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Meet the candidates for Nov. 6 election

U.S. Senate

**Tim Kaine (D)**

What are the major issues you're focusing on in your campaign?
We must improve access to quality education if we want to prepare students and workers for success in the modern economy. I am fighting to ease the crushing burden of student debt and make higher education and job training available to all Virginians.

How would you serve JMU/colleges of Virginia if you got elected?
First, greater access to career and technical education can help students gain the skills they need at a much less prohibitive cost. In addition, I've fought for greater transparency in the process of paying for college tuition by introducing legislation that makes it easier for students and families to access financial counseling, and have pushed for other initiatives.

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**Matt Waters (L)**

What are the major issues you're focusing on in your campaign?
Debt and spending first and foremost. The more money you have in your pocket, the more free you are, the more you’re able to do certain things. I've got a radical proposal of no personal federal income tax. The genius of America is we’re put in the driver’s seat, not the government. The individual comes first, not the state. You can control your destiny a lot easier that way.

How would you serve JMU/colleges of Virginia if you got elected?
The best way to do that is to roll back the Department of Education in its entirety. State government is not putting in as much money to the public universities that they once did, so they’re putting it on the backs of parents and students to carry the weight.

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**Corey Stewart (R)**

What are the major issues you're focusing on in your campaign?
My No. 1 priority is anti-corruption ... it’s so important to me that when I go to Washington that I am the voice of the people, not of any special interest groups or corporations. Besides that is Medicare for all, raising the minimum wage to $15 an hour, legalizing hemp and marijuana, fully funding public education and of course protecting the environment.

How would you serve JMU/colleges of Virginia if you got elected?
Our campaign has focused on immigration, jobs and rebuilding our military.

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U.S. House of Representatives - 6th district

**Ben Cline (R)**

What are the major issues you're focusing on in your campaign?
I am committed to continue fighting to lower taxes to free up capital for hard working families. I am focused on fighting for individual freedom, personal responsibility and equality of opportunity so that our children can grow up in a world where they can achieve their dreams if they put enough hard work into it.

How would you serve JMU/colleges of Virginia if you got elected?
I strongly believe in working on and supporting policies that promote economic opportunities and a strong economy so that when students graduate they will be able to enter their preferred career as quickly as possible. I intend to work in Congress on lowering college tuition ... by reducing federal regulations on colleges.

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**Jennifer Lewis (D)**

What are the major issues you're focusing on in your campaign?
Our campaign has focused on immigration, jobs and rebuilding our military. It’s so important that any representative stays connected to the district that they serve, because it’s the only way that you can truly represent the district. I am committed, absolutely committed, to having these kinds of town hall meetings to get that feedback. It’s really important to me.

How would you serve JMU/colleges of Virginia if you got elected?
I support the Higher Education Reform and Opportunity (HERO) Act, which aims to consolidate and streamline our nation’s current student loan programs. Perhaps more importantly, the HERO Act would reform the college accreditation system. States could develop their own standards, or even partner with employers, to ensure that students are ready to land good jobs after graduation.
**Harrisonburg School Board**

**André Kopen**

What are the major issues you're focusing on in your campaign?
There are a number of major issues before the school board at this point in time. One of them is selecting a new superintendent. Secondly, we must build a second high school in the community.

How would you serve JMU/colleges of Virginia if you got elected?

There are a number of ways in which the school system already cooperates with JMU. There is an internship program with a small number of students in the school of education at JMU who have been selected to become full-time intern teachers. There is a program that JMU runs for preparing young teachers to work together to where our partnerships with JMU are the most effective for both sides.

**Kristen Loflin**

What are the major issues you're focusing on in your campaign?
As a mental health counselor, I value not only academic achievement, but also emotional and social growth in our society. I hope to see the balance between financial constraints and making sure that we provide a world-class education for our students is very important. Sustainability in government, ethics in government; we have candidates that don't pay their taxes and that's a problem.

How would you serve JMU/colleges of Virginia if you got elected?

We wouldn't have Harrisonburg the way it is today without JMU here. We just need to look for better ways that we can work together to where our partnerships with JMU are the most effective for both sides.

**Sal Romero**

What are the major issues you're focusing on in your campaign?
My plan is to really focus on building the next high school because we have an overcrowding issue. I want to make sure that we bring all of the voices to the table so that we can have honest conversations when it comes to economic development, when it comes to safety, when it comes to education.

How would you serve JMU/colleges of Virginia if you got elected?

Collaboration is critical between JMU and the community. JMU is an economic power for our community; people want to come to our city because of JMU, so it drives employment, it makes people want to live in our city. I also want to see the student population become more involved with the community. I think it'll be important for us to work together and engage in a way that benefits everyone in the community.

**Obie Hill**

What are the major issues you're focusing on in your campaign?
Our current high school is over 400 students over capacity. I don't think it's any parent's desire to have their child attend a school that's overcrowded. This is a growing, diverse, flourishing city, and ... we have to accommodate the growth of our town.

How would you serve JMU/colleges of Virginia if you got elected?

JMU is very involved in organizations we have here. It creates a connection between our schools and the university, and these current students in our town have access to the university. It only makes sense to reinforce the relationship between our local schools and the university.

