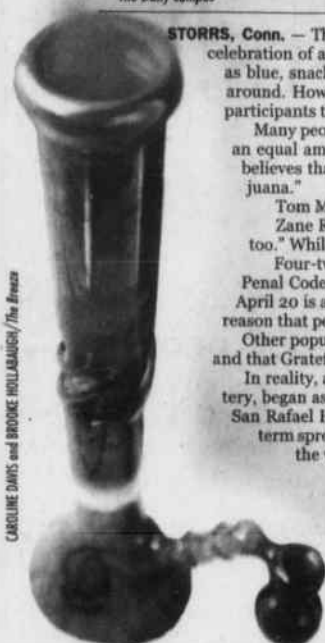
In the Warsaw Memorial Chapel, students and members of the community played music throughout the day as people came in and out of the candlelit chapel to pray, mourn and reflect.

While a serene atmosphere cast over parts of the campus, students came together on the Drillfield and outside of dorms and dining halls to spend time with friends, throw Frisbees and enjoy the warm day.

"Today is more like a celebration of lives instead of grieving again," said Tech sophomore Daniel Smith. "We've been grieving for the past year. I think the biggest thing that has come from this is as a community we've grown closer together. Complete strangers say 'hey' and 'what's up' on the Drillfield because you never know what's going to happen."

## Smoke Lifted Off Date's Obscurity

BY ALYSSA CARROLL  
The Daily Campus



CAROLINE DAVIS and BROCKE HOLLANDS/The Breeze

**STORRS, Conn.** — The "stoner" superbowl, and a favorite holiday of all herbal lovers, 4/20 is a celebration of all the green glory that is marijuana. It is a day where red eyes are as common as blue, snack foods are inhaled by the pounds and tie-dye and hemp uniforms are seen all around. However, there is as much haze surrounding the history behind this holiday as the participants themselves.

Many people have no idea as to why 4/20 is the preferred spark time of the green culture, and an equal amount have only heard the urban legends. Paige Nuzzolillo, an anthropology major, believes that 4/20 is celebrated, "because it's the police code. 420 is the police code for marijuana."

Tom Morph, a theater major, believes it's "because it was Hitler's birthday."

Zane Roberts, also a theater major, believes it's simply because "stoners need a holiday too." While these are all widely believed theories, none of them are actually correct.

Four-twenty is actually not a police code for anything, anywhere. In fact, California Penal Code 420 defines "the hindrance of use of public lands" as a misdemeanor. While April 20 is actually Hitler's birthday, surprisingly the birth of this Nazi leader was not the reason that peace-and-love followers rejoice.

Other popular myths include the notion that there are 420 active chemicals in marijuana, and that Grateful Dead would only stay in room 420.

In reality, according to *High Times Magazine*, "The term '420,' once shrouded in mystery, began as a code for marijuana among a group of students known as 'The Waldos' at San Rafael High School in Marin County, California. Throughout the '70s and '80s the term spread through the relentless touring phenomenon that was the Grateful Dead. All the while, The Waldos held small ceremonies on April 20th at Mt. Tam in Marin."

According to Steven Hager, editor of *High Times*, the term 420 was shorthand for the time of day the group would meet at the campus statue of Louis Pasteur to smoke pot. "Waldo Steve," a member of the group who now owns a business in San Francisco, says the Waldos would salute each other in the school hallway and say "420 Louis!" The term was one of many invented by the group, but it was the one that caught on.

"It was just a joke, but it came to mean all kinds of things, like

## GETTIN' LOW



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Read about T-Pain's performance Friday night, along with a Q&A with the hip-hop artist on page 9.

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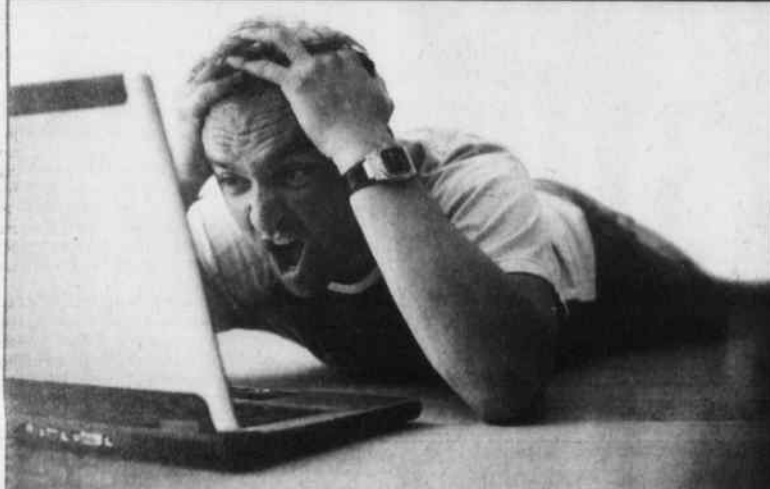


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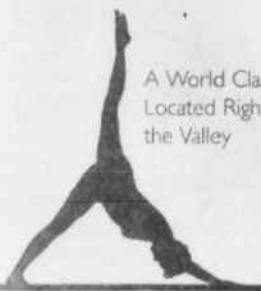
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### Results of the online poll:

**What do you think of the Opinion section's Battle of the Sexes symposiums?**

It should continue; it's witty and fun. - 48

It doesn't have a point; it should stop running. - 31

It should continue only if the writers have anything useful to say. - 47

I really couldn't care less. - 36

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## New Major Announced for Fall '08

BY KATE MCFARLAND  
contributing writer

The writing and rhetoric studies and technical and scientific communication have decided to merge between the current departments to create a writing major that will be offered next fall. The writing major has yet to be named.

The program at JMU began about 10 years ago when the writing and rhetoric studies minor broke off from the English department to develop a program focused more on the theories of writing. The interim director of the new major is Shelley Aley of JMU's writing program.

As the writing and rhetoric studies minor matured and the technical and scientific communication major became more popular, the departments saw a need to consolidate and enhance the major through a merger of the two programs.

The new curriculum will include writing-intensive courses such as written argumentation and visual rhetoric. Potential majors might be interested in careers in editing, publishing and education.

The major will be open to all students. Aley estimates that there will be several hundred students in the majors within the first year, due to positive feedback and the current reputation of the program. An additional benefit to this type of program is that it provides the structure for an online curriculum, which some students in the minor have already taken advantage of from abroad.

Students can start informally declaring the major in fall '08 semester, but the complete curriculum will not be outlined until the 2009-2010 school year in the JMU catalogue.

## Expo Exposes Energy Efficiency



BY ANNA YOUNG  
The Breeze

It might take an hour to cook two Bagel Bites using a solar box, but it uses less energy than a microwave. A solar box, made from a Chanel's pizza box, served as a homemade, eco-friendly microwave that generated one watt of energy from the sun every hour. Two Bagel Bites were baking in the box as a demonstration of how people can use other forms of energy in their everyday lives.

The GO GREEN Ride and Drive Expo highlighted unconventional ways to save energy and promoted "green" living on Saturday.

