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Event Calendar

Saturday, September 3
- All-Debutante Charity Dance at Memorial Hall, 9 p.m.
- Red Sox vs. Pirates at Nutter Field Baseball, 7 p.m.
- Reopening Saturday with Dwight Martin and College Football Hall of Famer Bill Bentley, 7 p.m.

Sunday, September 4
- Honors College Annual Fall Festival at Burruss, 3 p.m.
- Sunday Brunch @ Clemence Caffé, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Tr veterinarian @ Wells Street Brewery, 6 p.m.

Monday, September 5
- A Modern Point of View: Exploring Early 20th Century Painting @ The Museum in the Festival Conference Center, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Harmonic Laboratory @ Duke-Fuller Hall, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Karaoke Night @ Davis Tavern, 9-11 p.m.

Tuesday, September 6
- Four Rooms of Culture Seminar @ JMU Alumni House, 7:30 p.m.
- WMRA Books & Brews: Alan Taylor @ MMA Institute of Harrisonburg, 7-8 p.m.
- Free Women’s Self Defense Seminar @ Pale Fire Tap Room, 7-9 p.m.

Wednesday, September 7
- African Drumming Class @ Our Community Place, 7 p.m.
- Wilton House, 1-3 p.m.

Thursday, September 1
- Open Mic Comedy @ The Breeze Café, 6 p.m.
- All You Can Eat Thursdays with Taverna, 7-10 p.m.
- Open Jam Night @ Dave’s Tavern and Cocktail Lounge, 9-11 p.m.

Friday, September 2
- Cool Friday @ Nutter Field Baseball, 4 p.m.
- SATURDAY... "To the press alone, chequered as it is with abuses, the world is indebted for the triumphs which have been gained by reason and humanity over error and oppression." — James Madison, 1800
Rachel Gencane, a senior anthropology and modern foreign languages double major, volunteered as a "Friend of Par Team member" at the 2016 Olympic Summer games in Rio de Janeiro. According to a source, she is one of several modern foreign languages and anthropology students participating in the volunteer experience of the 2016 Olympic Games.

How did you hear about an opportunity to go to the Olympics? What made you decide to try?

Nobody really told me about this. I knew that the Olympics would have to open an application for me to start researching other people's experiences on the internet. I did the process all by myself. Shout out to my parents for helping me make this happen.

Where did you stay? Who were you staying with?

I used Airbnb for housing. When I secured my room, I knew I would have to figure out how to get to the stadium but they were speaking in Portuguese only. The advantage for me was that I know Portuguese for five semesters at JMU. They provided me with a translation sheet that I could study during my free time. I brought a dictionary with me so I didn't have to rely on the sheet for them to be so welcoming and not understand English. They welcomed me with open arms and spoke English but the rest of their family only spoke Portuguese. The whole experience was a dream come true for me. I had four of them living in the same house — Camilla, her parents and her grandparents. They understood that I wanted to travel so they积极配合我. They helped me understand all the complexities involved in the Olympic Games. I spoke many languages, but Portuguese was one of the most important languages for me to learn. They made me feel at home in their house. I was worked with them in the morning every day and then worked there just in time for my 8 a.m. shift and got off work at 4 p.m. What did you volunteer to do at the Olympics?

My official title was "Friend of Par Team member" at the Olympic stadium for the athletics events, a.k.a. Track and Field. I arrived at the stadium by 2 p.m. every day. I was a translator, a tour guide and a scene setter. I let them know what was going on at the stadium but they were speaking in Portuguese only. The advantage for me was that I know Portuguese for five semesters at JMU. They provided me with a translation sheet that I could study during my free time. I brought a dictionary with me so I didn't have to rely on the sheet for them to be so welcoming and not understand English. They welcomed me with open arms and spoke English but the rest of their family only spoke Portuguese. The whole experience was a dream come true for me. I had four of them living in the same house — Camilla, her parents and her grandparents. They understood that I wanted to travel so they helped me understand all the complexities involved in the Olympic Games. I spoke many languages, but Portuguese was one of the most important languages for me to learn. They made me feel at home in their house. I was worked with them in the morning every day and then worked there just in time for my 8 a.m. shift and got off work at 4 p.m.

