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- Zombie Run for Brains 2017 @ Fear Forest, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Sunday

- Alzheimer’s Association and Relay for Life Costume Halloween Party @ American Legion, 8 - 11 p.m.
The women behind the diagnoses

Students explain their experiences with breast cancer through stories of their loved ones

By JESSICA KRONZER
contributing writer

Every breast-cancer diagnosis comes with a story, each with varying types of treatment that may include chemotherapy, radiation, hormone therapy, surgery and mastectomies. Most treatments take both an emotional and physical toll on the person who’s been diagnosed. During Breast Cancer Awareness Month, many take time to recognize the battles of these women.

Sierra Hnatiuk, a sophomore media arts and design major, honored her grandmother’s fight with breast cancer at her high school’s pink-out football game. For the last three years, her grandmother Faye Hnatiuk was recognized during the halftime show at Notre Dame High School in Lawrenceville, New Jersey.

Sierra’s grandmother is a 29-year cancer survivor. Although she’s described by Sierra as mostly very healthy, Faye is developing dementia.

“Everyone in the crowd stands up and there’s just a roar, like it’s so loud and that moment just went still for a second for me,” Sierra said. “My grandmom looks and she smiled and she knew that it was about her.”

Sierra donated her hair during the halftime show with the hope that her donation would have a positive impact.

“This is so much more than what I look like, this is for someone else,” Sierra said. “I realized what good I was doing.”

Grace Miskewitz, a freshman geology major, has also been influenced by breast cancer. Both of her grandmothers, as well as her mother, are breast-cancer survivors. All had double mastectomies.

When Miskewitz was nine years old, her mother Beth was diagnosed with breast cancer. Following her mother’s diagnosis, Miskewitz felt a range of emotions.

“I didn’t really understand at first,” Miskewitz said. “I just knew that she said ‘cancer’ so I of course started freaking out because cancer to me meant dying.”

Her father, Tom, provided a great deal of support for Grace by giving her an outlet to vent without feeling like she was burdening her mother.

Her paternal grandmother, Patricia Jackson, was diagnosed in the late ’80s with breast cancer. Miskewitz treasures the time they spend together eating out, watching movies and going boating. She sees Patricia as an incredibly intelligent and passionate individual.

Miskewitz’s maternal grandmother, Kay Schalkoff, is also a breast cancer survivor. Miskewitz said Schalkoff has a huge heart and is a truly sweet individual who takes joy in making others happy.

She encourages families dealing with breast cancer to stay strong and remember how important a stable support system can be for their family member with cancer.

“The main thing I would say is to not let the tension and the stress of the situation get in between each other, because obviously it’s a high-stress situation, so a lot of times it can get to people, and that causes bickering, fights and words that aren’t meant to be said,” Miskewitz said.
Paula Dammann, a junior political science major, lost her mother Julia to breast cancer in 2010 when she was 13 years old. Dammann remembers her mom as a fighter. She advises those dealing with loss to push through.

“I would just say there’s no right way to deal with the death of a parent — you just have to do what helps you survive,” Dammann said. “You have to do what’s best for you and not let your life end because theirs did.”

There are many opportunities on campus and in Harrisonburg to participate in breast-cancer awareness events that help commemorate the fight of breast-cancer survivors and remember those who’ve died from breast cancer.

One event JMU students have signed up for is the 15th Annual Race to Beat Breast Cancer 5K Run/Walk on Oct. 21. The race’s proceeds are all distributed locally and will be donated to the RMH Foundation and to the Sentara RMH Medical Center.

After the race is over, participants can gather for a post-race social. Downtown Harrisonburg is also hosting a “pink out,” where local businesses are offering discounts. JMU’s chapter of Zeta Tau Alpha, a social sorority on campus, strives to promote breast-cancer awareness. The sorority’s philanthropic cause has led them to partner with the Harrisonburg Parks and Recreation Department on the 5K race. ZTA also hosts events of its own to raise money for breast cancer throughout the year. Some of their fundraisers include ZTA Chipotle Proceeds Night, ZTA Campus Cookies Proceeds Night and a Pie-Zeta event where donors get to throw a whipped-cream pie into someone’s face.

Mattie Buchanan, the co-chair of the philanthropy committee and a junior communication sciences and disorders major, helped plan and organize the illumination ceremony on Oct. 2. Buchanan said the ceremony gives the sisters the opportunity to open up about their experiences with breast cancer in a safe space.

“We spend so much time together but you don’t always know that people are going through those struggles,” Buchanan said. Buchanan stresses how common breast cancer is, and how important early screening is for women. She also emphasized the importance of supporting those with breast cancer.

“All of our sisters got to talk about experiences they’ve had with breast cancer and whether it’s you or your family, when someone has breast cancer it really hits hard,” Buchanan said. “A big thing that people shared is that the support they were given through the process was the most valuable thing.”

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Local apple orchard gives back to those impacted by recent hurricanes
By KATELYN MERRIMAN
The Breeze

With fall around the corner and the leaves changing color, apple season is in full harvest. Showalter’s Orchard and Greenhouse is saving apples for the 8th Annual Apple Harvest Festival this Saturday. All of the proceeds raised during this event will go toward Feeding America.

“It’s definitely a celebration of harvest,” Kelli Staver, sales and marketing manager for the orchard, said. “We try to do new things every year, especially for children’s activities. This year we are accepting donations for hurricane relief for Feeding America.”

Feeding America is one of the largest anti-hunger organizations in the U.S. Its goal is to provide food for people who are facing hunger because of tragedies or poverty.

The event has been shared through social-media outlets, and they’re expecting to have over 14,000 attendees, almost doubling their attendance from last year.

Vendors at the festival will also make donations toward Feeding America for this event. At the event this year, there’ll be several different food vendors, craft vendors and live entertainment — Kline’s Dairy Bar, Jack Brown’s Beer & Burger Joint, The Gypsy Catwalk and Forgotten Creek Candles are just a few of the chosen vendors.

A ‘60s rock ‘n roll band will be one of the three live music performances for the event this year. John Whitfield, guitarist and vocalist for Little Walter and the Convictions, said that this is the perfect charity for him because it ties into his real-life work to his favorite hobby by helping others when they’re at their lowest point. He and his band will be making a donation to the cause.

“I am an attorney for legal aid so we help low-income people with legal problems,” Whitfield said. “Obviously we run into lots of folks who are homeless, lots of folks who are hungry and lots of folks who are recovering from disasters so for me it’s a perfect fit for having a charity.”

The event will also host Harrisonburg’s food and dessert trucks during the entire event. Kline’s is going to have a food truck at the event with some of its favorite ice cream flavors — cookies & cream, pumpkin and dark chocolate.

In addition to the tasting room for apples, live music and food, there’ll also be craft vendors.

“I have been going to the Showalters’ event for a long time, back when I was in middle school,” Kasey Fuller, owner of The Gypsy Catwalk, said. “I just started last year going with my business and ... in my opinion, being in the Shenandoah Valley during the fall is breathtaking.”

Fuller believes that this event is the best fall festival in the area, and that it caters to everyone. She also loves that the event benefits a cause that’s a worldwide problem and that the community is coming together to raise funds.

“With all of the disasters we have been having all around the world, not even in just the U.S., you can help by donating through Facebook,” Fuller said. “It’s more comfortable, I think, for the community to do it locally.”

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By MARY HARRISON
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As shootings and mass casualties continue to shake the nation, mindfulness of active violence has become increasingly critical. The Harrisonburg and JMU Police Departments train extensively for such crises, but expand the effort as a community approach.

"It's not one entity’s problem," Lieutenant Rod Pollard of the HPD said. "It’s everyone’s issue to be able to come together and fortress relationships and make sure we have good partnerships, to provide help to these people before they get to that moment of crisis."

JMU’s Behavioral Assessment Team addresses underlying issues before the situation escalates. The board assesses and intervenes with any students whose behavior may pose a threat to themselves or the safety of the community.

"In today’s age, there is going to be that risk," Pollard said. "We see the trends across the country of individuals committing heinous crimes, and having gun-free zones allows us to do some interdiction on the front end."

A university policy renewed in July 2015 prohibits any student, faculty or staff from carrying firearms on campus and in all facilities owned or operated by JMU. This applies to buildings, practice fields and university events, but excludes areas not controlled by the university, such as off-campus apartments.

"Our No. 1 priority here at JMU, even above academics, is to make sure we provide a safe community."

