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#### LARCENY

On April 21, a JMU student reported theft of a wallet containing a credit card, JAC Card and \$10 cash from an unattended backpack in UREC.

On April 23, a JMU student reported theft of a wallet containing a driver's license, JAC Card and \$5 cash in East Campus Library.

#### PROPERTY DAMAGE

On April 24, a contractor reported graffiti on walls outside of the CISAT construction site, resulting in \$1,500 worth of damage.

On April 24, a JMU student reported a broken window at Garber Hall, resulting in \$200 worth of damage.

On April 25, a JMU student reported a broken entrance door window at Eagle Hall, resulting in \$150 worth of damage.

### ALCOHOL

On April 25, a JMU student was arrested for allegedly driving under the influence on the 600 block of Port Republic Road.

On April 25, a JMU student was arrested for alleged public drunkenness in Frederikson Hall.

On April 25, a JMU student received a judicial referral for an alleged alcohol violation and weapon violation.

On April 25, a JMU student was arrested for alleged public drunkenness in Logan Hall.

On April 26, a JMU student was arrested for alleged public drunkenness at the Godwin Hall bus stop.

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### U.S. Health Officials Look Into Swine Flu Vaccine

**WASHINGTON** — Government health officials said earlier this week they are "looking intently" at developing a swine flu vaccine.

"It will be a matter of deciding not to make a vaccine rather than deciding to move forward," said Dr. Richard Besser, acting director of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

But undertaking work on a vaccine would be challenging. In a typical year, formulating the nation's flu vaccine is tricky proposition.

This is not a typical year. As they contemplate the best way to protect the public from a possible pandemic, there are decisions to be made that could complicate the annual influenza vaccine campaign.

Should they reconfigure the seasonal flu vaccine that's already under development for the fall? Or should they order up a second vaccine tailored specifically to the new virus and trust people to take both shots?

Either option entails added expense, logistical headaches and no small measure of risk. And since it takes about six months to produce the millions of flu shots that Americans will need in the fall, nobody can afford to wait.

The seasonal vaccine is made by growing samples of flu virus inside fertilized chicken eggs, then breaking out the key proteins that provoke an immune response. After that they are purified, tested and packaged for distribution around the country.

In February, a government advisory committee selected three flu viruses for this year's vaccine, based on surveillance data indicating which strains are most likely to be circulating in the fall and winter and causing disease. Now that swine flu is on the scene, Besser said, it could be swapped for one of the other strains or added as a fourth. ficials have stepped up pressure on Pakistan to do more.

Although the Pakistani military launched an air attack against the Taliban on Tuesday, senior U.S. defense officials remain worried about Pakistan's ability to beat back the militant advance.

Long shaped by threat of a war with India, the Pakistani military is armed mostly with heavy weaponry and lacks some of the equipment useful in fighting an insurgency. And after months of fighting, the forces that have been hunting militants are exhausted. "You have a Pakistani military that is battle weary," a senior defense official said. "Their equipment is aged and not effective for the fight they are in."

On his trip last week to Pakistan, Adm. Michael G. Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, continued to press Pakistan to take the militant force more seriously. Pakistani military chief Ashfaq Kayani outlined for Mullen a series of steps he was planning, including the offensive in the Buner area of Pakistan.

The Pakistani operation included using heavy artillery, helicopters and fighter jets to strike Taliban positions in the mountains close to Islamabad, the capital. But U.S. officials fear that those tactics will be ineffective or could backfire by inflicting civilian casualties. Instead, the U.S. military would like to see Pakistan's military move in light infantry or commando units. Over the long term, the U.S. military believes training the Pakistanis for that kind of combat is crucial for countering the Taliban threat.

### Seven Officers Killed By Mexican Criminals

**TIJUANA, Mexico** — Heavily armed gunmen staged a series of surprise attacks against municipal police forces in this tense border city, killing seven and wounding three more in well-coordinated assaults that shattered a four-month period of relative act this term to "completely eliminate" the sentencing disparity.

World/National News

The issue has received attention from both political parties, but never before have top law enforcement officials backed legislative reforms, according to drug control analysts.

"Now is the time for us to reexamine federal cocaine sentencing policy, from the perspective of both fundamental fairness and safety," Breuer told the Judiciary subcommittee on crime and drugs. He said the sentencing issues would be among those considered by a Justice Department panel that is examining a broad array of criminal justice topics related to charging, sentencing and prisoner treatment.

The announcement is part of a broader White House effort to move away from failed strategies to combat the war on drugs and to shift more money into treatment, counseling and job training.

### Devices May Help Autistic Children Speak

**WASHINGTON** — Imagine feeling ill and being unable to tell anyone what hurts. Or longing for pizza on your eighth birthday but ending up with Chinese takeout because you couldn't explain what you wanted. These are the kinds of frustrations, experts say, that are faced by the more than one in 150 children in the United States who have a diagnosis of autism.

The solution to some of those problems could be the push of a button away. A set of aids — ranging from simple, notebook-size plastic boxes to more sophisticated devices that resemble a clunky BlackBerry — has been developed to help those with autism express their needs. The devices range in price from about \$100 to several thousand dollars. Many are designed to be portable and the simpler ones are also nearly indestructible, a key advantage for children who may rock in a seat against a backpack or are

### **CLARIFICATION**

• In the April 27 issue of *The Breeze*, the "What's happenin' around the 'Burg" feature in the Life section stated that students could see where JMU seniors will be after graduation on the commons on Saturday. This Senior Week event actually took place on Tuesday.

### **MISSION**

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### Car Bombs Kill at Least 48 in Baghdad Suburbs

**BAGHDAD** — Five car bombs ripped through scattered neighborhoods across Baghdad late Wednesday, killing at least 48 people, wounding scores more and further raising concerns that a new wave of violence is threatening the security gains of the past 18 months.

The bloodiest attack came in the late afternoon in the Shiite Muslim enclave of Sadr City in northeastern Baghdad, where two bombs exploded almost simultaneously, killing at least 41 and wounding 78. The bombs exploded within 15 minutes of one another and about 400 yards apart at an outdoor flea market and a nearby restaurant, at a time when the market is typically packed with people. A third car rigged with explosives was found by police in the vicinity and safely defused.

A little less than an hour later an explosion in the southern neighborhood of Dora killed five people. Two more were later killed by a bomb in a car parked outside a Shiite mosque in the western neighborhood of Hurriya. A fifth blast in the southern neighborhood of Shorta Rabaa wounded six.

Three other car bombs were found and defused elsewhere in the city, suggesting a coordinated effort.

The bombings come just days after the deaths of nearly 160 people in a 24-hour period late last week marked the worst surge of violence in a year. The attacks in recent days, all targeting Shiite civilians, have raised fears that the Sunni insurgency is regrouping for a fresh campaign of violence that could trigger Shiite retaliation and reignite the sectarian warfare that only recently subsided.

U.S. troops are due to withdraw from Iraq's cities by the end of June, and the attacks also have deepened concerns that the Iraqi security forces are not up to taking charge from the departing Americans.

### U.S. Military Beefs Up Role in Pakistani Training

**WASHINGTON** — The Pakistani government has agreed to allow the U.S. a greater role in training its military, part of an agreement that also will send counter insurgency equipment to help Pakistan step up its offensive against militants.

The United States has been watching with growing alarm as Taliban forces have made military gains in Pakistan, and U.S. ofcalm.

Six police officers and an auxiliary officer died within a 45-minute span late Monday in ambushes at a hillside substation, on busy streets and outside an OXXO mini-mart, where four were killed in a hail of bullets including one who tried to fight back.

"He took out his gun and tried to fire at them, but they shot him and he fell backward, and his eyes rolled up in his head," said a teenager who witnessed the shooting in the tough neighborhood of Los Arenales.

With authorities placing the blame on organized-crime gunmen, municipal police on Tuesday retreated to substations and headquarters and patrolled mostly in groups or with Army escorts. The tension was palpable outside headquarters on Eighth Street downtown, where motorcycle cops were being held back from patrol until further notice. "We've had it," one said. "We're sitting ducks out here."

In recent years, municipal police officers across Mexico have become frequent targets of organized crime groups vying to control drug trafficking routes. More than 500 police and soldiers have been killed in Mexico since December 2006. Monday's attacks marked one of the biggest one-day death tolls of cops in recent memory.

It was too early to tell if the assaults would re-trigger the drug war between rival crime gangs in Tijuana that raged last year, claiming about 800 lives. In recent months, a military-led offensive has captured and killed several key crime bosses and seemed to strike major blows against rival factions of the Arellano Felix drug cartel that has long controlled drug trafficking in the border city.

### Punishment Disparities Reexamined for Cocaine

**WASHINGTON** — Justice Department officials Wednesday endorsed for the first time legislation that would eliminate vast sentencing disparities for possession of powdered versus rock cocaine, an inequality that civil rights groups say has disproportionately affected poor and minority defendants.

Newly appointed Criminal Division chief Lanny Breuer told a Senate Judiciary Committee panel that the Obama administration would support bills to equalize punishment for offenders accused of possessing the drug in either form, fulfilling one of the president's campaign pledges.

Breuer explicitly called on Congress to

prone to throwing things.

Karen Kaye-Beall, a mother of two children with autism, became interested in socalled augmentative devices for their ability to increase the communication skills of her son, Tyler, who is 15. The director of an autism support center in suburban Maryland, Kaye-Beall has created a small showroom in her home where people can test the devices and find what best suits their family's needs.

The simplest model looks like a toy with picture cards, depicting food, health and daily activities, that slide in and out. Press one of the 12 buttons beneath a picture and the device voices a simple sentence. Children who have gained some skill with a keyboard can graduate to computer-based applications with a much wider range of data and picture choices. Parents can also enter information about a child for other adults to use in case he or she gets lost or needs help.

Although some parents fear that the use of such devices may discourage their children from trying to speak, Rebecca Landa, director of the Center for Autism and Related Disorders at Kennedy Krieger Institute in Baltimore, says that she hopes to dispel that worry. "If a child is going to speak," she says, "they are going to use all means possible to get there."

### Struggling Time Warner Inc. to Spin Off AOL

**WASHINGTON** — Time Warner Inc. announced Wednesday in a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission that it intends to spin off its ailing AOL division.

"Although the Company's Board of Directors has not made any decision," the company wrote in its latest quarterly report to investors, "the Company currently anticipates that it would initiate a process to spin off one or more parts of the businesses of AOL to Time Warner's stockholders, in one or a series of transactions."

Time Warner's net income dropped 14 percent over the same period a year ago, mainly because of dropping revenues at AOL but also because of a suffering publishing business.

Tech industry analysts had, for years, speculated that Time Warner would spin off AOL; the two companies merged in 2001 with the idea that AOL's strengths as a new media company could benefit an old media company like Time Warner, and vice versa.