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set up their behavior. She’s also grateful for the community coming together for such an amazing cause:

"I am so thankful for everyone who helped put this together for Sadie," Santo said. "I especially want to thank The Studio and LeLa Boutique for donating outfits to Sadie.

Crawford, the owner of The Studio, said she enjoyed giving Elledge the makeover. She was excited to do something special for someone in her community.

"I think the important thing that we’re doing is allowing people like Sadie to know that we just don’t do bullying," Crawford said. "It’s such an important thing in our community, and we want everyone that isn’t bullied.

Crawford said they had all sorts of ideas about what to do for Elledge. They took her downtown to pick out a few outfits and then gave her a makeover back at the salon.

"We showed up at her house and whisked Sadie away," Crawford said.

Upon returning to The Studio, Crawford treated her to a popular French hair coloring technique, balayage, which gives a natural highlight to the customer’s hair. The team later gave her a manicure and did her makeup.

Santo had one last surprise up her sleeve for Elledge. Axl Rose from the band AC/DC called Elledge and offered her free tickets to his show in Washington, D.C., on Sept. 17 at the Verizon Center.

"I didn’t like this story [of what happened to Elledge]," Rose said over the phone. "I wanted to be a part of Greice’s plan and invite you to our AC/DC show."

He added that Elledge was free to bring family and friends.

Elledge agreed to come to the concert and said she was overwhelmed by all of the love everyone has shown her. She was thrilled to be a part of this and said she was given the opportunity to take an awful experience and turn it into something beautiful.

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New building on the block

The College of Health and Behavioral Studies building features a unique open floor plan and state-of-the-art features. The LEED Silver certified environmentally friendly building houses classes for an anticipated 1,900 CHBS students this fall. The building cost over $54.2 million to construct and clocks in at 167,023 square feet. Here’s a look at some of the highlights of this new addition to campus.

By ALYSSA MILLER and MAKENA RAFFERTY-LEWIS | The Breeze

1) Mannequins

The nursing labs contain six high-fidelity mannequins that cost between $30,000 and $100,000 each. The dummies have the ability to move, blink and make noises, and a person controlling them can change their heart rates and even speak for them. Less expensive dummies sit in a "hospital" room and have lifelike gums, moveable limbs and attachable wounds for students to practice dressing.

2) Students in action

With volunteers from the community as well as theatre classes, students in health-related majors such as nursing and occupational therapy can develop what is often called a bedside manner, learning how to treat patients while they’re in critical condition — like in this nursing skills lab.

3) Lecture Halls

The two lecture halls seat 165 students each and feature special soundproof walls and a design to improve the acoustics in the rooms. Someone standing in one corner of the room can clearly hear another person whispering from the opposite corner.

4) Color-Coding

Each of the floors in the CHBS building are color-coded from walls to chairs and everything in between, making it easier for students and faculty to know what floor they’re on at any given time. The ground and first floors are orange, the second floor is teal, the third floor is green, the fourth floor is dark blue and the fifth floor is maroon. Although no one floor is specific to any major, a wall outside each of the elevators directs students to different departments and the main office on each floor.

5) Chairs

Each floor’s color-coded chairs provide a space for students to study and socialize. The chairs also include features like iPad stands and personal reading lights, while others have built-in desks and mini-desks attached.

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We must not let our country divide

By Matt Murray

You know it's happened. You may have even experienced it first hand. Over the past few years, police brutality has been thrust into the limelight.

People constantly place their garbage in the wrong bins, and most of them don't even realize it. The police are forced to clean up after them because of their inability to properly sort their trash.

You're going to see plenty ofrowned citizens on streets where you live, and it's not necessarily the best option, especially if you're running late. Shaming isn't the answer. It's better to take care of the problem instead of punishing the individual. People take pride in their work and are willing to do the right thing if given the opportunity. Shaming just makes people feel bad, and instead of working to improve, they start feeling frustrated and upset.

