Excused Absences For Voters?

SGA hopes faculty, administration agree

By TIM CHAPMAN

In what some SGA senators deemed as the most active meeting of the semester, debate over granting student organization funds on the line for argument over a time-consuming bill.

With some students new registered to vote in Harrisonburg, Sens. Adam Zucker-

man, John Scott and Bryan Moen proposed a bill that would grant excused absences on

Nov. 4 for those with proof of voting. The bill also asked for professors to be flexible with

rescheduling quizzes and tests.

Sen. Jeff Watson took the issue a step further, hoping to convince the Senate to ap-

prove a bill asking for all classes to be can-

celled on Election Day.

"Feel a lot of my friends' first-time ex-

perience, they want to be able to actually go home," Watson said after the meeting. "It's a big barrier. There's people who have already"

declined the excused absence for being sick and they don't want that to be a barrier for them to go home and vote.

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administration agreed to amend the bill, but was pleased nonethe-

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break for Thanksgiving, turning the typical

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in. "I think what we had was great, " Zucker-

Zuckerman agreed with Watkins' motion

and participation in concerts

Election Day:

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The Washington Post
America’s Economic Crisis May Mean Good News for China

Chinese banks are looking to expand, and may be a much more active player.

Although Shanghai’s stock exchange has only one-two of its value the year before, China’s big banks have escaped the credit crunch. In October, China’s big banks have been able to lend at lower interest rates than Wall Street.

Chairman of non-banking financial institutions in China, has a vast trump card: mountains of cash.

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Arthi Prabhakaran, senior economist advisor to Russian Dmitry Medvedev, said the U.S. financial crisis could benefit Moscow. “We are not naive,” he said. “We’re not trying to say that Russia will substitute for the United States in the financial sense, but in some niches, there is a certain window of possibility for Russia to take the U.S.’s place as the world leader.”

Russia could “serve as a logical financial system for neighboring countries and Eastern Europe in the medium-term,” in five to seven years, he said.

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James Madison University, Blue Ridge Community College, Bridgewater College and Eastern Mennonite University are all working together to start the science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) program for incoming freshmen. The program will take 50 students per summer and leaders plan to hold the first one in the summer of 2009.

By ASHTON SMITH  The Breeze

In the midst of the economic crisis area, university students are receiving $5.5 million to improve enrollment in STEM majors.

More declarations in a science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM) major would come from a new summer program for future students.

JMU, Blue Ridge Community College, Bridgewater College and Eastern Mennonite University received the grant from the National Science Foundation for a summer program involving all four schools.

The effort is to help boost student enrollment in these subjects at the university level. The summer program will be for students who have been accepted by one of these schools and who want extra preparation for the college-level classes.

"The national economy depends an awful lot on people in STEM majors," said Bob Kolvoord, JMU's co-director of the Center for STEM Education in those subjects at the university level.

JMU will take more than 50 students who will complete different projects each year. The number of students each school will get will depend on the size of each school, with JMU likely to have the most students out of the four institutions.

According to Kolvoord, students and faculty from each of the four schools will work together during the summer to best teach everyone.

"We're going to sit at the table this Thursday and give them ideas and resources to use to craft this program," which will have to be "extremely helpful," said Ray McGhee, senior researcher for SRI International.

Leaders from the other universities agreed with Kolvoord's sentiment.

"We think it is going to be a lead on the incoming students making sure their math preparation is to the point where they can come into whatever institution they choose and not take developmental courses," said Kenneth Phillips, the Blue Ridge Community College representative.

"The incoming summer program's purpose is to try and improve the math level of incoming freshmen. That is one thing that a community college does extremely well," Kolvoord said.

Students will also have the opportunity to intern over the summer to help get real-world experience in these fields while participating in the program.

THE PROGRAM'S FUTURE

SRI International is in charge of the project evaluation and will work with the program and the universities to help them polish the program.

"Our role might be a critical friend," said Ray McGhee, senior researcher for SRI International. "We are going to sit at the table this Thursday and give them ideas and resources to use to craft this program." There will have to be "extreme recruitment effort in neighboring school districts." Their meeting will decide preparations for the summer program and the little details to get the program up and running for the summer of '09.