"It's really important for the local people to understand what kind of options they have in terms of being green," said Remy Lacroix, a mapping and education specialist for JMU's Virginia Energy Consortium.

The event took place at the Convocation Center parking lot from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Two white tents with various stations were set up to demonstrate eco-friendly technology and products. Filters, papers, pamphlets and small books about being more environmentally conscious were offered at a few tables. Free raffle tickets were handed out during the day. Prizes included movie tickets, ISAT T-shirts and free oil changes.

Lacroix was at the expo to

demonstrate the basics of wind and solar energy technology, particularly to farmers and people with a lot of land.

At the soap station, Spotswood High School senior Aly Vanhousen helped several children make colored and scented soap. With glycerin — a byproduct of biodiesel — a microwave, a mold and a half an hour to spare, anyone can make soap.

A tire pressure station was designed to show the effects different tire pressures can have on vehicles, and was manned by Aaron Smith-Walter of the Department of Public Safety.

"I'm trying to make people aware of the fact that if you maintain a proper tire pressure, you're really going to get better gas mileage out of your car," Smith-Walter said. "With today's gas prices, this is obviously a major concern."

A community light distribution station was also featured at the expo, where compact fluorescent light bulbs were given away to any interested community members.

CFLs, as the lights are called, use 75 percent less energy and can last about 10 times longer than a regular light bulb, according to Tiffany Newbold, the associate director of The Shenandoah Valley Air Quality Initiative, or ShenAir.

Berry Dai, a senior ISAT major, was all about the electric vehicles available for test-driving

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Junior Rachel Fame, right, and junior Jen Everdale, left, test drive segways at the GO GREEN Ride and Drive Expo Saturday at the Convocation Center. The expo gave demonstrations of various electric transportation, such as hybrid cars and all-terrain vehicles.

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## Army Pays Students for Credit

BY JACQUELINE QUATTROCCHI  
contributing writer

During Leaders Training Course, participants stay in barracks with 50 to 60 people sleeping in one room, or "bay." Individuals are fed in a cafeteria and eat anything from spaghetti to hamburgers to roast beef. Participants are allowed outside communication, and there are usually a few personal days, all while receiving college credit.

Free college credit without scholarships seems like an oxymoron. Getting paid to receive that credit seems like a dream. But, this dream is within easy reach for the majority of JMU students and no essays, contests or military obligation required.

"They get a lot of feedback so they know their strengths and weaknesses, and that's very valuable for almost any career path, not just ROTC," said ROTC instructor Capt. Lesley Kipling.

Sophomore Sarah Francis knew when she transferred to JMU last fall that she wanted to join the Army ROTC program. To be on track for her junior year, she signed up to attend the LTC offered in the summer through ROTC.

The Leaders Training Course is not just for future soldiers. Any sophomores or juniors with at least a 2.0 GPA can go to LTC, as well as graduating seniors who meet the GPA requirement and are planning to attend graduate school. There are no prerequisites, military background or military future required.

LTC is designed to teach rising juniors, who have an interest in joining ROTC, all the basics they would have learned during their freshman and sophomore

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## 'Duke Dog' Makes Appearance at Spring Game



CAROLINE GIBBS/The Breeze

The "Duke Dog" lies on the sidelines Saturday during JMU's Spring Game. Offense trounced the defense 70-59.

## JMU Holds its Inaugural Middle East Conference

BY KATIE THISDELL  
The Breeze

Members of Team al-Sadr approached Team Iran to begin negotiations about how to do what was best for their Shi'a constituents. As they whispered in the front of the room, Teams Israel and America worked on their own deliberations in the back.

As the Security Council meeting opened at Thursday's Middle East Conference tensions were immediately revealed between Iran and Israel's misunderstandings of nuclear weapon possessions.

These discussions were part of the simulation led by Prof. Bernd Kaussler of the political science department during the conference. Students assumed roles in order to understand negotiation and diplomacy processes within volatile situations.

"This will test your skills in diplomacy, strategy and even how good of terrorists you are," Kaussler said. "Anything goes." Madison Political Affairs Club, a non partisan political group, sponsored the conference with involvement from students and faculty in several academic departments.

"When I came here to JMU, I had an interest in the Middle East, but there was nothing here," said Caitlin Havron, a senior political science major. "It seemed like students were really ignorant about the Middle East."

As the first student to sign up for the new Middle Eastern

Communities and Migrations minor, Havron hopes students are now more eager to learn about the region.

"You get distorted images from the news, so it'll be good for everyone to hear a different side, with a more pro-Middle East perspective," said Nicole Sabara, a junior international affairs major.

Sabara, co-chair for the conference with Havron, said she has faced ignorant questions from others about her Middle Eastern descent.

"It's really nice to share my culture and my heritage and to get more involved at JMU," Sabara said.

The conference featured presentations by students on papers about Iran, Afghanistan, Iraq, and Palestine and Israel, as well as a question and answer session led by professors.

Senior international affairs major Brian Tynan attended the opening session about Iran.

"What surprised me a lot is that I didn't know a lot about Iranian history," he said. "Sixty years ago it was more advanced and progressive than it is today, especially for women's rights."

The conference also included a free lunch of Middle Eastern foods, including hummus and pita, falafel, baklava, stuffed grape leaves and Turkish delight. Havron said the lunch helped encourage students to attend.

"This food is really similar to the Middle Eastern food I've had from my friends," sophomore Teresa Llewellyn said.

She said she came to the



graphic by BROOKE HOLLAUBACH

The Iranian women's movement now allows women to protest differently than men. According to Stephen Poulson, it is the strongest movement in the Middle East right now.

conference to learn more about Afghanistan's current situation.

"The media changes stories so much so I think that something like this helps make JMU students more aware," Llewellyn said.

Questions during the closing session focused on nuclear weapons and the women's movement in Iran, Israeli and Palestinian relations, Afghanistan's issue with unity and Egyptian political changes.

"I think time is not working for Israel, instead it's pressing against Israel," Schusterman Scholar in Residence Chaim Weizmann said. "Every day it gets more complicated."

Stephen Poulson, sociology professor, focused on questions about Iran.

"The Iranian women's movement is very clever," Poulson said. "Women can protest in a symbolic way that men can't. The way beauty

has been redefined is fascinating too. I'd say this is the strongest movement in the Middle East right now, and there actually seems to be a dialogue between the different groups of women that you don't see in other movements."

He also described the country as constantly changing, whether politically, militarily or socially.

"Living in Iran, you don't know what'll happen week in and week out," Poulson said. "There's this uncertainty about the government."

Sabara said she was impressed with the turn out and participation at the conference. She hopes to expand the event next year as students increase their interest in the region.

"The Middle East is probably going to be the most important region if it isn't already, with its implications on the rest of the world," Tynan said.

### AROUND CAMPUS

#### JMubilee on Last Day of Classes

When: 5 p.m., Friday, April 25  
Where: Godwin Field and Hillside Field  
What: After you finish your last class of the semester, celebrate at JMubilee before the stress of studying for exams begins. This event will have carnival food, drinks, live music, lots of games and inflatables including a moonbounce, velcro wall and more. Admission is free.