We're a land that population the notion of religious liberty; when other nations are persecuted for preaching minority faiths, we opened our arms, accepting all who prayed differently. Demanding that Muslims take an exam prior to entry is a philosophy that runs contrary to the founding principles of this country. We cannot build a future that promotes our faith or hope of our preciousness, but the only ones who deserve to be estranged from the pursuit of happiness. Ideological policies such as place an America. Fortunately, America has a unique tradition of using science to separate informed nations has always been the first path toward achieving economic opportunity and diplomatic safety. The bricking of walls, and the implementation of such policies, further stigmatize the disenfranchised peoples and the idea of new city toward international policies. When it comes to political parties split, we see it as natural for Republicans who demand that the world is a symbol of division and dissent — it's the nation divided.

It's not by anger and fear that the U.S. has come to be the world's greatest country; thus, it must not be by the mixing of anger and fear that the U.S. becomes the world's greatest country. It's by the building of bridges, not walls, that human ingenuity and noble cause realized. Instead, I think we should focus on building bridges. Instead of focusing on dividing the world, we should focus on uniting it.

Yet, we have elected as one of our two major party nominees a man who has long been associated with division. It's no secret that he has a history of making controversial statements. And though I have no reason to question Trump's sincerity in his best efforts to improve this country's problems, it's too late to be so naive when a country in disarray is finally beginning to show signs of improvement. Now is the time to be the nation that the world is watching, that it's via the constructing of bridges, not walls, that the world is watching and the world is looking for guidance for those seeking religious and ethnic persecution, has provided guidance for those seeking religious and ethnic persecution, and has provided hope for those facing alienation. The diversity of black men, women and children as well as the incarceration of African-American populations during the 1990s are two obvious examples of America's constitutional guarantees being threatened because of the first training of fear and anger. This is a world where no one can predict what will happen next. We need leaders who can inspire us to move forward, not those who would hold us back.

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Pilot ready for takeoff

Alumnus creates TV show to market to cable and online services

By ENO BY ENO

The Breeze

GREEN SPRINGS — Townspeople are eager for the next show to hit the stage in just a few months, as they've been waiting patiently for the show to start. The production team has been working diligently to ensure that every detail is perfect, and they're confident that it will be a success. The show promises to be a thrilling experience for all ages and interests, and tickets are already selling quickly. For more information, visit the show's official website or contact the production team directly.
Ruby's Arcade attracts people of all ages to both their food and games, bringing a sense of uniqueness to the Harrisonburg area.

By KATE FORMELLER
The Breeze

The scent of barbecue and the sound of boisterous laughter rings through industrial-style lighting, stirring off the vibrantly painted walls as rock music ricochets from the back patio of Ruby's Lounge with signs and eager employees to guide you there.

"This is the place," Tim Jopling, employee and 2009 JMU alumnus, said. "If I was growing up and had a social epicenter in my hometown, this is what I would want.

Ruby's Arcade is located on and south Main Street in downtown Harrisonburg. It's tucked away next to Ruby's Lounge. "It's a place for adults and young adults to come play," Ruby's manager Mike Comfort said. "It's a casual atmosphere."

Cheleena Cali was first opened eight years ago, followed by Ruby's Lounge three years later and Ruby's Arcade this March. The space features a dining area, full bar and an assortment of games.

Ruby's Arcade is "really fun but we get all kinds of people here," Aaron Austin, a server and bartender, said. "It's something that different just pops up occasionally."

The film was a regional finalist for the Student Academy Awards and is currently touring in Mexico. The Department of Film and Media Arts Professor Imelda O'Reilly said, "I'm planning my next trip."

According to Jopling and Austin, everything is made in-house daily. On Sundays they sell half-priced pizza, and offer a brunch buffet from Thursday to Friday to appeal to customers on a budget.

Ruby's Arcade also hosts tournaments where you can win gift certificates and cash prizes. Two other upcoming tournaments, football and Poker Championship, will also feature a free selection of community board games, and games are invited to bring their own.