Bill Wyatt, director of communications and university spokesperson

Qualified residents are able to possess and store legal firearms in the majority of Harrisonburg's off-campus housing. Included in these complexes is The Harrison, where an incident in November 2016 involved a barricaded subject and firearm. According to a notice posted by JMU, there was no threat to the area. However, surrounding student apartments were evacuated and residents were instructed to avoid the area.

Apartment complexes with prohibited firearms include Sunchase and Campus View, and all campus residence halls strictly forbid any weaponry. Students are able to store no more than two weapons with limited ammunition at the university police station for hunting purposes.

"Our No. 1 priority here at JMU, even above academics, is to make sure we provide a safe community for our students, faculty and staff," Bill Wyatt, director of communications and university spokesperson, said. The university uses a collaborative process with the public safety department any time a new facility is built. According to Wyatt, emergency situations such as lockdowns are considered while designing and constructing all facilities.

"I think the big thing is how to keep yourself safe," Wyatt said. "Be aware of your surroundings, communicate with others, let them know where you’re going, when you’re going."
HPD and JMUPD train on a regular basis for active violence. HPD additionally trains with other police localities, which ensures a consistent response to active shooters. The joint effort concurrently prepares officers to collaborate with other localities, as they would in the event of an attack.

A majority of college campuses around the nation have gun-free policies, but many states permit concealed weapons by the state law. Within the state of Virginia, universities determine their campus’ weapon policy. Virginia state law permits qualified individuals 18 years of age to purchase and possess approved firearms for approved purposes.

The Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2017 was introduced to allow qualified individuals to carry a concealed handgun across state lines and onto school zones. The bill has yet to be passed, although it may pose revisions to campus’ weapon policies.

The Run, Hide, Fight Campaign is a federal program that encourages any victim of active violence to first escape and then hide as a means of survival. The “fight” mechanism is reserved as a last resort.

“We don’t necessarily mean ‘put up your dukes’ and fight, but I mean, throw something,” Wyatt said. “Do something to protect yourself. Give yourself that split-second opportunity to get away.”

JMU has concrete plans to ensure communication to students. An emergency alert system would notify the campus community and provide next-step instructions. Sirens would also alarm those on campus.

Kevin Lanoue, deputy chief of the JMUPD, also recommends the “LiveSafe” app, which provides instant emergency help to anyone who feels unsafe. The app includes features that crowdsource intelligence for suspicious activity and safety concerns. For further concerns, the JMUPD offers programs for those interested.

“We also train on request,” Lanoue said. “It is also offered several times a year by town development here on campus.”

The JMUPD’s next public workshop will be held at the Wine-Price Building on Oct. 31 at 9 a.m. The “How to Prepare for an Active Shooter Event” will teach appropriate responses for those seeking to be proactive.

Defensive training combats emergencies, but Pollard reminds students and community members alike to speak up and prevent the possibility of a violent escalation.

“I think the idea of a response to an active shooter is a community approach,” Pollard said. “It’s everybody coming together, it’s networking, it’s sharing information. It’s being transparent across business lines, across police lines. It’s everyone truly working together.”

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A disoriented murderer, his lethal weapon, the cries of his innocent victims and the stench of murder in the air: this American horror story has come to life, again. The plague of mass shootings in America that chronically rears its ugly head, in different parts of the country, seems to have no cure at all. According to a University of Alabama study, America is tragically exceptional at being most susceptible to public mass shootings. Here, you can be constitutionally protected for “bearing arms” in the name of self-defense, but still have a greater chance of dying in a mass shooting at school or work — mocking the country’s unique safety frameworks.

Somehow, mass shootings have earned the status of some kind of an ugly theatrical because they’re carried out by so-called “mentally distressed” individuals to make a statement and not by foreign terrorist organizations, who’ve been sitting in underground cells and plotting an attack for years. After the 9/11 attacks, the entire nation came under a mass surveillance system and a whole religious community was disgraced and scrutinized under the umbrella of President George W. Bush’s Patriot Act. Yet, there’s little that’s been done to prevent the recent upsurge of mass shootings.

Moreover, there’s a sad, condescending routine of rituals that takes place after these “national tragedies.” Flags are lowered, prayers and rants get tweeted, but after a few long debates on gun control and mental health programs, it all settles down under a huge sigh of pity and condolence for the “mentally disturbed” shooter. What’s worse is that some even blame these massacres on Satan, like Matt Bevin, the governor of Kentucky, who said, “we can’t regulate evil.” Clearly, a majority of Americans have accepted the defeat and are — cringingly — OK with it.

What most people forget is that along with living in a country that’s become the global symbol of mass shootings, some districts’ schools close down on the first day of hunting season. This is where the desensitization and inaction stem from. In 2013, despite extensive public support, the compromise legislation that would’ve banned semiautomatic assault weapons and expanded background checks was defeated in the Senate.

In the U.S., 40 percent of gun sales are made through unlicensed gun sellers, yet Stephen Paddock, the man who carried out the Las Vegas Shootings, followed all the state and federal laws and an FBI background check to buy the weapons at a gun shop in Nevada. It bothers me how hundreds of potential mass shooters like Paddock can easily purchase weapons to carry out their deadly missions, while our politicians just sit and wait for their monthly funding from the National Rifle Association.

Where does the tipping point of these ridiculous freedoms on gun laws lie? Why are we striving so hard to withstand the honor of the second amendment at the cost of thousands of innocent lives?

If not banned, the country needs to impose immediate regulations on semi-automatic weapons and who has access to them. We need to understand that self-defense is just a veil of fear that’s been mongered by politicians to meet their own mercenary needs through gun purchases. The police and military are the only people who need that kind of firepower. As I’m advocating for these changes, I realize that these are the very uproars and protests that get lost between the redundant questions of who, what, why and how of mass shooting tragedies, but I’d rather take a stand than watch the battle on gun laws from a distance.

Our politicians have been in the game for a long time and they’ve evolved some staple answers to justify these tragedies, which often fail to mention the hush word of “gun laws.” While some use mental health awareness to evade the boiling question on gun laws, others directly take a leap to justify these tragedies as an act of God or pure evil. No wonder the subject of gun regulation subsides so easily after every shootings massacre.

It’s shameful and degrading to realize how desensitized we’ve become to these tragedies, that even the catchy superlatives dubbing these massacres as the “deadliest,” “largest” and “grossest” don’t seem to draw attention. The Virginia Tech shooting followed by the murder of JMU alumna and WDBJ reporter Alison Parker and her cameraman Adam Ward show how JMU has also been touched by the icy hands of gun-related violence. With danger brewing in the air of this country, how long do we have to wait for our basic right to be safe and protected without guns?

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KEVIN ROMM freedom of thought

Over two weeks has passed since the horrific Oct. 1 massacre in Las Vegas, Nevada, giving Americans a chance to digest its brutality and decipher how it can be prevented in the future.

Finding the underlying issue surrounding the biggest mass shooting in modern history isn’t a tough code to crack. Gun laws are among America’s most highly debated topics, with differences of opinion stretching as far as California is from Virginia.

California is among one of the strictest gun-law states in the country, enforcing guidelines on how to purchase firearms along with certain laws once they’re owned. Virginia’s laws are more lenient, giving more freedom for both purchasing guns as well as owning them.

But Californians looking for a loose-law state to buy a gun don’t have to travel cross country. Neighboring state Nevada has gun laws that nearly mirror Virginia’s, and many are arguing that stricter laws on firearms would’ve prevented last weekend’s shooting.

As easy as it may be to blame gun laws for this crime, they aren’t what caused this and wouldn’t necessarily stop such an event from happening in the future.

A total of 47 guns were found in the hotel suite and two homes of suspected gunman Stephen Paddock, all of which were bought lawfully. Some of the guns were even purchased in California, showing that even extensive background checks of Paddock couldn’t tell the future.

Just two years ago, California had its own mass shooting, when couple Syed Rizwan Farook and Tashfeen Malik opened fire in San Bernardino with assault rifles equipped with high-capacity magazines. The two rifles were purchased legally, but not by the couple, and authorities were unsure how the couple obtained them.

Regardless, San Bernardino proves that loopholes can be exploited through even a state as strict as California is with guns. But in the case of the Las Vegas shooting, importance isn’t solely on the guns, but rather in a loophole involving accessories. At least 12 of the assault rifles that Paddock used were modified with a “bump stock,” allowing the rate of fire of the rifle to mimic that of an automatic weapon.

The only way to purchase and own an automatic weapon legally in the U.S. is through the National Rifle Association. The NRA does extensive background checks and requires extreme monitoring of these weapons, and most owners are retired military or law enforcement.

