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JMU students serve, one awarded Purple Heart



photos courtesy of CHRIS EVANS and BRANDON CALL

Brandon Call (above) and Chris Evans are lifelong friends and served together in Iraq. Evans is a JMU grad, while Call is currently a senior.

BY RACHANA DIXIT  
news editor

When Chris Evans joined the U.S. Marine Corps after graduating from high school in 2001, there wasn't any question as to where he or his classmate Brandon Call would end up.

"I pretty much knew I was going to Iraq even before I went to boot camp," Evans said.

On March 17, 2006, that became a reality as Evans, who graduated from JMU in 2005, flew to Fallujah after training for three months. Call, now a JMU senior and Evans' longtime friend, was with him.

"It's a really weird kind of anticipation," Call said. "You don't know what to expect. I seriously thought when we got there it was going to be like the beginning of a movie."

Both men would serve for seven months in Iraq under the same battery. The two came up with the name "Black Flag" for their 120-man unit, because of their love for Flogging Molly

and pirates.

Their battery ran security convoy missions all over Iraq and the Middle East. The missions mostly involved transporting supplies and Iraqi prisoners, and were held at night when only military traffic was allowed on the roads. Since they were driving most of the time, neither of them had much interaction with Iraqi civilians.

Evans and Call were divided into different platoons. They both said for the most part they were fortunate. Neither one of their platoons lost any men and many missions were successful.

"Something didn't happen every day," Evans said.

This did not always hold true.

During their separate missions, both men encountered IEDs, or improvised explosive devices, and detonated their fair share over the seven-month period. Evans and Call hit 12 and 23 IEDs, respectively.

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# Egle named JMU spokesman

BY SARAH SULLIVAN  
staff writer

JMU is welcoming a new member to the university community as Don Egle becomes the new JMU spokesperson.

"It is very important that someone coming on board to an organization believes in its mission," Egle said. "I really believe in the mission of JMU, and that is to enable students to be enlightened citizens and to make a difference."

Egle takes over for Andy Perrine, who served in that capacity for the past two years.

The spokesperson role has two main tasks: to present the university to the public and to speak to the media.

Egle has experience in the public relations field. After graduating from Liberty University, Egle served as director of university relations and spokesperson at Liberty.

"Public relations is the industry that I am

passionate about, and that I have committed my career to," Egle said. "To have to have the opportunity to serve as spokesperson for James

Madison was a good fit. I am really happy to be here." He has also done public relations consulting for organizations affiliated with Liberty University.

Although Liberty is a conservative, Christian university, Egle believes that both JMU and Liberty share a common goal.

"From a missions standpoint, both universities strive to enable and empower students to make a difference," Egle said.

Both Egle and Perrine agree that public relations is about human interaction.

"As spokesperson, I have found that hu-

man-to-human communication is still the most effective," Perrine said.

Egle shares the same sentiment in looking forward to working with the JMU community and building good relationships.

"I am part of a team that is developing communication and moving the university forward," he said. "As Dr. Rose says, JMU is becoming one of the greatest universities. We are doing some great things here, and I am truly privileged to be a part of that."

Perrine, a 1986 JMU alumnus and long-time member of the JMU community, works to coordinate the university in an effort to promote itself. He thinks that Egle will act in the university's best interest as he communicates with the public.

"Egle is an excellent communicator and has a very clear notion about the mission of the university," Perrine said. "He has bright, terrific ideas about how to tell the public the great story of JMU."



Egle

# Dining Services underpays

Starting salaries put employees below poverty line

BY ASHLEY HOPKINS AND  
KALEIGH MAHER  
staff writers

Even though she enjoys her job with JMU Dining Services, Krystal Kenney, 25, feels that without her husband working two jobs, she would not be able to support their three children.

Kenney is a shop supervisor for Top Dog Café, where she has worked for a year-and-a-half.

"I always wanted to be working with people and fixing food, you know, the whole life," Kenney said.

Despite her passion for food services, Kenney acknowledges that her family of five would be struggling on the \$8.97 she makes per hour. Her husband works full time as a diesel mechanic and pulls in extra income with his part-time work for a contractor.

While the Kenney family needs the extra income, Krystal would love to be able to spend more time with her husband.

"But it's kind of made us closer as a couple," Kenney said. "So the time we spend together, we really cherish it. The time he spends with the kids, they have a ball."

