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Fifty-six years ago, a red 1964 Porsche 356 SC Coupe rolled off an assembly line somewhere in a factory in Europe. One year ago, Shannon Kennedy, a retired college professor and businessman from Charlottesville, Virginia, bought this same Porsche located in central Virginia. When he first purchased the car, it was merely a shell, but in time, it would be restored to its original condition.

The restoration was carried out by JMU’s Madison Automotive Apprentice Program. With help from MAAP advocate Matt Flint, they hooked a car trailer up to his truck and drove the car down to Boca Raton, Florida, for the annual 2019 Porsche Parade. It won Best in Show and Best in Class in the Concours Full Restoration event. The Porsche earned a score of 299 out of a possible 300.

"The car was all together many years ago, but when we got it, it had been abandoned, so it had already been disassembled, which makes it a little more difficult," Cole Scrogham, founder and CEO of MAAP, said. "It had just been painted. It was just a bare, painted shell."

Kennedy said the restoration took approximately nine months. To get the car ready for the show — his initial goal — the car had to be in the exact same condition it was when it came off the assembly line over five decades ago. This means the car had to have all the same details, from the engine to the glove box.

"There was a lot of discovery," Kennedy said. "When you get a car like this that's entirely in pieces, you don't know what pieces function. You don't know what pieces actually fit the car or don’t fit the car, and you don’t know what else you’re going to need."

After purchasing his first Porsche, Kennedy became intrigued with the brand. This passion is what prompted him to buy and restore the 1964 car, as he wanted to better understand the brand from an engineering perspective. Kennedy is a member of the Shenandoah Porsche Club of America — one of the regional organizations associated with the Porsche Club of America. Through Shenandoah PCA, Kennedy discovered MAAP, and since the Porsche was from central Virginia, MAAP took the opportunity to work on it.

Scrogham, who graduated from JMU in 1990 and earned his Master’s Degree from the university in 2016, built the engine for the Porsche and is an “expert” on the brand, Kennedy said. Scrogham has written two books on the Porsche engine, and he’s been nationally and internationally recognized in the field.

"Since I found out that one of the best-known experts on the brand — and on this car in particular — was located so close to me, it was a great opportunity for me to participate in the restoration and to know that it’s going to get done well, but also get to participate it in as much as I could as it’s getting built instead of just shipping it off to California or shipping it off wherever," Kennedy said. "It was right next door."

Apart from building the car from almost nothing, there were pieces in the original model that were no longer manufactured. This required those working on the car to research who produced the piece and then search for or replicate the pieces. In one case, the headliners — the layers of material that cover the ceiling of a vehicle — needed for the restored Porsche were no longer made. In turn, MAAP and Scrogham had to decide whether to put in a headliner that looked like the missing piece from the original model.
or travel to Europe to get it made. The team did the latter.

“We tried to be as completely authentic on the car as possible, which took a lot more time and money invested in the car, but when it came out, you have a product that historically is correct, and that’s what our goal was,” Kennedy said. “It’s all in the details for these cars.”

MAAP lowered the costs of labor for Kennedy and said the cost of labor at another shop would be “really expensive” compared to MAAP.

There were a total of eight people working on the restoration, including five student interns, Scrogham said. Scrogham was a graduate student himself when he started MAAP four years ago.

“The biggest takeaway is just for the students understanding how complex and time-consuming these big projects are,” Scrogham said. “How hard it is to get them over the finish line and actually put all of the pieces they’ve been working on together and make it all work. It’s a pretty big task.”

Although conversations with former JMU President Lin Rose for years ago is how Scrogham first initiated MAAP, the organization actually began around 18 months ago. The win in Boca Raton this past July is not the only award a MAAP project has received.

“A group of motorsport interns just went to an event at a race track and finished third with one of our cars, so we’ve got a lot of different things going on, not just restoration,” Scrogham said. “We’re rolling.”

Jordan Pax, a junior engineering major, is an intern for MAAP. Pax worked on the restored Porsche during its final months of restoration, and he said this was the biggest project he’s been a part of.

“I’ve always loved cars like that,” Pax said. “I used to have an old Beetle myself, a little Volkswagen. Just working on cars like that is super incredible. I had a lot of mentorship from Cole Scrogham and his son Michael as well. I got to learn a whole bunch of little things I never knew before.”

Like Kennedy, Pax noticed that some of the hardest work was in the details. He said that surprised him, but in the end, he could tell it made a huge difference.

“It was just really cool knowing that all the hard work I put into that actually won multiple prizes,” Pax said.

Pax became involved with MAAP by “just showing up and helping out” for a few months until he was eventually offered an internship at the end of his sophomore year. Pax said he’s eager to continue to work on the Porsche to where Kennedy can drive it in a reliable and comfortable way.

“I hope the students at JMU take advantage of this opportunity,” Kennedy said. “Had this been at my college, I would have had a hard time staying away from it when I was going to school. It’s an extraordinary thing. To me, it’s an equivalent to having somebody that is nationally recognized in any academic field.”

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JMU's comprehensive fee one of highest in Virginia

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The Breeze

For all public four-year institutions in Virginia, a segment of tuition goes toward a mandatory non-educational and general fee, or as JMU calls it — the comprehensive fee. JMU's comprehensive fee is one of the highest non-E&G fees in the state, but it allows the university to construct, renovate and provide high-quality and high-tech infrastructure.

