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**Correction**

In the Thursday, Sept. 3 issue of the Wall Street Journal, the front-page article “Battles in Afghanistan” incorrectly identified the first woman to receive the Medal of Honor in Vietnam. The correct name is Monica Lin Brown, who earned her award in 1979.

The Beece, the student-run newspaper of James Madison University, has decided to stop publishing an online opinion newsletter involving reporting news involving the campus and local community.

Professor Ken Jones, the editor of The Beece, said the decision to drop right to the school was based on the belief that the school has not been fully engaged with the initiative.

The Beece is distributed throughout James Madison University and the local community, and the editorial and news content reflected the school’s concerns and complaints should be addressed to Tim Chapman, editor.

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The new findings, reported Sunday in the journal Nature, could lead to new treatments for the disease.

“Alzheimer’s is a leading cause of death in the elderly,” said lead author Dr. David Goodall. “Our findings provide new insights into the disease and could lead to new treatments in the future.”

The researchers found that the APOE gene is involved in the formation of amyloid plaques, which are deposits of proteins in the brain that are characteristic of Alzheimer’s disease.

The CR2 gene is involved in the immune system, and the CD36 gene is involved in the transport of fat from the intestines to the liver.

The researchers also found that the APOE gene is associated with a higher risk of developing Alzheimer’s disease, while the CR2 and CD36 genes are associated with a lower risk.

The findings have been met with enthusiasm by the scientific community.

“Alzheimer’s is a complex disease and it is exciting to see new genes being identified,” said Dr. Michael Green, a neurologist at the University of Cambridge. “These new genes will help us understand the underlying mechanisms of the disease and could lead to new treatments in the future.”

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Showing Off JMU's Green Vehicles

The Alternative Fuel Vehicle Lab Gets its Motors Running With Education and Expertise

By ALLIE CONROY
contributing writer

Solar-powered golf cart, a zany bicycle-powered car, and many others are just some of the projects that the students in JMU's Alternative Fuel Vehicle Lab have been working on.

The lab is run by a former student of the AFV Lab, the BioTrike project began in 2004 with a $1,000 budget. Today, the BioTrike project is thriving.

While an undergraduate, Wodicka took classes with Swartz. It’s this connection that has sparked the project that the town say will benefit not just the town, but also the students, who insist that experience rests in the classroom.

Students in Professor Mohammad Khatami’s public policy course will do research to form the basis of an economic development plan that could revitalize the downtown area.

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different branches of this family reuniting with one another after all these years, " Taylor said.

Marshall had no idea about Jennings and this part of his ancestry until about a year ago when Taylor contacted him. Since then he has become well acquainted with who Jennings was and his relation to him. Since Marshall is an alumnus of JMU, Taylor said "it's poignant to speak of his connection through his ancestor with James Madison."

Marshall graduated in 2005 with a degree in computer science. He was involved in numerous extra curricular activities including the crew club, the university's Kiwanis Tax and the teens do club where he was vice president for two years and president for one year. On Sept. 17, which was Constitution Day, Raleigh and another descendant of James Madison's sister, Madison Iler Wing, read the preamble to the Constitution during a celebration at Montpelier. In addition to Jennings, Marshall has another famous ancestor by the name of John Marshall — the fourth chief justice of the Supreme Court. He was in office from 1801 to 1835. "I have these two very very important historical lineages, " Marshall said.

Marshall is still active in the JMU community and often visits JMU to help with the tae kwon do club or for school events like homecoming. "My experience at JMU not only has impacted me briefly when I was there, but has long-term positive ramifications that's part of why I love the school so much, " Marshall said. Marshall helped start a Mixed Martial Arts league called "Respect is Earned" with John Price, the head instructor for the JMU tae kwon do club. Marshall currently works for Black Blade associates, an IT product development firm. Do not use my product to fix a small percentage. There needs to be health care reform, but not this kind. " But a contingency of dissenters with "Health Care for America Now" signs were vocal when someone expressed their support for public health care. "I disagreed with what [Goodlatte] had to say," said Greg Baker of Harrisonburg, who believes that health care should be made public. Goodlatte "says he wants to reform, but I think he's a smoke screen," Baker said.