More than half of JMU's full-time Dining Services employees earn less than \$22,298 per year, the living wage as determined by a study at the University of Virginia, according to the salaries published on *The Breeze's* Web site in 2003. Of those whose earnings exceeded a living wage — the amount needed to comfortably support yourself and one dependent — the majority had reached an upper-level position such as manager, supervisor or director.

"I have always been an advocate of earning above [the living wage]," sophomore Melissa Noble said. "I think Dining Services employees work hard enough to earn more than

that." Stephanie Hoshower, resident district manager of Dining Services, said Dining Services values their workers, providing them with open communication and on-the-job training.

"We are committed to providing fair and competitive compensation to our employees," she said.

Part of this compensation comes in bonuses offered to employees exhibiting superior work. Kenney received one of these bonuses last year.

"It is their way of saying thank you for doing far and beyond what your job duty is," she said.

Hoshower said, "We implement an employee recognition and incentive program and provide spot bonuses to recognize employees for outstanding service."

Eight years ago, U.Va. started the Living Wage Campaign, an organization striving to gain public support to increase the minimum wage. Last year, the campaign experienced a revival, during which 17 students were arrested and later found not guilty after participating in an on-campus sit-in.

U.Va.'s campaign was successful to an extent. Now the university can raise faculty salaries, but it still has no influence on classified employees.

In Virginia, the minimum wage is \$5.15 per hour, the same as the federally mandated wage. A full-time worker with a family of three working 40 hours a week 52 weeks a year would earn \$10,712 a year, leaving them below the official 2006 federal poverty level of \$16,600.

"I think the minimum wage is way too low," junior Amanda Portman said. "It's hard to imagine living on \$5.15 as a student without having to support anyone else."

JMU's Dining Services employees start at \$7 per hour, meaning one year's salary for a full-time employee would be \$14,560, still below the federal poverty level for a family of three.

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SUSAN SOMMERFELDT/contributing photographer

Judy Painter, who works for Dining Services, rings up a student's meal in Market One.

# Pham back from Nigeria, country plans election

BY MARY FRANCES CZARSTY  
assistant news editor

J. Peter Pham, director of the Nelson Institute for Political and National Affairs, has returned from a weeklong trip to Nigeria. Pham was appointed as part of a pre-election delegation to examine the West African state's readiness for the upcoming national election.

According to a statement released by Ambassador Pierre-Richard Prosper, head of the delegation, Nigeria is

on the right track, but there is much work to be done before the April 21 election.

"While the government has expressed its intention to conduct free and fair elections, the words of commitment can only be judged by actions," Prosper said. "It is the opinion of this delegation that in many respects the actions, to date, have been deficient."

But if all goes well, Pham said, the election will mark the first time in nearly half a century that an elect-

ed Nigerian head of state peacefully transfers power to his successor.

"It will be a major milestone not only for Africa, but for the world," Pham said.

Pham left for Nigeria Nov. 25 with Prosper, former U.S. Ambassador at Large, and Harry A. Johnston, former Florida congressman and appointed special envoy to Sudan by former President Bill Clinton.

Pham and the two other Americans were part of a six-person delegation given the task of examining the

political environment of the country and assessing its readiness for the election. They did this through multiple meetings with everyone from national assembly leaders and the head of police, to local Christian and Muslim religious leaders

and women's rights groups.

The delegation paid close attention to technical preparations for the election.

"We were asking questions like, 'Do people know about the election? How are they being informed? Is there a threat of violence that day?'" Pham said.

Prosper's statement expressed concern that Nigeria's history is causing many people to question the



Pham

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## POLICE LOG

BY ALICIA STETZER / senior writer

### Larceny

JMU students reported the theft of license plates from vehicles in P-Lot between Dec. 2 and Dec. 3 at an unknown time.

A JMU student reported the theft of an LG cell phone left unattended in Cleveland Hall Nov. 28 between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

### Possession of marijuana

JMU students were charged with possession of marijuana in McGraw-Long Hall Nov. 30 at 10 p.m.

Number of drunk in public since Aug. 28: 47

Number of parking tickets since Aug. 28: 8,963

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**James Madison University Health Center**  
**Men's Health Minute**  
No. 7: Heart Disease -- It's Never Too Early  
by Barbara Brennan ND, FNP

A healthy diet, regular exercise and not smoking are probably the three most important things you can do to prevent heart disease (HD). HD is the leading cause of death in men over 45 years of age. But the causes of HD often begin much earlier in life and it is never too early to reduce your risk.