After three years of participating in the program, all four schools will be eligible for another million dollars, which will allow it to run for two extra years. But first the program has to have good evaluations for the National Science Foundation to get the funds.

"They want to see progress at the end of two years," McGhee said. "They want to see the fact that those students have persisted, have continued taking different sequences of courses, gotten involved in internships, and seen that they are on that upward trajectory. Our job is to monitor and track that.

Blue Ridge does have the potential to affect other institutions in the area, like JMU.

"We feed into other institutions, [...] so I like to keep track of what other institutions are doing," Kolvoord said.

JMU Rocks the Vote

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It is true that the coveted "state for lovers" has a unique position in this upcoming election? According to CNN and other news sources, the state of Virginia does play the "big role" of a "swing state." CNN's Web site also said that New Hampshire, Ohio, Colorado and Nevada also share the authoritative position of swing state.

MVT has "Rock the Vote," a campaign to encourage young people to get out and vote. According to the Rock the Vote Web site, almost two million have registered through the site. Some students think voting should be a no-brainer:

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SGA, from front

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VOTE: Students Toss Mints in Bins for Candidates They Want to Win Election

Vote, from page 3

then tossed a mint into the respective bin of their chosen candidate. The bins will be counted and the votes tallied. By the time the event ends, students will know where campus stands as far as if campus is voting Democratic or Republican.

With a simple check of a box, students can each play an intricate part in making it better or worse. Whether the 44th installment will be Barack Obama or John McCain remains to be seen on Nov. 4.

The mock election runs through the end of this week on the commons. Check in Monday’s issue for the results.

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on the importance of voting
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The letter-writer argues that the current economic stimulus packages, bailouts, and other measures are not addressing the root causes of the financial crisis. The letter-writer points out that the stimulus plans, bailouts, and other financial measures are merely temporary solutions, and that they do not address the underlying issues of corporate greed, political corruption, and the overreaching power of major corporations.

The letter-writer notes that the current government has been accused of being too lenient with corporations, allowing them to engage in unethical and illegal practices with impunity. The letter-writer cites examples such as the government's role in allowing banks to pass off toxic assets as safe investments, and the government's failure to hold corporations accountable for their actions.

The letter-writer also criticizes the government's lack of oversight and regulation of the financial sector, which has led to a culture of deregulation and deregulation that has allowed corporations to engage in risky and unethical practices. The letter-writer argues that the government needs to take a more active role in regulating the financial sector, and that it needs to hold corporations accountable for their actions.

The letter-writer concludes by calling for a more transparent and accountable government, one that is committed to protecting the interests of the American people rather than the interests of corporations. The letter-writer urges the government to take bold actions to address the underlying issues of corporate greed, political corruption, and the overreaching power of major corporations.
Time is Running Out to Stop a Nuclear Iran

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Annual music festival proves a soggy success

BY JESS NOVAK

Annual music festival
Chimneys Regional Park in Mount Solon. The festival raged on the end of Saturday. Despite the weather, the music and atmosphere was so welcoming, generous, friendly, extremely extroverted, laid back and happy to be here!”

Spaghettifest is a weekend-long music festival featuring local, state and national bands. Strickland was one of hundreds to deal with flooding rain, two out of three people and no dry shoes (she wore barefoot most of Saturday). The festival raged on the entire weekend, despite Mother Nature’s forecast attempts to flood the campgrounds of Natural Chimneys Regional Park in Mount Solon.

“It’s pretty phenomenal despite the rain,” confirmed senior Erin Fearing, who was attending her second Spaghettifest. “We’re just not thinking about the rain.”

The festival improved this year due to more diverse band lineup and more organized layout of the event.

“This was the first year I could really enjoy myself,” said festival-creator Mickey Glago of Spaghettifest 6, the sixth year in a row, drawing close to 1,000 attendees of Spaghettifest 5, the festival-attendants of Spaghettifest 5, the most energetic of the weekend, rivaling the most energetic of the weekend, rivaling the annual Spaghettifest exceeded expectations for attendance by festival-attendants of Spaghettifest 6, the sixth year in a row, drawing close to 1,000 attendees.