#### Show Features Teen Talent in Harrisonburg

When: 6 p.m., Thursday, April 24  
Where: 620 Simms Ave. Lucy F. Simms Continuing Education Center  
What: Fourth Annual Teen Talent Show. Features local high school students performing a variety of talents, food and door prizes; the first 50 guests receive a free movie ticket; sponsored by Teen Pregnancy Prevention at JMU's Institute for Health and Human Services. Admission is free.

#### Historic Garden Week in the Arboretum

When: 2 p.m., Wednesday, April 23  
Where: The Edith J. Carrier Arboretum  
What: Students, faculty, staff and the public are welcome to take the guided tour of the arboretum in honor of Historic Garden Week in Virginia. People will also see the new Frances Packer Education Center building. The event is sponsored by the arboretum. Admission is free.

#### Jim Breuer to Perform Stand-up at Memorial

When: 8 p.m. - 11 p.m., Monday, April 24  
Where: Memorial Hall  
What: Former Saturday Night Live member Jim Breuer is bringing his stand-up routine to Harrisonburg. Breuer has also starred in the film "Half Baked" and is now the host of VH1's Web Junk 20. Tickets are on sale now in the Warren Box Office. Admission is \$5.

#### Lecture on Mental Illness after Tech

When: 5 p.m., Thursday, April 24  
Where: ISAT, Room 159  
What: Ron Honberg, national director for policy and legal affairs of the National Alliance on Mental Illness, will give a lecture called "Legal and Policy Challenges in the Wake of Virginia Tech." Admission is free.

#### White House celebrates Jefferson's Birthday

U.Va. celebrated Thomas Jefferson's 265th birthday on April 14 at the White House. U.Va. President John T. Casteen III, and his wife, Betsy celebrated in the East Room while many remembered all the accomplishments Jefferson had. Speakers described U.Va.'s "Academical Village" as Jefferson's greatest legacy.

#### Barnes and Noble Taking Over Campus Bookstores

VCU and Barnes and Noble have signed a five-year contract that puts Barnes and Noble in charge of VCU bookstores. Significant renovations will be done to both campus bookstores and once these are completed, they will offer a greater selection of textbooks, magazines, computers, school supplies and VCU apparel. Barnes and Noble is taking over for e-follet, who had previously ran the stores.

#### Lower Income Families to Receive More Financial Aid

W&M has announced plans for an increase in funds to \$10 million for the Gateway program which provides financial assistance for students whose families make \$40,000 or less a year. \$8 million is being added to the program by the Board of Visitors and \$5 million dollar has been added from the will of Joan Jarrett Woods. Currently there are 175 students in the Gateway program.

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If you didn't see the squirrel,  
maybe you need to stare longer.

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## 4/20: Term Buds Out of San Rafael, Cali.

4/20 from front

"Do you have any?" or "Do I look stoned?" Hager said. "Parents and teachers wouldn't know what we were talking about."

The term took root and flourished. It spread beyond San Rafael with the assistance of the Grateful Dead and its dedicated cohort of pot-

smoking fans.

The Waldos decided to assert their claim to the history of the term after decades of watching it spread, mutate and be appropriated by commercial interests. The Waldos contacted Hager, and presented him with evidence of 420's history, primarily a collection of postmarked letters

from the early '70s with lots of mention of 4/20. They also started a Web site, [waldo420.com](http://waldo420.com).

"We have proof, we were the first," Waldo Steve said. "I mean, it's not like we wrote a book or invented anything. We just came up with a phrase. But it's kind of an honor that this emanated from San Rafael."

## WIRE: College Rankings to Change When Magazine Alters Method

BY ALYSSA SCHWENK  
Daily Pennsylvanian

With plans to adjust the information it collects for its annual ranking of colleges, the U.S. News and World Report might be seeking to make its annual rankings more rounded.

The magazine announced plans last week to make its rankings more qualitative by collecting information from high school guidance counselors for the first time. But, U.S. News has yet to decide how the additional input will factor into its ranking system.

"The yearly surveys are questionable as to whether the criteria used to measure the schools actually speak to the overall quality of a col-

lege," said David Hawkins, policy director for the National Association for College Admission Counseling.

So the magazine decided this year to send surveys to counselors at 1,600 schools ranked in the magazine's "America's Best High Schools."

Several presidents have pledged to withhold information from the rankings, because they are not statistically sound as they appear.

"I think many of our counselors have reacted with a bit of skepticism about it," Hawkins said. "By and large what we've heard from our counselors is they really feel like their effort to guide students is not entirely well-served by feeding information into this method," he added.

The counselors instead rely on their "intimate knowledge" of the schools to guide students toward the right college, he said.

"I really think that if you talk to any college counselor worth anything they don't use them at all," said Barry Baker, a counselor at the California Academy of Math and Science in Carson, California.

Penn President Amy Gutmann said there were "many other qualitative and quantitative" ways to judge a school, and that the U.S. News is "not the most fine-tuned and it certainly is not the most definitive."

Mitchell said "None of [the rankings] are perfect" but that they do give students and parents a way to broadly compare schools.

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## LTC: Feedback Valuable for Any Career Path

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years in an ROTC program. For 28 days, participants learn teamwork, confidence and their own strengths and weaknesses as a leader.

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Held at Ft. Knox Army base in Kentucky, the course costs nothing for participants. The U.S. Army pays for all travel, lodging and food expenses, including gas money students spend getting to and from airports.

But, this is not your ordinary classroom lecture, and scantron

tests will not be handed out. Rappelling down towers, practicing capsize drills and learning to fire an M-16 are just some of the 'assignments' given to LTC participants.

As of Tuesday, five JMU students have signed up to attend LTC this summer: three males and two females.

Last year, eight JMU students seized the opportunity to attend LTC. At the end, four students contracted with the military, and four continued with their civilian lives.

According to Kipling, JMU ROTC advertises throughout campus using flyers, mass e-mails to sophomores with a 2.5 GPA or higher, table tents in the dining rooms and advertisements inside buses.

"A lot of times we'll get a student to take a class as an elective and then they hear about LTC and about contracting [with the military] and that's when they take the next step," Kipling said.

Even without a career in the military, LTC can provide an invaluable experience. Kipling said that while at LTC, students are evaluated on 16 different Army Leadership dimensions such as interpersonal skills, emotions and self-control under pressure, decision-making and motivational skills.

"They get a lot of feedback so they know their strengths and weaknesses, and that's very valuable for almost any career path, not just ROTC," she said.

Current JMU junior and

ROTC student, William Fastenau, attended LTC in the summer of 2007.

"You learn how to deal with people you've never met before," Fastenau said. "You learn Army values like leadership, respect, integrity and personal courage, and even if you don't join the military you can use these in your everyday life. You learn so much about yourself, like what you can do with a lack of sleep. It's cool."

ROTC faculty and students ensure that this is not basic training for cadets. Although LTC is designed to prepare students for an ROTC program, ROTC students enter the military as officers and officers do not go through the same basic training as enlisted service members.