Bump stocks are legal in most states and can be purchased online for just a few hundred dollars, making it far cheaper than spending thousands on a machine gun. The high capacity magazines used in the shooting, which hold upward of a hundred rounds of ammunition, are also legal and can be found online for a couple hundred dollars as well.

Together, these two accessories turn a lawfully bought weapon into a machine gun that’s usually highly regulated. It’s a fast-track way to bypass the paperwork and costs of owning an automatic rifle.

Without the modified stock and even the high capacity magazines, there’s a very low chance Paddock would’ve been able to inflict such a devastating result. If the guns were bought and used without these modifications, Paddock would’ve fired a semi-automatic rifle with a magazine capacity of only 10 to 15 rounds, which is approximately 60 rounds per minute.

Instead, Paddock’s rate of fire totaled around 400 to 800 rounds per minute. The difference in magnitude is clear, and widespread bipartisan support of regulating bump stocks as well as the magazines are sweeping the country.

For what seems like the first time in the gun-control debate, the NRA and some Republicans are agreeing with Democrats that these modifications need strict regulation.

But because all of the guns and modifications were bought legally, even gun-control advocates like Senator Dianne Feinstein are perplexed at how it could have been stopped.

“I don’t know of a law that would have stopped the shooting,” Feinstein said on NBC’s show “Meet the Press with Chuck Todd.”

White House Majority Whip Steve Scalise was also featured on the show, stating that he he didn’t believe this was an issue of “too many guns.”

“It’s that there are people that will go out and break the law, whether it’s a gun or some other weapon or a bomb,” Scalise said. “There’s no excuse for breaking the law.”

There are millions of lawful gun owners who may even have bump stocks, but that doesn’t mean they’ll carry out these horrific acts. Regulations that restrict access to these kinds of modifications may be necessary, but incidents like San Bernardino and even Las Vegas show that even with tougher restrictions on guns, there’s no guarantee mass shootings will cease.

If a person has a strong enough motive, there’s no law that can prevent them from carrying out such a heinous act by going around it.

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On Oct. 6, under the leadership of President Donald Trump, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services issued a new ruling that'll make it harder for women to access contraceptives. The new policy allows employers to opt out of the Obama administration mandate. Obama's policy required employers to provide employees with birth-control coverage in its health insurance plans even if it conflicted with their religious or moral beliefs.

Before Trump's new ruling, this sort of power was limited to churches, but now, it's being put in the hands of businesses and organizations that may also hold moral objections. Although the new ruling is an attempt from Trump to fulfill his promise of protecting religious rights, his administration fails to realize that this new law could potentially violate the civil liberty protections of not only women, but those who are a part of the LGBTQ community as well.

CNN states that HHS officials insist that out of 165 million women in America — many of whom haven’t yet reached childbearing years — nearly 99.9 percent of women won’t be affected. By the agency's calculations, at most 120,000 would be affected, mainly those who work at the 200 entities that have been involved in roughly 50 lawsuits over birth-control coverage regarding religious freedom. On the contrary, this new ruling provides room for other organizations — on top of the 200 entities previously mentioned — to exercise control over the regulation of birth control if it doesn’t correlate with their religious and moral beliefs.

The plethora of critics have risen in response to the new ruling, including groups such as the American Civil Liberties Union, the National Women’s Law Center, Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi, the Center for Reproductive Rights and the office of California Attorney General Xavier Becerra.

"The Trump administration just took direct aim at birth control coverage for 62 million women," Pelosi said in an official statement after the ruling was put into its course. "This administration’s contempt for women reaches a new low with this appalling decision to enable employers and health plans to deny women basic coverage for contraception." The American Civil Liberties Union has even filed a lawsuit against the Trump administration’s new ruling, labeling it as discriminatory.

To make matters worse, according to the National Women’s Law Center, more than 55 million U.S. women have birth-control coverage that’s fully covered by their health insurance. The center further states that the mandate saved women an estimated $1.4 billion on birth control pills in 2013.

"The Trump administration just took direct aim at birth control coverage for 62 million women," Cecile Richards, president of Planned Parenthood, said. "This is an unacceptable attack on basic health care that the vast majority of women rely on.

With this rule in place, any employer could decide that their employees no longer have health insurance coverage for birth control."

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The new mandate could even cause a rise in pregnancies. With prices varying from $160–$600 a year, including the possible $35–$250 doctor-visitation fee, many women rely on health-insurance coverage to practice safe sex without the risk of pregnancy.

By allowing businesses and organizations the power to take away health-insurance funding for birth control, it could ultimately make it harder for women to access needed contraceptives, thus resulting in higher pregnancies.

"HHS leaders under the current administration are focused on turning back the clock on women's health," Dr. Haywood L. Brown, president of the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, said in a statement. "Reducing access to contraceptive coverage threatens to reverse the tremendous progress our nation has made in recent years in lowering the unintended pregnancy rate.

Regardless of Trump's attempt to ensure religious liberties, the power that's now being given to organizations and business is a direct violation of women's rights. Women depend on contraceptives for a myriad of other reasons aside from preventing pregnancy. It's absurd to allow one's religious beliefs to hold so much weight on whether one can behave promiscuously. Nevertheless, women are entitled to behave in whatever way they choose, given that they're responsible for the consequences.

Furthermore, although the weight falls more on the shoulder of women, it affects men as well, given they'll have to be much more responsible and wary of an unexpected pregnancy due to the fact that condoms aren't as effective, especially if used incorrectly.

Access to birth control has changed the lives of many by allowing them to properly regulate pregnancies as well as other health risks. Through this mandate, Trump is violating women's rights and those who could be potential targets of religious organizations, such as members of the LGBTQ community.

Regardless of whether he was trying to protect religious liberties, the mandate is unjust, and funding shouldn't be taken away from women due to someone else's religious beliefs that have absolutely nothing to do with them.

With this new legislation passing, it's time for women to speak up and speak out louder than ever before.

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There’s no doubt that a liberal-arts education provides students with a well-rounded and expansive learning experience. However, the problems arise when the general-education system begins to hinder instead of benefit its students. I remember finishing the first semester of my freshman year and thanking my lucky stars that I was finally done with math forever. I’ve never been a numbers person and my lack of understanding when it came to statistics and solving equations brought on more stress than anything else. During my time in jail — I mean Math 205 — you could often find me sitting in a dark corner of Carrier Library contemplating whether or not to drop out. I could go my entire life never hearing the words “null hypothesis” again and be completely satisfied.

I fully support encouraging students of all ages to try out different major programs in an effort to open their eyes to all that the education system has to offer. I even had a good friend who took an art history class the first semester of her junior year and decided to leave the world of accounting behind for her new found passion for art. However, for students like myself, who had a pretty good idea about which major fit me best, GenEds felt more like that annoying family member who you’re obligated to see but don’t really like.

I have a pretty good idea of what the creators of the GenEd clusters were thinking when they laid its foundations. The concept isn’t the problem — the issue lies in the apparent disconnect between professors and students. I’ve had a plethora of conversations with friends who are frustrated with the impossible expectations that some professors place on their students who have no interest or background in the subject at hand. GenEds should be an interesting and doable intro into what the major is all about, not a class that makes even a C feel unattainable. There should be no reason that I’m earning an A in my 400-level English classes, but can barely scrape by with a C in an intro-level science course.

In an article about the failures of the general education system by Benjamin M. Woo, he states that “the importance of broad education is rooted in class traditions that once demanded students to develop a breadth of diverse knowledge. Today, the learning process is much more compartmentalized. Literature and music can be irrelevant in the life of an engineer. It’s a trope that humanities majors pride themselves on their inability to perform basic science and math.” GenEds and their undue difficulty is a truth that’s evident here on JMU’s campus. The problem isn’t the subject matter — it’s the lack of understanding from professors that not all the students are there because they want to be. They’re in class to fulfill the requirement and move on.

I’m not asking professors to lessen their academic expectations of students, or to make their classes “easier.” I do believe, however, that professors should make it their responsibility to look at the demographics of their GenEd classrooms and teach the classes with understanding and open communication to make the general-education experience one to look back fondly on after graduation.

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Campus icon known for bright colors and uplifting spirit

By INGRID BASHEDA
The Breeze

On any given day, one might spot a guy adorned in a vibrant pink and blue lava lamp-like T-shirt with a matching bucket hat riding his bike. The next day, he may be wearing a kaleidoscope pattern of blended yellows, pinks and blues; exploding purple, green and blue fireworks; or maybe red, blue and black galactic swirls.