"You would think it would just be a bunch of college kids, but we have a bunch of 20- and 24-year-olds who are here. We get a unique group," the server added.

Ruby's Arcade attracts people of all ages to both their food and games, bringing a sense of uniqueness to the Harrisonburg area.

\[market\] to buy some milk and they'd just say, 'Pay me tomorrow.' "O'Reilly said. "I'd go to the local 'hanute' to buy eggs and I'd ask, 'Do you have mozzarella sticks for sale?'"

All of the appetizers are enough to feed two to three people. "I've never felt like I was overcharged," O'Reilly said. "JMU students are playing pingpong and pool, laughing, the sound of laughter.

"This is the place," a bartender said. "It's something that different just pops up occasionally."

Recently, O'Reilly worked with a local company to put together the arcade. "They took a vintage 1870s machine that they got from a bowling alley in Baltimore to add to the arcade."

In addition, all of the table tops and bar tops are made out of refurbished pool tables and antique mirrors, offering a "sense of uniqueness to the Harrisonburg area."

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Jillian Wright / The Breeze

Professor Imelda O'Reilly believes the movie "Juno" contains everything students need to know about filmmaking.

"I came from a storytelling culture," O'Reilly said. "It was always involved in film but there just got more involved in theater for a while but then came back to film."

After O'Reilly had a friend and performing in New York City and later taught in New York, she wrote a graduate film program in Singapore. Bar, upon graduation, she made her way to Harrisonburg.

"I love to help other people tell their stories, and to play upon."

O'Reilly's artistic talent doesn't end with acting, directing, or even filmmaking. After she graduated college, she formed a band of other Irish women called the Banshees who would perform gigs together in downtown New York. That was teaching her own poetry.

"I'm planning my next trip," O'Reilly said. "I need to go to Iceland, Vienna, Budapest."

But for now, she's perfectly super relaxed. "There is so much more to do down here. It's fun and super relaxed."

"I love telling stories, and film just offered me a bigger canvas to play upon."

Imelda O'Reilly, SMAD professor

"I've noticed on my walks through downtown New York that you can see the sunset, " O'Reilly said. "In New York, I didn't get to see the sunset because of all the tall buildings."

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The space features a dining area, full bar and an assortment of games."
JMU to stick with CAA for another year

By MATT WEYRICH

The Dukes will still play in the Colonial Athletic Association next season. After winning the league championship last year, the Dukes will be in the CAA for the second consecutive year. "It's an impressive year of impressive years for the CAA," Jonathan Alger, JMU's president, said in a statement. "We're happy to be staying with the CAA and continue to be an important part of that conference." The decision was made after JMU's athletic department considered switching conferences, but ultimately decided to stay in the CAA. "We have the best program in the CAA," Alger said. "We have the best conference, and we have a great football program." The Dukes will continue to compete in the Football Championship Subdivision, which JMU has been a member of since 2007. "We believe we have the best program in the CAA, and we want to stay there," Alger said. "We have a great football program, and we want to continue to be a part of the CAA." The decision was made after JMU's athletic department considered switching conferences. "We have the best program in the CAA, and we want to stay there," Alger said. "We have a great football program, and we want to continue to be a part of the CAA." The decision was made after JMU's athletic department considered switching conferences. "We have the best program in the CAA, and we want to stay there," Alger said. "We have a great football program, and we want to continue to be a part of the CAA."
A foundation for future success

JMU Athletics made improvements to various facilities over the summer

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**By ANDRE HABOUSH**

The Breeze

After one of the most successful years in JMU Athletics’ history, one that drew ESPN appearances for both the football and softball teams, the Dukes are desperate for more. JMU Athletics is implementing improvements to its swimming and diving facilities and softball and baseball facilities that total over $260,000.

The Dukes hope these facilities will help them stay ahead of the game.

"A lot of the repairs done over the summer were done as a result of either routine maintenance, enhancements to an existing facility, which in many cases would benefit recruiting for that particular sport program, or they were enhancements designed to make us more efficient with our overall operations," athletic director Jeff Bourne said.