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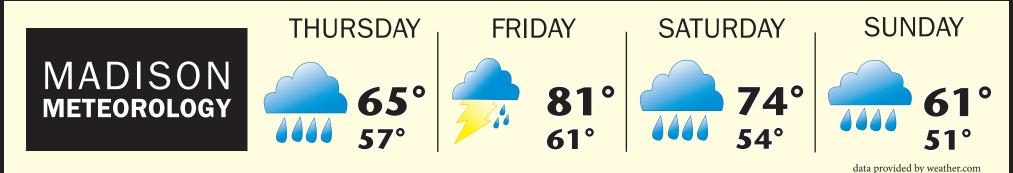
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The gray area represents the southern half of the Shenandoah National Park. while the line through it is the Appalachian Trail.

Hawksbill Gap

Students in the Honors seminar will begin the Appalachian Trail course at Rockfish Gap, at the southern tip of the Shenandoah National Park. Throughout the three weeks, they will hike approximately 59 miles to Hawksbill Gap. The entire AT is 2,178 miles long, and runs from Georgia to Maine.

Rockfish Gap (South) Entrance

### By KATIE THISDELL The Breeze

Sneakers, wool and nylon socks and moleskin? Check.

Raisins, nuts and granola? Check. Sleeping bag, tent and a sense of ad-

venture? Check. Eight students and their professor are almost ready to go hiking. But they're not just going for a stroll one sunny Saturday afternoon - they're doing it for course credit.

Professor Kate Kessler, of the school of writing, rhetoric and technical communication, is leading a three-week Maymester course on the Appalachian Trail (AT) as an Honors Program seminar. With readings, research and experiential learning on the trail, students will learn the unique community of the AT through an interdisci-

plinary approach. "I'd like to see them develop a spirit of inquiry and rise to a challenge, both physical and psychological," Kessler said about her students. "Your comfort zone should be stretched... to the point of experiencing new things ... and to me, that's part of academics."

Kessler completed the AT as a section hiker over a period of five years and she plans to begin the trail again this summer. The approximately 2,178-mile trail, which runs from Georgia to Maine, passes through the nearby Shenandoah National Park.

"It's practically in our backyard," Kessler said.

The students won't just be hiking every day — there will also be an academic aspect to the course. They'll begin on May 18 in Hillcrest House to learn the basics and get equipment from UREC.

From the Text to the Trail

A new Honors seminar on the Appalachian Trail will give students a different Maymester experience

> During the first week, the group will hike for two days and spend one night on the trail. Then, the week of May 25, they'll hike for three days and camp for two nights. The last week they'll hike for four days while camping for the three nights. Kessler said the group will hike between seven and 10 miles per day so no one overexerts themselves.

> "It's a sampler," Kessler said. "I didn't want anyone to drop out and I didn't want

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- KATE KESSLER

professor in the school of writing, rhetoric and technical communication

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anyone to come back and go, 'That was horrible.' I want them to progressively get used to it and enjoy it so they'll want to do more.

This is the first time the Honors Program has offered such a course, according to Director Barry Falk. He hopes the program adds more experiential learning courses in coming years.

"I'm hoping [the students] realize how many disciplines contribute to understanding what the trail is all about," Falk said. Kessler is "trying to structure this in a way that doesn't have so much structure that students can be open to all these different disciplines... and find what excites them about the trail."

Said Kessler: "It would be really hard to offer this in any department, because you have to justify it according to clusters and objectives and all sorts of things. And the Honors Program is just so wonderful because as long as you can prove its worth, academically and experientially, they'll let you do creative things."

Freshman Mat Čloak said he was recently admitted to the Honors Program, and is excited to take a class that is so different from typical ones.

"I like the outdoors, and I like to camp," said Cloak, an English and media arts and design major. "I live in Virginia and I think this would be a great way to familiarize myself with, basically, the mountains I go to school in?

Freshman Steven Irons, a technical and scientific communication major, said he also enrolled in the class because of its interdisciplinary nature.

'To me, hiking is therapeutic," Irons said

On the trails, the class will write journal entries and participate in discussions and group readings.

Freshman Alex Haney, an engineering major, didn't want to pass up the opportunity, and this will be his first time on the AT.

"I want to learn as much as I can because I live around here... but I've never done anything with it," said Haney, a Bath County native. "I don't really know much

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**Community Chats** 

Harrisonburg mayor to hold May 30 summit for city to discuss sustainability, energy

# Primary to be Held June 9

Three Democrats hope to be governor, one Republican will run in the primary

By ERIK LANDERS

The Breeze

Mayor Kai Degner has caught on to a new trend: using summits to promote communication in a community. Now he has called for a summit on May 30 in Harrison-

burg. "The purpose is to explore many different issues related to the environment and energy," Degner said.

"The goal is to get people to meet each other and have conversations about things that interest them, possibly to form new partnerships and brainstorm new ideas."

Degner has enlisted the aid of more than 40 partners to help put on the Mayor's Sustainability Summit, including JMU, the

Mahatma Gandhi Center for Global Nonviolence and JMU Outreach & Engagement.

"We need to create a culture of sustainability and nonviolence and I think that is what Kai is trying to do," said Sushil Mittal, director of the Gandhi Center. "The center supports him because he is pursuing and supporting innovators and interdisciplinary approaches for the constructive use of

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> - KAI DEGNER mayor of Harrisonburg

science and technology for a peaceful and sustainable future."

The event begins at 9 a.m. in downtown's Court Square and will run until 5 p.m. Attendees will break into separate conference groups throughout the day to discuss various topics.

Local restaurants such as the Earth and Tea Café and other public spaces will serve as meeting places for these conference groups as needed. There is no

set agenda or meeting times for the summit as of yet.

"It's going to be designed in a way that lets the people that come create an agenda that is based on their own interests," Degner said.

Degner is holding the summit because he has been approached on issues regarding the environment and sus-

tainability more than any other topic.

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"I feel like there are several mini-projects and there isn't always a venue for relationships to be built between projects," Degner said. "It's an opportunity to build relationships between people who share interests."

summit focuses While the on

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# **New Environmental Minor**

#### By MATT SUTHERLAND

The Breeze

For anyone looking for a different way to study the environment at James Madison University, there's a new option available.

Starting in fall 2009, the department of geology and environmental science will be offering a new minor in environmental science.

While environmental science is the only new minor in the department, two other minors — environmental management and environmental studies - have been reassessed and their course structures modified in order to provide a stronger learning organization.

Ann-Janine Morey, the associate vice provost for cross-disciplinary studies, said the program was made to integrate science

#### and social concerns.

"The idea is to create a curriculum that addresses issues that are urgent both socially and academically, and bring a higher profile to the academic response to environmental issues," Morey said.

Stephen Frysinger, the coordinator of the environmental management minor, describes the new curriculum as an extension of the past.

At the end of the course structure, all three environmental minors will converge to enroll in ENVT 400, a "capstone experience" directed toward providing different perspectives on several dimensions of the science.

Stephen Leslie, the head of the department, believes the new course will be a

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The primary elections for the state of Virginia will be held on June 9. Voters will decide which Republican and which Democrat will run for each of three positions: governor, lieutenant governor and attorney general.

For governor, the Democrats will have to decide between Terry McAuliffe, Brian Moran and Creigh Deeds. The Republican candidate for governor, Bob McDonnell, is unopposed.

McAuliffe is an entrepreneur from Fairfax County. Moran, a former prosecutor, served in the House of Representatives for 12 years. Deeds has been a state senator for the past eight years

For the position of lieutenant governor, the Democratic candidates are Jon Bowerbank, Michael Signer and Jody Wagner. The Republican candidates are Patrick Muldoon and incumbent Bill Bolling.

For the position of attorney general, Democrat Steve Shannon is running unopposed. The Republicans have a race between Ken Cuccinelli and Dave Foster.

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### Registrar advises students to prepare absentee ballots, address changes before Summer Break

The last day to register to vote in the Virginia primaries or request a change of address for voting is Monday, May 11.

Since many people change residences over the summer, Harrisonburg's registrar Debbie Logan wants to be sure they still keep their records up-to-date.

Also, anyone who is registered to vote, but will not be in Harrisonburg, can request an absentee ballot from the registrar.

The Virginia primaries take place June 9 and anyone registered to vote in Virginia is eligible to vote regardless of party registration.

Students can get the form at the registrar's office, online or on campus. The form must be mailed in or brought into the office since it requires a signature.

Students can download a voter registration form (the same form for a change of address request) from www.sbe.virginia.gov,

The registrar office is located at 345 South Main St.

Logan also said that in the fall, the registrar's office will have two people on campus at least three days a week to answer any students' questions, help them register or help them contact their hometown's registrar to receive absentee ballots.

Also, since there was confusion at some campuses last fall about what constitutes a residence, Virginia is in the process of regulating the definition of a residence so it is done the same way throughout the state.

#### — Staff Reports



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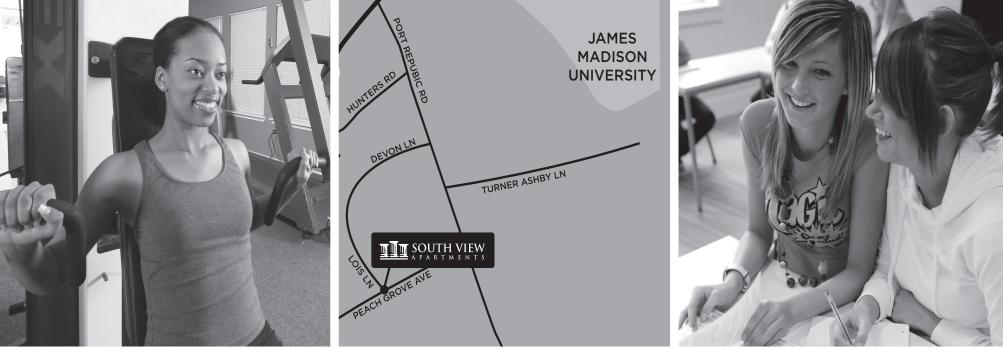
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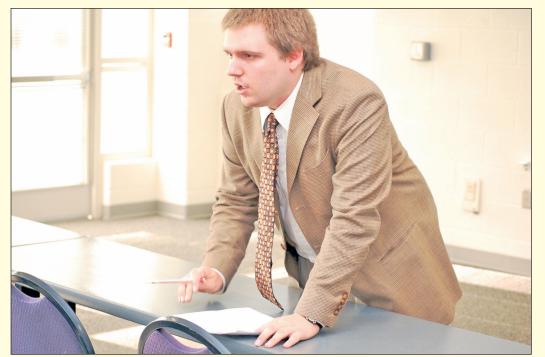
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# **Speaker Elected**



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Sophomore Andrew Elgert is the speaker of the senate in Student Government Association for junior year. Elgert, a computer science major, was nominated at Tuesday's meeting by Sen. John Scott and was approved unanimously. There was no objection, debate or vote since he was the only candidate nominated. Some points he made for his goals as speaker are to "make debate better," continue the pro-con-pro debate form used in meetings, "cut down redundancy" in debate and make sure committees "play an important role" in creating and altering proposed bills.