Dan Lambert, a senior communication studies major, has become the notable “Tie-Dye Dan.” What used to be a hobby with a fan base of just friends has now made him a profit with international buyers. He realized that he wanted a job that he actually enjoyed doing, rather than working at Chipotle with hours that he didn’t like. Not being a business major wasn’t a concern for him to start a business.

“Plenty of people aren’t business majors and are blowing business majors out of the water,” Lambert said. “It’s mostly, I think, how you interface with people and how you get them to remember you. And I just want to be the smiling face associated with positivity and sunshine and love and happy music and stuff.”

Lambert first started tie-dyeing in high school for fun, but started to regularly sell his merchandise last summer and gained interest from customers. It started growing more when he bought an industrial heat press and branded his items with the slogan “Dye Happy,” featuring a person sitting and meditating inside of a yin yang.

The logo was inspired by the positive, simple slogan of the “Life is Good” company, which was started by two brothers selling their self-made shirts out of a van along the streets to college students.

“So, I mean, you have to model yourself after those who did it best and who did it in situations like you,” Lambert said. “I may not be homeless living in a van, but I am a broke college kid, so there’s some correlation there for sure.”

Lambert originally used the tie-dye kits from Target and Walmart, but has since learned a new technique called ice dyeing. With his “mind for design,” he can envision certain patterns and what the outcome will be. He twists and folds the material in the desired pattern, places them in a tray, covers the tap with ice and then pours the dye powder over the ice. The ice melts throughout the day and thoroughly soaks the dye into and across the material, leaving a result that’s vibrant and long lasting.

“Everything he does is unique,” Kyle Burroughs, a sophomore accounting major and friend of Lambert, said. “There’s maybe some, like, tie-dye manufacturers that would make like the same shirt over and over and try to get like kind of the same tie-dye form, but like each one of Dan’s is just like a unique, individualistic piece.”

Lambert guarantees five years without fading by soaking the products in a sodium bicarbonate mixture before he dyes them. This extravagant process opens up the fabric and allows the dye to be fully submerged into the material, rather than easily washing away from the top layer. He has a shirt that he made when he was a sophomore in high school and claims that it looks like it was made yesterday.

“Tie-Dye Dan” transformed a hobby into a business and continues to grow his brand.
Since launching his tie-dye business, Lambert has gone from making four T-shirts a month to around 100. He’s added a variety of products, ranging from sheets and tapestries to backpacks and underwear. He can be found at the Harrisonburg Farmers Market on Saturdays, where he sells his products at a cheaper price than on his website.

“It’s been really cool to see it develop,” Hannah Shaffer, a junior hospitality management major, said. “Like, him just selling stuff on Snapchat or on Facebook and then seeing it develop into a company and, like, where he is now is just super cool to see from another student.”

Lambert continues to expand his base of customers and Instagram followers by promoting his business across campus. He gives free shirts to the first person who catches him on campus on a day that he’s not wearing tie-dye, and the first person to find him on campus on Tuesdays — which he’s coined “Tie-Dye Tuesday” — and take a picture with him while that person is also wearing tie-dye.

“I just really love people recognizing me as Tie-Dye Dan, and my friends shouting ‘Tie-Dye Tuesday’ at me as they ride past me or I ride past them,” Lambert said.

While he appreciates the fame, he strongly believes that there are people who are more talented at tie-dyeing than he is. However, he’s not so much concerned about that, and is optimistic about his brand and where the future will take him.

“I’m trying to make Tie-Dye Dan an image, like the face of tie-dye,” Lambert said. “I like to think that I’m becoming the best at branding myself and like becoming the tie-dye persona. Like, when people think tie-dye, they think Dan. And, I mean, Tie-Dye Dan’s Tie-Dye Stand just sounds so good.”

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Claiming his spot

JMU student releases music on Spotify and reaches No. 21 on ‘Discover Weekly’ playlist

By ABBY CHURCH

Two years ago, Riley Whisler sat on the floor of a friend’s Wampler Hall dorm room, strumming a guitar that wasn’t his while humming. The avid musician had left his guitar and the rest of his instruments at home before his move to JMU, afraid of being “that guy” who plays his guitar on the Quad. Even though Whisler left his guitar behind, his itch to play followed him to JMU.

When he found out his friend Anna Aldridge, a junior religion and Spanish double major, had one, Whisler hopped on the opportunity to play it. However, Aldridge had one condition.

“[Aldridge] was like, ‘How come you don’t sing?’” Whisler said. “And I was like, ‘I don’t know, I just don’t like singing in front of people, I don’t think I have a very good voice.’ Then she was like, ‘Well, I’m not going to let you play my guitar unless you sing for me.’”

Before this moment, an anxious Whisler had never sung in front of people. While he loved to play guitar, he never believed his voice was astounding and only sang when he was alone. Reluctantly, he agreed, and when he sang, Aldridge was astonished by his talent, telling him he should start writing and sharing music. This push from his friend was exactly what he needed.

If someone had told Whisler that in two years’ time he’d have close to 16,000 monthly listeners on Spotify and over 600,000 listens on one of his songs, he never would’ve believed it. Yet, today he’s amassed musical success bigger than he ever imagined.

Whisler, a junior marketing major, first took up music when his parents wanted him to find an outlet and signed him and his sister up for piano lessons. However, the lessons didn’t last long. Whisler didn’t enjoy them or practice, and he quickly stopped.

While he was living in Richmond, Virginia, a family friend gifted the family with an old, beat-up guitar. During a time when Jason Mraz was popular and Whisler was a huge fan of the album “We Sing. We Dance. We Steal Things,” he was eager to learn to play.

“What fifth-grade, sixth-grade guy doesn’t want to learn how to play guitar if they’re given one?” Whisler said.

Whisler signed up for guitar lessons, but soon realized they weren’t for him, dropping them and switching to teaching himself how to play through various online resources. He began learning songs and quickly fell in love with the instrument.

Because of his friends, Whisler began to sing and play guitar.

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Fast forward to his freshman year sitting in Aldridge’s room playing her guitar and her daunting requirement, Whisler received a confidence boost when she brought a group of her friends into her dorm to hear Whisler sing. The experience for him “wasn’t too uncomfortable” and he received praise and feedback from the group, something Whisler hadn’t gotten before. “I think that’s really all he needed,” Aldridge said. “He just needed someone to tell him, like, ‘Hey, you’re good. You shouldn’t be afraid of singing in front of people.’”

Whisler continued to gain confidence and develop his singing voice. He started to write, record and produce songs with an interface he received one Christmas in high school. It wasn’t long until he created his first single “Black Sheep” and posted it on Spotify in January of his freshman year. The single was received well, and Whisler began to realize how much he loved the process of making music.

That summer, he took a break from music while he worked at a camp and returned to JMU his sophomore year full of inspiration. He started recording his EP “Dancing Sound” in the fall, encompassing a simple style and focusing more on the writing of the music. Whisler didn’t have any expectations for his EP, but when it was released last November, his friends were ecstatic. They held a concert for Whisler and two friends in a basement, filling it with over 100 people. While he appreciated the support, Whisler still felt as though his music wasn’t very good or legitimate because he’d done all the recording in his room. His thoughts quickly changed when Whisler checked his Spotify one fateful day in Dec. 2016.

Halfway through finals week of his sophomore year, Whisler realized his song “Home” had over 7,000 plays. Whisler had previously only garnered 1,000 plays on his songs in a month’s time, and when he saw the astonishingly large number, he immediately questioned it.

Looking back at his account, he realized his song was played on a German Spotify playlist called “Akustischer Winter” (acoustic winter in German) with over 80,000 followers. Whisler was shocked and couldn’t comprehend the amount of people listening to his song. “I just flipped out,” Whisler said. “I was like, there are people in this playlist that I listen to. There was Coldplay, there was The Milk Carton Kids, like all these people who I got inspiration from, and like, they were in this playlist.”

After gaining confidence to put his music on Spotify, Whisler discovered that his song “Home” was played over 600,000 times. He hopes to continue his career as a musician after he graduates from JMU.
After experiencing something he never believed would happen, Whisler’s music career took off. Down the road, his single “Don’t Know You Yet” made it into a Spotify Discover Weekly playlist, later being placed on a viral 50 playlist among the likes of Harry Styles. His song made it up to No. 21 on the list.

Whisler briefly had a chance at recording music with an old family friend in Nashville who used to be Skrillex’s agent, but the plans fell through. Already a self-made musician, Whisler decided he could just record the album himself.

“That almost like motivated me to be like, ‘No, I can do this. I’ve gotten this far by myself, like I can make an album by myself,” Whisler said.