Joy Murphy’s Kids, The Afromotive and Future. The Breeze
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“Before Scratch went out, he kept looking out at the crowd to get ready,” Glago said. “He told me it wasn’t the best crowd ever, but it was pretty good. I think he really felt good of it that was the crowd was not as ideal as the weather. But he didn’t let it discourage him. He said, ‘I’m not going to go out with a split crowd, not just one front man, and the violin had much more energy.’

Also an art that performed that had a similar success connecting to the audience. "This was the first year I could really experience this," Strickland said. "The whole group really connected with the crowd, not just one front man, and the violin had much more energy."

Senior Beth Camphouse & sophomore Lauren Lewis

Six Degrees of...

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Six Degrees of Separation is a theory that any two people in the world can be connected through a chain of no more than six people. It is also known as the six degrees of separation. Beth Camphouse and Lauren Lewis are two undergraduates studying at the new East Campus library. Beth is a senior political science major and Lauren a sophomore nursing major. Beth works at UREC as a group fitness instructor and Lauren is a member of the nursing club. Both of the girls live in Manassas, although Beth’s family just moved there recently and Lauren grew up there.

Lauren finally asks Beth, “Do you know Thelma and Louise?” Beth quietly says, “Yes! She used to be a group fitness instructor and just graduated.” Lauren explains that she grew up with Danube, who has known her since she was eight years old, and they went to school together for years. Another connection is found in a matter of minutes.

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Sunday:

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The new romantic comedy “My Best Friend’s Girl” isn’t quite so new. The plotline behind the movie has been done before in many of the beloved comedies released in the past few years. In the first 20 minutes, it was obvious the film was a twist on the 2003 movie “Hitch,” but with a cruder and less talented leading man.

Dane Cook is one of the funniest men of this generation, but he should stick to stand-up — acting definitely isn’t his forte. With such an amazing co-star, Kate Hudson, the film gained a little credibility, but Cook’s performance was too dreadful to be overlooked. Hudson gains most of the laughs from the audience and makes the film a little better than it would have been with a different leading actress. Jason Biggs brings some humor in to the mix, but inevitably plays a character that the audience pityes throughout the film. Biggs isn’t in the movie as much as he should have been, especially with his previous comedic accomplishments such as “American Pie.”

Cook plays a hired bad date named Tank: He is paid by men to take their ex-girlfriends out on a hellish date to have them run screaming back into their ex-lovers’ arms. Sounds like a nice deed. However, most of these women return to hateful relationships with their cheating boyfriends. Tank’s life is going pretty well until he is hired by his best friend Dustin (Jason Biggs) to help him win back the love of his co-worker Alexis (Kate Hudson). Alexis is actually looking for unattached sex and not a serious relationship, which inevitably poses some obstacles for Tank and Dustin.

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The Breeze’s "Seventy Scenes of Halloween" to Play in Latimer-Shaeffer Theatre

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New Sci-fi Show on ‘Fringe’ of TV Let-Down

FORT WORTH, TEXAS — Television networks have always seemed to have a strange love affair with science fiction. They love adding new sci-fi shows every year, then cancelling them unless they don’t immediately attract the huge crowds. Blaming it on the writers for not looking at the numbers, the networks have decided to come to Spaghettifest, "Strickland said. "You can be yourself here. "

Without actually attending, it is difficult to explain the power of the weekend to those who have not experienced it first-hand. However, one look at the sea of faces that make up the weekend, is evidence enough to prove the deep networking and the magic of the festival. For all those who chose to miss out this time, there is always next year.

"I was expecting something like Langerado, but it was a mini Bonnaroo that happens in Florida when I roughed the elements this weekend, they can attest to the magic of the festival. For all those who chose to miss out this time, there is always next year."

The Accordion Death Squad impressed audiences with a unique repertoire featuring a guitar, violin, drums, vocals, horns and accordion and an accordion player from "Ratsylvania" who joked she was from "Trees on Fire was a great time to perform more originals and covers."