# **Campus Signs Gone Missing**

### By AMY PASSARETTI

The Breeze

When it comes to campus crime, there is one recent increase that seems to have flown under the public radar.

Within the last month, eight residence hall signs have been reported stolen, or attempted to be stolen.

University spokesman Don Egle said this happens every school year and Lee Shifflett, JMU chief of police, said it happens most often in spring semesters.

The cost of each sign is about \$300 and is usually replaced within 24 to 36 hours, according to Egle, which could be why many students may never even realize they're gone.

"I didn't even notice it was missing," said Destine Windon, a freshman living in Eagle Hall, where a sign was stolen April 19. "And just, what would possess you to take this sign, why would you do that?"

Garber Hall's sign was reported stolen on April 3 and Short Hall's was reported attempted to be stolen and was damaged as a result, on the same day. Eight have been stolen since January, according to Shifflett.

Shifflett said in an e-mail that "the punishments can range from judicial sanctions to criminal larceny charges or a combination of both."

However, no suspects have been identified for any of the eight stolen signs.

Sophomore Katie Gordon proposed one explanation for why people may want to take their buildings' signs.

"I guess if they felt like they were really close with the people in their building or had a really good time in that building," Gordon said. "It's kind of memorabilia, I guess."

Some students just think it would be done as a joke.

"Probably some people were out there with their friends late at night and thought it'd be a good idea," freshman Amilie Napier said. Cathy Murphy's photography of César Chávez's life is currently on display in the JMU Prism Gallery. Read part two of the two-part series on page 21.

# **TRAIL:** Course Includes Independent Project

*I* want to learn

because I live

around here.

as much as I can

- ALEX HANEY

freshman

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about it, but there's a lot of local history that relates to it probably."

#### **GETTING READY**

It takes some work to prepare for such a hike. Some students are already practicing by carrying packs filled with rocks across campus or through the arboretum.

Cloak, a Richmond native, said he's not an avid hiker, but he doesn't think that the trail will be too difficult.

"I think the most challenging part will be

the days where it gets really hot and we're hiking and wearing those huge packs," Cloak said.

Kessler explained that everyone will carry at least one quart of water in their packs, which she r e c o m m e n d s weigh less than 20 pounds. She will purify water along

the trail and teach students how to take care of themselves to prevent dehydration or other diseases.

"We had to work up some pretty good consent forms," Kessler said. "The trail is much safer than walking across campus, for heaven's sake, but there's so many things that could happen, and I feel very, very responsible."

Falk said that he was impressed with how Kessler prepared her students and how she responded to initial safety concerns.

#### **ACADEMICS**

Literature related to the trail will be an important aspect of the course, and students will hike with Leonard M. Adkins, author of two of the books the group will use.

Students will also read Bill Bryson's informational, yet comedic, "A Walk in the Woods" and Cindy Ross' "A Woman's Journey."

A final academic requirement is independent research along the AT, which the group will then use to create a project to present at the National Collegiate Honors Conference in Washington, D.C., in No-

vember.Students can choose their topics, and depending on what it is, will complete research on the trail and throughout the rest of the summer.

With students from diverse academic b a c k g r o u n d s — from international affairs to music to nurs-

ing — Kessler said she expects the projects to take many forms. So far, she said students have expressed interest in learning about the unique flora along this section of the trail, bear or deer populations and about the community of hikers on the AT.

"I hope to make a short documentary on the reasons people hike the trail, because we will encounter through-hikers with valuable insight during May," Irons said.

Kessler hopes that, if successful, the course will be offered in future summers.



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CFI programs have grown gradually yet steadily over the past years.





### SUMMER CHECKLIST

The Harrisonburg Police Department has some tips to remember before leaving JMU for the summer:

- Take all valuables with you
- Make sure ALL windows and doors are secured and locked
- Document anything that will be left behind for the summer (including a description and serial numbers)
- Close all blinds and drapes on windows and doors
- Be sure to check with your property manager before leaving town
- Have your mail forwarded to your summer address

# **MINOR:** Open to Many Majors

Minor, from page 3 substantial glimpse into the field.

"We took a look at the environmental minors that existed, looked at if there was a way to... connect them a bit," Leslie said. "You can look at the environment from a variety of perspectives... and with faculty from different backgrounds, you'll be able to look at the subject in a more holistic way."

According to the environmental science minor's Web site, environmental science, as well as the other new minors, could be pursued by students "ranging from the physical, natural or social sciences, to education, journalism or business, all [benefiting] from this broadly based environmental curriculum."

While neither the department of geology and environmental science nor the Office of the Registrar knows how many students have declared the environmental science minor yet, the expectations are high.

"The minors were just approved, so it's too early to be looking," Morey said. "However, [the program] draws upon the strengths of existing faculty who are interested in environment."

Environmental science is just one of several minors being added to the Fall 2009 course catalog. Other minors include modern European studies, which is offered by the department of political science and chronic illness, offered by the department of nursing.

# **MAYOR:** Planning for More Summits on Various Issues

Mayor, from page 3 sustainability, Mittal also wants to use the summit as a way to increase personal responsibility. He cites Degner sponsoring this summit, without the city, as an

example. "I find that unique that an individual is taking Mittal said. responsibility," [Degner] "Indirectly is emphasizing the exercise of personal and social responsibility, that is very important. We do not talk about these issues of personal responsibility and social responsibility, if we want to leave a better organized and less violent world then we need to talk about these issues."

Despite many JMU students leaving Harrisonburg after exams, Degner is not worried about attendance since the event has 78 confirmed guests on Facebook.

Degner currently has no plans to make this summit an annual event but is considering hosting summits on business development and cultural exchange as well



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Mayor Kai Degner plans to hold a sustainability summit open to the community on Saturday, May 30.

> as arts and creativity. Before he can plan those summits, Degner is committed to making this first summit a success.

> "I'm excited about it," Degner said. "I have a lot of energy going into it."



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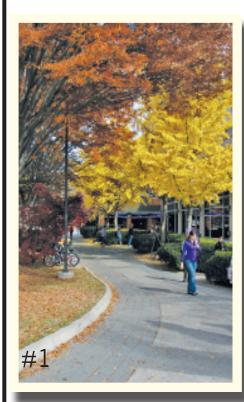
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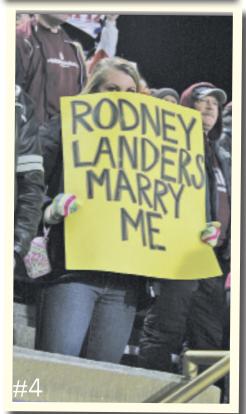
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# JMU Photo Finish for the Year

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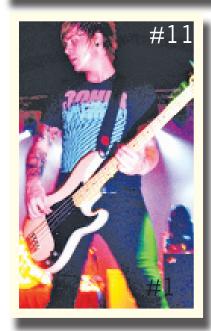


















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A Summation of College Life

FRESHMAN YEAR By LAUREN HAGY | The Breeze SOPHOMORE YEAR SENIOR YEAR J THE eal n) I'M NOT READY! I'm so ready to get out of this place ... Thank you to The Breeze for a great opportunity. I 3:1ZAN ♥ you guys. I'll miss ya! for . 124 - Lauren Hagy JUNIOR YEAR

GUEST COLUMN LARSON THUNE

# Farewell, **Fellow Grads**

*It will be our task* 

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the next generation

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today.

### Graduates of 2009,

It seems like just vesterday we were passing the fountain at Newman Lake for the first time, sitting with our parents in our vans and trucks, packed with posters and bed risers, mini-fridges and clothes. We unloaded the stuff into our room, la-

knowledge and critical thinking skills we will need to tackle the issues of the real world. More importantly, our experience at JMU has taught us what it means to be a vested member of a community.

Earlier this semester, I had surgery on my knee. I was surprised at the amount of aid I re-



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A "thanks-for-stealing-theshow" dart to the alum who tried to make our formal into her engagement party.

From a brother who is very happy for you, but thinks you should celebrate on your own time.

A "you're-not-that-special" dart to the girl in East Campus Library who announced that all non-science majors needed to go back to their side of campus, because there weren't enough computers.

From a business major who will be studying in ECL all finals week, just to spite you.

A "your-puppy-is-cute-but-

boring under the August sun, trip after trip, until we finally hugged our parents a sweaty goodbye.

In the four short years since that day, JMU has been more than a home to us. So although our parents are glad to see us graduate on Saturday, I know many of us may have mixed feelings.

We are entering the "real world", a world rife

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with problems from spiraling economies, to environmental degradation, humanitarian crises and energy challenges — issues that threaten the prosperity of ours and subsequent generations. It will be our task to see that we leave our world better for the next generation than we know it today.

Our first reaction is to recoil at this thought, to stay at JMU. But the fact is the world needs us.

Last summer I had the opportunity to spend a month traveling the Middle East. That experience made me realize how lucky we are to have spent four years here. Our purple and gold campus, in the city of Harrisonburg, tucked in the Shenandoah Valley, is a unique place. It is a place largely free from the social, political and economic upheaval that afflicts other areas. We have a greater sense of community than any place I've ever been. And that sense of community is rooted in the people who comprise it — people who believe in friendliness, in service and in each other.

Our professors have equipped us with the

ceived during my recovery. Professors were more than flexible about making up assignments and missed classes. Classmates sent me notes to keep me from falling too far behind and students approached me as I crutched along, offering to carry my books to class for me.

Although I was surprised at the support I

received during my recovery, I know I shouldn't have been. From the friendly Facilities Management folks, to the professor eager to help you with your capstone, to the anonymous student who inserts a few coins before your meter expires, helping others is a way of life here.

Next Saturday we will leave our purple and gold paradise, and many of us will go to places with real problems. Places plagued with splintered commu-

nities and fractured hope. We should work to uplift these places, person by person, deed by deed.

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So whether we end up on Wall Street or Main Street, on the East Coast or in the Middle East, we should bring a little JMU with us — inspiring a vision of a better future and empowering those around us to affect a change in that direction, as we model the way in service and leadership.

#### I wish you all the best.

■ LARSON THUNE is a senior finance major and JMU's outgoing student body president.

A "follow-this-example" pat to the duck couples around campus. From a jealous admirer of the love they share with just one partner.

A "you-don't-live-here" dart to my roommate's boyfriend. From a girl who likes you but didn't sign a lease with you.

A "this-is-delicious" pat to the burritos at P.C. Dukes.

From a senior who discovered your perfect blend of ingredients way too late in life.