And Whisler did just that. For his newest album “Midnight Melodies,” which was released Oct. 6, he wanted to expand on his sound and move away from the folk-style love songs of his past music, melding blues, jazz and rock music together.

Justin Schwarz, a junior finance and computer information systems double major — as well as Whisler’s roommate of three years — has witnessed Whisler’s skyrocket to success. The two met when Whisler was living in Richmond and have been friends since they were in elementary school. He’s enjoyed seeing the evolution of his friend’s music career, from gaining confidence to developing his sound.

“It’s awesome to kind of see the progression,” Schwarz said. “Even from just freshman year to junior year especially because ... he didn’t experiment with singing until I’d say more so the latter half of the first semester we were here freshman year. Everything else was just like more of a supporting role. It was cool as he kind of figured out his style, what he was good at.”

Citing Whisler’s flexibility as an artist, Schwarz is impressed with his ability to come up with original content “out of nowhere” and address more than one style at the same time.

Britney Tingstrom, a senior hospitality management major and another one of Whisler’s friends whom he happens to sing with, is a fan of his new album and is deeply fascinated with his ability to produce music.

“I think he’s definitely found a good balance of making more meaningful songs that relate to him and then also having a variety of slower songs, more upbeat songs, kind of some different genres,” Tingstrom said. “And I think just like, by how much he’s done now, producing, like he knows how to really make it professional and fix it up so that it’s good quality. I’m really excited for him ... he’s been working really hard.”

Whisler believes the reason his music has done so well is the fact that it’s authentic to him. While he’s acquired success, he appreciates being able to step back and ask why he started in the first place and enjoy the process. Still a tad self-conscious in his music making, Whisler reminds himself not to compare himself to others.

“For the longest time, I felt like ... I didn’t deserve any of it because it was like, I’m just not as good as other people,” Whisler said. “But like, the thing about music is like, it’s so subjective that if people like it, they like it, you know? If you compare yourself to other people all the time, you’re just not [going to] make anything great. So now, I don’t feel like I necessarily completely deserve it, like ‘Oh I deserve to have all these plays,’ but I feel more motivated. I feel more legitimate than I did when I was just first making it.”

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College — a place where doors are literally being held open for you, providing endless opportunities. Graduation — a time you may not know which door to go through. But when you find someone who’ll go through that door with you hand-in-hand, the choice is simple.

Kenna Dickard first met her boyfriend Marcos Contreras at JMU Summer Springboard. Little did they know they would join the civil society program, AmeriCorps, together four years later.

“We basically spent the entire day together touring JMU and I consider together for an hour,” Dickard said. “So, instead you have to go home and cook rice and beans or whatever it is.”

“We were all out of our food stamps so we had to work with what we had and we made this really cool Asian dish and it was really good,” Dickard said. “So instead we got to cook together for an hour.”

They bring out the best in not only their community every day through both direct and indirect service. “I think the most important thing for both of us is to take what we learn and give it right back to the community,” Dickard said.

Senior year, Dickard was interested. “I think the most important thing for both of us is to take what we learn and give it right back to the community.”

Dickard and Contreras aim to serve their community doesn’t stop there. “We are constantly challenging and pushing each other to be our best self and I feel like that’s a big theme in our relationship.” Dickard said.

Denver has become an unexpectedly familiar home for them, transforming acquaintances into lasting friendships. "There are a lot of JMU people that we were acquaintances with in college who have turned into such great friends," Dickard said. "Now that we are all here, we have formed this great little JMU family."

Their passion for service inspires those around them, especially their friends. “Marcos and Kenna are two of the most compassionate and loving people I have ever met,” Frank Marazzo, their friend and a JMU alumnus (’17), said. “They have always encouraged me to do what I know is best for me and not get bogged down by the fear of failure or what others might think of me. If it wasn’t for them, I probably wouldn’t have done half of the things I did while at JMU.”

Contreras agrees and admires Dickard’s ability to commit wholeheartedly, seeing that she’s always poured herself into her passions, even at JMU. He, on the other hand, was involved with a handful of clubs, jumping from one opportunity to the next.

“It’s a healthier way to go about life to be holistic instead of well-rounded and I think Kenna is the perfect model of that sort of attitude,” Contreras said.

The couple continues to learn and grow from one another every day and has some relationship advice to share with their fellow Dukes.

“You don’t want to be with someone who is going to keep you stagnant,” Dickard said. “You are going to want to be with someone who will grow with you.”

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For five years, North Dakota State ran the FCS. The team won the national title every year, and no one could come close to them. From 2011 to 2015, NDSU outscored opponents 639 to 234 in the playoffs. With all of the success that the team achieved in the postseason, no one really questioned which division in the FCS was the toughest to play in. It was automatically the Missouri Valley Football Conference because of NDSU’s presence.

However, when JMU made the trip to Fargo last December and bucked off the Bison in the FargoDome, it showed a changing of hands in which conference was the best. There’s no denying that the MVFC is still one of the best conferences in the FCS — it’s just not the best anymore.

The Dukes winning the FCS National Championship last season highlighted that the CAA was just as good as the MVFC, if not better. While it’s hard to look past the five straight titles that NDSU won, when you do you see that teams in the CAA had more success in the postseason than their counterparts in the MVFC.

In the past decade, the MVFC only has one more appearance in the national championship game than the CAA. The MVFC has had seven teams make an appearance, while the CAA has had six. However, five of the seven MVFC appearances have been NDSU, while on the CAA side five different teams make up the six appearances.

It’s not just the postseason that helps show the CAA’s dominance. Throughout this season, the CAA has had a better season than the MVFC. Seven of the 12 teams in the CAA have been ranked in the top 25 of the Coaches Poll, and the other five teams have received votes to be in the top 25 at least once this season. When looking at the teams in the MVFC, six out of 10 have been ranked at least once, but out of the remaining four, three haven’t received any votes to be ranked at all this season.

While there’s no denying that the MVFC has talented football teams, it’s hard to say that it’s the best conference anymore. It does have the most championships in the past decade, but the tables are turning. The CAA are becoming more of a constant in the top 25 than teams in the MVFC.

When the Dukes beat the Bison last year, it wasn’t a fluke. There weren’t any questionable calls that swung the game in favor of JMU. It was a good game that showed that NDSU wasn’t the top dog anymore. That game didn’t just end the run of the Bison, it ended the era of the MVFC’s reign atop the FCS.

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By JOSEPH RAY
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Considering the recent success of JMU, the CAA has catapulted to the forefront of the college football discussion — but the Missouri Valley Football Conference remains the best in the FCS.

Before JMU toppled MVFC opponent North Dakota State in the FargoDome in the semifinals of the 2016 FCS playoffs, the Bison had won five consecutive national championships. The Dukes’ upset, and eventual national-championship victory, may have signaled a disturbance in the dynasty, but not an outright change.

The MVFC conference has won 11 national championships compared to the CAA’s six victories, and one year and one team won’t change that. Despite JMU entering 2017 as the No. 1 nationally ranked team, the MVFC appears geared to reclaim the hardware.

Per its usual standards, North Dakota State has blown out every team, except for MVFC counterpart and 2016 national championship runner-up Youngstown State, which the Bison defeated in overtime. A major key to its success, NDSU has the nation’s best total defense, having allowed only 188 yards per game on average, which is 33 yards fewer than second-place JMU.

Complementing their stubborn defense, the Bison have outscored opponents 285-55 this season en route to a perfect 6-0 (3-0 MVFC) record. They’ve also racked up 490 yards on offense per game, earning a No. 5 spot in total offense in the country. But another MVFC team has claimed the No. 1 spot: the South Dakota Coyotes.

The only other unblemished team in the conference, South Dakota has defeated two ranked opponents and even an FBS team in Bowling Green. The Coyotes’ offense has averaged 565 yards per game for an average of 47 points per game. North Dakota State is the only team in the country that averages more points per game. Additionally, South Dakota sits at No. 4 in the national rankings.

In addition to the prominence of North Dakota State and South Dakota, the MVFC includes four other ranked teams, per the STATS FCS rankings: Youngstown State at No. 9, Western Illinois at No. 10, South Dakota State at No. 13 and Illinois State at No. 24. This means the MVFC has more ranked teams than unranked teams. Also, with Northern Iowa receiving votes, the conference could soon have seven of its 10 teams nationally ranked.

While JMU’s CAA-record 18-game winning streak may be the talk of the town, North Dakota State holds the FCS record with 33 games from 2012-14. Also, while it may be rare for ESPN's "College GameDay" to visit an FCS school at all — let alone twice — North Dakota State had already hosted the show in 2013 and 2014, before JMU hosted it for the first time.