## EXPO: Eco-Friendly Segways Run on Battery, not Gas Powered Motors

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throughout the day. He test drove the Toyota Prius, electric All-Terrain Vehicle and a segway.

"I could definitely see [electric vehicles] in the future replacing gas equivalents," Dai said.

The Toyota Prius, Camry and Highlander hybrid models were available to test drive throughout the event. Toyota started investing in the hybrid market in 2000 and Highlander hybrid models was one of the first car companies to enter the market, according to James Davies, a Toyota representative.

Senior Marie Pulley went to the

expo because she was curious about ways to save more energy and wanted to check out the electric vehicles. She said she is very interested in buying a hybrid, but the only thing stopping her right now is the price.

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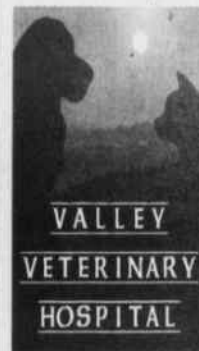


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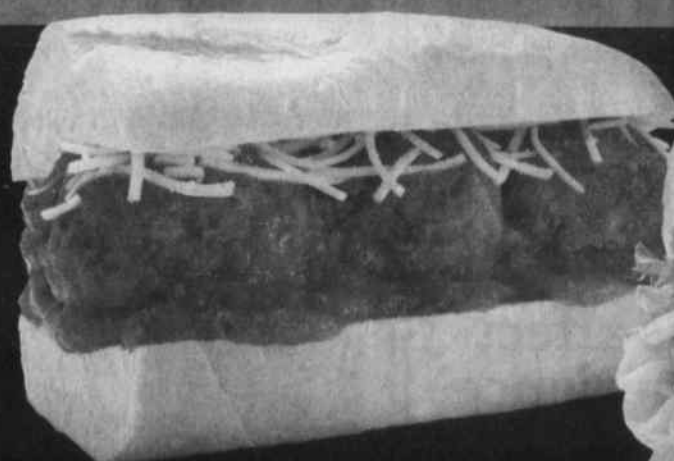
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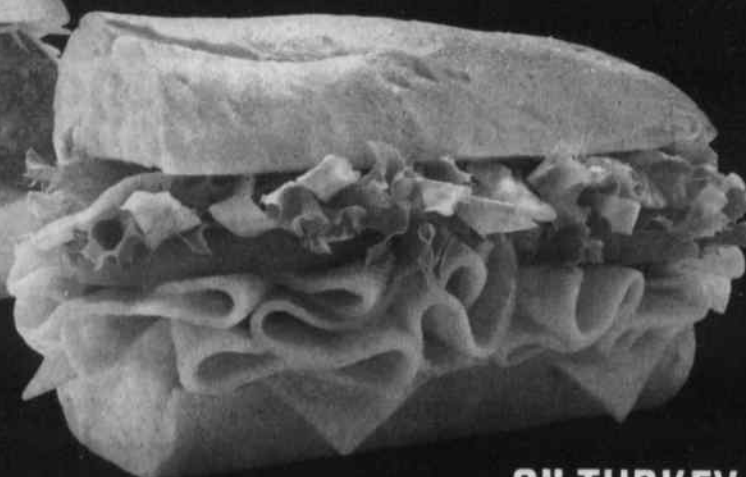
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A "why-is-there-a-dust-devil-on-the-Quad?" pat to nature for giving the throng of students outside a spectacle of paper-swirling mischief.

From a sophomore girl who feels bad for whoever lost his or her notes but was glad to witness the harmless natural phenomenon.

A "thanks-for-the-music" pat to the girl playing the guitar next to Newman Lake.

From an admirer who hopes you'll serenade him next time.

An "I-had-no-idea-you-were-so-talented" pat to my professor for coming out to Late Night Breakfast and singing her heart out to "Son of a Preacher Man."

From an appreciative student who realizes that you had to wake up at 6 a.m. the next morning to get ready for class but came out anyway.

A "ho'-fo'-sho" dart to the girl in front of me at the T-Pain concert for giving her guy a lap-dance practically on top of my roommate.

From a fellow female who is glad your boss gave you the night off, but thinks you didn't need to bring your "work" with you.

A "tyrant" dart to an RA who threatens to I-DOC the residents in her hall if they shut their doors a little too loudly.

From a resident who has been pushed one too many times.

A "we-were-just-doing-the-right-thing" dart to the UPB worker who yelled at us for just trying to have a severely drunk girl escorted to the hospital during the T-Pain concert.

From two sophomore girls who know the signs of alcohol poisoning.

A "way-to-remove-a-smile" dart to Stone Gate's management for requiring a smiley face to be erased from a window.

From a senior who promptly followed your orders and replaced it with a giant sad face.

A "this-is-why-I-love-JMU" pat to the three boys who picked me up in the pouring rain and drove me back to my dorm.

From a soaking wet, thankful sophomore who lives on campus and appreciates your generosity more than you will ever know.

A "thundering-herd-of-elephants" dart to the guys who live above our apartment for being so loud every single day of the week.

From the girls who live below you who would like to sleep soundly without worrying that the largest land-dwelling mammal will come crashing through their ceiling at 3 a.m.

A "that-really-hurt" dart to Charlie, who bit me.

From a kid who is still hurting.

The Real Story | TONY SPADACCIA, contributing writer

## America's \$50 Trillion Crisis

### Deficit spending and sprawling national debt leave a problem for young Americans

Thomas Jefferson once wrote that, above all other things, "the public debt is the greatest of the dangers to be feared." Unfortunately, our elected officials in Congress don't seem to share Mr. Jefferson's concern. For years, our government has been spending money way beyond its means and as a result, we've built up almost \$9.5 trillion of debt, which continually increases at a rate of about \$20,000 per second. In addition, our government is committed to pay \$40 trillion in Social Security and Medicare benefits to baby boomers when they retire, putting the bill near \$50 trillion.

To better understand the nature of this huge economic problem, it's important to look at two interrelated causes: the deficit and the debt itself. America's short-term problem is that we frequently run a budget deficit — the government spends more money than it takes in — which leads to the much bigger problem of national debt. Every time there is a deficit, the government must borrow money to cover all of its expenses, often from foreign banks and governments, which then adds to the national debt.

Over the last several years, America has been running up record deficits and, as a result, our government has been borrowing money at an unprecedented rate that is unsustainable over a long period of time. This makes our national debt a ticking time bomb that could trigger a major economic crisis this country hasn't seen in a very long time.

But none of this is new information. Our leaders have known about the danger that our economy is in, yet they have chosen to do nothing about it. Today, it is rarely mentioned by politicians or the mainstream media.

Why?

Well first off, it's an issue that's difficult for most people to wrap their minds around. It's tough for the average American to relate to really big numbers that go into the billions and trillions. Instead, to understand just how large these numbers are, try this: a million seconds is 13 days, a billion seconds is 31 years and a trillion seconds is 31,688 years.