Other institutions about the size of JMU, like Virginia Tech and George Mason University, have significantly lower mandatory non-E&G fees. VT's is $2,096, and GMU's is $3,504, while JMU's sits at $4,956. JMU's fee has six categories where money is allocated. The fee goes toward non-academic auxiliaries, excluding room and board.

The largest component is athletics, which takes up $2,058 per student, and the second largest is for maintaining and operating non-academic facilities at $883 per person. JMU has the fifth highest comprehensive fee — or mandatory non-E&G fee — in Virginia, but King argues that schools with fewer funds going toward this fee don’t have the same quality facilities or services. With JMU’s $619 million budget, only one-third of the funds come from taxpayers. This 29.9% is allocated toward academic instruction, education and general programs — not including auxiliaries like student health services and athletics.

In 2017-18, out of the 15 state-supported institutions in Virginia, JMU receives the least amount of funding from the state.

"The biggest problem we’ve had is over the past 20 years, we’ve grown tremendously, and we grew during a period of time the state wasn’t able to fund us like their formulas said they were, and we just kept on growing and doing it ourselves," Charlie King, senior vice president of administration and finance, said.

While King acknowledges that not everyone benefits from certain activities like athletics, he said it’s important for everyone to pay the same amount toward one fee rather than people picking what their money goes toward.

"It’s a comprehensive fee for a reason," King said. "It’s not an athletic fee, or a bus fee or a parking fee. It’s one fee, and it’s because we can provide a better package that way when we combine it all together."

Virginia four-year public institutions with highest non-educational and general fees for 2019-20

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Despite lack of funding from the Commonwealth, JMU allocates funds from the comprehensive fee to create and maintain non-academic facilities and resources on campus.

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Diane Stamp, assistant vice president for the office of budget management, said the comprehensive fee is “self-supporting,” meaning all funds allocated from the fee cover all expenses not related to academics, such as salaries. While the cost of JMU’s tuition didn’t increase for the 2019-20 academic year, the comprehensive fee was raised by $190 to account for the 3% raise given to all JMU employees in July.

“The revenue that comes in has to pay for everything,” Stamp said. “Not only debt service, but salaries for our staff,” Stamp said. “If there’s a state increase, everybody’s a state employee. That goes to our salaries; the comprehensive fee has to support that.”

JMU places high importance on the comprehensive fee because of the resources it provides to the community. Bill Wyatt, the university spokesman, said that having access to high-quality facilities like UREC and the University Health Center is crucial.

“The quality of the student services we provide, that’s a commitment from the university,” Wyatt said. “You know, we believe as a university that those services are just as important for a student’s success as, you know, being successful in the classroom.”

Compared to other college campuses in Virginia, King and Wyatt agree that JMU takes pride in its “private” feel, meaning that even though the university has about 21,000 students, its campus still has an intimate atmosphere.

“When we put an emphasis on student services, it always makes that difference,” King said. “And this is a long-standing tradition at this institution.”

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**Breakdown of JMU’s comprehensive fee:**

- **ATHLETICS:** $2,058
- **FACILITIES:** $883
- **AUXILIARY SERVICES:** $844
- **STUDENT ACTIVITY:** $800
- **HEALTH SERVICES:** $281
- **TRANSPORTATION:** $90

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Multi-award winning transit driver is passionate about connecting with her passengers in Harrisonburg, like her school bus driver as a kid

Robin Short was inspired to apply for her first transit job because of the impression left by her sixth-grade school bus driver, a man named A.J. who took the time to connect with the children he drove to school every day. For 50 cents in the morning, a cold soda would be waiting for her in the afternoon, and A.J. played music on request.

Decades later, now working as a transit operator and trainer for the Harrisonburg Department of Public Transportation, Short was recognized in 2019 as one of the top operators in the nation.

Short won second place in the van division of the 2019 national competition organized by the Community Transportation Association of America. But this is far from the first honor Short has received since beginning her career at HDPT in 2006, starting as a school bus driver for Harrisonburg City Schools.

In 2016, Short first qualified to represent HDPT at the national level while competing against other transit operators. In that year alone, Short made history when she won the Rookie of the Year 2016 award, placed 1st in the van division and subsequently became the Otis Reed Driver of the Year, as the competitor with the largest winning margin. After 27 years of CTAA competitions, Short was the first to win all three awards at one time, and she became the second woman to win the Otis Reed award.

“I’m not the type of person that really toots my own horn,” Short said. “I’m happy for my accomplishments, but I think they show off more of what we do here in training and safety, and how we develop our drivers.”

In the following three years, Short continued to qualify for nationals at the state level, and then placed nationally in the van division. She placed first in 2017, seventh in 2018 and second in 2019. For Short, participating in these competitions — called rodeos — is her chance to help HDPT showcase the best of the department and to continue supporting the community of operators fostered by the competitions.

Short credits her four-year streak of success in these rodeos to the training of HDPT operators and the department’s primary priorities: safety and customer service.