For further reading, find the extended version of this article online at breezejmu.org.
This semester, there are three classes within the 300-level general education courses for juniors and seniors. These classes can be taken to fulfill the general education cluster or as electives as part of a pilot program. Since the 2016-17 academic year, these courses have aimed to facilitate higher cognitive learning. “It enhances the classroom discussion but also improves student learning because you’re sitting there with your peers who are coming from different disciplines and have different answers and knowledge,” Margaret Mulrooney, associate vice provost of general education, said. “That’s really what employers are looking for.” The inspiration for the 300-level courses came from the general education department’s program review, which occurs every 10 years. Professors can propose potential course topics to the general education department.

Physics professor Harold Butner teaches the Physics of Science Fiction, a 300-level course that looks at choices used by science fiction authors and how they influence a story. The ultimate goal is to help students analyze, develop and improve their critical thinking skills. He’s used clips from shows such as Futurama and Star Trek to illustrate various concepts. “I have in my class students who don’t have a background in astronomy or lasers — students come from all across the curriculum,” Butner said. “It gives me the freedom to think how am I going to introduce this topic, say black holes, in a way that gets across the critical information for people to think about how it’s being used in the story.” Butner appreciates how this course expands upon the opportunities in a 100-level course. Instead of simply introducing topics, students are beginning to pull ideas together in a way that freshmen wouldn’t necessarily begin to do. Students are able to draw from their own experience across their curriculums and majors.

“What I’ve learned the most is that my students can often answer questions in ways that I did not anticipate that are brilliant answers,” Butner said. “That is the most exciting part of the course for me.”

Junior health science major Calli Dukas took SCOM 318, Communication and Social Media, last spring semester. She took this elective as a transfer student with enough credits to qualify for a 300-level class. “This course was taking your base knowledge and applying it to things. You could engage in a conversation even if you didn’t understand all of the terminology,” Dukas said. “You notice that in 100-level classes you get maybe half of the students to participate. At the 300-levels everyone was very engaged and willing to participate.”

Another class being taught this semester is 3D Printing in the Creative Community by professor Daniel Robinson. It’s a studio art class where students are exposed to 3D modeling and printing.

“When students first come into this class, Robinson says a students first response is ‘I don’t know where to start.’ His response is to tap into what you’re already interested in, whether it’s art, biology, chemistry, business or political science. “I encourage all of the students to take what you know,” Robinson said. “There’s no need to reinvent the wheel. What artists do is take what they see and experience, and how they’re affected by the world, and through their creative process, transform that into something that communicates those ideas to the world.”

Robinson says he appreciates the creative freedom that this class has allowed for his students. It’s uncommon in a general education experience that students get to physically make things and interact in a small class, according to Robinson. “I think the 300-level GenEd takes what can sometimes seems onerous and obligatory experience and makes it into something different and engaging and hopefully enriching as a faculty member and student,” Robinson said. “This is an augmentation that is really valuable.”

For Mulrooney, these courses aren’t changing the GenEd program, but it’s part of a larger strategic renewal. To further expand the program, faculty and student awareness about these courses is essential.

“We already have a great program, we just want to make it better and reflect some of the changes we’ve seen in the past 20 years,” Mulrooney said. “This is an important improvement in how we prepare undergraduates for success. We already do a great job — but we’re JMU, we always want to do better.”

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The Shenandoah Valley Juvenile Center faces abuse allegations

BY MARY HARRISON & THOMAS ROBERTSON
The Breeze

The Shenandoah Valley Juvenile Center is facing a lawsuit after a 17-year-old Latino immigrant detained at the facility accused its staff members of verbal and physical abuse on behalf of the immigrant children confined there. The trial will be heard by a single judge with no jury at the U.S. District Courthouse in Harrisonburg beginning Dec. 17.

An earlier version of the lawsuit, brought forward by three anonymous males, was filed in January and made formal complaints of numerous forms of abuse against the center. However, all three plaintiffs dropped the suit when one decided not to pursue the case and the two others were deported.

In July, an amended complaint was filed against the center on behalf of a fourth male, who left Honduras to escape a gang that threatened his life if he didn’t join. The plaintiff has made claims against the SVJC similar to those brought forth by the first three.

Both lawsuits accused the multi-jurisdictional lockup near Staunton of mistreatment toward the immigrant teens, a majority of whom are from Mexico and Central America. According to Tim Showalter, the executive director of SVJC, the 58-bed facility serves approximately 300 male and female children ages 12 to 17 each year with a daily average population of 46. Of these, the SVJC has served approximately 92 unaccompanied children a year since 2009.

“By this time, we have a Cooperative Agreement with the Office of Refugee Resettlement to provide secure services to 34 unaccompanied children, 30 males and four females,” Showalter said in an email. “These services include, but are not limited to, case management, education, group and individual counseling, medical, mental health, nutrition, recreation, religious, acculturation and vocational services.”

According to the lawsuit, SVJC is one of three facilities in the United States that provides secure services to unaccompanied minors and is the only one that houses females. The ORR acts as a legal guardian to the alien minors, rendering SVJC more jurisdiction over the children.

“Our goal with the unaccompanied children program is to provide high quality secure services and facilitate each youth’s safe and timely release from our care,” Showalter said.

According to the previous plaintiffs, children housed at SVJC are locked in their rooms for 12-14 hours a day. The lawsuit says they’re allegedly fed cold meals with an inadequate calorie count, typically leaving the children hungry. Each child has a room with a mattress, sink and toilet and their bathrooms aren’t closed off to give them privacy.