The other reason it's not covered is that the effects of the coming crisis will not become visible for about another 10 years.

According to the latest Social Security and Medicare Trustees Report, Medicare costs will begin soaring over the next few years and it will officially go broke in 2019. Social Security is in better shape overall, but the government will begin paying out more benefits than it collects in taxes in 2018, with the system going broke entirely in 2042.

When the report was released, Secretary of the Treasury Henry Paulson told reporters at a news conference that "without change, rising costs will drive government spending to unprecedented levels, consume nearly all projected federal revenues and threaten America's future prosperity." In other words, if nothing changes then every single tax dollar collected by the federal government will be used to pay for only those two programs, with no money left over for anything else.

This should be the most important issue for all of the young people of this country. It is not our parents, but us who will suffer if changes are not made soon. Under the status quo, balancing the budget in 2040 would require either a 60 percent cut in federal spending or an increase in federal taxes to twice today's rate.

Ultimately it will be up to us, JMU students, and the rest of our generation to figure out how to save our government's financial future as our current leaders have proved unwilling to change the way they spend money and make promises. It doesn't look too good right now. As it stands, we will be spending the rest of our lives paying off our parents' debt — and who knows if Social Security and Medicare will even be available to us when we get old.

What makes this country so great is that whenever it faces a challenge, America always finds a way to overcome it. As we face a looming disaster that could threaten our comfortable way of life, there is no reason to believe that we can't overcome this one too.

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Off The Wire | MATT FELTY, Oklahoma Daily

## Bottom's Up for Low Blows in Campaign

**NORMAN, Okla.** — Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton and Hank Williams Sr. finally have something in common — they both enjoy whiskey! Over the weekend, the Democratic presidential hopeful kicked back a shot of Crown Royal at an Indiana sports bar.

Initially, Clinton just ordered a beer. The bartender happily obliged. Later he offered the former first lady a shot of whiskey. She agreed, toasted and downed it like a seasoned drinking veteran.

Reporters were in plain view when she took the shot.

College students shouldn't be surprised by the move. When you go to a bar on the weekend in Norman, shots are not rare. In fact, shots are promoted, purchased and raised high in the air by countless patrons.

But consuming the firewater is out of line in Sen. Barack Obama's "How to Run a Presidential Campaign for Dummies" book. The Illinois senator chided Clinton in the media on Monday for taking the shot.

Is this the same senator who wrote

about his days doing lines of "blow" as a young man?

The last time I checked, the Drug Enforcement Agency wasn't arresting people for drinking Crown Royal.

Obama's decision to make this an issue is not surprising. However, Clinton was clearly out of line by drinking a Canadian whiskey. Any presidential hopeful trying to score points with bar-fies, college students and the entire state of Kentucky knows Maker's Mark is the superior spirit.

I understand Clinton believes wholeheartedly in the Crown Royal tag line: "It's about quality, not quantity." Clearly her entire strategy is based on the motto. She is the quality candidate, though Obama's got her mathematically defeated.

Surely Clinton understands Obama would have left her alone had she ordered a good domestic whiskey. If she's outsourcing her whiskey, what's stopping her from outsourcing American jobs? Concerns like this are very relevant in this neck-and-neck race.

Doesn't she know there are no su-

perdelegates in Canada?

Maybe Clinton should have been more calculated in her shot selection. Tequila may have widened her lead in the Hispanic community. Jameson could have played real well in the blue-class Irish neighborhoods she tries to reach. But, no — she had to choose a Canadian whiskey.

**"Political battles over whiskey, bowling and ham are refreshing this election cycle."**

Obama should continue to exploit this important misstep by Clinton. In continuing with his theme, Obama should preach "change" in all substance decisions. No longer is America going to sit back and watch its political leaders drink Canadian whiskey! It's time for a change!

Anyone care for a line?

Clinton has responded to this liquor

criticism by attacking her rival where it hurts the most: bowling blunders and ham selection. Phil Singer, a Clinton spokesman, blasted Obama for "bowling gutter balls ... and buying a ham at the Philly market [one that cost \$99.99 a pound]."

Powerful attacks like these will be hard for the Illinois senator to overcome in bowling-crazy Pennsylvania. Also, it's rumored that the Chinese are superb bowlers. Bowling ability is a priority for foreign heads of state received by Chinese leadership. How can America overcome a president who can't hit strikes? Imagine the diplomatic despair that would erupt.

And almost \$100 per pound for ham! Pennsylvanians, and perhaps the rest of the country, now know Obama is a big spender. Even on ham. This won't bode well for his bid to capture fiscal conservatives who have drifted to the independent camp. Something tells me this could be hard to overlook in November, especially if the GOP's presumptive nominee, Sen. John McCain,

starts buying his ham at Wal-Mart for 69 cents per pound.

Had Obama spent \$100 on an aged bottle of single-barrel scotch, he may have been OK with fiscal conservatives.

Political battles over whiskey, bowling and ham are refreshing this election cycle. The more these issues are fleshed out, the more many people will be able to make informed decisions in the fall.

Why talk about national security, the slumping economy, poverty, energy independence and education when there are other, more pressing matters?

I know, as a voter, I am so thankful to have a leader like Obama to show me the horrible truth about Clinton's boozing ways. Likewise, kudos to the Clinton camp for exposing the gaps in Obama's bowling ability and consumer intelligence.

These were issues I hoped would be discussed before the convention, and I'm sure McCain did, too.

Cheers!

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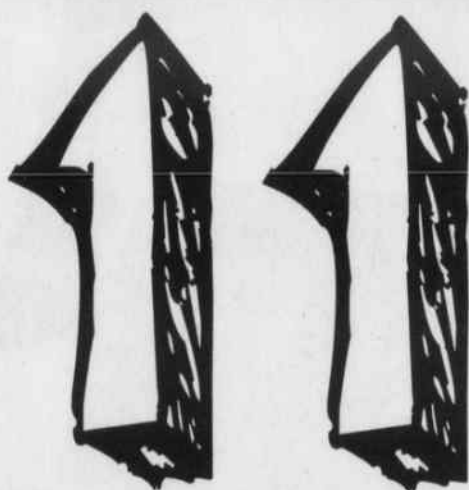
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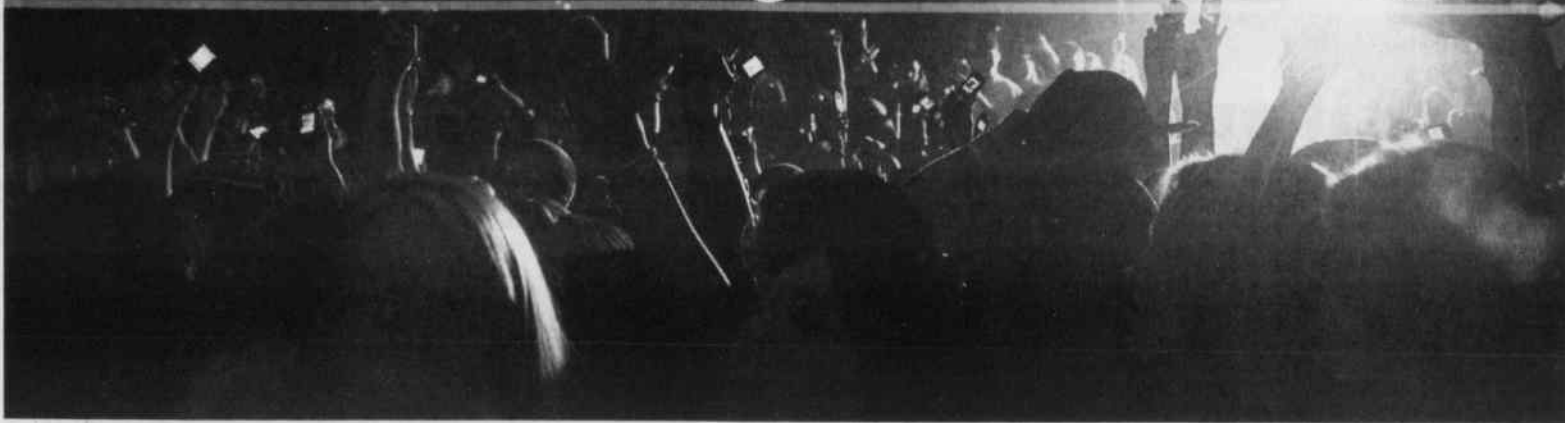