“We put such a focus here on our training,” Short said. “We go by the motto of ‘Safety, Customer Service and then the Schedule.’ A lot of people don’t understand what all that entails. If you’re not driving one of our vehicles safely, then you’re going to hurt somebody. If you’re not giving your passengers the best customer service that you can give them, it doesn’t matter if you get them there on time.”

HDPT is proud to be producing drivers that are recognized on the national level for their skills in safety procedures, said Avery Daughterty, transit superintendent for the city of Harrisonburg. Such high placements in national rodeos highlight the quality of training that each operator receives.

“We’re just very proud, obviously, of Robin’s accomplishments in this competition,” Daughterty said. “And for the city, I think we’re most proud because we’re not doing our jobs if we’re not putting the safest transportation option out there.”

Community is a large part of the transit department’s focus — a value Short represents with her daily effort to have meaningful interactions with the people she serves as a transit operator. As a Harrisonburg resident, she aims to make lasting connections with the community she works and lives within a priority for HDPT operators.

“I think it’s a big value to have people in the community working for that community and serving that community,” Daughterty said.

When she had the chance to drive a school bus for the city, Short was determined to leave just as much of a positive impact on the students she worked with. After four years working as a school bus driver, Short transitioned into her career as a transit operator for city and JMU campus routes.

Her focus shifted to her preferred division: working in paratransit, where she works with riders with limited mobility and who often need a greater amount of care and human connection, said Short. She finds that the most rewarding part of working in transit is the opportunity to provide her customers with the best possible customer service.

“You see all the different kinds of buses we have out in the yard, and things are constantly coming in and out,” Michael Parks, director of communications for the city of Harrisonburg, said. “It’s a real testament to our operators here, and to the staff, that you have people that can go from driving a school bus for kindergarteners to later that night, picking up kids at JMU or serving residents throughout the city.”

For Short, it’s the city’s unique quality of training and focus on safety and customer service that has led to her rodeo wins. She believes every transit operator in Harrisonburg has the potential for the same success.

“Bringing home a trophy is nice,” Short said. “But when you can stand and love the job that you’re doing, see the impact that it’s making on not only the city but even JMU. At the end of the day, when I clock out and know that I’ve done the best I could … that, to me, is the most important part.”

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There are 135,973 living JMU Alumni through May 2018.

Alumni by County

A common misconception is the JMU Alumni Association (JMUA) is only for Dukes who have graduated. But the reality is, even as a first-year student, it is never too early to start planning for your future. JMU Nation is made up of over 136,000 alumni located worldwide and one thing about JMU Alumni is that they LOVE helping out and connecting with fellow Dukes. The JMUA serves as the gateway for students to access the invaluable resource that is the JMU Nation.

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From someone who already has a bunch of homework and a still barren apartment.

An “God-bless-you” pat to the girl who saved her parking space for me.

From someone who’s already stressed out about JMU parking again.

An “are-you-kidding-me” dart to JMU for no longer recycling No. 1 and 2 plastics.

From an unabashed tree-hugger who hopes you are at least negotiating with dining & vending services to decrease/end the sale/use of single-use plastic on campus.

An “it’s-good-to-be-back” pat to JMU and all my friends here.

From someone who was severely missing her friends.

Humans are obsessed with the unknown. They pour over murder mystery books, investigative TV series, conspiracy theories and the possibility of extraterrestrial life. Most recently, the latter two have gained serious social media attention.

A well-known conspiracy theory reports that the Nevada Test and Training Range, otherwise known as Area 51, is home to some of the government’s darkest secrets, including aliens. People want to find out if they’re real so badly they’re willing to storm the Air Force base. Here’s why that shouldn’t happen.

The theories around Area 51 began around the time of the infamous Roswell UFO sighting. After that event, outsiders believed the new technology being tested at the Nevada site was developed with the help of the remains from the supposed Roswell crash as well as possible alien intelligence and maybe even live aliens.

The most recent buzz around this conspiracy came just a little while ago when someone began a Facebook event called, “Storm Area 51, They Can’t Stop Us All” with the intention of rallying a group of people to storm Area 51. The event is scheduled to take place on Friday, September 20, at 3 a.m. PST, and over 1.9 million people have said they are “going.”

What started as an obvious joke — the description reads, “We will all meet up at the Area 51 Alien Center tourist attraction and coordinate our entry. If we Naruto run, we can move faster than their bullets. Let’s see them aliens” — caught the attention of the U.S. Air Force. There are many reasons to not take part in this meme, but these are just a few.

Reason 1: It’s actually incredibly dangerous. From cameras to sensors in the road and most importantly, armed military guards, serious injury or even death is a strong possibility after disregarding the “No Trespassing” signs. A man was recently shot dead this past January for the raid to go on, and the military is sure to be on high alert on September 20. Better stay put and search for aliens elsewhere.

Reason 3: Even if there were UFOs, you probably wouldn’t be able to find them. Even the people who work there don’t roll up to the front gate and type in their code. A private commuter airline transports employees from the Las Vegas McCarran Airport to their place of work. Try navigating the desert terrain in the dead of night as the event touts it will — not smart.

Reason 4: The U.S. Air Force is literally telling people not to. Spokespeople from the base have spoken to various news outlets warning people against the raid. Laura Andrews, an Air Force spokeswoman, said to The Washington Post, “The U.S. Air Force always stands ready to protect America and its assets.”