The heart is about the size of a clenched fist and its function is to deliver oxygen and nutrients to the cells of the body. The heart beats about 100,000 times a day pumping the equivalent of about 2,000 gallons of blood through miles of vessels in the body. High blood pressure, high cholesterol, and lack of exercise can cause cumulative damage to the heart and the vessels which can result in a heart attack (when a clot cuts off the blood supply to a portion of the heart).

There are many risk factors for heart disease. Some, such as heredity, are not controllable. Heredity is a risk factor for those whose parents have HD (especially if a parent had a heart attack before age 50), and especially for African-American men who, as a group, have a greater risk of HD than other men do.

Many risk factors are controllable to varying degrees. High cholesterol, high blood pressure, physical inactivity, excess weight, and tobacco use are all potentially damaging to the heart. While the first three of these can be treated medically (and may have a genetic component which can make them difficult to control) it is always preferable to prevent these conditions if possible, rather than try to reverse them once they exist.

While there are many theories about controlling risk factors, there are some commonalities among them. A healthy diet with moderate portions that includes fresh fruits, vegetables, whole grains and little saturated fat (fat that tends to be solid at room temperature, such as butter) can help lower cholesterol and blood pressure.

Regular exercise is also important for reducing blood pressure and cholesterol as well as for strengthening the contractions of the heart so that it can pump with less effort. Many forms of activity, such as walking or biking to class rather than driving, provide benefit to your heart. But sustained exercise (30-60 minutes of walking, for example) is probably most beneficial.

If you have a family history of HD or would like to discuss how to reduce your risk of heart disease, see your health care provider or take advantage of resources at the University Health Center: 568-6178 for medical and nursing resources or 568-1725 for the dietitian in the Office of Health Promotion; or UREC, 568-8700 for exercise advice. Remember, it's never too early.

For comments or suggestions please email me at [brennabp@jmu.edu](mailto:brennabp@jmu.edu). You may also read the Men's Health Minute on the UHC website.

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## Around Campus

### Relay donations to be shown on Tree of Hope

Students can support Relay for Life and the American Cancer Society by donating on the Warren Hall Patio through Dec. 8.

Donations can be made to light a bulb or participants can sign a ribbon in memory of or in honor of someone else.

Donations will be shown on the Tree of Hope on the third floor of Warren Hall throughout the week.

Relay for Life will be held in the spring.

### UPB announces Student Film Fest date

UPB announced that the annual Student Film Fest will be held Sunday, March 25.

Submissions are due to the UPB Office, Taylor Hall, room 234, by 5 p.m. on March 16. Films must be no longer than 15 minutes.

For more information about movies or the Student Film Fest, contact UPB Director of Film, Gwendolyn Brown, at brown2ga@jmu.edu.

## In the Valley

### Bridgewater girl runs away from home

**BRIDGEWATER** — The *Daily News-Record* reported yesterday that a 16-year-old who ran away from her Bridgewater home Saturday night was found unharmed about 48 hours later, according to police.

A resident tipped police off to a Rockingham County home, where Lanette Breighner was found Monday night, said Bridgewater Police Chief Robert Hill.

Hill said she was at a friend's house.

## World & Nation

### Scientists doubt HIV infections of Libyans

Scientists doubt charges that five Bulgarian nurses and a Palestinian doctor deliberately infected Libyan children with HIV, BBC news reported yesterday.

The defendants are accused of knowingly infecting more than 400 children with HIV in the eastern town of Benghazi, but the medics say that they were tortured into giving false confessions.

The accused could face the death penalty if found guilty by a court in Tripoli later this month.

### British officials find radioactive substances

Small traces of a radioactive substance were found at the British embassy in Moscow following a precautionary check, the UK Foreign Office has said, according to BBC News. Officials said the levels of radiation found would not pose a risk to public health.

It comes as British police said they were treating the death of ex-Russian spy Alexander Litvinenko as murder.

### Green onions may be source of E. coli

Yesterday, Taco Bell Corporation removed green onions from its 5,800 restaurants nationwide, saying it may have been the source of the E. coli poisoning reported in 65 people in New Jersey, Long Island and Pennsylvania, according to yesterday's *New York Times*.

The company said the action was taken as a precaution.

# MACRoCk in the red

BY DOMINIC DESMOND  
news editor

For the last three years, MACRoCk has been accumulating a debt that has reached \$15,496.37.