The swimming and diving team received a new pool bottom for the aging floor they use in Godwin Hall as well as a new scoreboard that can display messages to fans.

"When that happens, you can start to lose fans. It’s not as pretty, it’s kind of unsightly when it’s all scratched up and everything, but really the main thing was functionality," swimming and diving head coach Dane Pedersen said.

The new pool bottom should last another decade. The previous pool bottom was replaced a little over a decade ago, and the pool itself is nearly 60 years old.

"That had been on the radar for a couple of years," Ty Phillips, assistant athletic director for facilities and events, said. "We’re looking at anticipating needs of maintenance or safety issues, and then we submit those to the administration for consideration."

Phillips received approval from the JMU administration in the early spring to work with engineering and construction. JMU fixed structural and corrosion issues while renovating the pool bottom.

According to Bill Wyatt, JMU’s senior director of communications and university spokesperson, Daktronics replaced the board for $50,000, and National Pool redid the pool bottom for $81,000. This was National Pool’s first time working for JMU, but it was selected as a competitive vendor—another state agency bid for the company for work, but JMU added its needs as an extension to the contract.

Baseball and softball upgraded the gym inside of Memorial Hall to better utilize its size by adding additional netting, which divides the area for multiple concurrent uses. Turf will cover the entire floor of the gym.

Softball head coach Mickey Dean said that the netting can divide the gym into eight cages, scheduled every 15 minutes for practice. The total costs for the netting and turf are $130,000. Carolina Green Corp. was the contractor hired for the job, who previously did the Softball, baseball and UREC fields.

"It increases the capacity in which we can train our players on a daily basis and not be limited with technology or limited with space," Dean said. "It’s going to make our scholars more fan friendly, and we’re getting great crowds."

JMU athletics tries to ensure that all of its sports receive the same attention.

"Our philosophy is an equity based program. By that we mean each sport program should have equal access to resources... one goal is to make sure across the board we are providing an equitable opportunity for each of those sport programs to compete at the highest level within the league," Bourne said.

Other features to be done in the near future include new signage and a new record board to better present accomplishments of the extinct men’s swimming and diving team and new accolades for the extant women’s team.

Baseball and softball will get four new cameras, plus another portable one will be placed in Veterans Memorial Park. Currently the Procurement Office is working on making a contract.

According to Dean, softball and baseball will also add four heaters in each dugout. Possible future upgrades for the Veterans Memorial Park include an increase in seating capacity, a refurbished field and locker rooms, and a message board being added to display statistics and advertisements.

"As the Dukes continue to make strides on the field, the athletic program follows suit by working on providing the best facilities possible."

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BRYAN SCHOR

Transferred to JMU from Lackawanna
Was the captain of his high school's football and basketball teams his senior year.
Schor threw for 847 yards and seven touchdowns, while completing 70 of his 111 passes. He also ran for 276 yards and four touchdowns on 78 carries.

CONNOR MITCH

Comes from a family of athletes. His father, Bob, was a quarterback at Syracuse University and his brother, Ryan, played quarterback at the University of Maryland. His sister, Brittany, played

Before suffering a season-ending injury early last season, Mitch threw for 165 yards and a touchdown, while completing 13 of his 29 passing attempts for South Carolina.

Transferred to JMU from the University of South Carolina last season.
Quarterback battle rages on

Competition between South Carolina transfer Connor Mitch and Bryan Schor could continue for weeks

By BENNETT CONLIN

The Breeze

It seemed to be a foregone conclusion that junior Bryan Schor would be the Dukes quarterback for the 2016 season, but everything changed on June 27 when former University of South Carolina quarterback Connor Mitch hit ‘send’ on a tweet announcing his intention to transfer to JMU.

Ever since, the two gunslingers have been battling for the starting job and despite the rapidly approaching season opener, the competition still rages on.

While JMU fans are eagerly awaiting word on who will command the offense for the Dukes in the opener against Morehead State University, they might have to wait a bit longer than expected.