If these aren’t enough reasons to dissuade people from going, take it from the creator of the event, who said, “P.S. Hello US government, this is a joke, and I do not actually intend to go ahead with this plan.”

Despite all this, some people may still expect the raid to go on, and the military is sure to be on high alert on September 20. Better stay put and search for aliens elsewhere.

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More people should test themselves for allergies

Josie Haneklau

America is home to more than 50 million allergy sufferers. Of these millions of people, anyone can testify to just how annoying — and even painful — allergy symptoms can be. Constant sneezing, dealing with a runny nose and never being able to scratch a persistent itchy throat are just a few miserable results of environmental allergies. However, many other allergy symptoms come in more obscure forms that aren’t often seen as being allergy-related, like fatigue, behavioral issues and headaches. Many Americans may be unknowingly suffering from something that’s quite simple to test and treat.

Suffering from allergies leads to lifestyle limitations at varying levels of intensity. Some people may feel fatigued after a long day outdoors because of these allergies, while others may not even be able to step outside for an hour without having a reaction. An article published by ABC demonstrates the severity of some sufferers’ reactions who have difficulty leaving their homes, saying, “How to beat your allergies and get outside.” No matter how severe, unwanted lifestyle changes can be relieved through diagnosis and treatment.

The relief that comes from alleviating allergies can be life-changing for many patients. After a “positive” allergy testing, doctors can prescribe medication, recommend an over-the-counter medicine or even suggest a more intense treatment like allergy shots, which eliminate life-long allergies for many users. Through allergy testing, patients can even discover a food allergy or be diagnosed as asthmatic, a condition commonly tied to allergies. Whatever the case, it’s important to receive a doctor’s exam prior to allergy testing so they can help decipher what should be tested for in relation to the patient’s symptoms and how to best help the patient through treatment.

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Some think J.K. Rowling’s Harry Potter franchise is a global phenomenon that still garners the support of loyal fans to this day. The author of the Harry Potter series, J.K. Rowling, is the first person to become a billionaire from being a novelist. In 2011, the movie series was the highest-grossing film franchise ever. Her swift rise to fame has caused some to question how that would even be possible for one person to achieve, sparking the conspiracy that Rowling didn’t write the series.

Rowling was a poor and struggling single mother when she planned outlines for the books on napkins. Her rags-to-riches story inspires her readers and staunch supporters. Yet, some people find her story hard to believe. She wrote six hefty books that grossed a staggering 250 million in copies sold in the short span of 10 years. Through her success, Rowling became a household name in just a few years, even though she started without any notoriety. While her story may seem impossible, luck and timing can likely be attributed to her massive success.

Rowling got the idea for Harry Potter in 1990 when she was waiting on a delayed train to London’s King’s Cross Station. While living in Portugal, she continued writing stories about the boy who went to wizarding school. Rowling found herself living in Edinburgh, unemployed and on welfare. She brought her daughter Jessica to coffee shops where she began writing the books on a typewriter. The first book, “Harry Potter and the Philosopher’s Stone,” was picked up by a small publisher in 1995 after a round of rejections. The book appeared in print two years later with 500 copies released.

The book experienced great success – it sold 300,000 copies in two years in the U.K. and earned honors and recognition. Rowling then sold the book to Scholastic in the U.S. From there, her success gained speed as she accepted a seven-figure movie deal with Warner Bros. by 1998. Her fame spiked again in 2000 with the worldwide premiere of the fourth book. She wrote the 636 pages in just one year.
Fiction?

story is too good to be true

Her fast rise to success and quick pace of churning out books caught the attention of Norwegian film director Nina Grunfeld. Grunfeld sparked controversy by questioning whether Rowling truly wrote Harry Potter. She believed Rowling’s hopeful story was no more than a fabrication by major corporations looking to profit off the rags-to-riches story.

She argued that there was no way Rowling could’ve experienced this amount of success by coincidence, as the publishing and media industries had a rigid power structure that would make it impossible for Rowling to reach that level of fame. Her conspiracy theory claimed that a team of writers collaborated on the series and that Rowling herself is just an actress.

Other Norwegian publishers have refuted Grunfeld’s claims, pointing out that there are flaws in Rowling’s writing that prove she wrote the novels in a short period of time. While major corporations could probably pull off the elaborate lie, the history behind Rowling’s story is too convincing. There are numerous cafes in Edinburgh that publicize that Rowling worked on Harry Potter in their facilities, which would be hard to orchestrate among that many business owners. The complexity of Rowling’s novels may make it seem like multiple writers collaborated on the series, as the details of spells and rules to Quidditch are impressive and imaginative. Yet, readers can’t underestimate Rowling’s capabilities, as she did graduate from the University of Exeter, a prestigious and high-ranking university.

The one aspect of Rowling’s story that seems far-fetched is the publishing of her first book. It’s difficult to get published as an unknown author. While Rowling faced rejection before she got an offer, she still published her first book fairly quickly after she wrote it. In addition, she was published under a small publisher, so it seems unusual that she would’ve been able to get the exposure for her series to gain speed.

While Rowling’s small, humble beginning turned to international recognition may seem impossible, her big break can likely be attributed to her uniqueness in the publishing industry. Rowling created a series so beloved because of its originality. The conspiracy that she didn’t write Harry Potter is compelling, but her history was too specific to be fabricated.