The plaintiff alleges he and other immigrant detainees didn’t receive proper mental health treatment, were constantly harassed by staff and were subjected to inappropriate solitary confinement while at the facility.

The suit states that the plaintiff has been taunted by staff with racially charged names. He’s allegedly overheard staff members say that immigrants have come to the United States to steal jobs and don’t deserve to be here.

In early 2018, the Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice responded to the first suit by visiting the SVJC to monitor and observe conditions. The department didn’t find any immediate life, health or safety concerns for the detainees of SVJC.

In June, Gov. Ralph Northam requested the DJJ and Brian Moran, the secretary of public safety and homeland security, to look further into the allegations claimed by the minor residents. Through interviews, three of the SVJC residents reported an abusive behavior, however, Child Protective Services determined that these instances didn’t meet the threshold of legal abuse and neglect.

The interviews with both staff and federal residents revealed that because of the language barrier, the immigrant children have a poor understanding of due process. DJJ released a report in August that found no abuse or neglect had taken place.

“We thought the report was deeply flawed,” Hannah Lieberman, a legal representative of the plaintiff, said. “We don’t think it addressed many of the issues in the case and we look forward to prevailing at trial.”

While the report finds SVJC in compliance with applicable regulations and certification standards, a statement from Lieberman’s firm, Washington Lawyers’ Committee, said the report made no comment on whether SVJC complies with constitutional standards. WLC’s response also noted the report didn’t examine allegations of deficiencies in mental health treatment and that DJJ staff interviewed detainees in the presence of SVJC employees without legal counsel, leaving the children subject to potential manipulation.

However, DJJ made suggestions for the SVJC such as strengthening the staff’s understanding of and sensitivity toward different cultural backgrounds and hiring more Spanish-speaking employees. Because the facility is modeled like a traditional correctional setting, the DJJ also recommended modifying the layout so that it is more conducive to youth who may have experienced trauma.

The Valley Justice Coalition, a local reformation justice group, is also advocating for an accountability system in which lawyers visit monthly and speak with the detained minors. Because they’re from different countries and have various legal systems and primarily speak Spanish, the minors don’t have a full understanding of their rights — something the coalition aims to change. The DJJ also made a recommendation following its investigation for the SVJC to hire more bilingual staff members.

“This is a high-needs population,” Daniel Barrows, community organizer of the Valley Justice Coalition, said. “There’s a lot of disruption between countries and cultures and being separated from families, and when those needs don’t get met there tends to be a lot more acting out and behavioral issues.”

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Former Congressmen Nick Rahall (D) & Jim Coyne (R)

After running a successful chemical and industrial materials firm for nearly a decade, James K. Coyne (R) was elected to represent the 8th District of Pennsylvania. While in Congress, Mr. Coyne was deeply engaged in issues pertaining to banking, energy, technology, trade and fiscal policy. Upon leaving Capitol Hill Coyne served as special assistant to President Ronald Reagan, directing the Office of Private Sector Initiatives. He served 18 years as president of the National Air Transportation Association and has led a number of trade associations and advocacy groups on a broad swath of public policy issues. He holds degrees from Yale University and Harvard Business School.

First elected in 1976 to represent West Virginia’s Third Congressional District, former Congressman Nick Rahall (D) is recognized with the distinction of being the youngest-elected, longest-serving member in the history of the U.S. House of Representatives. He served on both the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and on the Public Works Committee for the entire 19 consecutive terms, and as chairman of the House Natural Resources Committee from 2007-11. He has traveled the Middle East extensively to urge peace. In recognition of his efforts he has received both the Philip C. Habib Distinguished Public Service Award in 1993; and the Najeeb Halaby Public Service Award in 2004.

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It’s no secret that counting calories and fitness have become trends these days, especially across college campuses and among young adults. With technology advancing the way it is, there are plenty of apps people can download to track how many calories they’re eating each day.

While some apps are simple and just track the pure number of calories consumed, some are beginning to get more complex. Apps that give people feedback on what nutrients they need, how much water they need to drink and how many calories they have left for the day are beginning to take over, with some even alerting them when they’ve consumed too much sugar or fat.

While the intention of these apps is obviously meant to be beneficial in aiding people with watching what they eat to maintain a healthy weight, the outcome has become something much more negative. Instead of using these apps as a simple guide to gauge what their usual diet consists of, people have begun utilizing the apps as a way to put themselves on a strict diet and lose weight.

Setting their limit on the app at a particular number of calories, the user programs in everything they eat throughout the day and can see exactly how many calories they have left for the day at any time. To users, this may seem like a healthy way to pay close attention to what they’re putting in their body each day, but it can quickly turn into an obsession that leads to a dangerous relationship between food and the person eating it.

Food is what fuels the human body. Considering the percentage of people across the world who struggle every day just to find something to eat, it’s sad that such a considerable number of people look at food as something to fear and something that will make them fat, instead of appreciating just how much of it is available to them.

Beyond this, constantly obsessing over every single thing eaten or drank throughout the day will inevitably lead to people starving themselves. In a worst-case scenario, this may eventually lead to a number of eating disorders. Today, there’s an alarming number of disorders.