Simply, while the CAA has received some major recognition lately, the conference still needs to prove itself against the consistency and championship pedigree of the MVFC.

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Bryan Schor is one passing touchdown from the JMU record of 51, held by Vad Lee and Justin Rascati.

JMU aims to match best start in program history.
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Following a gritty 30-8 win over the 11th-ranked Villanova Wildcats this past Saturday, the Dukes sit at a perfect 6-0 (3-0 CAA) on the season and have secured the longest winning streak in conference history with 18 straight. JMU held the Wildcats to just 30 passing yards and the Dukes’ defense forced six sacks and two interceptions. Its offense chalked up 516 total yards and one touchdown over the course of the air. After a statement win for the Dukes following ESPN’s “College GameDay’s” second visit to campus in the last three years, JMU will now turn its attention to the Tribe of William & Mary as it’s set to travel to Williamsburg, Virginia, for a 3:30 p.m. kickoff on Saturday.

1. Reestablish the running game

After mustering just 45 rushing yards against the Villanova defense and only 1.5 yards per carry, JMU’s running-back committee is looking to turn things around this coming weekend. “The defense bailed us out that game,” junior running back Marcus Marshall said. “The offense struggled a little bit, but we just have to keep our confidence up.”

Marshall, who’s averaging 58.8 rushing yards a game and has three touchdowns this season, is coming off disappointing outings in back-to-back weeks in the wake of his 135-yard explosion against the Maine Black Bears on Sept. 23. While senior running back Trai Sharp has begun to take the majority of handoffs in the past two weeks, this running-back crew is still considered to be a committee. “We have equal confidence in Marcus, Trai and Taylor [Woodds],” head coach Mike Houston said. “We’ll see all three of them play different roles in the game this coming Saturday.”

While the Dukes will continue to feed the hot hand at the running-back position on a week-to-week basis, they’ll be faced with the tough task of a strong Tribe front seven. Through six games, the W&M defense has held its opponents to just 112 rushing yards per game and 3.1 yards per attempt.

With the Dukes looking to regain the multidimensional ability of their offense, expect them to run the ball early and often in Williamsburg.

2. Attack the secondary

While the Dukes will look to start their offense on the ground, it’ll be their aerial attack that’ll seal JMU’s victory this Saturday. After senior quarterback Bryan Schor threw for 271 yards and two touchdowns against Villanova last week, the JMU offense will look to replicate its success against a Tribe defense that’s allowed 11.4 yards per catch and roughly 180 passing yards per game.

While one area of concern for the JMU passing game has been limiting interceptions, the Dukes should feel eased to face a secondary that lacks in forcing turnovers. While Schor has six interceptions on the year, with one coming in each game this season, the Tribe secondary has forced just one interception in all six of their games this season.

3. Continuity from the front seven

Having been the biggest key to success all season for the JMU football team, the Dukes are looking for more of the same this week from their defensive front seven. Following a six-sack performance from the Dukes this past weekend, JMU now has 18 sacks on the season, led by 4.5 sacks from redshirt senior linebacker Kyre Hawkins and 3.5 from redshirt senior defensive lineman Andrew Ankrah.

“We had a good week of practice,” senior defensive lineman Cornell Urquhart said. “We’ve really been pushing ourselves to finish strong and so I think our practice paid off.”

While their pass rush has been a consistent key to success throughout the year, the same can be said about their run-stop defense — a unit allowing 98.5 rushing yards per game and 2.8 yards per carry. Their push off the line of scrimmage has stopped running backs in their tracks — forcing 43 tackles for loss and giving up only three rushing touchdowns on the year.

“If you get yourself in situations to win first and second down and you’re in third- and second or third-and-10, then it’s a whole lot easier to call a football game,” Houston said.

Their defense will be tested this upcoming weekend when they square off against a dynamic running attack in William and Mary’s backfield — composed of offensive running back Nate Evans, junior quarterback Tommy McKee and redshirt freshman running back Noah Giles — which has five touchdowns on the year and averages 131 rushing yards per game.

“We just have to do our jobs,” Urquhart said. “We’re a one-gap defense, so if everybody is in their gap then they have nowhere to run. We just plan on staying in our gaps and doing what we’re supposed to do.”

4. Convert on third down

Over the last three tightly contested matchups against CAA opponents in Maine, Delaware and Villanova, JMU has struggled immensely when it comes to converting on third down — succeeding just 35 percent of attempts. To put that number into perspective, the Dukes’ highly touted defense is giving up 36 percent of third-down attempts to opponents over that same stretch.

“The biggest thing is just consistency on all three downs,” Houston said. “If we’re better on first and second downs we’re going to be in even better situations on third-down.”

Whether it comes down to decision-making or simple execution, the JMU offense will need to look to improve on third-down conversions this weekend when they face a Tribe defense that has allowed just 32 percent of third-down conversions.

“Obviously the best thing to do would be to not get in third-down situations,” Marshall said. “But obviously that’s not how it works, so just executing better when we do get in that situation will keep us all on the same page.”

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In soccer, a player coming off the bench can singlehandedly take matters into his own hands ... or feet.

Sometimes, a team saves one of its most explosive players for later in the game in hopes that his fresh legs can create a goal or make a huge play. For JMU men’s soccer, that player has been sophomore midfielder Manuel Ferriol.

“Make the biggest impact that I can,” Ferriol said. “As coach says, we are a deep team. Everyone can start, and everyone can go out and make an impact.”

Ferriol has been a lethal offensive tool for the Dukes, scoring a team-leading four goals. He's managed to do this despite starting just three of the 12 games he’s played in this season. Ferriol has been able to kick his game into another gear since CAA play began, scoring a goal against each of the last three conference opponents the Dukes have faced. These goals haven't been of the garbage-time variety either, as all three of them have either tied the game or given JMU the lead.

“Ferriol has come off the bench and taken advantage of his moments,” head coach Tom Foley said. “He's instantly made an impact in the game, in almost every match he's gone into.”

Of course, Ferriol couldn't get it done without the help of his teammates. Graduate student midfielder Yannick Franz assisted Ferriol in JMU’s lone goal against Hofstra, in a game that ended 1-1. Franz and his teammates have understood how much of a difference maker Ferriol has been and continue to give him opportunities to leave his mark in games.

To Franz, it’s the variety of skills he and his teammates posses that has allowed Ferriol to find success.

“We are both creative players who like to pass the ball and connect at midfield,” Franz said. “We understand each other pretty well on the pitch. Even if he doesn't start every match he always has an impact.”

Foley has been impressed by Ferriol’s play this season as well, and appreciates how he’s handled himself. He believes Ferriol has been very professional in accepting the role that’s been given to him, which often means he doesn’t start games.

His role as an off-the-bench weapon has allowed him to enter games at times when he’s needed most, and he hasn’t disappointed. Foley knows that when it’s crunch time, he can always put in Ferriol to make a difference.

“It speaks to the depth we have on the team,” Foley said. “To have a player on the bench that’s scored four goals, it provides you with such a quality ability to be creative as a coach.”

Ferriol’s stellar play might earn him some extra playing time as JMU goes deeper into its conference schedule. Even if he doesn’t start, however, it can be assured that it won’t stop him from continuing to change the game for the Dukes.

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Weekly SUDOKU
by Linda Thistle

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King Crossword

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Purple and Gold Spirit Dinner
Oct. 23 | 4:30 - 8:00 p.m. | Ehall

Find the JMU Letters
Oct. 24 | Throughout the day | Campus

Purple Out!
Oct. 25 | 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. | Hillside Field

D-Hub Tailgate
Oct. 26 | 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. | Lot R1 next to Dhub

8th Annual Nightmare at UREC
Oct. 26 | 9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. | UREC

Late Night Breakfast
Oct. 26 | 10:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. | E-Hall

Farewell to the Phillips Center
Oct. 27 | 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. | Dog Pound Window

Quad Fest!
Oct. 27 | 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. | The Quad

Lessons in Leadership
Oct. 28 | 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. | UREC MAC 3

HomecomSing
Oct. 27 | 7:00 p.m. | Wilson Hall

Football Game
Oct. 28 | 3:30 p.m. | Bridgeforth Stadium

Homecoming Step Show
Oct. 28 | Doors open - 7 p.m.; Show - 8 p.m. | Wilson Hall

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HOMECOMING
WELCOME HOME, ALUMNI!