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FESTIVAL: Has Become Tradition for Many Students

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With sunglasses flying off the violent, Justin Es- postad, mid-SOLO, TOF integrates four-part harmonies, electronics and vocoders into the Alternative, electronic setting the up the crowd and their accreditation. TOF plans to return to the Harrisonburg area for a WXMJ free broadcasted performance Thursday, Oct. 30 and shows at Clo- nomics in November and December.

"I can't wait for next year, " Strickland said.

"The Anti-Corporate Heads Party" and new songs including "Give It All" which is set to be released on their next album at the end of this year or early 2009. They also surprised the crowd with two unique ver- sions of The Temptations "Ain't Too Proud To Beg" and "ake the set with an au-

dicence cover of "Burning Down the House." "Our Trouble Heads cover of "Burning Down the House." "

"The lead singer really makes what he sings- ing about. He's not just con- ducting, he really looks like it," Cummings said. "I was expecting something like Langerado, perhaps that is still the most endearing quality of Spaghettifest. It is a great time to make new friends and good music," Cummings said. "You can't help but get into it.

For all those who enjoyed the music and the magic of the weekend, they can attest to the magic of the festival. For all those who chose to miss out this time, there is always next year."

"There are lots of clubs that come and it's so easy to make friends and find people who might just be The Breeze's Marketing & Circulation Coordinator

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Iron Will Drives No. 1

Top distance runner dealt with anemia, now leads team

By WES SHAW
The Breeze

As a senior in high school, Alison Parris excelled in her sport like never before.

In November of 2003 she earned an all-state honor in cross country after finishing second in the Maryland A state championship meet. During the winter of that same year, Parris limped several miles in the 800 meters in Maryland's indoor track championship. So when exercise left her feeling tired and weak in the fall of her freshman year at JMU, she knew something was wrong.

A blood test confirmed that Parris had anemia, a condition characterized by low red blood cell and iron levels in the body.

In November of 2005 she earned an all-state honor in cross country after finishing second in the Maryland AA state championship meet. During the winter of that same year, Parris finished seventh in the 3,200 meters in the outdoor track championship.
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ANEMIA: Back at Full Health, Parris Leading Madison XC

Parris has returned to competing at the same level she did in high school and more than living up to the expectations she brought with her to Madison as a freshman in 2006. The only difference is the iron pills she takes every day.

For a distance runner, red blood cells are key for keeping oxygen flowing through the muscles and for maintaining energy during activity. Without high levels of oxygen in the body, an athlete is essentially ineffective. The iron pills work to counteract those effects of anemia, replacing and strengthening the red blood cells.

"We knew she was talented when we recruited her," Rinker said. "We just knew it was gonna take some time after those iron deficiencies. We were patient. She was patient. I think this is the residual effect of all that patience and the hard work that she has put in." The junior has been JMU's top finisher in each of its two races this season. She won the JMU Invitational in New Market on Sept. 13. Her victory, along with the Dukes finishing in 10 of the first 11 spots, gave Madison the team title in its first meet of 2008.

Parris returned to cross country competition at the same race last year. She was JMU’s ninth runner to cross the line, finishing 20th in 20:49. By the end of the season, however, Parris showed just how good of a runner she could be when healthy. At the Eastern College Athletic Conference Championships in November she was the first Duke to cross the line, finishing 18th out of 19 overall competitors in a time of 18:30.

It is the fastest time in which Parris has ever run a 5K. Closing out her first cross country season since her anemia-induced hiatus in that fashion gave Parris confidence heading into the indoor and outdoor track seasons. She carried that momentum into cross country this fall.

"I did pretty well in the ECAC so I had pretty high expectations for this year," Parris said. "At New Market in September, she beat all five returning runners who finished ahead of her in 2007 and bettered her time from that year by over a minute, at 19:30. Parris was one of four Madison runners to finish in the top ten at the meet. She said the group of Jessica Propst, Lynne Colombo and Holly Fredericksen has been key to her comeback and her success this season.