While it’s true that overeating can cause just as many, if not more, health problems as undereating, what should be taken into consideration is what’s being eaten. There’s no need to count calories if what’s being consumed has health benefits and nutrients — foods the body needs to survive.

The solution to maintaining a healthy lifestyle and weight isn’t to count calories in such a compulsive way, but to use healthy foods to fuel the body and give it daily exercise to utilize the food it’s being given.

In a society already plagued with body dysmorphia and eating disorders, the last thing needed is more of these diagnoses simply because of app usage gone wrong. Perhaps it’s a good thing that people are at least paying attention to what they’re eating, seeing as obesity is a problem throughout the U.S. However, there needs to be moderation within counting calories. Seeking out healthier food options and making sure to exercise daily is what’s going to show the results people are looking for when they download these apps. They could cook a healthy meal and go for a run in the time they dedicate each day to programming in every individual food and beverage they’ve consumed.

With college students especially, these unhealthy eating patterns shouldn’t be forming. Using calorie-counting apps at such an early point in adulthood may create more problems for individuals down the road.

With the effort people put into tracking their calories, they could easily maintain healthy eating habits that don’t constitute counting calories — and this can all start by just deleting these unsafe apps.

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Food fight

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ELIZA MACKNIGHT | contributing columnist

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Misapplication of mental-health terms can stigmatize their interpretation

Megan Klepper | contributing columnist

Misuse of words such as “anxiety” and “depression” or jokes about killing oneself are all very prevalent. A student could have presentation anxiety, but that differs from a chronic anxiety disorder. Furthermore, a student could claim they’re depressed after receiving a bad grade on a test. The incorrect usage of these words can change their meaning and perception that others have.

Anxiety seems interchangeable with stress, but chronic anxiety disorders are much more serious. Generalized anxiety disorder (GAD) is found in those who excessively worry almost every day for at least six months. This type of anxiety disorder negatively impacts the everyday life of someone who suffers from it. Stress, on the other hand, is a short-term experience. It’s normal for college students to be stressed due to exams, papers or even social events. College is one of the most stressful times in one’s academic career, but the explanation of one’s feelings seem to be dramatized. The distinction between anxiety and stress is a key factor in understanding and empathizing with those who suffer from an anxiety disorder.

Depression isn’t simply just being sad. In 2017, 16 percent of college students reported that depression negatively impacted their academic performance. Therefore, it’s a common, but serious disorder caused by one’s genetics, biology, environment and psychological makeup. One who suffers from depression finds it difficult to get out of bed and perform daily activities.

Similar to stress, sadness is a short-term experience where a person is upset about something. Depression, on the other hand, doesn’t necessarily require a trigger or an upsetting event. Often, people who suffer from depression live great lives, but still find it difficult to shake the feelings of sadness or emptiness that control them.
Distracted drivers

GPS on mobile phones can easily divert attention of drivers trying to navigate behind the wheel.

JOSIE HANEKLAU | open outlook

Today, it’d be rather strange to get in the car with a friend who uses a Garmin or TomTom for navigation directions. That’s because nine out of 10 people use their phone to guide them in the car. Using GPS on phones seems much more convenient—it’s built right into a device a huge number of Americans use every day. Yet, using phones behind the wheel comes at a dangerous cost.

According to the National Safety Council, 1.6 million car crashes occur yearly from texting and driving. Distracted driving, however, isn’t just limited to texting. The DMV lists three types of major phone distractions: texting, calling and using navigation while driving. A study conducted for the American Automobile Association found that the biggest risk of crashing using an on-phone distraction is, in fact, due to navigation while driving. This is in part because of the length of time it takes for someone to program an address into their navigation. While just two seconds looking away from the road doubles your risk of a crash, drivers in the study who used navigation looked away for an average of 40 seconds.

Americans use phones for many tasks in life, so plugging in navigation while driving is more likely to trigger the user to want to do something else on their phone. For instance, quickly changing a song on Apple Music would be a tempting thought if a driver was already on their phone to plug in their address before leaving for their trip and kept everyone more safe on the road.

Just two seconds looking away from the road doubles a driver’s risk of a crash. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, every day in America, 1,000 drivers are seriously injured in a crash involving distracted driving. These life-threatening incidents could’ve been due to something as simple as entering a destination through phone navigation. Instead, the driver could’ve chosen to plug in their address before leaving for their trip and kept everyone more safe on the road.

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MISUSE | Incorrect use of words may offend those with mental illnesses

There seems to be another synonym to stress: the phrase “I’m going to kill myself” Most people seem to know that suicide isn’t a joke and should be taken seriously, yet students use this phrase whenever something slightly inconvenient happens to them. Sadly, suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in the U.S. and takes the lives of over 44,000 Americans every year. Students need to look after one another and search for red flags in their peers’ behavior. It’s much more difficult to understand the signs and help prevent a tragedy if young adults are joking about the matter.

Students who misuse these words change the stigma for those dealing with these serious issues. Therefore, those who are diagnosed might get offended, which is very understandable. It’s common for college students to suffer from an anxiety disorder or depression. Some of these students were diagnosed in college or even in high school, so it has become a part of their daily routines to take medication or go to therapy.

However, the misuse of these terms decreases the severity of the struggle for those suffering from them. The terms and conditions have become so mainstream that when someone states they’re depressed, there’s a strong possibility someone would think they were just upset about something. Students must think before they speak about how they truly feel and consider the implications that come along with their words.