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There can never be enough Southern comfort in this world — especially when it comes to sweet Southern comfort food.

Just a few months after opening one of Harrisonburg’s newest food trucks, Simmer Down has expanded to a brick-and-mortar building. Now, customers can stop by and enjoy Simmer Down’s fried green tomatoes at the business’ new location at Heritage Oaks Golf Course.

“It was a little bit of luck, a little bit of timing and it was the fact that we were ready to proceed to the next level so quickly,” part-owner Mason Muschalek said.

General manager William Randall took a leadership role in the deal and called it their “golden ticket.” In early June, Heritage Oaks asked Simmer Down to bring the food truck to their golf course. Randall went to the site to talk with the managers and worked out a deal where Simmer Down could lease the golf course’s available restaurant space and set up its second location.

Opening a second location would be out of the question without a new investor coming in. That new investor just happened to be Muschalek’s father, Pete Muschalek. After watching his son open Simmer Down food truck and witnessing how quickly it was able to expand, Pete was willing to invest.

“I see it as a risk because I know the restaurant business is pretty tough, and I know that he’s gonna have to pick up volume and sales to break even and start making money,” Pete said.

Pete wasn’t just convinced to invest because a second location was opening — it was also because of how he felt after trying the food. For him, people would pay for good food. The first thing he tried was the meatloaf sandwich and loaded fries, which he thought was “tasty and unique.”

Not only do the regular golfers who come to play at Heritage Oaks get to enjoy Simmer Down’s grilling and home-cooked food, but so do people in nearby neighborhoods and golfers from out of town.

Ryan Cherry, a golfer from Connecticut, recently played 50 rounds of golf in 50 states to raise awareness for the initiative Girls Golf Too. Heritage Oaks was stop No. 46. After completing his game, Cherry ordered a southwest chicken wrap, which Randall says is a fan-favorite dish.

“It was one of the best sandwiches I had on the whole trip,” Cherry said. “I went to all 50 states this summer playing golf, and it was definitely top five, maybe even the best.”

Most of the menu items are the same between the truck and the golf course location, including the meatloaf sandwich and philly cheesesteaks, but Heritage Oak’s location offers a full kitchen that allows for daily specials that can only be made at this site. Mason and Randall have plans to adapt the space inside the golf course into a farm-to-table setting by November.

Simmer Down continuously uses locally-sourced produce and is working toward using all eco-friendly utensils. They’re committed to giving back to the community and staying connected this way. Another way Mason is trying to be involved in the community is by being willing to sponsor clubs at JMU such as sports clubs, greek life and any other organization he could help, as well as continuing to give students a 10% discount just for showing their JACard.

Simmer Down’s vision for the future is to keep expanding and keep its quality. Mason eventually wants to franchise the business.

“I want to grow this brand that started in a small town in Virginia and have them all over the east coast and in Texas, where I’m from,” Mason said. “I know it’s big ambitions, but why not Simmer Down?”

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By CALEB BARBACHEM

The Breeze

Thirty-three acres of woodlands allow for nothing to do but drinking a cold beer and enjoying the view of Louisa County. However, these aren’t Bear Chase Brewing Company’s only distinctions.

Co-owners and JMU alumni Benji Farmery (’92) and Justin Rufo (’95) say their customer base keeps coming back for the brewery’s scenic area, friendliness and love for all things JMU being only two hours away from the university.

Bear Chase was originally intended to be a bed-and-breakfast or wedding venue, but Farmery said he and Rufo ran into some snags with the county, noting problems with the zoning attorney.

Despite these challenges, Rufo never doubted Bear Chase would succeed with the knowledge he gained in the College of Business.

“I had a really strong intuition that the endeavor was going to be successful,” Rufo said. “I had enough knowledge in the industry.”

Once the attorney suggested a brewery because it had fewer limitations on what could be done on the land — along with fewer permits required — Farmery and Rufo took off to work on their new vision.

The brewery’s name came from the previous landowners. After going through several names, the co-owners weren’t satisfied and sought council from the widow they bought the land from for permission to use the original name.

“She was thrilled, saying, ‘My husband would’ve loved this’,” Farmery said.

With the name settled, work continued on the brewery and lodge. Close to the brewery’s public opening, the team held a private event for 100 close friends and family. It quickly grew to around 350 people.

“It was a bit of an eye-opener,” Farmery said, “knowing that people would travel to support our businesses.”

The co-owners attribute this large turnout to their local ties and deep social networks from JMU and the Harrisonburg area through their primary jobs. Farmery works for Madison Hospitality, while Rufo is a technology sales executive for Federal Financials.

“I have a lot of deep relationships that were formed during my tenure at JMU that continue to this day to be rewarding to my life both professionally and personally,” Rufo said.

Bear Chase’s local ties also stem from farming. The brewery grows its own hops for a fresh local flavor, and it’s expanding its orchards for new products in the future.

While many breweries have a specialty brew, all of Bear Chase’s drinks are near-equals in popularity. Bear Chase always has 16 to 18 beers on tap, from blonde ale and lager to India Pale Ales (IPAs).