"We push each other day in and day out, so I was hoping one of us would win that meet," Parris said. "I just had a really good day.

Rinker has also been instrumental in Parris’ return, never pushing her to do what she was not capable of and giving her ample time to recover.

"He was really good about just letting me do easier runs and he was very patient with me," Parris said. "He knew that it was gonna take time."

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FOOTBALL: Kicking, Return Teams Special for Dukes so far in 2008

But if he's not ready to go, it seems that JMU has found a viable replacement in Goff. "When I watched Goff rugby punt, it was obvious it was a good idea," Matthews said. "And he's a good athlete — he's just a really good athlete. He's a guy that's played receiver and played secondary, and I think actually was a high school quarterback."

While JMU enters Saturday's game against Hofstra with the CAA's best net-punting average, the Pride (2-2, 1-0) will visit Harrisonburg with the conference's worst punt return average. Hofstra has five punt returns for -9 yards in four games this season.

With the JMU coaching staff's recent adjustment to special-teams play, the Pride may not be moving up on that list.

But there's nobody in the NFC, one month in, that looks any better than the Redskins. Certainly there's no team with more momentum than the Redskins. Even if they lose Sunday, the Redskins would be 3-2 and will have finished their division road schedule earlier than any team in the NFL. Playing in the tough atmosphere of the New Meadowlands, no team that after Sunday's game that will have faced tougher tests than the Redskins. Certainly there's no team with more momentum than the Dallas Cowboys. Y es, the Redskins would be second in the entire league. Doesn't mean they'll end up there or even make the playoffs. Just means they are that much better than every other team in the league, at least for now. If there actually were an NFL poll such a thing, who are knee-deep in drama after one measly loss. Both teams have had the same record for a week now. The Redskins have all but wiped away the memory of that season-opening loss to the Giants, Redskins, Titans, Bills, Cowboys. Y es, the Redskins would be second in the entire league. Doesn't mean they'll end up there or even make the playoffs. Only four open holes into the NFL, the Redskins already has that transitional feel. There's a distinct hint of out of the blue, meaning the Punter in the Wind and the JMU special teams new meaning the Titans and Bills, both surprisingly undefeated, and now, quite possibly, the Washington Redskins.

Three straight victories won't guarantee a team a spot in the playoffs, of course. But they do produce anajan-

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By MICHAEL WILSON (Commentary) Washington Post

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Last Week

Total Yds/Game

JMU

Hofstra

7-6

2-1

6-6

7-2

5-4

4-5

JMU

Hofstra

248.0

23.6

109.5

253.5

248.0

23.6

253.5

Points allowed

Yards Allowed

Rushing Yds/Gm

Passing Yds/Gm

Total Yds/Game

Turnover +/-

Passing Yds Allowed/Gm

Points Allowed/Gm

Moving Stat Totals

Points Per Game

TOTAL

44-16

41-19

39-21

35-25

34-26

OVERALL

16-4

12-5

12-5

10-6

10-6

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By Michael WilBon

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Hofstra at JMU

At Look At The Numbers

Hofstra

Record

2-2

4-1

Points Per Game

21.3

38.0

Points Allowed

20.0

36.0

Total Yds/Game

476.0

425.0

Yards Allowed

341.0

363.0

Rushing Yds/Gm

211.0

325.8

Passing Yds/Gm

265.0

96.5

Rushing Yds Allowed/Gm

93.0

109.5

Passing Yds Allowed/Gm

248.0

253.5

Turnover +/-

+2

+3

"I was a little worried," Pritchard said. "I was watching it with one of my roommates — and he didn't think I was already admitted."

Pritchard attempted about 15 punts at practice Tuesday, and estimated his chances were not moving up on that list.

Duke's healthy enough to play.