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When students filed into the Convocation Center to see T-Pain perform, most were surprised at how much of T-Pain they saw. During one of his songs, the rapper, and his two sidekicks, J. Money and Tay Dizzle, dropped their pants to let the audience know the answer to boxers or briefs.

In response to all the guys turning away from the stage, T-Pain responded, "If you don't see another man's penis, then you won't know how small yours is."

That was just one of many highlights from the almost sold-out concert Friday night that had the crowd dancing and singing to some

of his famous hits. Since T-Pain is featured on so many artists' songs, he performed his part of the songs and each chorus.

DJ Khaled mixed and kept a constant beat going for most of the night. He warmed up the crowd for about half an hour, playing a different mix of popular rap songs and getting the crowd roaring.

There weren't any backup dancers, but T-Pain and his entourage danced together, while some audience members breakdanced on the floor.

Although it was slightly disappointing to hear only a couple of minutes of some of his biggest hits, including "Low," "Cyclone" and "Wall to Wall," the crowd didn't seem to mind. As soon as one of the songs came on, lights flashed onto the audience to reveal the Convo Center going crazy. T-Pain went silent during different points in songs so the audience could sing the lyrics.

During one point of the show, he addressed the ladies of the crowd saying that he had everything he needed except a Virginia girl, preferably a Richmond, Va. girl. Most girls screamed for T-Pain and others were less than satisfied with the comment.

Junior Nicole Cottone said, "I thought it was rude to say he wanted a girl but not to be his girlfriend. Maybe it's because I have never been to a rap concert, but I expected him to sing more too. Diplo [the opening act] was so much better."

Young Cash, the newest member to the Nappyboy label and a personal friend of T-Pain's, debuted his single and made the crowd go crazy with a reference to a special place on campus.

"Let's all go to D-hall after this," he said.

T-Pain also took a moment to remember those lost in Sept. 11, Virginia Tech, Hurricane Katrina and those fighting in Iraq "for no f---in' reason," by having a moment of silence. However, there were some in the audience who could not respect those people, and some yelled his name just because they could. To that he responded, "God will take care of you."

To close the show, T-Pain ended with his song "Bartender" and instead of playing the beat, he had everyone in the crowd snap their fingers. While everyone got involved for the few first verses, after awhile everyone wanted to dance to the beat, but T-Pain kept the crowd snapping for the whole song.

When the lights came on, people left with

mixed reviews about the show.

"I had such a good time, and it was my first rap concert," said junior Kristin Otte. "I didn't sit down the entire time. My friends and I just kept dancing."

Junior Paul Pfeueger liked the concert, but expected it to be more music rather than talking.

"The concert was fun and the music was great," he said. "The atmosphere was very hyped, but as for the performance, I thought he spent more time talking in between, so that was disappointing. His antics were entertaining and I appreciated the moment of silence. It was funny they kept shouting out D-hall too."

## Rapper, Entertainer Knows How to Put on a Show

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Artist T-Pain performed hits such as "Bartender" and "Low" Friday night. T-Pain's crazy behavior at the spring Convo show included pulling down his pants. At \$50,000 T-Pain would be the most expensive stripper to ever come to JMU.

## WELCOME TO THE 'NAPPY-MOBILE'

T-Pain talks about his name, upcoming albums and his interestingly nicknamed tour bus

BY ASHTON SMITH  
The Breeze

**Why do they call you T-Pain? Where does the nickname come from?**

Basically the "T" stands for Tallahassee, Florida where I'm from, and the pain stands for the struggle and the hard work it took to get out of Tallahassee in order to make it, you know, and be here today. So basically you get the Tallahassee pain, the Tallahassee struggle is a better, you know what I'm saying, explanation of it.

**Who have you been most excited to work with so far?**

Chris Brown, prolly be the one. He's the only one closest to my age.

**What's your biggest influence? The biggest influence on your song writing?**

The challenge of people thinking that I can't do it anyways. People like trying to guess how I did or trying to figure out who I called while I was writing. I like seeing people thinking I can't do it and then I just do it out of nowhere.

**How long have you been on tour and have you been doing mostly college campuses?**

Yeah, colleges, House of Blues, started two weeks ago and we go about another month.

**Have there been any good places you've visited**

**so far?**

Not really actually, haven't got kicked out of anywhere.

**How have you handled your success so far?**

Just always know [there's] a higher level. No matter what you're doing, you can be doing way better. There's no top to this.

**What are your future plans? Do you have any singles coming out? Any albums?**

Yeah we actually do. We drop in the end of May, dropping the single, the name of the new album is *Three Rings*, that's why I've been wearing the top hat [with the three rings]. I'm just dropping a lot of my stuff right now.

**How long have you been working on it?**

A month and a half. Something like that. It was kinda rollin' because I didn't do anything for a long time, I did like three months without even touching a microphone. So when I got back on it, I did like 20 songs in a week.

**Who is collaborating on it with you?**

I didn't do any collaborations yet, so what I'm doing is I'm just finishing my parts of it and if I feel like it needs a collaboration. I'll take one of my versions off and put somebody else on it, you know what I'm sayin'. So I'm just making sure my part is done so when I do get the collaboration all I gotta do is get them on it and I don't have to come back and redo all my crap.

**How do you prepare for a show as far as going on stage?**

More music actually, just come back here and do more music. This is pretty much all I got, got the studio here, the recording booth right there, nothing else to do.

**So is that what you do when you're on the road?**

It's all I do. I taped up the wheels of this chair so I don't slide around while we're driving and I can keep making music whenever.

**How many people are on the bus with you?**

We try to keep it at six. Usually it's like 15, it's fun you know what I'm saying. I mean we have people here, by the box, in the box, sitting in the front, on the windshield. It's crazy.

