BREEZE POLL RESULTS

Students....3%
Military....3%
JSA....5.7%
B-S........9.1%
Fellowship...10%
Have more than two tests on the same day....60%

So what is it about this drug that makes students misuse it?

Immediately, I would notice a difference," student X said. "I'm more awake and aware. For the whole time you get much to do... and you can't sit down or relax, and I always get to do something." According to Rodgers, Adderall and other stimulants enhance the neurotransmitters dopamine and noradrenaline, two chemicals in the brain that promote concentration. "Nobody is taking out the brains to check that, so that is the theory," Rodgers said.

Adderall. Snorting it has gained a cocaine-like lure. Potential for abuse may be on the rise. Four JMU students speak anonomously about their relationships with the drug.

INDIVIDUAL

So are these students misusing this prescription medication?

"I can't," said student A, a sophomore male, who does not have a prescription but has been taking the drug since high school. According to Scott, the representative for the College of Arts and Science, student A is the only senior male who was taking Adderall.

Some students are snorting or ingesting it even when they do not have this disorder. Why are these students misusing this prescription medication?

"To cram," said student A. A sophomore male, who does not have a prescription but has been taking the drug twice a week since he has been at JMU. According to Science Daily, which quoted Jennifer Crista, M.D., an adolescent medicine specialist at the University of Michigan Health System, "I to 15 percent of college students are misusing stimulants around stressful times with academics.

Stressful times. Every college student encounters them, but some students are misusing Adderall — even snorting — in order to get through pressure-filled times. Snorting it gives you a faster and more intense high.

Dr. Rodgers, medical director of the University Health Center, said, "70 percent of people who misuse do it for the high.

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HUNTER RIDGE CASE

Heads to Grand Jury

By ERIK LANDERS

Despite differing accounts from eyewitnesses, sufficient evidence was found to proceed with a non-fatal shooting trial by grand jury for Zackary Turner, 18, a JMU football player, for his alleged involvement in the November fight.

According to Commonwealth’s Attorney Matthew Testerman, who has been appointed to review the suspect for his alleged involvement in the November fight.

Testerman got in the car to return to Greenville County, where he is currently completing his senior year at JMU.

All witnesses identified Turner, as well as friends Mariah Turner, Savannah Ayler, and student B as the individuals involved in the fight.

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By AMY PASSARETTI

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During the fighting Ware saw a person wearing a red hoodie and black glasses walk outside, pull a gun out of his pocket, wave the gun in the air and fire the gun twice. Fighting broke up after the shots were fired.

"He put the gun down," Ware said. "The guy my cousin was, he was fighting, got off the ground screaming, 'No, no, that, gave me my f---ing gun, give me my f---ing gun.'"

Ware then testified that Turner ran over to where the gun was, picked it up and fired three shots. He said the first shot was fired wildly, the second was fired in the direction of Nicholson's friend Laura Woods and the third Turner aimed and fired at Nicholson.

While witnesses differed as to the number of shots fired, Dan Brockwell of the HPD testified that only three .45 caliber bullet casings were found at the scene.

Even with the different accounts of the shooting Judge William Heatwole was satisfied that enough evidence had been presented.

"Mr. Turner, this district court hearing was not to determine your guilt or innocence," Heatwole said. "It was to see if there was probable cause as to your guilt or innocence, and the evidence had been presented.

The judge found probable cause in all three offenses. "

According to Nicholson and Turner were fighting each other with Nicholson's cousin, testified that during the fight, Turner was wearing a white T-shirt at the time Nicholson getting the better of Turner. According to

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During debate, Sen. Mallory Micetich (College of Arts and Letters), among others, voiced her opinion that college drinking is a big problem and needs to be addressed.

The initiative calls for lowering the drinking age and consider lowering it. Six Virginia college presidents have signed, including Virginia Tech's Charles W. Steger.

A bill of opinion alerts the administration to an issue that has a large number of JMU students feel passionate about. While it is just a suggestion to administrators, it is taken into consideration.

CONTINGENCY REQUESTS:

Groups that requested money included InterVarsity and Catholic Campus Ministers. Each for $2,540, the Vietnamese Student Association and the Latino Student Alliance each for $2,000.

Contingency money is funds left over after non-front end budget groups have received their money. FEB groups are those that have a wide impact on campus life (UPI, Student Ambassadors and others) and are given larger sums of money.