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Strobe lights, dancing and bass drops while mixing music during night club performances are all a part of the electronic dance music scene. JMU’s EDM club embodies this energy with its DJ and dance performances, all while spreading the positive vibes of peace, love, friendship and acceptance.

The EDM club was created spring semester of 2016 and has recently grown to have over a hundred members this year. Current president Tiernan O’Rourke, a graduate student in the education program, was one of the original members of the club, having been hallmates with the group of students who decided to start it. O’Rourke says the club didn’t have many events in the beginning, but now that there are more members, they have more opportunities to perform and attend a multitude of shows.

While the club is mostly about sharing the love of EDM and listening to it while attending events together, members have implemented small subgroups within the club so people can teach and learn how to create their own EDM scene. Their subgroups include shuffling, DJing and producing, anyone interested in learning to create their own music or dance to the rhythm can join these subgroups.

“I like to think of two sides to the electronic dance scene — one is the dancing part where you could just go to a club and dance and have a good time, but I like to think it goes a lot deeper, so I’ve been trying to grow and expand the creation side of it,” O’Rourke said. “It’s a whole new world with sound design and actually making music. It’s very creatively free and so you get to really express yourself through art.”

Beyond just enjoying the music and learning how to create it, members are also able to display their skills at shows. The EDM club performs at house shows and even at The Golden Pony a few times a semester for their College Night on Thursdays. Other members of the club who aren’t performing will go to the shows and enjoy the scene.

“Everybody in the club can participate,” Adriana Bolivar, a sophomore international business and French double major and secretary of the club, said. “We usually try to have people with a little bit of experience performing, but recently we’ve been putting in newer DJs.”

When they’re not putting on shows, the EDM club is participating in charity events. One of their big events is called Light the Night, which raises money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. This year, they held an event at The Golden Pony where they were able to raise $1,059. They hope to add more charity events to the schedule so there’s one each semester.

“The entire scene is about love, and the best way to spread love is through charity,” O’Rourke said. “Everyone just wants to love and give back and help as much as they can.”

One of the biggest themes about the electronic dance scene and what the EDM club focuses on is the positive vibe that comes from sharing the love of music. O’Rourke says the club wants to emphasize this deeper meaning to the scene and promote its core values of community. They encourage their members to stay open-minded and greet people with love and respect and in return not be afraid to be themselves.

The positive vibe of the EDM scene creates a sense of unity and community for those who indulge in it. Several of the club members admit they originally heard about the JMU EDM club at EDM festivals where they either met club members or others who knew of it.

“Every festival you go to you always meet new people,” Kimberly Carpenter, a junior intelligence analysis major, said. “Being in the crowd and having the same love and being able to connect with people who understand it is just something you don’t get with other clubs.”

Carpenter says even though the EDM fan base is spread all over the world and it’s easy to meet new people at festivals, it’s nice to have a group at school that also loves the same music. The connections members have made with each other have created a sense of community that will drive the club as it continues to grow.

“It’s beginning to be a second family to me,” Carpenter said. “I just always feel welcomed. These are people that share the same love of music as you.”

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**Electric feel**

JMU’s EDM club promotes community through pulsing beats and charity work

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The highly anticipated Queen biopic “Bohemian Rhapsody” comes to Harrisonburg this weekend. Throw on your yellow jackets and head to Regal to grab your tickets. It’s guaranteed to blow your mind. The first showtime is 7 p.m. Thursday.

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Did you know Jack Black has a band? Neither did we. Black’s comedy rock band Tenacious D has a new album called “Post-Apocalypto” coming out Friday.

**Editors’ pick**

Even though it’s starting to cool off outside, it’s always acai-bowl season in our eyes. PULP on South Main Street packs its bowls to the brim. We recommend The Short Mountain or customizing your own.

**The beat**

This weekend’s best in arts and entertainment

Rami Malek stars as rock and roll legend Freddie Mercury in "Bohemian Rhapsody."
Behind the purple polo

Student Ambassadors share their favorite tour guide stories

By HANNAH LONG
contributing writer

Students usually tour a school’s campus between junior and senior year in high school. At JMU, that tour is under the spirited guidance of the Student Ambassadors. Between being in SA and giving an average of eight tours per semester, tour guides are bound to have a great tour story. For Colleen Coleman, senior communications major, one of her most memorable tour stories blossomed from something she did on a whim. That special something proved to be as memorable to the prospective Dukes as it was to her.

Coleman and her tour group were walking down the stairs near D-Hall when she saw a bunch of dandelions and suggested to everyone to take a second, pick a dandelion and then make a wish. She wanted to do something to make her tour memorable and thought this was a sweet and spontaneous way to do so.

She mentioned she became an Orientation Peer Adviser the summer following the dandelion tour. Coleman recognized some of the now-committed students and to her surprise, they recognized her too.

“I had a parent and a student come up to me and they were like, ‘You were our tour guide! You were the one who made us make a wish on the dandelion and we never forgot that. You showed us not only how great JMU was, but how the people actually care about one another’s experiences here,’ Coleman said. “I got to kind of see that full circle of parents and students having been very impacted by me giving them a tour.”