A "who,-him?" dart to JMU for once again having a no-name speaker at commencement.

From a graduating senior who has done plenty of research on our speaker and wishes for someone with more pizazz.

A "crunch-a-tize-me-captain" pat to our friend for getting a tattoo of Captain Crunch, on his ass, just to make people laugh.

From two senior girls who will always laugh with you (and *sometimes at you).* 

your-not-getting-any" dart to the guys who flaunt their puppies on campus.

From a girl who only wants to play with the puppy.

A "thanks-for-keeping-yourpromise" pat to the kissing rock giving my then-boyfriend an opportunity for a romantic moment three years ago.

From a graduating senior who now has a different kind of rock on her hand.

An "awkward-turtle,-backingaway-slowly" dart to all the scantily clad sun worshippers littering the Quad with your nearly naked flesh.

From your professors, who know you'd change your behavior if you were forced to witness our glistening, lumpy, middle-aged bodies adorned with only animal print Speedos.

A "the-real-world-is-comingto-get-you!" dart to my former roomie who insists on texting me at 2 a.m. on a work night while she parties without me.

From a JMU alum who can't wait for you to graduate in a few weeks so you can feel her pain.

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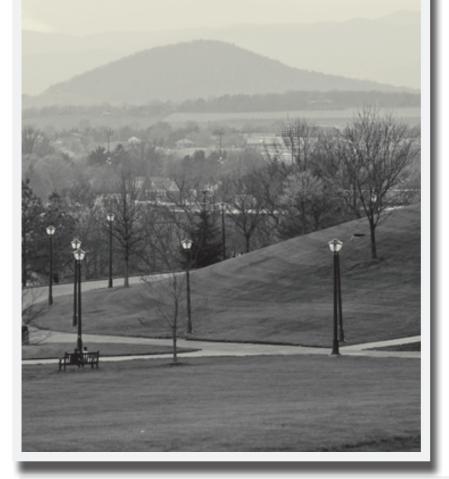
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# **U.S. Can't Ignore Imprisoned Journalist**

Here in the United States, the most important amendment of the Bill of Rights includes the freedom of the press. The press keeps the government in check by keeping the public informed, and the public holds the government accountable on Election Day. All in all, this is a pretty good arrangement in theory, and most of the time it works, for some values of "works." However, this is not the case in all countries.

There are countries where sunlight is not considered the best disinfectant, and the press is not free. The Islamic Republic of Iran is one of these countries, as National Public Radio freelancer Roxana Saberi has been learning over the past few months.

In February, Iran announced that Saberi had been arrested for buying a bottle of wine, which is illegal under Iran's sharia religious legal system. She was later charged with working without press credentials. Her license to report the truth was revoked three years ago, but until this year, it apparently wasn't that big of a deal.

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Three weeks ago, though, it was announced that Saberi's secret trial had charged her with espionage, and sentenced her to eight years in prison. President Barack Obama, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, U.S. Representative Earl Pomeroy, (D-N.D.), and the European Union Presidency have all issued calls for Saberi's release, as has the Council on American-Islamic Relations. However, Iran remains determined to continue its commitment to human rights failure. Last Sunday,

Saberi celebrated her 32nd birthday in the infamous Evin Prison in Tehran.

She hasn't been allowed to see a lawyer since March 8, she probably hasn't gotten a fair trial and her story has been underreported in the United States.

It's a pretty safe bet that Saberi did not get a fair trial in Tehran; oppressive governments tend to "bend the rules" to put away "enemies of the state" such as Saberi. This is unacceptable. Other journalists who have been arrested in Iran's ongoing dragnet for dangerous outsiders include Canadian photojournalist Zahra Kazemi and Kurdish journalist Mohammad Sadegh Kaboudvand. Kazemi is now dead, killed by guards in the same prison where

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Saberi is now held. Sadly, judging by Evin Prison's track record, Saberi's chances of returning to the United States alive are slim to none.

Of course, there is always the off-chance that our president and all the diplomats at his disposal could do something about this travesty of justice. So far, all our leaders in Washington have done is make the expected noises of sympathy. Clinton expressed "deep concern" for Saberi's safety, and Obama said he was "gravely concerned." With all due respect, that is a highly inadequate response - one expresses "deep concern" about the Cincinnati Bengals' draft picks this year, over an American journalist being tortured in a dingy jail in the suburbs of Tehran.

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# Games And Grades

JMU's athletes have been working up a sweat on and off the field.

The National Collegiate Athletic Association has recognized seven JMU teams for outstanding academic achievement. The teams recognized are women's cross country, women's golf, men's tennis, women's tennis, women's indoor track and field, women's outdoor track and field and women's volleyball.

The recognition was based on the Multi-year Academic Progress Rate (APR) scores. Teams that were in the top 10 percent APR of their respective sports were recognized.

Each student athlete can earn two points per year. One point is earned for being academically eli-gible (above a 2.0 GPA). Another is earned if the student-athlete returns to the university as a full time student the following academic year. An additional two points are earned if the student-athlete graduates.

The APR is calculated by taking all points earned by each student athlete over the past two years and dividing that number by the total possible points that could have been earned. That results in a decimal that is then multiplied by 1,000.

JMU has the most teams recognized in the 12-team Colonial Athletic Association.

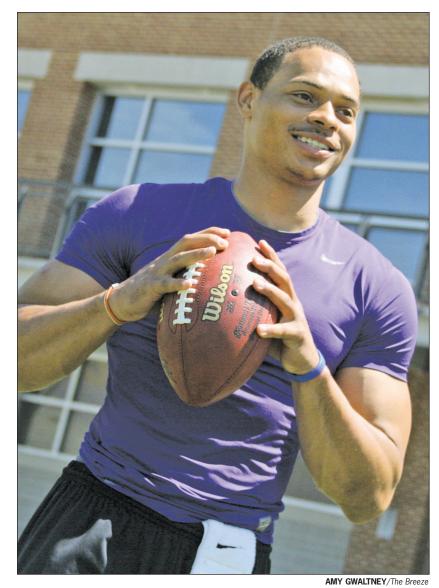
Coaches agree that while they encourage academic success, the responsibility of managing time and doing well in school falls on the student athletes.

"We place the responsibility on the student athletes and they know the expectations and they live up to them," said Bill Walton, director of Cross Country and Track.

Academic achievement is a big part of the student athlete experience at JMU.

"Our feeling is that you can have it both ways," Walton said. "You can do well academically and you can do well athletically and I think this is just a conformation of that belief."

– Staff Reports



#### Landers was named the JMU male athlete of the year and the Division I player of the year in Virginia during the 2008 season. He finished his

**Leave** It All **On the** Field'



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### Rodney Landers is en route to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers' rookie-camp

### By AMY GWALTNEY

The Breeze

Summer is practically here and four JMU dukes will be headed to camp, the National Football League's rookie minicamp that is.

JMU career with 3,477 rushing yards and 35 touchdown passes.

Talk of a prospective career in the NFL for senior quarterback Rodney Landers has been debated all offseason. The 2009 NFL Draft was held Saturday and Sunday, but the 6-foot-1, 220-pounder wasn't called.

"It was a rollercoaster obviously, just 'cause you know you go from the highs and you go down to the lows," Landers said. 'Got a lot of phone calls from different teams and here I am I get to explore the free agent market as well, which is probably better because I get to find a position that will suit me more."

Though he was not drafted, Landers has been invited to mini-camp with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers to try out for the quarterback position.

Due to Landers' rushing ability — he amassed 1,770 yards in the fall — he is willing to try his place at different positions. At the Pro Day in early April, he participated in position drills as a running back, defensive back and wide receiver. Landers, as well as his agent, hope this versatility will help him get picked up by a team.

"Obviously when I'm down there, I'm gonna show them I'm more valuable in doing a lot of things," Landers said. "I'm such an unselfish player that I just wanna get on the field, make plays and contribute."

Landers' agent, David Sullivan, said he has also talked to the St. Louis Rams, Chicago Bears and New York Giants about Rodney. But, at this point, Tampa Bay is the best choice for Landers. "It's the best option now for him right now because of the roster make-up and the plans they have for Rodney going into mini-camp," Sullivan said.



Junior Matt Townsend batted .426 with 58 hits during his 34-game hitting streak that lasted 49 days.

# **Townsend Takes Charge**

The junior outfielder has put together the best season of his JMU career, but missed the majority of the past two seasons due to injuries

#### By DAN LOBDELL The Breeze

Matt Townsend's redshirt junior season has featured one of the most impressive streaks in JMU history. Starting March 7, the right fielder began a consecutive games hitting streak that would reach 34 games, tying the record set by Mark Brockell in 1988.

"It's sad to see the streak end," sophomore Trevor Knight said. "But if you noticed, he's already started up a new streak. So he took a break that one game and he's right back in it now."

1988 also happens to be the year the Hayfield graduate began playing the game he loves.

"It's been part of my life, pretty much my whole life," Townsend said. "I just enjoyed it all playing up, having fun and stuff. I just got real competitive and now carried it into college."

His numbers this year are staggering, considering what little playing time he received his first three years on campus. But, then again, the 5-foot-9 native of Lorton has always been a slow starter.

"Well to be honest, I never even hit a home run until my sophomore year of high school," Townsend said. "I didn't know it was gonna take that long to hit one. But once I hit the first one, they kinda started coming a little bit."

He would not have to wait quite as long to hit his first homer at Madison, as his first career homer came in an 11-6 win over Georgia State his freshman year. Still, he had hit only seven in his collegiate career coming into 2009.

That would change, however, as he is now second in the Colonial Athletic Association in homers this season with 16. Only George Mason senior Scott Krieger stands above him with 17. Unlike Townsend, Krieger has always displayed

those numbers in his college career, hitting 49 heading into this year.

As a player, Townsend's big break came at a tournament his sophomore year of high school, after which several National Collegiate Athletic Association coaches displayed interest.

"I always had confidence in myself," he said. "Coaches really can't talk to you until July 1, and I got a couple calls that year right on July 1. Madison actually didn't start talking to me until a little bit later on that summer and I came down here, took a visit and I loved it. I committed right away."

The junior's career as a hitter almost never got off the ground, as he was a more successful pitcher in high school, when games are only seven innings long. "My best high school memory was

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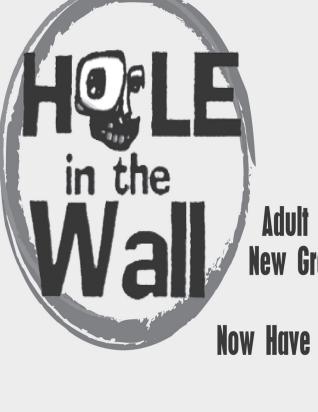
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# **FOOTBALL:** Four Dukes Receive Invites to Try-Out As Free Agents at NFL Rookie Mini-Camps

#### Football, from page 13

Along with his agent, Landers had a support system through his family, who traveled to be with him this weekend, along with three other teammates. They were defensive tackle J.D. Skolnitsky, offensive tackle Terrence Apted, and free safety Marcus Haywood.