MACRoCk, or the Mid-Atlantic Radio Conference, is an organization that orchestrates an independent music festival, with concerts on campus and throughout Harrisonburg during the spring semester.

Before Thanksgiving Break, MACRoCk attempted to apply for an activities grant, but was denied an opportunity to present its case at the Nov. 15 SGA meeting because of the group's financial situation.

Andy Perrine, associate vice president for communications and marketing, said those funds would have been crucial for MACRoCk. He also said it's hard to sign contracts with musicians when revenues are based on attendance at the various concerts around Harrisonburg.

To offset the debt, MACRoCk co-head coordinator senior Harper Holsinger said all options are on the table and that a proactive approach would be best.

"[We're] considering any and every option," he said, "taking into consideration what happens if we don't get the money."

Holsinger said options include a benefit show and selling the recently made MACRoCk DVD, which is for sale at the JMU Bookstore. He also said the group wanted a



EVAN DYSON/file photo

According to Andy Perrine, MACRoCk's advisor, attendance at the music festival has been sporadic in recent years.

solution to the financial situation by the end of the semester.

Perrine became the MACRoCk advisor last year and said the organization never built up a reserve of funds, digging a deeper hole.

"An independent musical festival isn't a money maker," he said. "Getting them to break

even is a big trick."

Attendance at the various concerts has been sporadic over the years.

"Some years it was over the top," Perrine said. "Other years it'd be a rainy weekend."

The other co-head coordinator, senior Phil Mathews, said MACRoCk has a conflict

in interest with the group's core beliefs of supporting smaller, independent musicians and making money.

"To be truly independent, you have to do it yourself," Mathews said. "Over the years, it's grown."

Holsinger and Mathews are not worried that

MACRoCk won't take place this year — their main concern is addressing their financial situation.

"[There are] still a lot of kinks," Mathews said, "and a lot to consider. It's very complicated. There's a lot more to talk about before a decision is made."

# Groups meet for ecoSymposium



EVAN DYSON/photo editor

Many groups convened during the JMU ecoSymposium Monday night. Biodiesel, lighting and ongoing university projects were among the topics discussed.

BY ASHLEY HOPKINS  
staff writer

Speakers from various JMU environmental groups met Monday night for an ecoSymposium, providing information about what can be done to preserve the environment.

Assistant ISAT professor Christopher Bachmann kicked off the event, presenting information on the benefits of biodiesel fuel over petroleum diesel. Holding examples to the air, he showed the audience how much dirtier petroleum is when burned.

"Biodiesel exhibits a tremendous reduction in exhaust emissions and is much more environmentally friendly than conventional fuels," he said. "Biodiesel is less toxic than table salt and is also biodegradable."

In addition to its environmental benefits, biodiesel costs less per mile than petroleum and allows

consumers more miles to the gallon.

This is beneficial for JMU as all the buses on campus and in Harrisonburg run on biodiesel. With an energy bill of \$5.26 million a year, according to Elizabeth Thomas of the Clean Energy Coalition, JMU can afford to cut costs.

"I was really excited about the fact that all the buses were run on biodiesel," said Kendal Whiteway, who was present at the event. "[JMU's] taking steps to change things."

Iowana Moore of facilities management at JMU also presented information at the ecoSymposium, focusing her lecture on what is currently being done at JMU to help protect the environment.

JMU replaces every diseased tree that must be taken down and uses many semi-permeable walkways to help prevent rain runoff. In addition, JMU is currently working

on switching to exterior lights that point down, eliminating extraneous light that can keep star-gazers from clearly seeing the night sky.

"I enjoyed hearing all the ongoing projects and to see that [JMU's] looking at things from so many different angles," said Sarah Frick, who graduated from JMU in 2003.

Other groups who presented throughout the night included the Association of Energy Engineers, Progress, the Earth Club, the Environmental Business Club and the Center for Energy and Environmental Sustainability.

Environmental Business Club member senior Beth Schemmerhorn talked about JMU's plans to build a farm staffed by student interns, employees and volunteers, which she said would benefit the community.

"You can talk face to face with the farmers you're about to buy from," Schemmerhorn said. "It creates a connection."

# IRAQ: JMU alum injured by IED blast while completing mission

IRAQ, from front

"[The explosion] is not even so much a sound as it is a compression," Call said. "It rattles every bone in your body."