Another student ambassador, Kaitlyn Ahrweiler, a junior business management major, also has a memorable story from one of her tours. Her story came from the day ESPN’s College Game Day came to campus in 2017, which was already a busy and exciting day to begin with. After spending all night on the Quad to watch the start of the show and have the chance of making it on television, Ahrweiler gave two tours to prospective freshmen because she wanted to see the excitement on their faces.

“The tours I gave that day were absolutely outstanding. I had people at the end of it who were like, ‘Oh my gosh, I’m going here,’ Ahrweiler said. “But I had to tell them it’s important to know our college isn’t like this ALL the time.”

Despite the craziness of it all, her potential future Dukes got to see the strong school spirit invested here. She’d never heard so many people yell “Duuuuukes” in return.

“I counted and it was like, 20 to 23 times that people yelled that at us. Typically, we’re lucky if people yell it once or twice on our tours. Everyone was so smile-y and so happy and the spirit was so high,” Ahrweiler said.

Other student ambassadors have more sentimental stories from their past tours. For Mikayla Dukes, a sophomore political science major, her most memorable moment came from a CHOICES tour where it was just her and one family getting to see JMU together.

Dukes recalled how her tour was just her, a mother and her daughter. She was able to show them JMU in a very personal way. She noted the intimacy of the tour and how she got to show them sides of JMU they wouldn’t necessarily get to see if they were on a larger group tour. Dukes felt as though she was able to show them how special JMU was to her in hopes the prospective student would feel the same.

“When I finished with my ‘Why JMU’ story on the Quad, the mom just started crying and she said, ‘This is somewhere where I want my daughter to be.’ I was really just in awe. It was just a great experience overall,” Dukes said.

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Researchers and believers of Bigfoot elaborate on their findings of the so-called mythical creature

Unnatural structures (left) and footprints the size of hunting knives (middle) are just two pieces of evidence Benoit has found to prove the existence of sasquatches.

Encounters like Martlock’s husband’s are common among Bigfoot researchers and believers. Although they may not physically see a sasquatch in the moment, the evidence of what could be pushes them forward.

There is no consensus in the sasquatch-research community about where Bigfoot came from. Some believe sasquatches are alien researchers from space. Benoit’s approach likens the creatures to primates with habits that are similar to bears and cats.

“Cats, when they get sick and ill, there’s a time where they’ve been known to go off on their own in peace to die off,” Benoit said. “Cats do that. Bears I believe do the very same thing. Question is, is Sasquatch doing it? There’s a possibility.”

While sasquatches seem to be elusive, Fred Kanney, 59, who runs the Virginia Mountain Bigfoot Research Organization in Augusta County, says he actually sees the creatures on his property almost every day. Kanney and his wife have named the sasquatches around their home and try to communicate with them in ancient Cherokee dialect, which they believe the creatures use to communicate.

Kanney believes sasquatches migrate like many other animals but ultimately return to where they were born to give birth to their children. He asserts that juvenile sasquatches are curious and taught by their parents to be elusive.

Benoit admits that at this point his belief in the existence of sasquatches is just that: a belief. Regardless, he spends his free time, sometimes 20 hours a week, in the wilderness casting footprints, scouting for stick formations and documenting discoveries on a research blog. The hope is that one day these clues will lead researchers to more profound evidence that scientists cannot dispute.

“Going out in the woods doesn’t guarantee a sighting,” Benoit said. “It doesn’t guarantee you finding enough evidence to believe. But I’ll tell you what, if you’re out there enough and you take your time observing, there is evidence out there.”

For further reading, find the extended version of this article online at breezejmu.org.

by alexis miller
the breeze

their headlamps beamed through the darkness, reflecting off the deer’s eyes and metal wilderness signs along the path. Six campers in Augusta County were hiking the mile-long trek back to their campsite around midnight. Daniel Benoit, who led the pack, was suddenly distracted by a reflection — what he thought was a metal sign — off to the left.

He then realized the reflection was blinking. The group huddled around and watched as three pairs of large, bright yellow eyes shined stared back. The first appeared to be four feet tall. The others, six and eight. After a few silent moments, the tallest of the group turned, took a step to the side and looked back at the campers before the three creatures disappeared into the forest.

“What I saw, I will tell you, it was not no bear,” Benoit said, remembering the May 3, 2014, event. He believes it could’ve been Bigfoot.

Benoit, 38, founder of the East Coast Bigfoot Research Organization, started his research eight years ago after watching a documentary that supported the existence of the elusive sasquatches. It wasn’t until after the start of his research that he would actually encounter the three creatures in the woods.

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In the meantime, Benoit holds events and posts online articles and videos about his discoveries to educate the community on the beliefs of ECBRO.

These seminars allow for open discussion with the audience about their encounters. On Oct. 5, Laura Martlock, owner of Wildwood Farm in Swoope, attended one of Benoit’s Bigfoot seminars at the Waynesboro Public Library. She spoke about a situation her husband had experienced 10 years prior in Augusta County after clearing several miles of a walking trail.

“One of the pines that was not broken when he went out, was snapped off clean near the top, about five or six feet up,” Martlock said. “There’s all these other pines all around it and it was laid over in the trail, which he would have noticed when he went out.”