'We have a great network," Landers said. "We were all on the phone with each other this weekend about what we heard and just describing the experiences we went through."

Apted and Skolnitsky were invited to the Washington Redskins mini-camp, and Haywood was invited to camp with the New Orleans Saints.

Skolnitsky still had a year of eligibility left on the team, but tested positive for a banned substance in November and was suspended for his senior year. He is looking for an early start toward a professional career, though he also wasn't drafted this weekend.

"I'm not upset about it, it's a great opportunity," Skolnitsky said.

Skolnitsky also has the option to attend mini-camp with the

### Rodney Landers

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Giants next weekend, in case he doesn't make the training camp roster, but he said he would prefer to sign with the Washington Redskins because they are close to home for the Fairfax native.

Skolnitsky and Apted already left for camp Wednesday and Landers leaves today; both camps will be held Friday through Sunday. Haywood will be leaving next week. Every team that invited a JMU player is in the National Football Conference.

"I know Rodney's gonna do a good job, I know they're gonna see a versatile athlete who can bring a lot to the table," Sullivan said. "I have all the confidence in the world in Rodney."

Landers said he is a little nervous for camp but that "there are so many great players that don't get the opportunity," so he is ready for his turn.

'Coach [Mickey Matthews] always tells us make sure you leave it all on the field," Landers said. "Don't be one of those players that walks off the field and says I didn't realize that was my opportunity."

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- MATT TOWNSEND

JMU right fielder

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#### **Right fielder** Matt Townsend has scored a team-leading 54 runs this season, good for third place in the Colonial Athletic Association. The junior also leads JMU with 54 RBIs. **Townsend is** also in the top five in the CAA in batting average (.392), slugging percentage (.751), hits (71), homeruns (16) and total bases (136).







# **TOWNSEND:** Bounces Back After Season-Ending Injuries

#### Townsend, from page 13

actually as a pitcher," Townsend said. "It was a regional quarterfinal game and the game went into nine innings. I ended up pitching all nine innings and we ended up winning. During that run, we made it to states for the first time in school history."

Even more crucial than his consistency, is his durability this year, as he is one of only three Dukes to start all 45 of the team's games so far. It is by far the most he has started in his career, because he missed the last 20 games of his sophomore year and was forced to redshirt last year due to injuries.

"It's been tough," Townsend said. "It's pretty much my first full season. As a freshman, I came in, I wasn't an everyday starter. The last couple years I've battled seasonending injuries. This year, I've just tried to stay healthy, put together a full season. Good things have happened with hard work, a little bit of pre-hab."

The pre-hab includes stretching and

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core training that he has dedicated himself to this season, and it's showed, as he has been injury free. His injury last season kept him out of the school's first-ever conference championship in baseball.

"It was actually kind of a freak accident on a check swing," Townsend said. "Some

ligaments in my left wrist just got strained and torn. I had to go in a cast for five or six weeks. When that was done, I had to rehab and by that time it was near the conference tournament. I felt like it wasn't worth me risking a whole year with the team playing as well as they were doing.

"It made me hunger for this year to want to get back there and want to be a part of it," Townsend said. "It was great seeing all my friends out there winning and it was great for the school, first one in school history. But at the same time, you want to be a part of it. It was kind of a bittersweet taste. I'm just trying to lead the team back there and repeat."

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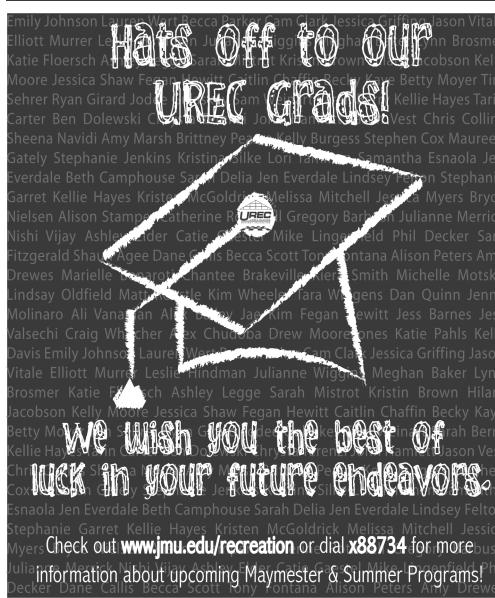


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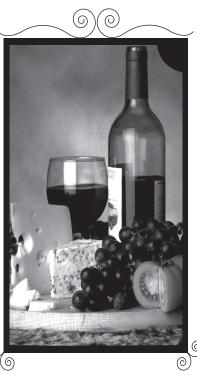
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#### **MIKE CHECK**

# The Finals Countdown

With the summer just around the corner, I should be far more excited than I currently am to be temporarily freed from



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sure you have successfully acquired all the information presented during the entirety of the semester and they are only attempting to benefit your progress in the professional world.

However, we all know that is some B.S. They just want you to completely hate yourself for the last couple of weeks and are punishing you because they're jealous of your youth and vigor.

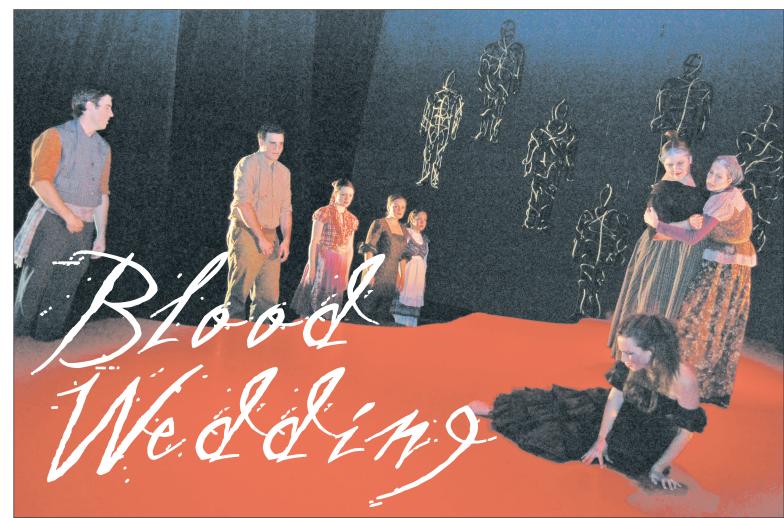
How dare professors expect us to remember things and not completely evacuate our brains of the information directly after being tested the first time around. This is America, and we only learn things because we have to.

I'm assuming most "responsible" students, who are probably strangers to the touch of the opposite sex, study over an extended period of time in order to properly manage the load. Or possibly they want to allow time to make some sort of creative cheat sheet on their upper thigh, which is obviously the sexiest way to cheat. However, what I like to do is wait until the day before the test to completely cram all of information into my skull until I cry blood.

I have a life, you know. Sometimes I have better things to do than keep up with my studies, like watch Space Jam or go on addictinggames.com and play Kitten Cannon, which is exactly what it sounds like. How can my professors be so selfish?

I don't really have anything against the test themselves. I understand that teachers need a way to assess our performance or whatever, and doing well on a test that you studied hard for is fairly gratifying.

There are, though, certain aspects of tests that make me want to light myself on fire. I am a big fan of multiple-choice tests, mostly because they allow for the process of elimination and guessing, if you really have no idea. However, I hate the kind of multiple-choice tests where teachers try to confuse you and do something like this:



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### New York Director Channels Spanish Playwright's Passion

#### By TIM CHAPMAN The Breeze

Consider a play synonymous with a puzzle. You need all the right pieces — the right playwright, the right director, the right actors and the right set.

All the pieces fell in place Tuesday in the premiere of Blood Wedding, directed by Victor Maog.

"It's sort of like, oh gosh, Michelangelo," said Maog, following the show at Latimer-Shaeffer Theatre, "when you choose the right piece of stone and from that emerges the beautiful thing. And I think we've gotten a chance to absolutely pick the right students."

Maog, a New York City-based stage director, has met countless JMU alumni in all aspects of the big-city theatre business, so coming to Harrisonburg was a no-brainer.

"In the professional world, I've met some incredible alum of the school who are great artists," Maog said, "but also unbelievable human beings, and so I knew that something was happening *right*, here at JMU."

Knowing he would find the right students for one of his productions, Maog's greater task was choosing the right play.

Blood Wedding, or "Bodas de Sangre," is a 1932 piece written by Spanish dramatist Federico García Lorca. The play centers around themes of jealously, strong familial ties, legacies and, perhaps one

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(From left) Senior Lauren Ramsey, senior Lash Dooley, freshman Shannon O'Riordan and junior Trevor Wilhelms get in character at a photo shoot following their show's premiere.

theme most reminiscent of Lorca, himself suppressed feelings.

The Nationalist Party assassinated Lorca in 1936, as Spain was on the brink of civil war. While Lorca was considered one of the greatest poets of the time and a friend of surrealists like Salvador Dali, he never aligned with any political movement. It is believed that Lorca's homosexuality played a role in the conservative party's actions.

influenced the internal conflicts with characters in Blood Wedding.

"He wants to communicate a sense of suppressed passion," Maog said. "What do you do when the world doesn't allow you your free voice and true self? I think that is at the crux of it; when you want to sing and yet someone has a foot on your throat."

To Maog, a great part of theatre is about desperation, and Lorca was desperate to express his feelings in some form.

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At this point, I'm already immensely confused, and then I look at the last choice, which is "None of the Above." Well, that's cute; at one point, I thought it could be possible for all these answers to be correct but now all of them could be wrong? Do I get points off if I jam my pencil into my eye?

I, like all you normal people, will be holed up in the library, debating to throw my computer at those annoying, melanoma-scented orange girls who are talking with their outside voices in a f\*\*\*\*\* library and peering at the kids who took Adderall and are behaving like they just did some cocaine off a stripper, reading three books in five minutes.

Just remember, summer's almost here, and soon enough, your parents will get on your nerves and you'll be ready to come back to the delightful Burg, and then immediately want to leave as soon as classes start.

MICHAEL LARRICK is a junior media arts & design major and The Breeze's humor columnist.

Lorca's struggles with an unaccepting society and unrequited love, likely See PLAY, page 19

### **RESTAURANT REVIEW**

# New Burger Joint Hits the Spot

#### By ZACH WEAVER contributing writer

After a gut-busting research trip in New York to sample up to six burgers per day, Aaron Ludwig and Mike Sabin developed the simple, yet calculated Jack's Brown burger.

It started back in 1985.

"We came up with the concept when we were 15," Ludwig said. "We always joked about opening a burger stand."