The contingency bills will be voted on by the senate at next Tuesday's meeting.

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Internships:

Thursday, February 5, 2009

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Dr. Colleen Slipka, a psychiatrist at the JMU Counseling and Student Development Center, listed the most common reasons Adderall is abused:

- **Tension:** Adderall can cause you to be nervous and fidgety. This makes it hard for people to concentrate. It can also cause dizziness and a heartbeat that’s too fast.
- **Anxiety:** Adderall can cause nervousness and a feeling of not being able to be still. It can also cause a rapid heartbeat.
- **Irritability:** Adderall can cause you to be irritable and have mood swings. It can also cause a rapid heartbeat.
- **Insomnia:** Adderall can cause sleep problems. It can also cause a rapid heartbeat.

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**Student A**, a sophomore male who has been prescribed Adderall because of over-activity and over-thinking, said, “I think I’m very scatterbrained and I can’t focus very well.”

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All of the students interviewed said they would not share Adderall with others.

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**Student C**, a sophomore male who has been prescribed Adderall since elementary school, said he now takes it for exams, writing papers and recreationally.

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**Student D**, a junior, has been prescribed Adderall for high school, but she never misuses it.

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**Student Poll** showed that 10 males and 10 females have been prescribed Adderall. The poll also showed that 40% of the students who have been prescribed Adderall took it at least once outside the prescription.

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**ADDERALL**: Battery of Tests Needed for Prescription

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850,000 Views Brings JMU’s Underground Club Now Open

By BRETT WILSON

James Madison graduate Chad Schwartz had no idea that thousands of people would one day watch his 6-minute video.

Thanks to the video-sharing technology YouTube provides, nearly 850,000 virtual audience members from around the world have viewed the content of Schwartz’s concert, a self-composed string-quartet medley of popular tunes from the video game “Legend of Zelda.”

The 24-year-old’s journey to stardom began in the spring of 2007, when the six-minute video was uploaded. “I put it on YouTube because I thought it was awesome,” Schwartz said.

At first, it would have seemed as though only Schwartz, who now works at Rosetta Stone in Harrisonburg, and a couple dozen others shared his opinion of his video. Then, several gaming websites began to feature Schwartz’s medley online. The popularity of Schwartz’s video skyrocketed to an astounding 25,000 views in one week.

Two-and-a-half years later, the views of Schwartz’s concert are still on the rise, increasing about 500 views per week.

“I don’t understand why it’s happened like that,” Schwartz said. “I still don’t believe it. Have people that have recognized me because of it.”

According to insight, a feature of YouTube that allows users to see how their videos are being watched per week, approximately 400 of those viewers live in the U.S. The additional handful are usually visited in Canada, England, Germany and Japan, according to Schwartz.

Chad Schwartz plays the “Legend of Zelda” medley he composed for his senior recital concert in spring 2007. It is now getting an average of 500 views a week on YouTube.

Michael Phelps, Michael Phelps, Michael Phelps: What were you thinking? I’ve never been so disappointed with someone. My mom throws you away everything you’ve worked for and that’s when a lot of those who look up to you make that turn around to walk away. You’ve embarrassed yourself and worst of all, it’s embarrassing to the country.

A photo of Phelps recently surfaced in a British tabloid that showed him (drunk your eyes, this is going to turn your world upside down) smoking marijuana. Oh, the humanity!

This picture originally came to my attention while watching ESPN, and the line on the ticker said “Picture of Phelps smoking marijuana pipe surfaces!” I thought it might be some sort of elementary smoking device, just something innocent, but no, no. He was holding a huge bong, and a nice one at that (not that I would know anything about it).

Michael Phelps made a public apology saying “To engage in behavior which was regrettable and demonstrated bad judgment... I promise my fans and the public it will not happen again.”

Several of his sponsors have accepted the apology, while a few have stayed quiet during the media frenzy. Kimberly-Clark Company-Sheriff Jeff Leachman has made it clear that if he can prove that Phelps did in fact smoke marijuana in Richland County, where the picture was allegedly taken, he would like to file a lawsuit against the source of the line. I think this is a good step to back up and ask ourselves, who are we kid about.

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I’m not saying that marijuana use is beneficial, but if there were a picture of him drinking a beer or smoking a cigarette, it wouldn’t have even made the news.