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LATEST SCORE
Win vs. Stony Brook 13-10
NEXT GAME
Saturday @ New Hampshire

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK
Kyndel Dean — 4 catches, 45 yards and 1 TD
DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK
Dimitri Holloway — 4 solo tackles, 14 assisted

Men's soccer
(11-4-2, 6-2 CAA)
LATEST SCORE
Loss vs. Elon 1-0
NEXT GAME
Nov. 9 vs. Delaware/William & Mary
PLAYER OF THE WEEK
Manuel Ferriol — 2 shots, 1 shot on goal

Women's soccer
(11-7-1, 7-1-1 CAA)
LATEST SCORE
Win vs. Charleston 2-1
NEXT GAME
Saturday vs. Hofstra
PLAYER OF THE WEEK
Hannah McShea — 1 shutout, 2 saves

Field hockey
(6-11, 2-4 CAA)
LATEST SCORE
Loss vs. William & Mary 4-5
NEXT GAME
Friday at Delaware
PLAYER OF THE WEEK
Corey Mayer — 6 shots, 1 goal

Volleyball
(18-5, 10-2 CAA)
LATEST SCORE
Loss at UNCW 3-1
NEXT GAME
Friday vs. William & Mary
PLAYER OF THE WEEK
M’Kaela White — 29 kills, 8 blocks

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Who let the students out?
JMU Nation has adopted tradition of leaving football games early even if score is close

By GRAYSON HEFLIN
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For years, students at JMU have shown a tendency to leave football games well before the fourth quarter comes to an end. There’s no absence of streamers after the first score, and there’s always a lot of energy early on in the game, but that energy isn’t consistent throughout the whole game and starts to sputter around halftime.

“It’s something that you know even if you don’t go to a lot of games’ senior communication sciences and disorders major Anna Cho said when asked about students leaving at halftime.

“I guess if we’re doing really, really well in the first half, people are like, “There’s no point, we’re going to win anyway.”

Other students have the mindset that Cho is referring to. Assuming JMU will win big against the first team, and there’s always a lot of energy early on in the game, but that energy isn’t consistent throughout the whole game and starts to sputter around halftime.

“We’ve also had many games over the years that haven’t been competitive in the fourth quarter, Warner said. “The challenge is to get your team to stay on the field… because, I think, together, our fans and our players make a pretty good combination.”

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FOUR DOWNS
OF THE WEEK
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1. The Wildcat’s claw

A number of close contests between JMU and New Hampshire lead into what should be a thrilling, hard-hitting clash between two well-established programs. Although the Wildcats haven’t had the season they expected, the same could be said for a JMU team that’s lost as many games this year as it did in 2016 and 2017 combined.

While their records or rankings may not be close ahead of Week 10, both sides know this will be a classic game in Wildcat Stadium. The schools have built their programs around classic football, and head coach Sean McDonnell sees the same JMU team as seasons past.

“Same formula,” McDonnell said. “They’re going to play great defense.”

JMU has gotten terrific play from all three phases of its defense. With a strong front seven and secondary, it’s tough to expose any one part of their unit.

“It starts up front with their front four,” McDonnell said. “Their linebackers — [Dimitri] Holloway is playing extremely well — and then you go to the back half, man. Between Jimmy Moreland, Curtis Oliver, D’Angelo Amos, you’re talking about guys that are very long, athletic and cover people up.”

For a New Hampshire team hoping to string along a series of games with offensive success, it’ll have its work cut out for it vs. JMU.

2. Houston’s headset

A slow start after a series of derailing injuries handicapped what could’ve been a tremendous season for the Wildcats. Now, as the team nears full health and more consistent play, it’s returning closer to the program everyone thought it would be before the season commenced.

With star senior quarterback Trevor Knight improving each week, he’s reintegrated into the offensive flow. A team with nine strong returning starters on defense, JMU is prepared for yet another physical battle on Saturday.

“They’ve got a lot of experience,” head coach Mike Houston said. “They’re playing extremely physical up front ... and they’re playing what we expect from a New Hampshire football team.”

The team itself isn’t the only challenge for JMU this week. The Dukes have a 4-5 record in Wildcat Stadium all time, and almost blew a 42-12 lead in the final 10 minutes of their 2016 matchup.

“It’s a place that’s very tough to win at,” Houston said. “They’ve had a couple of extremely long winning streaks at home over the years. It’s a challenging place to play.”

The environment, mixed in with the recent success from New Hampshire’s program, should keep the Dukes on their toes. They’ve never been a team to underestimate opponents, so it’ll be tough to catch JMU off guard.

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**Dig deep**

Her ginger ponytail flounces behind her every time she dives after the ball, eliciting cheers and whoops from the Sinclair Gymnasium crowd with each save. Junior libero Sarah Driscoll, affectionately known as “Drizzy,” is everywhere on the court. Spectators could be fooled into thinking she has an identical twin.

But she doesn’t have a secret twin. What Driscoll has is grit, intensity and the focus to attack every play to the fullest. It’s made her a two-time CAA Defensive Player of the Week, and most importantly, a two-time CAA champion. Driscoll is having the best season in her collegiate career. She’s seen action in all 21 matches and has double-digit digs in 20 of them. Against Elon and VCU, she tallied career-highs in assists and digs at eight and 34, respectively.