While two distinct groups of thinkers were present at the town hall meeting and disagreement was rampant, a vast majority of those in attendance agreed on one thing: that health care reform is needed. "My No. 1 concern is people having good health care," Goodlatte said. In Rockingham County, there are 20,000 people who don't have health insurance. In Virginia, 15.5 percent of individuals don't have health insurance. But in Harrisonburg, that figure is 28.5 percent, the highest in the state. Goodlatte recognized the problem of rising health care costs and the amount of the uninsured in the area, but was adamant in his position that public health care was not the answer. "I think what he had to say will appeal to his voters in the sixth district," said senior Lauren Gilbert, president of the JMU Democrats. "But what he said didn't speak to me about what I want for the future."

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**HPD Priorities Defective**

Steven Knott

JMU would be able to enforce policies aimed more toward student safety if they required suspending students for more egregious offenses in the community than they do currently. JMU could tolerate a few students drinking in a responsible manner and allow the RAs to empirically determine when it becomes clear that the situation is becoming unsafe or unmanageable. The compromise would allow students to drink more openly and thus be supervised more easily.

The argument the Office of Judicial Affairs cites against tolerating underaged drinking is that it is against the law and every student knows it’s against the law. First of all, I find the concept laughable that the day before you turn 21 you are some irresponsible punk who can’t handle the responsibility of purchasing alcohol. Then overnight, as if magically, you have become responsible enough to buy a case of Jack Daniel’s and that Mike’s Hard Lemonade as obvious as behind the bookstore bus stop or the bookstore women’s restroom.

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The best thing a student can do to change the current policy is to focus less on the fact that it’s against the law for people under 21, and more on the fact that they have a duty to protect their students. At this point, student comparativeness is simply going to break some laws. Law enforcement in Harrisonburg needs to step focusing on the laws that do not have as great an effect on the community and start focusing on the ones that will keep the community safe.

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Aimee Argote Leaves Loud Crowd for Park

Des Ark Singer Storms out of the Blue Nile to Escape Noisy Crowd, and Then Performs a Personal, Confessional Concert for Dedicated Fans

By CYSLY KARCHAM contributing writer

The Thursday night, and the underground music venue have arrived at the Blue Nile.

Home of both live music and this Connecticut downtown institution, the crowd mostly dressed in plaid, artfully draping cigarette from their fingertips. They have come to see Aimee Argote, the folk rockin’ American Troubad and Little Gold. However, the most notable performance of the night was most certainly Desirexus, the experimental performer who opened for singer-songwriter Aimee Argote.

When performing solo, Argote plays a heater routed into downtown Harrisonburg. However, Thursday night, Argote was alone. Air, that is, with her four-string tenor guitar and a banjo.

The talking from the back of the bar started the show. As the noise level swelled, Argote slowly stepped up a few moments into her set, ensnared by the talking.

“Let’s talk about the crowd in the back,” Argote said. “They stop me in the park to hear my music without even asking. They fill the place with conversations, filling the room with music. They can talk over the music. They can talk over the music.”

The juxtaposition between the two is what makes Argote’s music so unique. To Argote, music is not just a form of expression, but a tool for communication. She uses her songs to talk about the world around her, to connect with her fans, and to challenge the status quo. Her music is a reflection of the society she lives in, and she uses it to bring attention to important social issues.

Argote is a master at blending the cacophony of the modern world with her music. Her songs are a blend of the old and the new, the familiar and the unfamiliar. They are a commentary on the world around us, a reflection of the times we live in.

Her music is a call to action, a reminder that we are all connected, that we all have a role to play in making the world a better place. And she is not afraid to use her music to make her voice heard, to stand up for what she believes in.

When asked about the influence of the Blue Nile crowd on her music, Argote said, “I am so grateful for the Blue Nile crowd. They are a constant reminder of the power of music. They are a constant reminder of the importance of connecting with others, of communicating with each other.”

Argote is a true musician, a true artist, and a true activist. She uses her music to make a difference, to bring attention to important issues, and to bring people together. And she does it all with grace and with love.

Conversation or Concert? 

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Suzanne Miller-Corso, faculty member, performs “Hold,” a piece choreographed by Derrick Alfonso Evans, an internationally known choreographer, in the 14th annual New Dance Festival. The festival took place Friday and Saturday, and was put on by JMU’s School of Theatre and Dance at Latimer-Shaeffer Theatre in Duke Hall. There were four separate pieces: “Hold,” “Mutt,” “Lisboa” and “My Ocean is Never Blue,” the latter of which were choreographed by professional choreographer Daniel Burkholder. “My Ocean is Never Blue” contained company performers, a dance instructor and select JMU dance students. This is the last year the festival will be held in Latimer-Shaeffer. Next year the event will be held at the new Performing Arts Center.