He won eight gold medals at the 2008 Olympics alone, for God’s sake! It’s amazing that he can do that and still even try and think about smoking a joint. All of the people know who he bong like that at 20 years old.

Call of Duty. Let’s make a com-parison to alcohol for just a second. Thousands of people die a year at the hands of drunken drivers and it’s a terrible thing. No one drive high, first you have to get up, then you have to remember why you got up, then you have to find your keys, and by that time, forget it, you’re just going to watch “Aqua Teen Hunger Force” and take a nap. Even if you make the ridiculous decision to drive while high, might you be one of the safest drivers out there. Most people look at the speed limit and add 5 mph to 10 mph, but potheads are the only people that look at speed limits as actual limits. They just want to get to Taco Bell and back in the safest way possible. Not only that, but potheads tend to think that every car map or may not be a cop.

If you haven’t already noticed, they can’t even make anti-marijuana commercials effective.
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LOUNGE: Leads Thursday Nights

ZELDA: Medley a Popular Video

LARRICK: Marijuana? Who cares? It’s Michael Phelps, remember!

Zelda, from page 9 to those other countries, ’tis that a lot of work past to make myself popular.

Though Schwartz still finds it difficult to believe that his video has become so popular, he thinks it’s because music stimulates nostalgia for those famil-

“When you’re little, you play through these games and you remember going through the whole thing and like the storyline and everything. It’s a big deal, ” Schwartz said.

Now, with the number of viewers increas-

-ing, Schwartz has composed and uploaded a new, nine-minute “updated” version of the first “Zelda” medley. He has also composed a “Final

Fantasy” medley, a “Mario Brothers” medley and finally the “Never Forget” theme from “Halo.” He will upload them one at a time on the first day of the next three months.

Schwartz hopes his new medleys will be just as popular as the original. This trend seems to be con-

-tinuing, since less than 24 hours after Schwartz’s “new and improved” version of the Zelda medley was uploaded on the first of February, 1,319 You-

Tube users have viewed the video.

“I don’t consider myself to be a YouTube star; I’m pretty sure you have to have over a million views to consider yourself that,” Schwartz said.

“But, maybe when I get a million views, I’ll have a million-views party. ”

Lounge, from page 5 “It’s a one-story Highlawn,” Moxey said.

The comparison to Rocktown was contrast-

ed with most people in attendance. “Everyone is to-

gogether in one place unlike Highlawn with rooms separated,” senior Colin Byrne said.

“The basement lounge features one large room with a full bar, pool tables and seating.

“The bar is huge and there are places to sit which is nice,” senior Amanda Asher said. “It’s a genuine college bar.

But as the saying goes, Rome wasn’t built in a day, and it takes time for a new place to become a staple of the college scene.

“One thing that might keep people away is how far it is,” said Felts as she sat at the bar Thursday night, waiting for more friends to arrive. “People just have to get used to it.

Time will tell if “Classic Thursdays” at The Base-

ment Lounge will become part of students’ schedules.

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The Breeze newsroom in Anthony-Seeger Hall.

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Larrick, from page 9

“Remember the “Just Say No” commercials? They usually had some 8-year-old walking down a street, and then out of nowhere, a 13-year-old would approach him with a baring bag of marijuana and ask him if he wished to get high at no cost to the child. The kid would decline, and then the words “Just Say No” would appear on the screen. I believe this just made habitual smokers want to find these magical, fairytale lands where angel children would give you free weed. I thought the more appropriate slogan at the end should have been “Keep the hope alive, potheads. There are places for you out there.”

If you found the Phelps picture highly off-

ensive, then you should just lighten up. He’s not hurting you, and he certainly should not be demonized for this. It’s true that marijuana may make you dumber, but it could be worse. For instance, my former roommate stopped smoking marijuana and when asked why, he implied that he could physically feel his sperm dying. I know, seriously, and he is a nursing major, which is hor-

rifying.

So put that in your pipe and smoke it.
JMU coach Kenny Brooks claims Towson highly anticipated its matchup with JMU last Thursday, saying it “made their season” to beat JMU. The Dukes are tied for first in CAA play at 7-2.

**By WES SHAW**

The Breeze

JMU coach Kenny Brooks drew a bull’s-eye on his white board during one of his team’s recent meetings, trying to prove a point to the 12 players in the room.