Call said on one occasion, his platoon saw an IED beside the road and had to stop to deactivate it. Nearby, they saw something else.

"We saw a guy sitting on a hill, staring at us," he said. "We thought, 'there's no reason that guy should be sitting in the middle of the desert unless he had something to do with the IED.'"

Fortunately, that particular IED turned out to be a decoy. Call said they saw many decoys during missions, but these situations made him constantly alert for any nearby danger.

"You get the feeling that someone's staring at you through the scope of a rifle," he said.

Evans was injured from an IED explosion on July 23 and will be receiving a Purple Heart. His convoy was returning to Fallujah after delivering concrete to a camp north of Baghdad. Evans' humvee, the lead scout, was the first vehicle in the line of 10.

"I told my driver to go left around [the IED]," he said. "It

turned out there were pressure plates all over the road."

The front-right tire hit one of the IEDs and it went off beside the door. Evans said pieces of shrapnel went through part of the humvee and cut into his heel in the shape of an L. The cut, he said, was 1 1/2 inches deep.

"I blacked out," he said. "It was like being on a roller coaster for a few minutes."

Call said Evans was one of the first in their battery to be injured.

"That was one of the worst days," he said. "It really drove it home that we were in Iraq."

Evans said the number of IEDs he encountered increased between March and October, largely because violence increases during the summer months.

"We didn't see any IEDs for the first two months we were there," he said. "When we left, we were seeing one on every single mission."

Evans also came close to a suicide bomber in downtown Fallujah. At the time, his convoy was driving into town to deliver prisoners to the Iraqi police.

"We saw this big flash and a plume of black smoke," Evans

said. He added that, fortunately, they were running late because a Gatorade bottle had gotten stuck in one of the humvee's engines.

"If we had showed up on time, they probably would have hit us," he said.

Eventually, October rolled around. Evans and Call left Iraq on Oct. 6 and were back in the United States a few days later.

Call said when he was leaving Fallujah, "It was a lot like the last day of school." But, he added, "[Being home] didn't really sit at first."

Evans echoed similar feelings of happiness and anxiety.

"It was almost more nervous coming home than going there in the first place," he said.

But both soldiers said they thought being in Iraq helped combat the insurgency and decrease the number of incidents.

"You're going to see an IED every day and see small arms fire in the city," Evans said, "but someone wouldn't die every day."

Call said, "Before I went over there, I asked a lot of questions. Actually getting there and being around a lot of Iraqis, I really feel like it's a good thing we're there."

# DINING: Several congressmen proposed minimum wage increase

DINING, from front

The minimum wage has not changed since 1997; this year, Virginia state Sen. Charles Colgan, D-29th district, proposed a bill to increase the minimum wage by one dollar on June 1 and an additional dollar each year until 2008. In the House, Del. Vincent F. Callahan Jr., R-34th district, proposed a similar bill to increase minimum wage. Neither bill was passed and the vote ended all efforts for the remainder of the year.

"I think they need to raise [the minimum wage] because, when it comes down to it, these are individuals we are talking about," sophomore Melissa Wentzel said. "A lot of people think it's necessary for capitalism to have poverty, but I think we need to look at these people as individuals and not as a part of the system."

**"I don't think people realize how hard you have to work in any sort of service industry."**

— PAIGE ERICSON  
JMU Junior

Junior Paige Ericson agrees with Wentzel. "I don't think people realize how hard you have to work in any sort of service industry. I think that all hard work should be rewarded," she said.

Kenney and her family understand the value of hard work.

"If you want to get anywhere in life you have to work hard for the things you have. Everything we have we worked hard for. We're proud for what we have."

## PHAM: Nigeria holds 35.9 billion barrels of petroleum

PHAM, from front legitimacy of elections, as well as to fear disenfranchisement. He specifically cited the inconsistency of voter registration efforts. Although citizens are constantly encouraged to register, there is little information about where and when to do so.

"Our own experience underscores the existence of widespread confusion and skepticism regarding the most fundamental aspect of a democratic process: registering to vote," he said.

While many feel Africa's seeming tradition of corrupt governments and military dictatorships make any attempt for a free and fair election futile, Pham said the importance of the election cannot be understated to Americans.

"I can understand why people feel this way," he said, "but I look at it from the American perspective and I know we can't ignore it."