Having been open for less than a year, general manager Chris Suarez says every day is a new challenge.

“We’re still trying to figure out who we are,” Suarez said. “Every day, we come in and look at what we did yesterday and figure how we can do that better.”

Suarez works with the rest of the staff to improve their products and branding. Along with the many popular beers, Bear Chase recently obtained licenses to serve cider and wine, allowing them to expand to different palettes.

So far, the plan for the owners has been to improve themselves and keep their positive spirits. Farmery and Rufo’s JMU roots keep them near the Harrisonburg area, and they’re excited for JMU events. Suarez said he sees lots of JMU apparel on customers.

Rufo and Farmery believe the scenic venue gives families and local customers something to look forward to. Its friendly staff and proximity to JMU make Bear Chase feel like a home away from home for some, with the lodge helping to give a more literal sense to the feeling. The tasting areas keep everyone in close quarters, but just outside are plenty of spots for checking out views of the rolling hills and trees.

During Bear Chase’s short existence, it’s held some events that are near and dear to the owners’ hearts, including wedding parties and reunions. The brewery has also held a firefighter’s appreciation event where local firefighters came to the brewery, crafted their own beers and sold them for the proceeds to support several firehouses. Farmery is a fan of these JMU-related events — such as an upcoming event to welcome Dukes back to JMU and simultaneously celebrate their one year anniversary on Sept. 7 — and preparations for JMU football to play on their televisions. The co-owners enjoy giving back to the college community.

“We have been blessed with a venue that draws a lot of people,” Rufo said. “And we can do some good in some of these events where we’re raising funds. It’s really one of the most gratifying parts of our business, having the ability to do that.”

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It’s no surprise Disney World’s official tagline is “The Most Magical Place On Earth.” From the enchanting Cinderella Castle to Epcot’s futuristic Spaceship Earth, Disney World attracts people of all ages looking for an escape from reality. This year, a few Dukes got to become a part of that magic — all while earning college credit.

The Disney College Program offers college students around the world an opportunity to build their resumes and participate in coursework through a five- to seven-month paid internship. According to its website, the program teaches students real-world skills that’ll give them an advantage in the job market, such as teamwork, customer service, communication and problem-solving. Interns work during the day and take online classes to keep up with their workload on the side.

Megan Crosman is a senior hospitality major who went to Orlando for her second year in the program. Her love for Disney began at an early age, coming from a family who visits the park often. “My family’s been going to Disney ever since I was born,” Crosman said. “My parents actually started dating on their senior trip to Disneyland.”

Crosman worked at Hollywood Studios in the Animation Courtyard. She was a part of guest services for shows such as “Disney Junior Dance Party!” and “Voyage of the Little Mermaid.” She also conducted the pre-show safety procedures and controlling the crowd during performances. She said working for guest services helped her gain first-hand experience with her major and will help her when she applies to work for Disney Cruise Line in the future. In her past experience on a Disney cruise, she spoke to the manager of guest services in hopes of making a professional connection to use as a reference.

“The manager was asking what experience I had, and I said I did the Disney College Program… and she offered to give me a recommendation once I apply,” Crosman said. “So, it definitely has helped me, and I’m sure in the future, having [done] two programs, I’ll definitely get a lot of benefits from that.”

The perks that come with the internship are enticing. Crosman said she was granted free access to the parks and discounts on store merchandise. She was also able to go on days when it’s less crowded. One of her favorite memories is roaming around the park with her friends on a rainy day.

“Early in the day, my roommates and I had dressed up in cute dresses to go take pictures around the park. But then later in the day, it just started downpouring,” Crosman said. “All our makeup ran down our faces, and our dresses were soaked. But instead of being sad about it, we just started jumping in puddles and running around the parks that were empty because everybody decided to go home.”

Michelle Negley (’19) is a recent alumna who graduated with a degree in media arts and design. Having also worked in the Orlando program, Negley said she nonchalantly applied for the program one day but didn’t think much of it during that time. “I actually applied just because I thought it might be fun one day during class,” Cahlink wrote in an email. “I didn’t think I would get accepted my first time, so I wanted to apply early, so after senior year, I could get in.”

Cahlink was accepted but learned she wouldn’t be able to get a position performing, so she declined. Additionally, she wanted to stay on track for her degree and feared the internship would set her back. She plans to reapply after she graduates but wanted to give advice to those thinking about applying.

“One of the most helpful things was talking to people who did the program. I had friends there doing it,” Cahlink wrote. “I also joined many Facebook groups in which people could ask questions once they got accepted. The process for me was easy, and I want to reapply and attend post graduation.”

The interns said that overall, they thoroughly enjoyed their experiences as Dukes at Disney. Both Crosman and Negley hope to extend their work relationship with Disney — a testament to how much this internship has impacted them. They emphasized that getting to build their resumes and meet new people in a stimulating and fun environment was a once-in-a-lifetime experience and highly recommend the program to others.

“I get to meet other people with the same interests as me, but we all have different stories and everything from our jobs,” Crosman said. “I would definitely recommend doing the program at least once if you get the chance, just so you have that magical experience. It’s great for not only a fun time but also a good experience workwise.”