Brooks, however, needed no better example than his team’s 61-51 upset loss to Towson last Thursday. Madison (14-6 overall, 7-2 CAA) was fresh off a win at Old Dominion, something the Monarchs seldom allow against in-conference opponents (they’re now 162-3 in CAA games at the Ted Constant Convocation Center), when the Dukes were upset by the Tigers.

“You could have sworn it was the CAA championship game,” Brooks said of JMU’s visit to Towson. “They were whooping and hollerin’ and high-fivin’ and huggin’ after the game because that made their season, to be able to go out and beat us.”

Towson showed the same kind of emotion and intensity that JMU had when it faced ODU, something the Dukes need to get used to if they intend to remain atop the Colonial Athletic Association.

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**Dukes in Atlanta**

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By WES SHAW

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SMU football coach Mickey Matthews knows his school primarily attracts students from the northern half of the country. It only makes sense for him to use the same approach in his recruiting.

“The only thing Southern about JMU is my accent,” said Matthews, who will enter his 11th season at Madison next fall.

Matthews met with members of the media Wednesday to announce his recruits for the high school class of 2009. So far, 18 players have been signed to JMU. Of those 18, three are Maryland natives and two hail from New Jersey.

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“Maybe that was an eye-opening experience for us,” JMU’s seventh-year coach said. “We have to have the same intensity when we go out and play everybody else like they do when they play us. That’s the only way we’re gonna be able to come out on top.”

Madison collapsed late against the Tigers, as it was outscored 19-3 over the final 8:33. The Dukes shot 30.4 percent from the field and 22.2 percent from behind the arc in the game.

The win was Towson’s first against JMU since the 1983-84 season, as the Dukes had won the previous 20 meetings.

JMU will have to face stiffer, more intense competition as a result of an improved program, but it’s the kind of competition that any team would welcome.

“We just can’t relax on anyone,” sophomore guard Courtney Hammer said. “We can’t take a day off and we always have to be ready because everyone looks at us now as the team to beat.”

JMU’s win against ODU not only snapped the Monarchs’ 37-game home-winning streak, but also highlighted Madison’s recent success against the 17-time defending CAA champs. JMU has won three of its last four games against the Monarchs, including the last two in Harrisonburg.

In many ways, JMU’s win in Norfolk was the culmination of its overall successes over the past two years.

The Dukes reached the NCAA tournament in 2007, losing to Pittsburgh in the first round, before going three rounds deep into the Women’s National Invitational Tournament last year.

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Louis E. Neher, MD
Michael J. Batista, MD
Amy K. Knuts, MD
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Mary H. Krize, NP
Danielle C. Wells, NP
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TARGET: Stokes will not play tonight, ‘50-50’ for Sunday

Its appearance in the NCAA tournament two years ago marked the first time Brooks led his team to the Big Dance, and Madison’s first appearance since the 1995-96 season.

Nothing, however, would mean as much to the Dukes as winning the CAA tournament and snapping one of the greatest streaks in college sports history.

For now, the Dukes will continue trying to discover its true identity, something that is hard for a team that has been starting three sophomores and one junior.

Kisha Stokes, JMU’s senior captain and a guaranteed starter for the Dukes when healthy, has been hobbled by a right ankle injury since spraining it Jan. 18 against Drexel.

Stokes averages 7.7 points and 7.0 rebounds per game. She is the Dukes’ leading rebounder and fourth-highest scorer, but most of what she does for her team will not show up on a box score.

“I don’t think anyone realizes how big Kisha is until she got hurt,” Hamner said. “She does all the dirty work, she hustles the most and makes all the little things come together.”

“Her being out has really hurt us, but I think that we’ve handled it as well as we could.”

In no game did Madison feel the absence of its captain as much as it did in its loss to Towson. The Dukes were out-rebounded 46-33, its lowest single-game rebounding effort this season.

Stokes played just eight minutes before reinjuring her ankle and exiting the game for good.

The Dukes host William & Mary tonight in its first of three straight home games. Brooks said Stokes will not play tonight and is “50-50” to play Sunday against Northeastern.

The Tribe is 5-5 overall and 4-3 in the CAA, coming off a home win against Georgia State on Sunday.

Tiffany Benson, W&M’s standout junior forward, ranks in the top 10 in the nation in both rebounds (11.3) and blocked shots per game (3.3).
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