Nigeria is the most populated African nation as well as home to a large Muslim community. On top of this, Pham said Nigeria has 35.9 billion barrels of proven petroleum reserves, making it the largest in Africa and the eighth largest in the world. It is currently America's fifth-largest supplier of oil.

"Nigeria is unlike any other African nation," Pham said. "A strong democracy legitimized by this election is not only better for the development of Africa, but our own national interest."

He added that the full report with the committee's findings is expected to be released in the next few weeks.

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## Through Murky Waters

# Profs practice what they teach

The greening of JMU, part two

BY ALEX SIRNEY  
senior writer

Student groups often grab center stage at JMU — they're visible, loud, and carry a strong message. When a message is heard, or the university decides to make changes on its own, the groups who are ultimately responsible are often behind the scenes.

This is the case for the faculty workgroup investigating how to make JMU a more ecologically sustainable university community. The group was formed in October and is a reassuring sign that the administration is preparing to change the way it looks at the local environment.

Ecological sustainability refers to the ability of the university to minimize its impact on the environment to the extent that, ideally, all the resources it uses are replenished and no damage is done. This may seem an impossible goal but, by using energy-saving building practices, landscaping correctly, using organic and locally grown food and many other strategies, it would be possible for the university to limit its ecological footprint.

Of course, these strategies may be a long way off — the work group is still in the process of determining how it will measure JMU's current ecological footprint. By the end of the school year, however, it plans on having a list of recommendations for the university on how to improve sustainability.

The group is primarily comprised of ISAT professors and facilities management personnel but also includes other college, student, residence life, dining services and Harrisonburg city representatives.

"We all seem to be on the same page about the value of sustainability," Maria Papadakis, co-chair of the workgroup, said.

It was formed at the direction of Doug Brown, JMU provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, in October and has met three times since then.

"It's a mind-set and it's leading by example," ISAT professor Christine-Joy Brodrick, a workgroup member, said. "We started riding our bicycles."

JMU would become a national leader and an example by moving toward sustainability. There is no doubt about the positive effects of sustainability on the local environment — not only would it limit air pollution through more reasonable energy consumption, but it could also affect the local farming community, local air quality and water quality

from here to the Chesapeake Bay.

One highly visible area of water quality is Newman Lake, which serves to prevent some pollutants from getting downstream, ISAT professor Tom Benzinger, another workgroup member, said. "We inherit some problems from our upstream neighbors." He and his students are working on several different projects addressing water quality, and he is optimistic for student involvement in the workgroup.

"Whatever we do is going to involve students," he said.

The end of every idealistic discussion must come to the bottom line — how much it will cost the university to "go green." There is generally an up-front cost associated with sustainability — the buildings are more expensive and renovation and landscaping costs money. When contacted, however, the provost's office said that the long-term costs would be far more costly than any initial investment.

The university is on the right path if this is the stance it is willing to take, although time will tell if the administration is willing to bite the bullet. One advantage JMU has over many other universities is that its administration generally has long careers at the university.

"We've got presidents who come and stay," Ryan Powanda, a leader in the student Clean Energy Coalition, said. "They're not here to promote their own agendas."

This is not the first time JMU has made a commitment to sustainability, however — in 1990, University Leaders for a Sustainable Future passed the Talloires Declaration, which called for university presidents to, among other things, "Create an institutional culture of sustainability," "Practice institutional ecology," and create a steering committee to maintain the movement. JMU was the 32nd U.S.-based institution to sign the declaration.

Steps were taken in the intervening years, including the biodiesel JMU fleet, but JMU also approved plans for two buildings — the new performing arts center and the new library on the east side of campus — that were not designed with sustainability in mind.

The university is better late than never, however, in establishing this workgroup to take the first serious look at a sustainable campus, and deserves optimism and support from students, administration and the community.

Alex Sirney is a senior anthropology/SMAD major.

## House Editorial



## In the Know

# Neither blood nor treasures give

Rethinking the draft debate

BY JEFF GENOTA  
staff writer

A year ago, I sat in my GHST 150 class as a panel of classmates debated reinstating the draft, an idea that surfaced before the Iraq War started. Although the measure died in Congress, it was proposed by Republican senators John McCain, Ariz., and Chuck Hagel, Neb., both Vietnam veterans. After last month's Democratic victories, Korean War veteran and Congressman Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., who is next in line for chairmanship of the Ways and Means Committee hit the airwaves to propose reinstating the national draft, but one that would include 18-to-42-year-olds, affecting a majority of America's population. While Rangel wanted to get some attention to the issue and for the most part received shrugs and rebukes from fellow colleagues, his attention-grabbing move points to the overall dilemma of the United States and the use of its military might.