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**JMU football, Cignetti ready for challenge ahead at WVU**

By CATIE HARPER  
The Breeze

It’s been two decades since Curt Cignetti walked the streets of Morgantown, West Virginia. While JMU football fans anticipate the start of the 2019 season, the team’s head coach is preparing to make a trip back to the town and school where he spent most of his childhood and early adult life. WVU is Cignetti’s alma mater and where his father, Frank Cignetti, spent nine years of his coaching career from 1970 to 1979. From the time Cignetti was in third grade to when he walked the stage at his graduation from college, Morgantown was home.

“Honestly, to me, it won’t be any different in terms of how I prepare and how I feel,” Cignetti said. “What will probably be a little different for me is running out there in Morgantown — a place where I grew up.”

Along with Cignetti, the Dukes are eagerly awaiting their first game of the season. For the past month, they’ve been suiting up and facing off with teammates, and with Saturday quickly approaching, the Dukes’ mindset has switched to the task at hand — the Mountaineers.

Redshirt senior corner back Rashad Robinson is arguably one of the most excited players to get on the field come Saturday. The All-American hasn’t played in a game in almost two years after suffering a season-ending foot injury during last season’s fall camp.

“How excited? I’ll say about a 12,” Robinson said. “Me, personally, [I’m excited] just because I haven’t played, but I know the team is about at a 12. We’ve been working at it since January [through] summer workouts.”

Since ending fall camp early last week, JMU has been preparing for Saturday’s contest for over a week now. The Dukes have begun to look more at West Virginia’s film as the days get closer to kickoff.

Much like in Harrisonburg, there’s a new coaching staff in Morgantown. While there’s limited film showing what this staff has done at WVU — both schools have each other’s spring game tape — JMU has looked at film from Troy University, where WVU head coach Neal Brown previously coached, along with video on Maryland’s special teams, where Tyler Hancock was hired from to be WVU’s senior analyst (special teams).

“We get to finally put into perspective West Virginia,” redshirt senior defensive lineman Ron’Dell Carter said. “We put them into perspective, and now you get to play with them. You get to picture everything you’re going to do when the game comes.”

Awaiting the Dukes when they arrive at Milan Puskar Field on Saturday will be a sold-out crowd of 60,000 fans. While many will be donning Mountaineers’ blue and gold, the stands won’t be lacking purple and gold.

“JMU always travels well, so I know I can’t wait for that,” Robinson said. “Not too many people get to grow up and say they played in front of 60,000 people, and Morgantown has always been a fantastic place to play that I’ve heard. I’ve never been there, but it’s just a great opportunity for us as a team and JMU as a university.”

For many athletes on JMU’s roster, their experience playing against an FBS opponent is limited. While some have come to JMU from FBS programs, the overwhelming majority only experience an FBS program once a season.

To keep players calm — whether they’re new to the college football stage or just back for another season — Cignetti has worked to instill a mantra of playing every game and down like the score is tied.

“I think every team in America across the board is going to be excited for the first game,” Cignetti said. “There’s pregame jitters a lot of games — that’s normal. … We just want to go out there and do our thing and execute.”

In practice, JMU has tried to simulate games as much as possible to prepare its players for the real deal. There are first team vs. first team and second team vs. second team battles throughout practice, creating a game-like feeling, but to the players, it’s not the same as what they’ll face on a Saturday in the fall.

“At the end of the day, you’re going to have Week 1 jitters just because we have a chance to play in front of 60,000 people,” Robinson said. “Plus, it’s the first game of college football, so I feel like if you aren’t nervous, then something’s wrong with you.”

For now, the Dukes will wait, anxious and ready to get back into a game atmosphere. There are two days left until they take to Mountaineer Field and get another shot at an FBS program, hoping to improve on a 9-4 season last year.

“I can’t imagine what it’ll be like,” Carter said. “But, I can tell you one thing: that [we’re going] to be ready to compete.”

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Examining JMU football’s season-opener at West Virginia from all angles

BY NOAH ZIEGLER
The Breeze

The long, tiring and seemingly never-ending road known as the offseason is coming to a close. College football fans witnessed “Week Zero” on Saturday, but it was only a glimpse of the full football slate. For JMU, only a couple of days separate the Dukes from getting back onto the field and playing football again. Their first test, however, is Big 12 power West Virginia at Milan Puskar Stadium.

1. Unusual season starts with a test

Like JMU, West Virginia underwent a coaching transition in the offseason. Former head coach Dana Holgorsen resigned and accepted the same job at Houston, which led to the Mountaineers’ hiring of former Troy head coach Neal Brown.

Brown brings a new philosophy at a needed time. Former quarterback Will Grier is now in the NFL, and numerous players followed suit or left WVU. During his time at Troy, Brown established himself as one of the best up-and-coming coaches because of his offensive scheme.

One can expect Brown to utilize the air raid offense, but a flourishing offensive line will allow him to run the ball and open up the field. Redshirt junior quarterback Austin Kendall, a transfer from Oklahoma, got the nod for QB1 heading into Week One. In two seasons of play, Kendall appeared in six games, passing for 265 yards and three touchdowns. He hasn’t been able to prove himself as the main man at the college level, but his first test as the starter is a perennial FCS power.