Ludwig, an owner of Function 4 Sports, a local sporting goods store, along with friend and partner Sabin, a corporate chef from Miami, recently pulled the idea off the shelf and decided to start Jack Brown's Beer and Burger Joint.

The childhood dream finally came true when Jack Brown's opened downtown on April 4 at 80 South Main St.

Jack Brown's adheres to a familiar maxim: "Keep it simple, do it right." This minimalist approach is clear the moment one steps inside. The main room, including the bar, grill and fryer, is only 11 feet wide and 36 feet long

from the window to the bathroom. A single table sits in the front window and the remaining seating lines the bar. The menu consists of five items: hamburger, cheeseburger, the daily special, fries and fried Oreos. The exception to the simplicity is the beer list, which includes 60 varieties and a rotating selection of drafts.

lack Brown's is a bit pricey — a burger and fries run near eight dollars but the taste is spot on. As a fan of toppings, I was at first skeptical of the minimalist approach to the burgers, but the meat had a satisfying taste and the special sauce was so good that I am now willing to concede my tomatoes and onions. The crinkle fries have a pleasing texture, are tactfully seasoned and well worth the extra cost. The food is also light enough to avoid the adverse side effects and the eventual regret of other burgers.

In the three weeks since it's opening Jack Brown's has already attracted a following. Among the regulars is Jess Velanzon, a local insurance claims

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What's happenin' around the 'Burg

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# **PLAY:** Director Victor Maog Uses JMU To Display His Interpretation of Classic

**Play**, from page 17 "I absolutely believe that he was a man that needed to tell a story of forbidden love," Maog said. "And it translates directly to the play, even though it may not be a specifically homosexual stories, that's when a story like this goes across all sense of belief... because no one actually wants to be knocked down for what they hope to achieve, which is a sense of living and a sense of happiness.

The passion needed for Lorca-like expression was best exhibited in the role of the groom's mother, played by junior Christie Steele.

Steele exploded in anguish and anger in scenes, including one where she backhands her son's deceitful bride. She said Maog really knew how to light a fire in her and the other performers.

"A good director, you can see them in the their work," Steele said, "and Victor just had this passion for directing and this drive to make the play wonderful

and to really tell the story." In her best "victorism," Steele vividly explained with her hands how Maog was so great about "pulling things" out of the actors.

Maog felt that the JMU cast really understood the play, explaining that sometimes "it's on the nose and sometimes it's just in the air." He complimented Steele's performance, calling it "searing."

But Maog emphasized that it was the playwright's voice, not his directing that was infused in the actors.

"My job as a director is to be an interpreter of their work and extend the ideas that they have to a 3-dimensional form," Maog said.

And it looked as easy as if Lorca was there Tuesday night, directing Steele and fellow performers.

"I think this play just speaks to people," Steele said, "because it is a about something real and it is about passion and who doesn't understand passion?"

### "Blood Wedding"

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# **Disney and Discovery Team Up for 'Earth'**

### By DREW BEGGS

The Breeze

**MOVIE REVIEW** 

Cute animals. Powerful predators. Stunning vistas.

All in a day's work for Disney and Discovery in their feature length film, "Earth," an adaptation of the Discovery Channel's TV show "Planet Earth."

Narrated by one of the world's scariest voices, James Earl Jones, the script still leaves much to be desired. Apart from obvious observations, there is only the occasional interesting fact, so stay focused on the video, not the sound.

For those unfamiliar with the concept of the show, "Earth" follows a myriad of animal families, from polar bears to elephants to humpback whales, over the

course of one year, along migrations and hunting trips.

The movie's strength stems from landscapes which are nothing short of stunning. Aerial views of millions of birds flying in concert, tornadoes snaking across the desolate Kalahari Desert and the cold quiet of the Boreal forest provide more than enough breathtaking moments to keep the audience occupied. There is even the occasional Jurassic Park moment as cameras pan across awe-inspiring waterfalls and deep green plains, where a brontosaurus wouldn't look out of place.

Time-lapse recordings are prevalent throughout the film, but just as it's being over done, the filmmakers show you something truly impressive: seasonal changes from outer space.

While most of the footage is of land, one segment does focus on the oceans, as a mother humpback whale and her calf migrate thousands of miles from the tropics to the food abundant Antarctic waters. The pair swims past pods of dolphins flipping out of the waves and groups of sailfish, pushing 70 mph as they tear through kaleidoscope schools of fish.

During the life-or-death chases, the audience is torn between rooting for the predator and hoping the cute little prey gets away. With a PG rating, Disney ends every chase before the real bloodletting begins.

Disney movie or not, there are two particularly graphic and tense scenes: the elephants with the lions, and the polar bear with the walruses.

Not to give too much away, but for anyone wondering: yes, lions hunting elephants in the pitch dark of night is absolutely terrifying. No less tense is watching a hungry polar bear attempt to hunt a walrus in vain. The realization that he is going to starve to death is a hard one to swallow.

The film immediately cuts to scenes of elephants and whales frolicking in the water and then rolls the credits. For a movie that is overall well put together, the end falls on its face pretty hard.

Inevitably, a lot of adorable and cuddly animals get eaten: a caribou calf, a caterpillar, an unclear number of elephants and three seals. But that's the circle of life. Every once in awhile the cute things get eaten, and every once in awhile the predator goes hungry.

# **BURGER:** Friends Open Restaurant

BURGER, from page 17 Velanzon, a local insurance claims adjustor.

"I try to make it in once a week," Velanzon said. "I like it because it's small and personal, and the Oreos are to die for."

The burgers are made from a domestic Kobe beef known as Wagyu beef. To give an original feel, Jack Brown's has a proprietary relationship with their Wagyu supplier, meaning competitors won't be serving it.

Jack Brown's burgers are distinct for their lack of traditional toppings; a regular burger comes with nothing but a side serving of Jack Brown's sauce. "You can get lettuce and tomato anywhere," Ludwig said. "We wanted our burgers to be different." Like the food, the restaurant's image was also meticulously planned. The interior is something of a sharp and smokeless replica of a western dive bar with a disco ball and a clean restroom. Unlike similar restaurants with themed décors, Jack Brown's avoids coming off as manufactured, thanks to several personal touches.

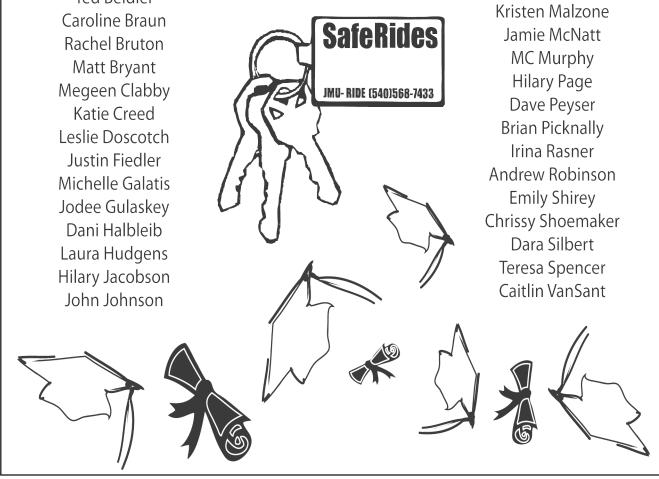
The bar top is made of a 200-year-old white oak from the Ludwig family property. A series of photos line the wall, chronicling the tree's life and eventual fall, and the wall itself is made of boards from the family barn.

The restaurant can only hold 38 and the limited size can make it difficult to find a seat, but the confined space and dark, hardwood motif create an appealing atmosphere. Jack Brown's bartender and JMU graduate student, Gabrielle Olko enjoys the intimacy.

"The great thing about it being a smaller place is you get to know people," Olko said. "Pretty much everyone at the bar ends up talking to one another."

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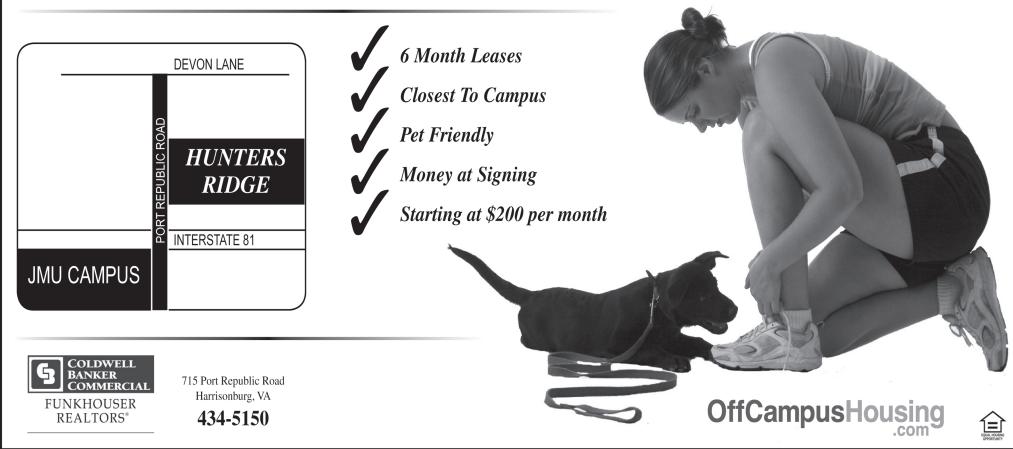
Jack Brown's will soon open a side patio and a private bar upstairs to accommodate more customers.

Open until 2:00 a.m. every night, it is also frequented by downtown restaurant employees stopping in after work.

Jack Brown's Beer and Burger Joint is light-years beyond a fast food combo meal in its minimalist yet high-quality approach to an American classic.

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# César Chávez Featured in Festival's Prism Gallery

Photographer spent several years documenting leader's lifestyle and Thousand Mile March in '70s

### By ANNA YOUNG

The Breeze

The backbreaking work and tragic lifestyle of farm workers and young children in the fields of California during the 1970s is forever immortalized by Cathy Murphy, who photographed the workers and César Chávez, their fearless revolutionary leader.

Murphy's photography exhibit, "Marching Through History with César Chávez" is now in JMU's Prism Gallery until Friday.

Murphy's collection has spanned the country several times since 2003. Many of the photographs of Chávez's life haven't been shown in the past because "he just asked that I not publish any of the photographs until after he died," Murphy said.

The collection made its debut at Cochise College in Arizona, where Murphy currently teaches photography classes. During the collection's debut, "the reception was incredible," Murphy said. "It's been very well-received wherever it was."