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**Friday, Oct. 3**
- JMU Mineral Museum
- Science on a Sphere
- CISAT Academic Presentations
- General Education Student Conference
- Field Hockey vs. Drexel
- University Recreation Center Volleyball vs. Northeastern
- Vicki Lawrence and Mama: A Two Women Show
- Back-to-School for Parents
- Tour of Campus
- Beyond Jamestown
- East Campus Library Open House

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**Saturday, Oct. 4**
- Academic Receptions
  - College of Business
  - College of Integrated Science and Technology
  - Department of Military Science
  - Office of International Programs
  - Honors Program
  - Tour of Campus
- Movies at Grafton-Stovall Theater
- JMU Mineral Museum
- UREC Programs
- Morning Canoe on the Shenandoah River
- Morning Hike to Hidden Rocks and Reddish Knob
- Open Climbing: Urec Climbing Wall
- Group Fitness and Wellness Program
- 5k Race, Benefits: Susan G. Komen
  - Breast Cancer Foundation
  - Godwin Field Festival
  - Air Illusions, Airbrush Face Painting by Mark Powell
- Edith J. Carrier Arboretum Fall Plant
  - and Bulb Sale and Tour
  - Science on a Sphere
  - Godwin Lunch Alfresco
  - Picnic on The Commons
- Football pre-game and halftime: Dukes vs. Hofstra
- Center for Multicultural Student Services
- Carrier Library Benefit Book Sale
- Beyond Jamestown
- Contemporary Gospel Singers
- Volleyball vs. Hofstra
- Men’s Soccer vs. Delaware
- Fantastic Feast
- Pops Concert (featuring JMU chorale, JMU Brass Band, Wind Symphony and Marching Royal Dukes)

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**Sunday, Oct. 5**
- Edith J. Carrier Arboretum Fall Plant
  - and Bulb Sale and Tour
- Continental Breakfast
- Great Deal Brunch
- Lunch with a View (Festival Conference and Student Center)
- Field Hockey vs. Hofstra
- Sawhill Gallery (Duke Hall)
- New Image Galley
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Dukes Defend No. 1 Ranking Against Pride Saturday

JMU will enter Saturday’s matchup with Hofstra with the No. 1 ranking in both Football Championship Subdivision (formerly Division I-AA) polls. Last week, Madison was ranked No. 1 in the FCS Coaches Poll, but was second behind Richmond in the Sports Network Top 25. The Spiders lost to Villanova on Saturday, falling to No. 6 and No. 7 in The Sports Network Top 25 and Coaches Poll, respectively.

JMU quarterback Rodney Landers leads the Colonial Athletic Association in rushing through five games this season, with 602 yards. In fact, his 120.4 rushing yards per game eclipse his passing average of 100.8 ypg. Landers is coming off his second-best rushing performance at Maine, a 156-yard effort.

By KATIE THISDELL
The Breeze

It’s time to give families a lesson in purple and gold. With streamers, face paint and buttons, students will be ready to show their spirit as the Dukes take on Hofstra on Saturday.

Bridgeforth Stadium will be packed for another home football game, as parents cheer with sons and daughters starting at the 1:30 p.m. kick-off.

Normally there are 5,000 tickets for the designated student sections. However, since so many students have seats with their families throughout the stadium, only 1,200 are available individually.

With possible seating for 15,500 fans, 5,000 single tickets for families and other guests sold out in the beginning of July, according to Mike Carpenter, the director of ticket operations.

“There will still be a small core student section in sections four and five, but the rest of the students will be a lot more spread out,” Carpenter said.

Only a few hundred tickets had been distributed to students with JAC Cards early this week.

“They’re not going very fast, especially compared to the Appalachian State game when 5,000 were given out in one week,” Carpenter said.

He explained this was because so many students already have tickets.

However, many students are disappointed that they cannot go to the game with their families.

Freshman Kathleen Murphy said her family started looking for tickets too late in the summer. She had hoped to share the new pride she has in her school’s team with her parents, but now she can’t.

“I felt that we didn’t get enough advance notice that they would sell so quickly,” the Midlothian native said. “I knew they would,

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The Breeze

Kathy and Jim LaMar, both in their early 50s, will find themselves back in college on Friday as they attend Microeconomics with their freshman daughter, Alexandra. Even though Alex is not too thrilled at the idea, her parents are very eager.