“They both had great camps,” offensive coordinator Donnie Kirkpatrick said. “You know, right now I’d like to find a way to play them both.”

Kirkpatrick mentioned the possibility of playing both quarterbacks through the first three nonconference games in order to get a better understanding of how the two players compare in game action.

He believes a number of factors need to be weighed when selecting a starting quarterback, including physical abilities and leadership.

“The No. 1 thing is who can run the football team, who can run the offense,” Kirkpatrick said. “Now, after you get past that, it’s really… then it kind of comes down to who can make plays.”

The two quarterbacks have different assets that allow them to make plays in unique ways. Schor is a cerebral player who has used the past few months to master Kirkpatrick’s playbook.

“Bryan’s strength is that he has great knowledge of what we’re doing right now,” Kirkpatrick said. “He knows the offense; he knows all the checks.”

On the other hand, the 6-foot-3-inch and 205 pound Mitch uses his imposing physical abilities to differentiate himself from his peers.

Connor’s “strength is that he can really deliver the ball,” Kirkpatrick said. “He gets it out of his hand really quickly, he’s tall, he can throw over some defenders… His drawback right now is he doesn’t know the offense inside out yet.”

Both quarterbacks have differences in playing styles, but the two share a commonality in that they’ve had roller coaster rides to get to where they are today.

Schor was committed to play at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, out of high school, but after a coaching change his scholarship was rescinded just months before National Signing Day. This gave Schor almost no time to contact schools at the Football Bowl Subdivision level to find a new place to play.

Eventually, Schor made his way to Lackawanna College and then transferred to JMU. Now, after expecting to be the starter for the Dukes this season, he has to compete with a former four-star recruit in Mitch for the job.

“It’s had me dealing with a little bit of adversity, which is always good,” Schor said. “I think coming out of all that has made me a stronger person.”

Mitch arrived at South Carolina as a highly regarded recruit. After winning the starting job in last season’s camp, he led the team to a win over the University of North Carolina in the team’s opener, but suffered a shoulder injury that knocked him out for the rest of the season. Once recovered, Mitch attempted to earn back his starting job, but was third on the depth chart following spring practice.

He decided to leave the program to become a Duke.

“It’s been a whirlwind of a journey,” Mitch said. “To be where I am now, I’m very happy with my decision. All the stuff I’ve gone through, it definitely has helped me become a strong-willed person.”

The ups and downs for both players look to have a few more weeks left in them as the quarterback battle pushes forward. Despite the season opener on September 3, the intense competition between Schor and Mitch may not be decided until conference play starts when the Dukes take on the University of Maine on September 24.

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Houston’s time

As JMU’s warriors of the gridiron walk off the practice field after another long day under the sun, they somehow manage to keep smiles on their faces. First year head coach Mike Houston kicked off training camp the second week of August, looking to get a head start on the new season. Between the temperature hovering in the mid ’90s, intense training and enough hours of film to turn even the most dedicated players’ brains to mush, the last month before classes was nothing short of hell for the Dukes.

I’m “just glad to be back out here again working with the guys,” senior defensive back Raven Greene said. “Excited for a good season coming up.”

For players like Greene to stay motivated under such conditions, it takes a leader capable of keeping his players focused on the road that lies ahead. For Houston, nothing has ever come easier. Throughout camp, he’s stressed repeatedly how battling through these tough conditions as a team will only help them as the season wears on.

“We’re going to do it together,” Houston said. “It’s not a ‘one person is going to carry us on that side of the ball’ [mentality]; it’s got to be a family. And I think that gives us a chance to do some pretty special things.”

Houston takes over for the Dukes in place of Everett Withers, who left for Texas State University after two years in Harrisonburg. Houston spent his last two seasons with the Citadel, the Military College of South Carolina, compiling a 14-11 record and leading the Bulldogs to their third ever conference championship just last year. Less than a few months after receiving the Southern Conference Coach of the Year award, Houston decided to join the Dukes in their quest to repeat as Colonial Athletic Conference champions.