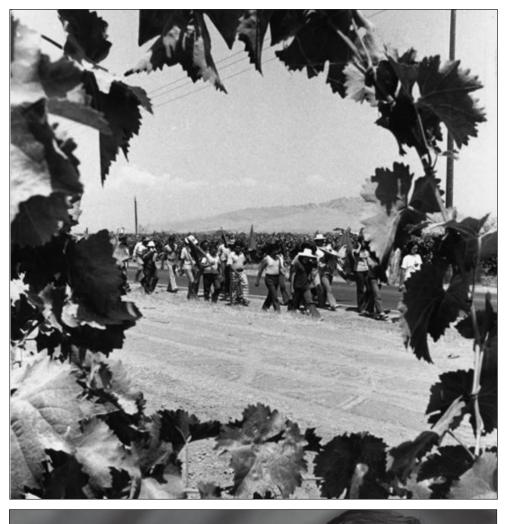
Paul Chávez, César's son whom Murphy once worked with in the United Farm Workers print ship, asked if Murphy would exhibit her photography in the Chávez Foundation Center in California.

"I asked him why after all these years had he finally contacted me and he said his mother told him to," Murphy said, "because one of the photographs in the exhibit, the one where César's sitting in his armchair, that's her favorite photo of him ever."

The nationally renowned exhibit portrays years of grueling work by Murphy, and although she was an instrumental part of the movement, Murphy eventually had to move

"This job that César offered me as a staff photographer was housing, food and \$5 dollars a week, for over a year... and I still had thousands of dollars in tuition debts to pay off," she said. Her work load was easily 58 hours a week, and took a toll not only on Murphy, but on her son, who was in first grade at the time. "I took thousands of photographs, so I was just emotionally drained and broke... I had made a commitment to work only a year, and I ended up staying for more than a year and going back in the fields for a couple of years after that."

Not only was the job draining, but dangerous as well. "I had heard there were threats against my life as well as César's," she said. Murphy went back into what she initially had been trained for in the commercial business, working as a magazine and fashion photographer. Murphy, now in her mid-60s, lives in





TOP: Migrant workers march through California during the Thousand Mile March in the summer of 1975. ABOVE: César Chávez speaks at a United Farm Workers rally.

the artist enclave of Bisbee, Ariz., where she is writing a bilingual book about her experiences with the farm workers and Chávez, and hopes to have it completed in two years.

Aside from planning to return to California, Murphy has continued her activism for social justice by documenting the lives of the Tarahumara of Copper Canyon, Mexico's most unchanged native peoples. She's also planning on returning to California's fields for the first time since 1979 to see if children are still present. "I think they're still out there, particularly in the strawberry fields," Murphy said. While she visited JMU for the opening

of her exhibit during the last week of March, Murphy and Melanie Brimhall, the director of education for the Madison Art Collection, met with Sushil Mittal, the director of the Mahatma Gandhi Center for Global Nonviolence. They discussed the university's signing of a petition from the Farm Workers Documentation Project that aims to recognize nationwide rights for workers. Other than the state of California, agricultural workers and domestic workers in most states still do not have the right to organize, according to Murphy. The petitioners, who started their movement last month on Chávez's birthday, hope to gain 1,000 signatures, and already have 600 nationally, from universities, organizations, professionals and churches, according to Murphy.

There is also a movement to make Chávez's birthday a national holiday, just like Martin Luther King's birthday. "He did for the farm workers what Martin Luther King did for civil rights across the country," Brimhall explained, adding that people "need to understand that [Chávez] was not just fighting for the Latinos, he was fighting for migrant farmer workers and that crossed over cultural boundaries."

Even though Chávez dedicated his life to the migrant workers, and Murphy spent her younger years documenting the significant strides made by the movement, migrant workers still struggle for their rights today.

Brimhall hopes that through displaying Murphy's monumental photography, the Prism Gallery is completing the chapters of history in ways that bring it to life visually.

"I think that Chávez has not been given his proper placement in history until recently here on the East Coast because we now have time to look back and see the changes he has made and how many millions of lives have been bettered because he took a stand for what he felt was right," Brimhall said. "The more time passes, the more appreciated he will be and the more important he will become as a bigger chapter in our history books."

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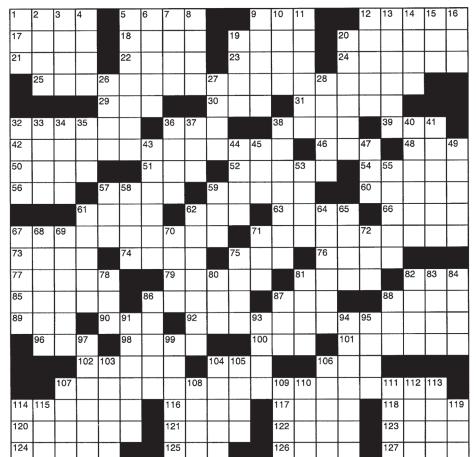


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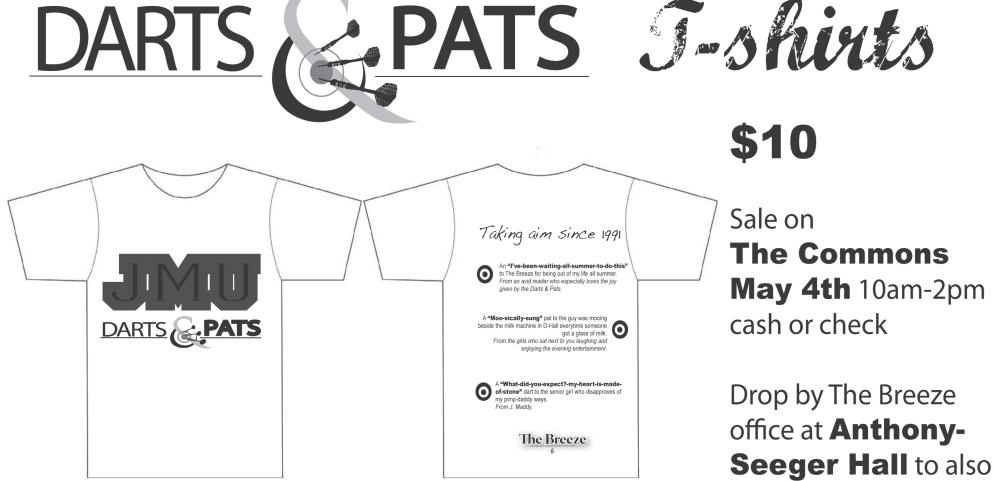


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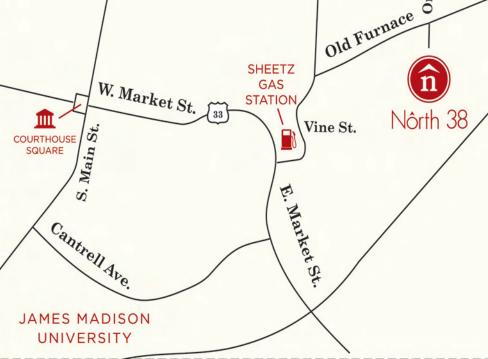
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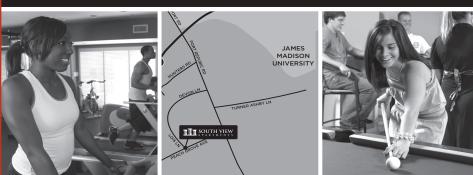
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### By RACHEL CHEMERYNSKI

The Breeze

Well, I guess it's *really* that time. Although I don't exactly want to and am not sure if I'm ready, it's finally time to say goodbye to JMU, and enter the next chapter of my life: the real world.

I don't even now where to begin. My time at JMU has given me countless memories and experiences that I will never, *ever* forget.

First I'd like to say goodbye to Eagle Hall: my freshman year home. Even though you were smelly and had pee lurking in your elevators, I love you for giving me the best friends I could ever ask for and the craziest year of my life, hands down. From providing cute freshman men to late-night vending machines, you really knew the way to a girls' heart.

Next, I'd like to say goodbye to 869 The Commons, where I lived for the past three years of my life with the most amazing (and crazy) girls, whom I'd like to call my "bridesmaids." You girls have been a huge part of my college experience, always making me laugh and bringing out the best in me.

Goodbye Franzia, Captain Mo and all my other favorite men: you know who you are.

Goodbye to never-ending block parties, keg stands, and all the other wild (and bizarre) things I've witnessed during my past four years here.

Goodbye to the Quad, Earth and Tea Café, Martins, Starbucka's and all of my other go-to places. You've always cheered me up and made me the perfect cup of coffee when I was having one of those days.

Goodbye JMU and Harrisonburg, VA. Thanks for showing a northern girl what southern hospitality is. (Men actually hold doors?) And thanks for teaching me the world "y'all" and to stop saying "wicked." I'll see y'all soon... and for everyone still here, it's true: It does go by too fast, so live it up while you can.

#### By JESS NOVAK The Breeze

"I just want to play on my pan-pipes. I just want to drink me some wine. As soon as you're born you start dying. So you might as well have a good time."

— CAKE

Underclassmen (and seniors, too), head these words of wisdom from one of the greatest bands you might but probably don't know. And while you're at it: go down to the Artful Dodger, Blue Nile, TDU or Clementine Café and see a show because I bet you're missing one of the greatest things Harrisonburg and JMU has to offer: music.

Maybe I'm biased and maybe I'm crazy, but either way I'm serious when I say college hasn't always been all that and a bag of chips. It's a lot of work, a lot of disappointment, challenges, drama and mistakes. But if there is one place I've always found consolation, it's been in front of a stage, seeing my peers, friends and occasionally even someone pretty well-known rip a guitar or destroy a

drum kit. I've got a lot of friends here whom I'll miss, but the moment

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For me, JMU wouldn't have been much without the music — JESS NOVAK JMU Senior

last note., so I guess this is more of a "thank you" than a "good-bye." Thanks for filling my nights with good songs and even better people. YOU are the ones I'll miss.

So go see a show, thank me later and remember these words to live by: "Be excellent to each other, and party on, dudes."