What could prove a key factor in Saturday’s game is JMU’s experience vs. West Virginia’s inexperience. The Dukes will return 19 of 22 starters from 2018, and redshirt senior corner Rashad Robinson is making his way back to the gridiron.

“Probably [have] as much experience as any team I’ve lined up and played against as the main man at the college level, but his first test as the starter is a perennial FCS power.”

2. Special teams to play a critical role

One of JMU’s best features is its special teams prowess. Junior punter Harry O’Kelly provides a dynamic that gives Cignetti the ability to cause trickery. Redshirt junior kicker Ethan Ratke has established himself as a reliable kicker, meaning the offense has breathing room if it fails to convert scoring opportunities.

Brown, however, brings an impressive special teams background that Cignetti has put a lot of focus on in practice. In his final season at Troy, the Trojans boasted a 75.6 special teams efficiency — the highest in the country.

If JMU can prevent the mistakes on special teams that give WVU easy scoring chances, the Dukes can put themselves in a position to win.

Cignetti won’t be a stranger to the Milan Puskar atmosphere as JMU takes the field in Morgantown, West Virginia. His father, Frank Cignetti Sr., was the head coach at West Virginia from 1976 to 1979.

“When I was announced as the head coach and looked at the schedule and saw the opener, that definitely kind of caught my eye,” Cignetti said. “I haven’t been back in a long time. I think the last time was ’99 when I was at the University of Pittsburgh with Walt Harris, so, obviously, have a lot of great memories.”

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3. Eager to play a different team

Since December, the only team JMU has played against is itself. Come Saturday, they’ll change their target to the blue and old gold of West Virginia.

“It’s really exciting,” junior offensive lineman Liam Fornadel said. “It’s exciting to hit somebody else and to hit a different color jersey.”

JMU’s players are eager to get back and remind fans why the Dukes are a national championship favorite. There’s no better opportunity than playing against a nationally-known program like West Virginia.

Cignetti and Fornadel have both noted the Mountaineers’ peculiar defense. They sometimes run a four-down defense, but also throw in a three-down front. While this could cause fits for any offensive line, the Dukes roll out an experienced offensive front. Each position — guard, center and tackle — has a junior or older starting.

No game will be perfect for an offensive line. Sacks, false starts and holding penalties will happen no matter how much a team prepares itself. If the seasoned front five of JMU can minimize mental mistakes, it’ll have no issue handling an FBS defensive line.

4. JMU’s experience will bring them to victory

The Dukes are led by players who have played in intimidating atmospheres before. From his time at Pittsburgh, DiNucci isn’t unfamiliar with a rowdy fanbase. Redshirt senior wide receiver Brandon Polk, who transferred from Penn State, has years of experience playing in the Big Ten, which includes Ohio Stadium and Michigan Stadium — both of which surpass 100,000 seats.

West Virginia’s inexperience will be made up by Brown’s high football IQ and Milan Puskar’s home-field advantage. JMU will be ready for the loud Mountaineer faithful, but a sold-out crowd can alter momentum at any moment.

“Come Saturday and we walk in that stadium, it really doesn’t matter what stadium you walk into,” Cignetti said. “You’ve got a job to do, and the field size doesn’t change, so it’s all business.”

In a battle between new coaches that will test how far they’ve come with their respective transitions, this game provides an unfamiliar feeling for Dukes fans. There’s no tape of Cignetti at JMU, as is with Brown at WVU. It’s what makes this one of the most intriguing FBS vs. FCS matchups of the year.

It’s going to be a close contest that could come down to who has the ball last. The Dukes’ defense will cause fits for Kendall and the rest of the West Virginia offense, and DiNucci will be the catalyst of a flowing offense. JMU will return to Harrisonburg as winners, taking down the Mountaineers 31-28.

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**Across**

1. Respond to “Let’s give it up for...” (14)
2. Move with the times, like 

   Tinker Bell

3. “...thou damned whaler” speaker

4. Gad about

5. Like some whiskey barrels

6. Lawless

7. Turkmenistan neighbor

8. Huge herbivore

9. Cookie with a whimsical name

10. Biden’s 2020 debate opponent

11. “Fresh Air” aler

12. Although

13. Led Zeppelin’s

“Whole _ Love”

14. Critical layer

15. Torch-wielding group in “Frankenstein”

16. The tarpauline

17. From the beginning

18. LED component

19. “...Como Va”; Santana hit

20. Penny pincher

21. Composition

22. Dahl contemporary

23. Summer in la ville

24. One to the manor born

25. It comes full circle as you work your way through

26. -20, -36, -43 and

27. Across

28. It's stressful to live in it

29. Clockwise/counter

30. Arrow function

31. Countess; years

32. Quantity; wear

33. Monopoly card

34. Groove on a box of bricks

35. Useful thing

36. Gaelic language

37. Lily pads rods

38. Doone of Exmoor

39. Be of service to

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Looking for graduate or older student to share a 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom home with 1 artist, 1 dog and 2 cats. Located in Harrisonburg about 5 minutes from campus. $400/month with $150 nonreturnable deposit. Full kitchen, laundry, parking privileges. Text 540-560-1285.
EAT LIKE A DUKE.

8 PC. TAILGATE SPECIAL
8 pc chicken, 4 biscuits, 2 picnic fixin’s, ½ gallon iced tea

$19.99

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