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QUADFEST
Oct. 27 at 5:00 p.m.
Its a PUP-Rally. Celebrate Homecoming with some of Duke Dog’s favorite K9 friends. Free food, music and puppies on the Quad! Need we say more?

FIND THE JMU LETTERS
OCT. 24, 2017
To celebrate Homecoming, the JMU letters will be hidden across campus. Follow @SAAJMU for clues to the letters; location.
On any given day, campus is covered in students proudly wearing their purple and gold. That commitment to sharing our JMU pride is even stronger during Homecoming. Homecoming as we have come to know it at JMU – a fall event, centered around a football game – dates back to 1972. That was the first year for football at what was then Madison College, and for more than 40 years, our campus has come together to celebrate.

The week leading up to the Homecoming Football game is all about student spirit. The Student Alumni Association and our partners across campus have planned fun events where students from all sides of campus can engage with one another and revel in our Duke Dog pride. This year is no different, with traditions of old being honored and new traditions being born. We encourage you to take some time out of your schedule this week to celebrate being a Duke.

As we get closer to the weekend, many alumni join in the fun, making their way to Harrisonburg to celebrate all things purple and gold. This might be your first Homecoming or it may be your senior year Homecoming, but it doesn’t have to be your last. Homecoming is a tradition that you will always be invited to participate in because we are Dukes from Day One, but we are JMU Alumni for LIFE! Remember, there is no place like home, especially when home is JMU!

Go Dukes!

Heather Easley Hedrick ('00)
President
JMU Alumni Association
FOREVER BLEEDING PURPLE

Welcome Home Dukes!
Every game day, Bridgeforth Stadium is a hub of excitement as students flock to the stands to support their team. The atmosphere becomes even more electric when the Dukes score a touchdown, prompting fans to release thousands of purple and gold streamers in the air.

A beloved tradition, the streamers have become a trademark of JMU football games. Most students are aware of the custom, but few know how it got started.

Today’s streamer practice traces back to 2004, when JMU alumnus Phil Cockrell (’85) purchased 1,000 streamers to hand out at the first game of the season as an incentive for students to get there in time for kickoff.

“One of the things that frustrated me as a fan who wanted excitement is people weren’t there for kickoff,” Cockrell said. “I tried to think of a neat way to get the students there by having streamers to throw when the team runs on the field.”

“Throwing streamers for touchdowns has its roots in basketball, when students during the 1990s would throw them after the first made basket. The custom came to an abrupt end when the NCAA began calling technical fouls.”

“Prior to the streamers, students showed their school spirit in a similar way; however, instead of the court being a vision of purple and gold, it was cloaked in white as students threw toilet paper to celebrate the first points scored.”

“It’s just all about the spectacular purple and gold. People at JMU really embrace JMU more than a lot of other colleges. It’s something special.”

-Phil Cockrell (’85)

Safety concerns were also an issue when the streamer tradition was revived in 2004. Wanting to avoid liability for injuries, JMU initially pulled the plug on the streamers.

“I got a call Monday morning from JMU and they said, ‘We appreciate the idea, but we’re just a little concerned about the insurance aspect. Streamers are all over the stairs, and if somebody were to trip on them, it could be a real liability,’” Cockrell said.

The streamers’ popularity with fans and publicity in the local newspapers caused JMU to rethink their decision; however, there were some stipulations.

“From there on, they said okay, but we couldn’t have wrappers and had to pick them all up so people didn’t trip,” Cockrell said.

Cockrell enlisted the help of students and alumni to hand the streamers out before games. The streamers were not only a hit with students, but with fans of all ages as well.

“The cool thing was, it didn’t matter if it’s a 5-year-old kid or a 70-year-old fan, everybody loved getting those streamers,” Cockrell said.

Cockrell didn’t want to confine the excitement to Bridgeforth Stadium, so he soon hit the road with suitcases full of streamers for away games.
For the FCS National Championship in 2004, Cockrell brought 5,000 streamers to Chattanooga.

“I actually got an additional hotel room to store them,” Cockrell said. “You wouldn’t have known it’s a hotel room, you just saw boxes stacked. Like seven feet high worth of boxes on the bed, around the bed, in the bathroom. I rented a Suburban to get them to the stadium; it was quite an event.”

Thirteen years later, many students name the streamers as one of their favorite things about JMU. Thousands of streamers continue to be thrown at football games and graduation, and are also in university promotions.

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For Cockrell, the streamers are more than just crepe ribbons of purple and gold—they are a tangible symbol of his love for JMU athletics.

“It’s a special thing. I’m kind of a sentimental person in that I will tell you at the start of each season, when the team runs on the field for the first time, my eyes water a little bit. I just love seeing the team and what it’s grown to at JMU.”
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The legacy scholarships, given by the JMU Alumni Association, are awarded to an incoming freshman student who has a parent or grandparent that graduated from JMU. Some scholarships can be renewed each school year.

The legacy scholarship has given Ana Hart (’21), freshman scholarship recipient and dance major, the opportunity to pursue her dreams at JMU, just like her alumna mom. “I definitely have looked to her [my mom] as an example and I think that JMU definitely gave her the tools to be able to do what she’s doing now,” Hart said. “I’ve seen that and it’s inspired me. Being a scholarship recipient has meant so much to me, because I’m able to continue in her footsteps.”

Brittany Goldman (’18), senior scholarship recipient and marketing major, credits a memorable experience she had with her mom, who was then a doctoral student in audiology at JMU, for helping her choose to attend the university. “My mom’s professor actually got a connection to donate free hearing aids to me while I was in school, which was just the sweetest thing,” Goldman said. “I got my first pair of hearing aids in ISAT and I have very vivid memories of walking through the hallways, so that was always a big piece of my mind.”

For Goldman, being a legacy scholarship recipient means she has been able to focus on her academics, rather than finances, for the past four years. “It just makes it more possible to get an education and not have to worry about where are my finances are coming from this semester,” Goldman said. “I can be a student and let that be my first and foremost job and just succeed in all of my classes.”

Not only do the legacy scholarships help ease the financial burden of attending college, but they motivate its recipients to work hard and give back. “Just by being able to have that support behind me, I think inspires me and motivates me to keep moving forward pursuing my education and to make my experience at JMU purposeful and meaningful,” Hart said. “It’s setting me up for the future so I can continue to do the same out in the world.”


By: Jamie Simpkins (’18)
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By joining the SAA, students not only receive benefits like discounts at the
1. What year was Madison College renamed James Madison University?
2. What did students throw at sporting events before streamers?
3. How did the Kissing Rock get its name?
4. How many presidents have served at JMU?
5. Why are JMU’s colors purple and gold?
6. The first football game was held in what year?
7. Why is JMU’s mascot the Duke Dog?
8. What was the first dorm on campus?
9. Who was Wilson Hall named after?
10. How many students are in this year’s freshman class?

JMU Bookstore, but they also get the satisfaction of giving back to the university that means so much to them.

“I am who I am because of JMU,” Maddie Calder, vice president of philanthropy and records, said. “Skipping five cups of Starbucks coffee to make my annual donation and donating my free time is the absolute least I can do for the priceless JMU experience I have had.”

Most think that donating begins when their four years end, but the SAA provides opportunities to give back while still a student.

“You don’t have to graduate to start giving back, you can start as soon as you want to help make a difference in the JMU community,” SAA President Nina Fairman said. “I am so grateful for the opportunities SAA has given me, such as networking with alumni and making meaningful connections on campus.”

Want to be involved in events like Giving Day while meeting people that share your love for JMU? Join the SAA by going to alumni.jmu.edu/saa and click on the purple “Join Today” button!
In its 109-year history, JMU has only seen six presidents on campus. Below is a breakdown of how many students have graduated under each president's term.

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Total number of graduated Madison Alumni since 1908: 134,208

Alumni by state:
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- 51-250
- 251-1,000
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- 4,001-10,000
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### What is The Madison Network?

### Corey Schwartz (’06)

“When you think about Career trajectory and best practices to personal and professional development, I am not exactly the poster child for traditional tactics.”

—Corey Schwartz

Schwartz founded RemixYourHealth and provides consulting services through Millennial Mindset Consulting, his consulting firm focused on empowering you to inspire others. Through Schwartz’s expertise, he helps others define and tell their story through career coaching and development, personal health and wellbeing, and strengthening communication. Schwartz is currently the Chief Operating Officer (COO) for Shalom Austin in Austin, Texas. Schwartz is happy to accept new clients. For more information on Millennial Mindset Consulting, please check out www.millennialmindsetconsulting.com.