Driscoll isn’t the only one who contributes to the team’s defense — it starts with the blockers forcing opposing hitters into tough shots — but her passing is key to the team’s success. She’s seen action in all 21 matches and has double-digit digs in 20 of them. Against Elon and VCU, she tallied career-highs in assists and digs at eight and 34, respectively.

Driscoll isn’t the only one who contributes to the team’s defense — it starts with the blockers forcing opposing hitters into tough shots — but her passing is key to the team’s success. When Driscoll is on the floor, the Dukes play with confidence knowing that she’ll save them from any mistakes they may make.

“I think she’s great to have back there,” junior outside hitter Briley Brind’Amour said. “She instills a lot of confidence in us when we’re swinging. I know she’s behind me and she wants me to swing. She’s like, ‘No, I’ll cover you, I have you,’ which instills confidence in us. To know she’s back there and wants us to do well is great.”

Despite her skill at her position, Driscoll didn’t originally want to be a libero. While she’s played every position in volleyball, she’s most fond of setting. However, at 5 feet, 5 inches, Driscoll lacks the height most teams look for in their setters.

“I was really into setting, so I’m still into setting,” Driscoll said. “I envy Sarah [Martin], Tibie [Yagiloglu], Amy [Gotschling] and Rebecca [Frye]. I think they’re so cool. If I was tall, I think I’d be a setter for sure.”

Driscoll may long to be a setter, but she’s flourished as the libero. However, she maintains that she’s still vying for the setters’ position.

While she’s played many sports in her life — track, gymnastics and basketball among them — volleyball is the one Driscoll loves most. It’s all she talks about with her roommate and teammate Martin. She thanks her mother Lisa, who played volleyball at Mount St. Joseph, for getting her into the sport.

Both Driscoll and middle blocker M’Kaela White switched from basketball to volleyball for the same reason: they hated running. In Driscoll’s case, her high school was highly competitive in both sports, forcing her to choose one.

“I never knew it, but [my mom] would talk to my dad and be like, ‘Oh, I think she’s really good at volleyball compared to basketball,’” Driscoll said. “I think in a way she pushed me to play volleyball, but I’m glad she did.”

She began playing her sophomore year of high school. Driscoll may have started the sport late, but her starting role on a CAA championship team belies her obvious aptitude. As big as her role is on the court, her importance to her teammates off the court shouldn’t be underestimated.

“She has a very bubbly personality,” White said. “Very easy to talk to. Such a goodball. Always laughing and stuff like that. Playing with that, I think, is really good.”

Driscoll’s vivacious personality is apparent in everything she does, from her ritual high-fives before matches to her cheers and celebrations. While everyone is important in their volleyball family, Driscoll has carved a spot in it that’s uniquely her own. She’s the zany and fun one and her high-octane personality has created many memorable stories.

“One time, she decided to make bacon but left it on the stove,” Brind’Amour said. “She goes to make bacon, runs upstairs, leaves it, smokes the whole house up with bacon-smell.”

While she still has time left at JMU, Driscoll has big ideas for post-college life. She plans on romping around the globe.

“I’m going to get my master’s here for education and then I think I’m going to take some time and travel abroad,” Driscoll said. “Maybe teach at an abroad program in Europe, and then come back and get my Ph.D. at University of Michigan.”

With her remaining time at JMU, Driscoll wishes to raise the bar for the volleyball program to historical heights, leaving an enduring legacy for all the players who will one day wear the purple and gold. With two championships already and a potential three-peat on the horizon, Drizzy looks to be doing just that.

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3. Players’ perspective

Heading into the final stretch of regular-season play, a team's need to perform is at an all-time high. If programs can get the ball rolling in November, it carries necessary momentum into the postseason. For the Dukes, their mantra is, “They remember teams that play well in November.”

“It’s just one of those situations where you’ve got to lock in even more than you did at the beginning of the season,” redshirt junior linebacker Dimitri Holloway said. “Every week you’ve got to prepare the same way, but you’ve got to know that they remember November.”

As the team prepares for raised stakes in colder weather, the offensive unit is hoping to leave some of its early-season woes in September and October. After explosive offenses in 2016 and 2017, the team has been held to less than three offensive touchdowns in five of the Dukes' eight games. A full game of consistent offensive play can add another level to an already strong JMU team.

“There’s things that we’ve done where we’ve definitely hurt ourselves,” redshirt junior tight end Mack Cullen said. “There’s a lot of little things that I think we can fix. It’s a good thing that we can fix it now before the playoffs.”

The offense will get a fair shot against a New Hampshire defense that allows over 312 offensive yards and 40.63 points per game.

4. Blake’s take

JMU gets back on the road in a tough environment against a much different New Hampshire team. The Wildcats began the season projected to finish second in the conference, but it fell apart after injuries to Knight. Now that he’s returned to the lineup, the offense is regaining some of the potential everyone projected in the preseason and picked up a convincing 34-0 win over Villanova last week.

While fans may feel like the sky is falling around JMU football after narrow wins and its loss to Elon, this team is just fine. November is when this team has picked up steam over the last few years, and getting a quick start in New Hampshire should really get things going as the Dukes gear up for the postseason.

Teams have scored 30 points or more on New Hampshire's defense six different times this season, a positive sign for a JMU offense that really could use a full game of consistency. On the other side, JMU’s defense is as good as it’s been this year with a lethal duo at linebacker. This team will spark just at the right time, and wins up north, 35-16.

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