Whatever their intentions, they made one point perfectly loud and clear — we are too prone to the influences and the pretensions to use military force. For too long, many people have been ignorant of the main problem that uproots the draft debate. The older generation of Americans and veterans chastise the younger draft evaders,

about whether we understand the nature, cost and sacrifice that come with war. Others complain of the unrepresentative character of the armed forces, that it does not match America's demographic makeup. They also point out that small but vibrant democracies such as South Korea and Israel have conscription for the same age group due to both states' constant insecurity and preparedness for conflict. And they argue America, the world's bastion of democracy under threat from terrorism, should apply the same to American 18-to-24-year-olds as well.

On the other hand, opponents of rein-

be reinstated. The fact of the matter is, both arguments are good and solid, but they ignore the behind-the-scenes factor of this debate. Still, many of us are inclined to resort to military force as a top-level solution to America's foreign-policy problems.

Rangel, Hagel and McCain are all correct that we are too preoccupied with the use of our military power and are prone to resort to it, but we can make a sacrifice that requires neither blood nor treasure. Sacrifices begin as a change in attitude, and the gloomy situation of Iraq drives it home that open-ended military adventures cannot be continued. True, America's military commitments to places such as Korea and Kosovo are important to maintaining stability and preventing aggression, and there will be future times where the

*We are too prone to the influences and the pretensions to use military force.*

ultimate sacrifice has to be made. But if we treat this military power as a "quick-results-guaranteed" and "number-one solution" toward international problems, it can only harm America's interests in remaining at the pinnacle of unchallenged power. As we continue to shoulder the burdens of Iraq and Afghanistan, maybe we can learn from our mistakes and listen to Gen. Robert E. Lee's admonition that "it is well that war is so terrible — lest we should grow too fond of it."

Jeff Genota is a sophomore international affairs major.

## The Writing on the Wall

# How the Christ stole Christmas

A holiday tale, narrated by Boris Karloff

BY BRIAN GOODMAN  
opinion editor

Everyone down in Churchville liked Christmas a lot, In very large part 'cause of all the stuff that they got.

The folks all loved Christmas! The whole Christmas season! It was their best time of year for many a reason. They loved all the food, all the long strings of light. The displays in the mall and their lit homes at night. But I think the best reason that I can provide Was that it made them feel warm and toasty inside.

But whatever the reason, the decorations or elves, They all loved the holidays because of themselves. Their minds never turned to they who were trodden down Living in the big city near their picturesque town. They paid no attention to their neighbors in need. For it was the night before Christmas and there was pride to feed.

Christmas Eve was a time to gather in throngs For the Christmas Eve service, where they sang the old songs. They knew all the words but knew not what they mean, Though it made them feel good as they read off the screen.

But while they were gathered in the warmth of their church, A suspicious figure roamed about on a search. He had no beauty or majesty to which one would cling Yet it was quite apparent that he was a king.

He wandered about looking but the prospects seemed grim For no part of the festivities seemed to be about him. "It's all about them, now," the glum Christ did say "I thought they'd remember me on this day."



All the windows were dark. Quiet snow filled the air. All the folks were at church, so no one was there. As he made his way to the Churchville town square. And as the sad Christ-y Claus wiped away a sole tear, He made every last piece of Christmas crap disappear.

And the one speck of Christmas That he did leave back there Were the donated gifts for those in foster care.

He left rather quickly; there was no need to stay. For there was much work to be done before the end of the day. The Christ made haste for the congested city Where people had problems and things weren't so pretty.

So many places to go! Where would he start? Since he was the Christ, he just followed his heart. He went to the orphanage, taught and played with the kids, And then to the AIDS hospice, though convention forbids.

Then to the homeless shelter with those in from the cold. And the retirement center for the lonely and old. He brought with him food so that thousands could eat And paid every bill so they all could have heat.

He had come without ribbons! He had come without tags! He had come without packages, boxes or bags! But in love he had brought them, his sisters and brothers, The true meaning of Christmas — the loving of others.

Every person he visited, the tall and the small, Found the reason for the season, once and for all. He hadn't stopped Christmas from coming; it came. But this time it involved him, and not just his name.