### Denedriane Dean (’92)

“I have found that blogging can be a highly individualized journey. No two bloggers have the exact same experience or reason for doing it. Therefore, allow me to share with you what MY experience has been.”

—Denedriane Dean

Dean is an experienced lifestyle blogger of 6+ years and avid online influencer. She enjoys sharing product reviews, fitness revelations, her Disney travels and solid words of encouragement with her readers. When she isn’t engaging folks online, you can most likely find her watching Marvel action movies with her husband Art of twenty three years, and their three young adult kiddos. Or you may catch her reading a book about space and physics. You can visit her at www.RefreshingTalk.com.
“They say when one door closes, another one opens. But what if more than one door is open? And if a door opens, does that always mean you should walk through it?”

-Mia Brabham

Mia Brabham (’16)

Brabham has over 18,000 followers and 2 million video views on her Youtube channel Mia B. Last year she created and completed a 365 day blog titled “A Year of Lessons,” and this year, Brabham produced and edited her first ever podcast “The Last Lap” where she interviewed 10 of her most influential JMU professors in her last 10 days of undergrad. Her original creative non-fiction essay, “Papercuts,” was published in the Fall 2015 edition of Gardy Loo, the JMU literary and arts magazine. Brabham works in Washington, D.C. as an assistant editor at Monumental Sports and Entertainment in the Verizon Center. Brabham wants to inspire, change lives and change the world. You can find her on Twitter @yourstrulymia_.

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**Erin Scherer (‘12)**

“We turn on the news these days and see a scary world full of terror and strife. But our world is not scary, it is beautiful.”

-Erin Scherer

After her study abroad experience with JMU in 2015, Scherer founded the Wonderlost Travel blog. She has traveled throughout the United States, Canada, Europe, South America and most recently to Japan. She enjoys writing about and photographing her travel experiences in order to inspire others to get out and follow their travel dreams. She has collaborated with tourism departments, restaurants and other travel bloggers to share reviews and travel advice with readers in over 90 countries. Scherer has a passion for traveling the world to experience other cultures and explore nature!

**Eric Wagner (‘12)**

“I was so eager to discover myself that I rode across the entirety of the United States on my bicycle, hoping that it would shed some light on the topic. I thought that perhaps I could find the solution out on the plains and mountains of America.”

-Eric Wagner

Since graduation, Wagner has been on a road of self-discovery. In 2009 Wagner completed a 33-day cross-country bicycle ride with his father. His experiences on the road inspired Wagner to write his first memoir. Leaving It On the Road was released in May of 2016. Wagner works as a personal trainer and spin instructor in San Francisco, California. He also maintains a fitness blog and runs his own online fitness consultation/adventure training business.

**Ways to Activate your Madison Network**

- Register to attend an alumni webinar
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- D3 (Festival)
- D6 (Festival)
- R1 Cardinal House
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- C10 (Phys/Chem)
- C11 (Festival)
- C12 (Festival)
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2 JMU license plates support what type of scholarships? (2 Words)
8 With eight floors, this building is the tallest on campus (2 Words)
9 This concert will feature groups such as the Exit 245 and LOWKEY (2 Words)
10 JMU was formerly called this until the name change in 1976 (2 Words)
11 The JMU football team traveled here to play in the national championship (2 Words)
12 First years get a t-shirt with this printed upside down (2 Words)
15 What does SAA stand for? (3 Words)
16 Jackson and ____ Hall were the first two buildings on campus (2 Words)
17 This dining facility is hosting a tailgate for the MRDs (2 Words)
20 James Madison (2 Words)
21 Graduates (2 Words)
22 Marching Royal Dukes (2 Words)
23 The name of JMU’s current president (2 Words)
24 Low Key (2 Words)
25 Six Dukes (2 Words)
26 Many of these return to JMU for Homecoming (2 Words)
27 The number of times ESPN College GameDay has been hosted at JMU (2 Words)
29 Burress (2 Words)
30 One of the school colors (2 Words)
31 Kissing Rock (2 Words)
32 Students can be found here on a nice day (2 Words)
33 This annual event attracts students, faculty and alumni (2 Words)
34 Tailgating (2 Words)
35 Mrs. Madison (2 Words)
36 JMU’s opponent for the Homecoming game (2 Words)
38 Students throw these after a touchdown (2 Words)
39 Known for its cinnamon buns, this building on campus is actually a type of rock (3 Words)
40 One lucky male senior will win this at the Homecoming football game (2 Words)
41 Under which JMU president was the football team created? (2 Words)
42 Houston (2 Words)
43 Located on the first floor of Festival, students can go here to catch a few z’s between classes (2 Words)
44 This is a new Homecoming event that will feature free food, inflatables and puppies on the Quad! (2 Words)
45 The name of JMU’s performing arts center (2 Words)
47 Limestone (2 Words)
48 Enjoy a halftime show performed by this group (3 Words)
49 Tunnels of Fear (2 Words)
50 Frog Week (2 Words)
51 Banner (2 Words)

Down
1 Vote for your favorite one of these decorated by dorms (2 Words)
2 Find these around campus and post them on social media with #JMUHomecoming to be entered to win prizes (2 Words)
3 One of the school colors (2 Words)
4 The MRDs will perform in this for the fourth time (4 Words)
5 Name of JMU’s current president (3 Words)
6 The place on campus that houses the Office of Alumni Relations (3 Words)
7 This building on the Quad was named after President Woodrow Wilson (2 Words)
8 This dining hall will host a Purple and Gold Spirit dinner during Homecoming week (2 Words)
9 Don’t forget to reserve these t-shirts given out by the Student Government Association for Homecoming (2 Words)
10 JMU was formerly called this until the name change in 1976 (2 Words)
11 The JMU football team traveled here to play in the national championship (2 Words)
12 Fight song (2 Words)
13 Come to this Homecoming event if you’re a fan of haunted houses (3 Words)
14 This building was once home to JMU presidents, but now serves as the headquarters for the Honors College (2 Words)
15 Student Alumni Association (2 Words)
16 Maury Association (3 Words)
17 What is the name of JMU’s performing arts center? (2 Words)
18 This Homecoming event will include performances by JMU’s Multicultural Greek Life sororities and fraternities (2 Words)
19 Alumni can apply to sing this song at the Homecoming football game (2 Words)
20 The university is named after this U.S. president (2 Words)
21 The GOLD Network stands for _____ of the Last Decade (3 Words)
22 Enjoy a halftime show performed by this group (3 Words)
23 JMU’s mascot (2 Words)
24 What is the name of JMU’s first president? (2 Words)
25 JMU has had how many presidents? (2 Words)
26 What is JMU’s slogan? (3 Words)
27 Name change in 1976 (2 Words)
28 Name of JMU’s stadium (2 Words)
29 What is the name of JMU’s football team created? (2 Words)
30 Late Night Breakfast (2 Words)
31 Homecoming Date Parade (2 Words)
32 One lucky female senior will be crowned this at the Homecoming football game (2 Words)
33 Quad (2 Words)
34 This dining facility is hosting a tailgate for the MRDs (2 Words)
35 Mrs. Madison (2 Words)
36 JMU license plates support what type of scholarships? (2 Words)
37 Limestone (2 Words)
38 Students throw these after a touchdown (2 Words)
39 Known for its cinnamon buns, this building on campus is actually a type of rock (3 Words)
40 This sport is a fall favorite (2 Words)
41 Bridgeforth (2 Words)
42 Houston (2 Words)
43 Nap Nook (2 Words)
44 Enjoy a halftime show performed by this group (3 Words)
45 The name of JMU’s performing arts center (2 Words)
Homecoming TRIVIA Answers

Answers to questions on page 15
2. Before students threw streamers, they would throw rolls of toilet paper at basketball games. To read more about the streamer tradition, turn to page 6.
3. The Kissing Rock got its name when female students would hide behind the rock to kiss their significant others. Female students were not permitted to be alone with boys without their dorm mother, so the Kissing Rock provided cover.
5. JMU gets its colors from two literary societies that were formed at the school in 1909.
6. The first football game was held on October 7th, 1972 against the Shepherd College junior varsity team from West Virginia. They ended their inaugural season with a 0-4-1 record and did not score any points.
7. Duke Dog was created by then Director of Public Affairs Dr. Ray V. Sonner in 1972. The English bulldog was chosen because Sonner thought it was the cliché pet for a duke.
8. Jackson Hall
9. Wilson Hall was named after President Woodrow Wilson. Staunton, President Wilson’s birthplace, is sometimes visible from the cupola.
10. The 2017 freshman class has 4,564 students.

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