"I just want to be a part, to the best of my abilities, of what she's doing," Kathy LaMar said. "Why wouldn't I jump on this?"

Some JMU professors have invited parents to attend class on Friday to kick off Family Weekend, an opportunity some students look forward to, while others cringe at the thought. Parents can attend any of the 130 courses that have been approved by Academic Affairs, even if their son or daughter isn't enrolled in a particular class.

According to Tracey Kite, the associate director of parent relations, the idea is to give parents the chance to see what their child is learning, and also the opportunity to meet professors.

"I think that parents will walk away confident in the professors and what their children are learning—that their students are really getting the 'bang for their buck,'" Kite said.

She also said she hoped this would help with parent-professor relationships.

Beth Valorz, whose son is a prospective JMU student, said she wants the chance to participate in what her son will do at college.

"Partly so I could have a throwback to my college days, and to experience better what his college experience is like," she said. "But here's what I think, [my son] would hate it!"

Kahty LaMar is looking forward to the chance to be more involved in her daughter's new life.

"I thought this was a great opportunity, it's a way to feel part of her day," LaMar said. "It didn't even matter what class, [but] just to be part of a class she's in, to see the classroom environment, to check out one of her professors and to feel what she feels, even though it's a small part of her day, as a parent I couldn't ask for anything more."

Although exact numbers are unknown, Kite said that this opportunity has increased the number of parents arriving Friday for Family Weekend.

Kite came up with the idea after researching new ways to involve parents during Family Weekend, especially with the academic side of JMU.

She said that some other universities offered similar opportunities.

After getting the idea approved by Academic Affairs, Kite said she searched e-campus for any classes scheduled for Friday, Oct. 3, and then sent about 1,000 personal e-mails to the corresponding professors asking for their participation.

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Pretty in Pink... and Sneakers

The Susan G. Komen Foundation was founded in honor of the breast cancer victim who passed away twenty-five years ago. It is now the largest nonprofit organization dedicated solely to breast cancer in the United States.

By KATE MCFARLAND contributing writer

The runners are scheduled to warm up for an hour before the gun shoots to begin the race at 10 a.m. on the Festival Lawn on Saturday, Oct. 4. Participants have been training for this 5K for months. Some anxious runners have requested course maps to ensure that no time is lost second-guessing the route. Timers will stand in their designated positions to collect accurate times. Other participants will compete in an unconventional way by dressing for the crazy-costume contest, which last year included a neon-inspired workout outfit from head to toe.

Regardless of the motivation for the competitive vibe, approximately 400 people all share the goal of supporting the Susan G. Komen Foundation in the fight against breast cancer.

The sorority Zeta Tau Alpha and Student Wellness and Outreach are co-sponsoring the 5K run/walk. While some runners see the event as an aggressive time trial, others casually participate to raise money for breast cancer awareness and enjoy the activist atmosphere.

In past years, ZTA has donated nearly $16,000 to its national philanthropy, the Susan G. Komen Foundation, generating most of its funds from the 5K.

The organizers purposefully plan the event to fall on Parent’s Weekend every year to encourage maximum involvement from students, their parents and the Harrisonburg community. ZTA co-chair of the event Chelsea Harrison explained that it is also ideal to include parents because of their own encounters with the invasive, and sometimes fatal, form of cancer.

“It is a very relatable illness... most older people have stories of people they know that have experienced breast cancer.”

— CHELSEA HARRISON Event Co-Chair

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**DO** invite all your friends.
**DO** teach your parents JMU chants.
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Matthew Smith, also a freshman, started planning for the game early. Since his parents knew they wanted to watch the Dukes play during Family Weekend, they purchased tickets at Matthew’s Summer Springboard in July.

“My mom was talking of getting them even before Summer Springboard, but when we were down there my dad was telling her, ‘Get them while you are there!” Smith said. “They are now certainly excited to go with the way our football team has been playing.”

Smith expects the game to be the highlight of his weekend, especially since he can share his purple and gold spirit with his family.

Many of his friends tried to purchase tickets too late.

David Allen, Matthew’s roommate, said his parents just looked last week for tickets. He was surprised that they were sold out, but that student tickets were still available.