**You're originally from Florida, but where do you live now?**

I live in Atlanta now, yep got the crib.

**Is there anything that I haven't asked that you want to include?**

I got the new T-Pain Oakleys coming out May 3. They'll be sold wherever Oakleys are sold at. They kinda look like the ones I already wear. I just did some stuff to 'em. Some stuff I did to 'em already anyways, and they saw them and said we should make it your official thing. They [Michael, his manager] actually decided to do it about six or seven months ago to get the product finalized.

## Festival Fest Ends Earth Week on a High Note

BY ANNA YOUNG  
The Breeze

Eleven bands in 11 hours makes for one entertaining, Earth-friendly celebration.

To top off Earth Week, students and Valley residents sprawled out on the Festival lawn starting at noon to hear nine bands play Saturday.

People came and went all day, but were assured a welcoming environment to enjoy some tunes by various indie, folk and rock bands.

Jessie Dodson, a member of EARTH Club, stressed that putting on Festival Fest was a joint effort of EARTH club, and said several committees within the club organized the event.

"We all worked together, we're not hierarchical," Dodson said. "It's taken a whole

lot of work and a whole lot of cash, but it's a great way to reach people."

Bright blankets littered the lawn outside Festival as puppies paraded around the groups of people lounging in the grass listening to the bands play. Some groups were smoking hookah or chatting with the chill music in the background.

Tie-dyed shirts and cloth grocery bags hung in the trees and laid in the grass to dry in the sun. Many enjoyed the self-served cotton candy and sno cones, along with a row of tables lining the lawn that featured literature on different environmental issues and campaigns. Artisan's Hope sold a variety of items from its local store, including housewares, jewelry and musical instruments from countries around the world.

"We're really trying to get some litera-

ture distributed and have conversations with people and try to have environmentally conscious bands and some activist musicians come," Dodson said.

Speaking of music, the centerpiece of Festival Fest was certainly the local and regional artists that performed throughout the day in one-hour increments.

Early in the afternoon, the Greg Ward Project crooned a handful of reggae tunes with speak-singing vocals similar to the style of Matisyahu. The songs featured positive lyrics about diverse social issues.

Mild Winter, a local three-piece indie folk band, played at 3 p.m. The band consists of a violinist, guitarist and drummer, with dueling male and female vocals and



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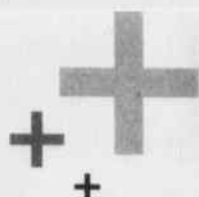
The band Brown Bear, made up of all freshmen, play at Festival Fest, an all-day concert featuring 11 bands. The festival was the last event of JMU's Earth Week celebration.

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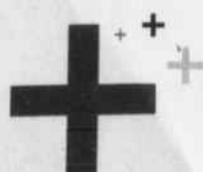
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## 'Twelfth Night' Takes the Stage

BY SEAN SANTIAGO  
contributing writer

"Twelfth Night" takes the Latimer-Schaeffer Theatre stage Tuesday through Saturday at 8 p.m. Freely adapted from the beloved Shakespearean tale of mistaken identity, "Twelfth Night" stars Blair Bowers, David Blore and Alison Hoxie. The gender-bending comedy of errors is set on a Caribbean island in 1937.

Director Wolf Sherrill, in his first JMU production, has updated the Bard's story by eliminating

parts that he felt were unnecessary to the overall message of the text.

"You can kind of cut and paste to tell the story that you want to tell," said Sherrill.

Revisions include newly added material as well as what Sherrill describes as "an element at the beginning of the show that is...something fun."

The show is approximately two hours long. Tickets for "Twelfth Night" are on sale for \$10 to the general public and \$8 to JAC Card holders. For ticket information, call (540) 568-7000.

## FESTIVAL: Promotes Earth Day

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lively, catchy songs.

Trees on Fire had a jazz-esque tone with smooth vocals. The Charlottesville quintet delivered a cross-genred, unique sound thanks to an accordion, violin and saxophone and four-part harmonies.

After Electric Baby performed, Murphy's Kids gave the crowd sounds reminiscent of Sublime, featuring eye-opening, energetic lyrics. The evening drizzle didn't hinder people from dancing in the rain while Murphy's Kids played.

"I'm just here for the music mostly, but I wanted to hear Mala Spotted Eagle more than anyone," said junior Noah Halliston.

Mala Spotted Eagle, a resident of the Nanish Shontie community in Oregon, gave a brief yet thoughtful speech between two bands' sets.

"There are a lot of ways that we could all be caretakers of the Earth," said Spotted Eagle. "This is part of what Earth Day is about: to recognize and honor that the Mother Earth does take care of us, from the time we're born to the time our bodies go back to Earth."



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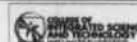


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Redshirt freshman tailback Griff Yancey (17) was JMU's second-leading rusher in 2007 with 688 yards on 105 attempts. Junior quarterback Rodney Landers led JMU with 1324 yards on 223 attempts, but Yancey's 6.3 yards per carry led all players with double digit attempts.

## Offense Sharp to a 'T' in Spring Game



CAROLINE DAVIS/The Breeze

Redshirt freshman receiver Kerby Long (21) took snaps at quarterback in Madison's spring game and ran nine times for 75 yards.

### Looking to next year, depth no longer an issue at running back

BY MATTHEW MCGOVERN  
 The Breeze

"Offense wins." Those bragging rights will be printed on T-shirts given to roughly half the JMU football team after the offense beat the defense 70-39 in James Madison's spring game Saturday.

"We always talk about trying to get the T-shirt," sophomore receiver Rockeed McCarter said. "We wear that around during away trips, class, everywhere."

But the chips were stacked in the offense's favor from the outset.

The Dukes were able to use six running backs in the intra-squad scrimmage, after being limited to three in the 2007 spring game because of injuries. The defense won that matchup 36-31.

But this year, JMU coach Mickey Matthews kept two key defensive tackles and his best safety

out of the game for precautionary reasons. The offense took advantage.

"There were a lot of scrimmages this year where we would practice for 20 minutes before we made a first down," Matthews said. "But we held out several of our top defensive kids [because of] concern about injuries and I think that really showed."

"We just didn't want to risk an injury to those guys that had great springs."

Sophomore defensive tackles Sam Daniels and J.D. Skolnitsky didn't participate in the spring game, and junior safety Marcus Haywood also sat out for precautionary reasons. Sophomore cornerback Evan McCollough also sat out the game after missing the entire spring practice period due to shoulder surgery.

The defense was awarded points for touchdowns, turnovers, tackles for loss, drives that ended without a first down and forcing punts before the offense got to midfield. The offense received points for touchdowns, conversions, field goals, first downs and crossing midfield.

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## Softball Sweeps the Seahawks

BY WES SHAW  
 The Breeze

With only six games remaining in the regular season, JMU softball picked the perfect time to run off its longest winning streak of the year. After a weekend sweep of UNC Wilmington, the Dukes have won five straight and improved their overall record to 24-20.