A defensive-minded coach, Houston will be under a lot of pressure to help strengthen a defense that allowed nearly 30 points per game last season. His strong resume boasts numerous cases of turning a struggling program into a successful one. Now that he’s leading a team that hasn’t posted a losing record since 2002, one can only imagine what he’s capable of doing with this program.

The Dukes will get their season underway on Saturday at Bridgeforth Stadium against the pass-happy Morehead State University Eagles. The team is hungry for some game action, and it’s showing on the practice field and in the locker room.

“We’re ready to go and get after it,” senior wide receiver Brandon Ravenel said. “Our season ended last year not how we wanted to at all, and we’ve been waiting ever since. There’s this fire in our hearts and it comes to fruition next week.”

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Dukes through the decades
Throughout the years, the Breeze has covered the program’s ups and downs

1976
After having the longest win streak in the nation at 12 games, Madison College lost to Hampden-Sydney in a regionally televised ABC game in September.

1986
Star noseguard Doug West tragically dies falling out of the bed of a truck just weeks before the start of the season.

1996
Heading into the season, former backup quarterback Mike Masella drops the clipboard in favor of moving to the defensive side of the ball to play safety for the Dukes.

2006
On November 4, the Dukes defeated the University of Delaware by the score of 44-24 to clinch the Atlantic 10 South championship.

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*Red denotes a home game.*
By RICHIE BOZEK
The Breeze

It may be JMU head coach Mike Houston’s first year at the helm of a program in the Colonial Athletic Association, but he feels that the quality of the conference stands out in the Football Championship Subdivision.

“This is one of the two best, if not the best, FCS conference in the country,” Houston said. “I think you can easily agree on that; I think everybody else would too. It’s an honor to be a part of it.”

As of right now, the CAA has the numbers to back up that statement.

In the final poll of the 2015 season, the CAA was represented by three teams: the University of Richmond, the College of William & Mary and JMU. The Dukes’ No. 11 ranking after finishing 9-3 was their best in the past seven seasons, and their sixth time ending in the Top 25 in the past nine seasons.

The CAA also had the three aforementioned teams as well as the University of New Hampshire competing in the 32-team 2015 FCS Playoffs. Richmond was the most successful by playing its way into the semifinal. The Dukes earned a first round bye as the No. 5 seed before losing to Colgate University.

And based on preseason numbers for this upcoming fall, the already solid conference is improved.

The CAA leads the 13 FCS conferences with six teams in the STATS FCS Preseason Top 25 poll. JMU enters the 2016 season ranked 12th in the nation. Even with this ranking, the Dukes are predicted to finish third in the conference. Two CAA teams find themselves with a higher national ranking — Richmond comes in at No. 4 and William & Mary at No. 9.

For the remaining three, the New Hampshire sits at No. 22, Villanova University at No. 23 and Towson University at No. 24.

“The CAA is always tough,” redshirt junior defensive lineman Andrew Ankrah said. “We learned that last year; I learned that my past few years here. Playing in such a tough conference, you just have to bring it every week.”

Ankrah is one of the 13 standout talents in the conference who made an FCS Preseason All-American Team, and one of three from JMU. But Ankrah feels that the talent from the whole Dukes roster will prepare them for and set them apart from the rest of the conference.

“The good thing about our team is that there’s a lot of talent, and you got to find a way to improve yourself,” Ankrah said. “I get to go up against a lot of good offensive linemen [in practice], and that only prepares us for tough competition.”

JMU’s first conference opponent is the University of Maine on Sept. 24, four weeks into its season. Last season, Maine was one of the weaker teams with a 3-8 record, but that doesn’t take away any competitive edge.

“No matter if it’s the top ranked team in the conference or the lowest... you have a chance to lose if you don’t get on your A-game.”

**Khalid Abdullah**
Senior running back

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Conference play no cakewalk for the Dukes

A group of defensive linemen lead the charge as the Dukes sprint across the field during a drill at practice. Coach Houston’s team will not open up conference play until September 24 at the University of Maine.
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