“I’m a little bit disappointed,” the freshman said. “Lesson learned though.”

Carpenter said this is a typical response for the game.

“Because of the nature of the stadium and a student body of 18,000, it’s not going to fit everybody that wants to go,” he said.

**RUN:** Participant Turnout a Priority For Event Chairs

This year the race has particular significance as it is dedicated to a mother of a ZTA and JMU alumna who was recently diagnosed with breast cancer and is undergoing a double mastectomy as a result. The sisters of ZTA hope to offer support through their dedication to her.

Because of this special consideration, co-chair Alison Peters made sure participant turnout was a priority. To encourage more involvement and increase awareness, she and Harrison contacted local radio stations, e-mailed all student organizations and forwarded the message to regional high schools. The response has been positive, as pre-registration accounts for $1,000 already.

Sisters of ZTA were also encouraged to contact friends and family members for outside financial support. Parents who are unable to attend the 5K have the option of donating the $15 registration fee online.

“One of the grandmothers of a sister inspired members of her church choir to donate gift baskets to the event,” Peters said.

The gift baskets will be raffled and one will be given as a prize to a first-place winner.

The co-chairs both reflect on this event as a fantastic opportunity to serve the community and their chapter.

“It has been a lot of work, but at the same time, it has allowed me to give back to ZTA in such a good way,” Harrison said.

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CLASS: Parents Permitted to Attend Selected Friday Classes

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Around 150 professors replied, with 130 agreeing, Kite said. Dr. Jean Cash, from the English Department, has two classes that parents can attend: ENG 421: Traditional English Grammar, and ENG 302: Special Topics in Literature and Language.

“Well I just assumed if [parents] were interested enough to be here for parents’ day, why not let them come, [and] see what’s going on,” Cash said.

Professor Laura Taalman has one class approved for visiting parents: Math 231, Calculus with Functions. Although, she said that she is always open to visitors accompanying students, and in the past has hosted friends and parents, even when it’s not Family Weekend.

“Just being able to see and experience the things that their kids are experiencing helps put it in a context and a framework for when they talk to their students about things,” Taalman said.

Taalman added that just knowing what the classroom looks like can help parents understand their student better.

“The same way if you had a friend that moved to another state but you never visited their house, it’s kind of weird for them to talk about what they’re doing because you can’t visualize any of it.”

Kite said that exams, not holding class this Friday and seating limitations were often the reason that some professors chose to turn down the opportunity. Additionally, Kite said that professors have agreed to continue with their original curriculum.

Professor discretion was the only factor in determining approved classes.

Parents are not required to register to attend; however, this means that seating is on a first-come, first-serve basis.

“Students across campus have had mixed responses. Kite said that she had received some e-mails from students who disliked the idea.

Senior Nathaniel Dominy wasn’t especially interested in parents attending class.

“It’s not like I’m opposed, it’s just weird,” he said. “What’re you going to do, check on me? I don’t go to work with them.”

But many students across campus said they wouldn’t mind.

Freshman Brittany Pokrifka said, “It can give [parents] an idea of how classes are going, so if a student complains, maybe they’ll understand.”

Senior Ted Beidler also didn’t mind the idea, and said he hoped to see a few parents in his classes, and that maybe they would “spice things up” by joining discussions.

“A lot of parents are paying for school, so if they want to check out the school and see what they’re paying for, then more power to them,” Beidler said.

Alexandra LaMar has mixed emotions about her parents joining her. She didn’t tell them about the opportunity, her mom came across it in a Family Weekend brochure.

“I’m very happy that they support me,” she said, “but the class that they want to sit in is already full of kids. I can understand that they want to see how college life is, but I think that no one else’s parents will be there, and I feel like they’re making more of a big deal about it than it really is.”

Kathy LaMar characterized her daughter’s resistance as a normal freshman reaction, and said she would have liked to attend her daughter’s earlier class as well, but because she is coming from Pennsylvania, she won’t be here in time.

The LaMars will get a full dose of Microeconomics beginning at 12:20 Friday.

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