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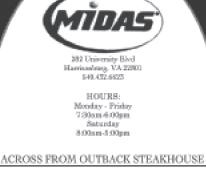
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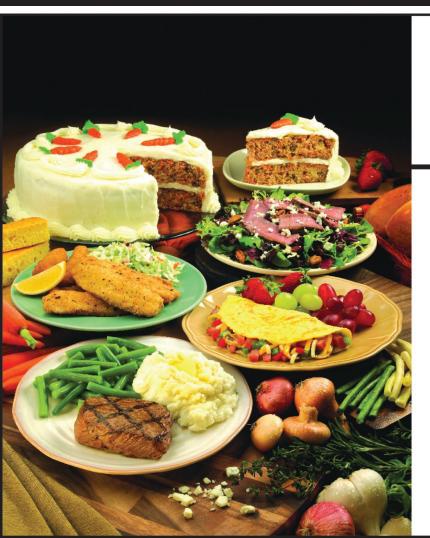
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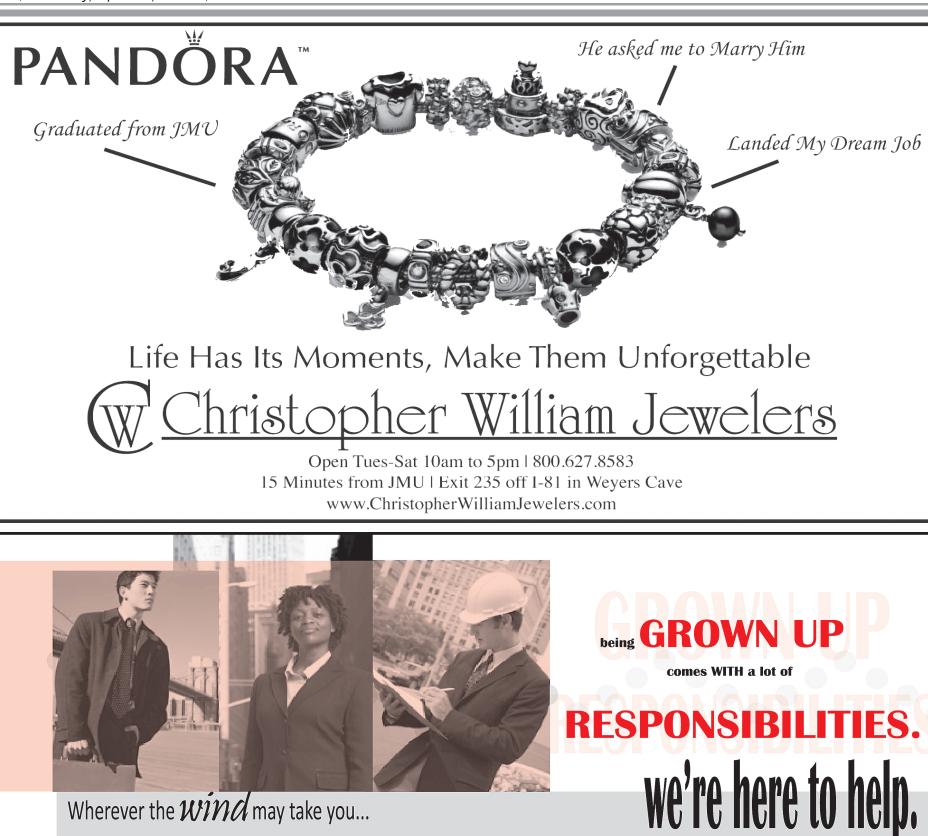
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# Things to do Before Graduating:

You have only a few more days before it's all over, so what are you waiting for?

Find a way to get into Wilson Hall's cupola	□Submit a Dart or Pat to The Breeze
□Ride the "drunk bus" one last time (maybe do	□Time yourself (or have a race) from one end
a flip or two)	of the ISAT/HHS building to the other
□Eat as much as you can in one sitting at	$\Box$ Sit in the astronomy park or arboretum
D-Hall (when's the next time you'll have a virtu-	□Lounge in TDU and grab a coffee or latte
ally free smörgåsbord?)	□Hit up your favorite downtown hotspots, like
□Watch the sun set from ISAT	Dave's or Clementine, all in one night
□Sneak into your freshman year dorm for a	□Write your favorite professors from your four
final tour	years thank-you letters
$\square$ Make out on the Kissing Rock with that special	□Start a LinkedIn account, and make sure to
someone (so what if you're not getting hitched?	stay in touch with friends on Facebook
Dispel the legend!)	
□Find the tunnels under the Quad	
□Go into a campus building that you've never	
been in before	
□Wade (or swim) in Newman Lake	
□Streak the Quad (but don't get caught!)	
□Take a trip on Skyline Drive	
□Go hiking/camping in Shenandoah National	
Park or George Washington National Forest	

- Cut this page out and add your own events! - -

# congratulate your graduate

# **Messages from Family & Friends**

### <u>Carissa</u> <u>Aiello</u>

Carissa, as you graduate may you begin your future that is filled with happiness and sucess. May all your dreams come true. Congratulations on this special day. It is the beginning of the bright path that's filled with all your hopes and dreams. We are MIGHTY proud of you and your achievements. Love, Mom and Dad

## <u>ANNA</u> <u>APPLEGATE</u>

Congratulations Boo Boo! YOU DID IT! You've earned your wings, now go show 'em all how it's done! We'll always be your loudest cheering section.

Love, Mommy, Daddy, and Erikeee



### ZACH BAUER

A big congratulations to you! We are so proud of your accomplishment.

Love, Your Family

# <u>Meghan</u> <u>Berry</u>

Warmest congratulations from your family, friends and JMU Club Lacrosse. You are awesome! With all our love and congrats!

Mom & Dad



### Congratulations to the Class of 2009!!

From, The Breeze



### ASHLEY

Congratulations on all the hard work and what you have achieved. The future holds great promise for you.

Love,

Mom, Dad, Lauren and Jessie and Cinnamon

### <u>Alicia</u> <u>Bobrowski</u>

Dear Alicia, our college graduate! Congratulations on a stellar academic career while simulaneously finding ever party at JMU! Love,

Dad, Mom, and Dana

# LINDSEY CASALE

Never let the odds keep you from pursuing what is in your heart. We are so proud.

Mom, Dad & Mark

# <u>Bryan</u> <u>Couch</u>

Whatever your dreams, live in the moment and never underestimate the value of each day. Congratulations!

Love, Mom. Dad & Laura

### ELIZABETH CURTIS

Elizabeth, You did it! You should take great satisfaction from your achievement. We're all very proud of you.

> Love, Mom, Dad and Amy



### J<u>ohn Dondero</u>



Congratulations to our Dear Son! WE are so pleased and excited on the milestone of your graduation! How proud we are since the first day of school that you have always given such enthusiasm in succeeding at all you do. Your drive for success has always landed you in the right cirection.

Good Luck & God Bless you Johnny on the journey of life! Love Mom, Dad and Coco

P.S. Don't forget to carry your PMA - LOL



### Hanna Edwards

Hanna, we are so joyful about your many accomplishments at JMU. You have pursued academic excellence and uncompromising Christian character. Proverbs 23: 23-24

> Congratulations & Love, Dad, Mom, and Haley

### <u>Christopher</u> R. <u>Gesualdi</u>

So very proud of your grand achievements at JMU! Wishing you, dear son, a personally rewarding future.

> Love, Mom and Dad

### Meaghan Elizabeth Gould

Meaghan, we are so proud of all you have accomplished. Congratulations on this wonderful achievement.

We know you will have a wonderful future.

WE love you, Mom, Dad and Caitlin



### BRYAN ERCOLANO

Congratulations! We are so proud to see the fine person you have become, and are confident of your continued success after JMU.

Love, Mom, Dad, Stefanie, & Pop-Pop



### <u>Chris</u> <u>Gibson</u>

CONGRATULATIONS!!! What a tremendous accomplishment! We are all so very proud of you and looking forward to watching you achieve all of your goals! Dream Big! Best of Luck in Law School!

> With Love and Pride, Dad, Mom, Jen, and Conner

# Erin Lindsey Finch

Congratulations on your graduation. Wherever life takes you, sucess is sure follow.

We Love You Forever, Mom & Megan

### J<u>ason Green</u>

You go Jason! This day has arrived. We are so proud and honored. Words cannot express our emotions at this time.

We love you very much... Mom and Dad

# BRITTANY HALE



Brittany, congratulations on the wonderful achievement! You never cease to amaze us with you accomplishments. Here's to a very bright future! With much love and pride,

Mom, Tori, and Jordyn

### <u>MATT</u> <u>HIMELRIGHT</u>

Congratulations! Dreams are worth the wait! We're PROUD of you! A special brother & son!



Love Always, Mom, Dad, Tamara, & Brian

# MELIANIE LAUSE

Congratulations! We are extremely proud of you and all of your accomplishments at JMU.

We Love You, Mom and Dad

### STEPHANIE MILLER

You have completed an important step in your life's journey. Now, a new adventure begins.

> Good Luck, Mom, Dad & Andrew

### <u>Kristina</u> <u>Mohler</u>

Congratulations on the great achievement. We are very proud of you.

> Love, Mom, Dad and Mark Lee

### <u>Aldis</u> <u>Rasums</u>

Congratulations Aldi! We are so proud of you! Good luck at Boston University Graduate School! Apseicam!

Love, Mom, Dad and Kristina

### <u>Kristen</u> e. <u>Johnson</u>



Four years ago we thought this day was so far away. Now the years seem to have flown by. We love you and are so proud!

> Love, Mom, Dad and Eric

### <u>Peter</u> <u>Mooney</u>



We are so proud of your accomplishments.We love you! You've come a long way. Good luck in all you do!

> Love, Mom and Meghan



### <u>Meg</u> <u>Moore</u>

Meg Scratch! We're so proud of you! "In the End It's all a Question of Heart!"

> We Love You, may all your dreams come true, Jamo, Mom and Dad



### LIZZY MORRIS

Determined then, determined now. Congratulations Lizzy on this magnificent achievement. We are so proud of you.

> Love, Mom, Dad, Christina, and Tori

### <u>Amanda</u> <u>Rutherford</u>

We're so proud of you! You have accomplished so much at JMU and this is only the beginning for you! May all your dreams come true.

> Love, Mommy and Ryan



### <u>Caitlin</u> <u>Rock</u>

Congratulations! We are so proud of you and all you have accomplished. Good luck in Grad School.

Love, Mom, Dad, and Alyssa

### <u>Fred</u> <u>Rose</u>

Congratulations! Out in four! No, we won't give you cash for another year.

Love, Mom and Dad

### <u>ASHTON</u> <u>SMITH</u>

We are so proud of you and all that you have accomplished! Congratulations!

We Love You, Mom, Caitlin and Dane-Gordon

### <u>Megan</u> <u>Whitehead</u>

You are my sunshine! Congratulations Meg! We are so proud of you!

> All Our Love, Mama & Erin

# STEVEN K. WILKINSON

Congratulations on graduation! We're so proud of all you've accomplished. We wish you future happiness and success. Love, Mom and Dad

# <u>AMY</u> <u>SMITH</u>

You've come a long way, baby! You have turned into such a unique young woman. Keep moving forward and you will go a long way. We love you!



Mom & Dad

## <u>Rebecca</u> <u>Thomas</u>

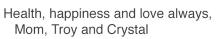
Becky, Congratulations on your college graduation. We are all very proud of you!

Love, Mom, Dad, William, Grandma, Grammy, Papa, Karen and Amy



### Larson Thune

Larson, Congratulations on all your accomplishments. Have a wonderful future achieving your hopes and dreams. Believe in yourself.





## LINDSEY WALTERS

Congrats and love from the gang Fools, Bools, Dools, Lools, Chrisools, Feeools, FlipFlopools, Piggyools, Mafiaools, Fluffools and Tigerools. Your success is not at all surprising and you are our HERO!



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