In the first game of Saturday's doubleheader, JMU won 4-2 behind junior Jenny Clohan's complete-game victory. It won the final two games of the series via the slaughter rule, 9-1 Saturday and 11-3 on Sunday. It was Madison's first sweep of the season.

"This was crucial to our season," junior third baseman Amber Kirk said. "Every game from here on out we have to go all out, because it could put us in the conference tournament or put us out."

As it stands now, JMU sits in fourth in the Colonial Athletic Association with an 8-6 conference record. Six-time defending CAA champion Hofstra leads the conference with an 11-3 mark.

"The kids came to play this weekend," JMU coach Katie Flynn said. "We had some good pitching performances and definitely a very strong offensive output. It creates a little separation between us and Drexel in the four and five spots [in the CAA] and I still think we have an opportunity to move up with the remaining games we have."

Only the top four teams in the conference will be invited to the CAA tournament in mid-May. The Dukes will need to stay ahead of now No. 5 Drexel



CRAIG HUTSON/contributing photographer

Junior pitcher Jenny Clohan (second from left) is a win shy of tying for second on JMU's all-time win list after her victory Saturday. Clohan has a 9-7 record in 2008 with a 2.12 ERA, pitching 10 complete games.

to earn one of those spots. After being swept by Hofstra this weekend, the Dragons are 7-8 in the CAA, a game and a half behind Madison.

Clohan threw 10 total innings this weekend, starting in the first and last games of the series. On Saturday she struck out a career-high 11 and gave up only two earned runs.

Clohan was on the mound Sunday for three more innings, giving up seven hits but only two runs. She got into trouble in each inning, but was able to work herself out of jams with only minimal damage.

Early in the game, "Clohan felt like the strike zone might have been a little bit tight so she had to put the ball over the plate a little bit more," Flynn said. "She did what she needed to do and we knew we had Meredith [Felts] to come in and finish."

Felts threw the final three innings before the Dukes went up by eight and the game was called. The junior gave up only one hit and zero earned runs, striking out three.

Before JMU took complete control

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CRAIG HUTSON/contributing photographer

Sophomore midfielder Kim Griffin scored a goal in JMU's 10-8 win over Hofstra on Friday.

### JOSTLING FOR POSITION

See page 12 for a summary of the lacrosse team's victories over Hofstra and Drexel.



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## OFFENSE: Depth at RB Keys Win

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Redshirt freshman wide receiver Marcus Turner led the Dukes in receiving with three catches for 61 yards, while McCarter finished with two for 24. But redshirt freshman wide receiver Kerby Long was the most dynamic player in the scrimmage. Long played as a receiver and quarterback, and rushed nine times for 75 yards running the option offense.

"I thought every time he took a snap he was improving," Matthews said. "Every game Kerby Long plays he's gonna get much better. ...We're gonna get him the ball a lot of different ways during the course of a game, whether it's playing quarterback, or handing the ball or throwing it to him."

Junior quarterback Rodney Landers went 11-of-12 for 74 yards and rushed for 30 as he wore the No. 1 quarterback's protected red shirt, which kept him from getting tackled. Redshirt freshman backup quarterback Drew Dudzik completed 5-of-9 passes for 51 yards, while he also ran for 69 yards and a touchdown.

Both quarterbacks led their respective offenses on 70-yard scoring drives to open the game, as the offense started on its own 30-yard line each possession. Landers was nearly flawless but deferred attention to the running backs.

"We were able to go basically the whole spring holding Gene [Holloman] out, and the backs have stepped up, made plays," Landers said.

Senior tailback Eugene Holloman sat out the game while he continues to recover from arthroscopic knee surgery. Matthews was impressed with Madison's young running backs in Holloman's absence.

"They're vastly improved from last fall and I think they're gonna push Eugene for the starting job," Matthews said.

Freshman running back Scott Noble rushed 10 times for 98 yards and a touchdown, while redshirt freshman Jonathan Rose rushed 10 times for 97 yards. Redshirt freshman fullback Donnell Brown and redshirt freshman tailback Griff Yancey also had scores, while Yancey played as a tailback and receiver.

## SOFTBALL: Alone in Fourth in CAA

SOFTBALL, from page 11

of the game, Kirk came to the plate with two on and two out in the fourth, with the Dukes leading 4-2. She took a fastball and lined it over the left-field fence, giving JMU all the run support it needed.

"All I was thinking in my head was 'give me something to hit,'" Kirk said. "She did, she gave me something in the zone and I just swung."

The Dukes will be helped by their weak schedule from here on out. UNCW is last in the CAA, with George Mason and Delaware not far ahead. JMU will get the Patriots and the Blue Hens in its final two series of the season.

After a tough early-season schedule, with games against Atlantic Coastal Conference, Big East, and Pacific-Ten schools, as well as series with the top three teams in the CAA, Hofstra, Georgia State and Towson, the Dukes look to take advantage of the light schedule to close out the year.

"We played the 43rd ranked schedule in the country, out of 285 programs," Flynn said. "When you're playing PAC-10 teams, you can't expect to bat .300. We started out a little slower, and the schedule flip-flopped. Really it's a matter of confidence. Our bats are coming alive and it couldn't be at a better time."

## Lacrosse's Tourney Hopes Still Alive

JMU Lacrosse kept its hopes for earning a spot in the Colonial Athletic Association Tournament alive with two key conference wins this weekend. It won 10-8 over Hofstra Friday and then recorded a 10-9 victory over Drexel on Sunday.

With a 3-3 conference record, the Dukes are currently sixth out of eight in the CAA; two spots out of the top four who will be invited to compete in the CAA tournament. JMU will have one more game, against George Mason at home on Saturday, before conference begins on May 2.

The five teams that sit ahead of Madison are 5-2 Towson, 4-2 GMU, 4-2 William & Mary, 4-3 Delaware and 4-3 Hofstra.

A win against GMU on Saturday will end JMU's regular season conference record at 4-3, tied with W&M, Delaware, Hofstra and possibly Towson and GMU. Still, Madison knows that it has to handle everything in its control, and not worry about things that are not.

"We're just trying to take care of our own," JMU coach Shelley Klaes-Bawcombe said. "In the CAA, everyone's beating up on everyone. Depending, on what happens, we have a chance [to make the tournament]. We just hope the lacrosse gods have us in mind."

"We're totally focused on us beating George Mason, and taking care of our own destiny."

On Friday, JMU came back from behind to beat Hofstra, scoring four goals in a span of 2:33 late in the second half. Senior attacker Annie Wagner and Mary Kate Lomady each had three goals in the game.

On Sunday the Dukes built a 10-5 lead early in the second half, but allowed Drexel back into the game with four unanswered goals.

"We all came out feeling good, we knew it was a must win," Wagner said. "When your team has a must win game they come out ready to play more than usual."

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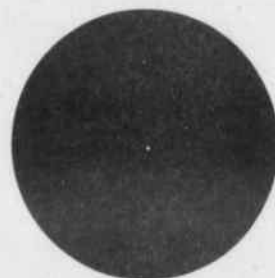
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