As a second-year student, Zhang is now more familiar with the campus and has experienced many cultural differences. One cultural difference he learned last year while living in Ashby Hall, the international dorm, was that not all Americans dip their toothbrush in a cup of water before they brush like he does. In China, the children are taught at a very young age to do this daily routine, so of course Zhang was a little confused when his American roommate questioned why he was doing this.

Aside from cultural differences, Zhang saw that the professors here at JMU are a lot friendlier and closer to their students than the teachers at his boarding school in China. Faraidoon Shariq, a first year transfer student from Afghanistan, felt that JMU professors demanded a little more from their students.

“In the first day the professors gave me a challenge. They basically said if you don’t work harder you will definitely fail,” said Shariq with a laugh.

After studying at Georgia College and State University in Milledgeville last year, Shariq transferred to JMU because he felt that the university would give him the opportunity to meet more international students.

Shariq, Zhang and Kvaratshkhelia all feel that JMU’s international program has helped them greatly with their transition to an American university. The international students who meet through the ISSS support each other by giving advice and sharing experiences.

“It’s great experience to know people from a different culture,” Kvaratshkhelia said. “I love telling them about my culture, too.”

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**The Breeze**

DMU coach Dave Lombardo has never had to worry about Teresa Rynier's self-esteem on the field.

"Rynier is not only one of her qualities, in the best way possible, she's very confident," Lombardo said. "She knows that she's a good player, and she doesn't take that for granted. She looks at herself as responsible."

Rynier led the Colonial Athletic Association in goals last year and has scored goals beyond what she did in her senior year. She made the All-CACC and All-Tournament teams for her year at Old Dominion.

Along with confidence in herself, she has confidence in her teammates to finish her passes.

Senior forward Corey Jemison, the team leader in goals this year and in 2004, said Rynier's confidence is something on the field.

"It changes your game completely," said Jemison. "If you know that a player is confident, you're not scared of taking a chance on them."

The Lions, P.R. native and the biggest backfield player, has been having a big year for the JMU offensive line.

"It's been great to have her on our side every week. We had four preseason games, and she was in all of them," said Lombardo.

Skolnitsky is expected to play in the next game against Xavier in the opening round of the JMU/Comfort Inn Harrisonburg Invitational Tournament last weekend in the DMU/Comfort Inn Harrisonburg Invitational.

**Junior Assists in Team's Confidence**

Junior midfielder Teresa Byrner of the JMU Women's Soccer Team has Led the Dukes in Assists for the Past Three Years. Byrner is also Third on the Madison Career Assist Lists with 29.

**Junior C.J. Sapog scored a goal and an assist in the Richmond 4-1 win.**

**Duke in The Pros**

1D. Skolnitsky is officially a member of the Washington Redskins. The former DMU defensive end is expected to spend the entire season on the 45-man roster once he passes a three-year, $1.2 million contract in early May.

As a member of the practice squad, Skolnitsky will help both teams' offenses. As a defensive end, he takes on the blocking responsibilities of the offensive tackles.

The six-foot, 215-pounder is being in three of the Redskins' four defensive end formations in a 3-4 box to line the linebacker. Toward the end of the season, Skolnitsky declared for the NFL Draft after being declared ineligible for his senior season.

He took a workout with several NFL teams before the draft.

In his three years at Madison, the former Midwestern State University and Ohio State and nationally-ranked West Virginia recruit had 120 tackles, 15.5 tackles for loss, and 4.5 sacks.

He will become a Duker and current Philadelphia Eagles' linebacker Alex Okafor leads the NFC East.

So far, Byrner is the only member of last year's Dukes to make an NFL squad.

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**SOCCER**

**Wyatt Bloody in Win**

"I was on the sideline for the second half first so I saw the first half. I thought it was a very good effort on a pass off of Richford, and then you can see the rest of the game from the middle of the field 20 yards out.

Sapong said he received his first touch of a match between the defender. "I was too fast at the goal and happened to place it in the corner," Sapong said. "The forward has three goals through three games."

Duke was outfitted forward Paul Wyatt for all of the second half due to a head injury. Wyatt and Richmond guard Bruce Toshima scored at the start, scoring to a tie in the middle and a follow-up win (25-13).

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**HOCKEY**

**Volleyball Evens Record in Weekend Tourney**

"The momentum is great, " Turner said. "When we get that momentum we can't compete with the attacking teams who had 15 kills. Erb had five of those kills."

"Duke set the tone for JMU with those 14 kills alone made up over half of Madison's points and helped the Dukes win (25-13)."

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