They all puzzled and puzzled, till their puzzlers were sore, For no one had shown such love to them before. "But you see Christmas," he said, "doesn't come from a mall. My birth in that manger was to bring love to all."

And what happened then? Well, in Churchville they said That with no Christmas things the holiday was dead. They stayed home with their heat on and tried hard to cope, Never seeing the people who at last had some hope.

But now up in heaven, all the food at the feast Will be eaten by those who on earth were the least. Brian Goodman is a senior communications major.

## Through the Looking Glass

# Elites get shamed

Ivy Leagues on the bad list

BY SARAH DELIA  
staff writer

When simple folk at non-Ivy League colleges hear the names of schools such as Princeton, Yale, Harvard or Columbia, we shake in our non-prep-schooled boots — for these students attending such renowned institutes must have worked their 4.0 bodies to the point of physical and mental exhaustion. Academic, social conduct and moral values are placed like a star on a Christmas tree, they are the most important aspects that make the university as distinguished as they are. But according to the *Washington Post*, honesty picked up its bags at Columbia, waved good-bye to its friends integrity and moral values along with its reputation to take an extended vacation from the university.

Students at Columbia, a school known throughout the world for producing some of the most successful journalists, has just reported a cheating scandal — in an ethics class. This course, "Critical Issues in Journalism," is a required class that has an online final exam comprised of two essay questions that must be completed in 90 minutes.

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## DARTS & PATS

An "I-should-have-gotten-that-insurance" dart to the duck that climbed onto the hood of my car and quacked at me.

From a dumbfounded junior guy who is tempted to file an Aflac claim for the bite you took out of my finger when I tried to shoo you away.

A "way-to-figure-it-out" pat to my friend who, after three years of college, just now learned the difference between a "dart" and a "pat."

From a highly amused friend who didn't take nearly as long to comprehend the advanced theoretical concept, and will never let you live this down.

A "perhaps-the-failure-is-in-you" dart to the JMU faculty member who believes our students are "stupid."

From a staff member who works very closely with students, continues to be impressed with their quality and finds your comments insulting.

A "wave-them-around-like-you-don't-care" pat to the guy who inadvertently toasted his cup into a ceiling fan.

From a friend who had already showered once that day, but thanked you for the unexpected sprinkling anyway.

An "I-needed-to-beat-out-my-frustrations" pat to the guy walking around the Airport Lounge in Warren Hall with a piñata on his head.

From an amused sophomore who was glad someone had a sense of humor during this miserable week.

A "whatever-happened-to-the-hold-button?" dart to my roommate for not telling me her mom was on speakerphone.

From an embarrassed junior who described an entire sex scene from "Clerks II" before noticing that the phone was open.

A "thanks-for-being-appropriately-immature" pat to the two girls who dressed up as a reindeer and a snowman for President Rose's winter party.

From a sophomore who loved seeing the little kids laugh and play, and wishes everyone had your holiday spirit.

A "please-wave-to-me-in-my-cardboard-box" to everyone who thinks they don't need to tip at Madison Grill.

From a frustrated senior who knows the rent won't get paid with \$2.50 an hour and 50-cent tips.

## Letters to the Editor

### Madison Class Challenge serves necessary role

Give me all of your money! That's what Madison Class Challenge is all about, right? Wrong! Madison Class Challenge exists to educate students about the importance of private dollars for the sustainability and continued improvement of JMU. While tuition is absolutely essential for James Madison's day-to-day operations, private dollars are how our university provides its students with the required resources and ability to remain competitive in the national collegiate community. The steering committee and challenge captains are student volunteers, who also pay tuition, but believe that establishing a culture of giving at JMU must start with the students in order to increase the amount of alumni who give. By participating in the campaign, no matter how little or large the contribution, students are making a choice to improve the value of their degree and contribute to the future of JMU. Many complaints from students about the lack of resources, such as parking, can be solved through increased private funding for the university. Participation is our goal, which is why gifts start at \$5 and can be designated to any area of the university that has an

established fund. There's no denying that everyone loves JMU and will tell the world how wonderful this place is. We need students to be the change so that our university will continue to thrive.

Gwendolyn Brantley  
senior communications major  
student director, Madison Class Challenge

### Abortion vigil could have been time better spent

I saw the Dukes for Life candlelight vigil on the commons Tuesday night, and frankly, I felt the time spent lighting all those candles could have been better spent on safe-sex education and unwanted pregnancy prevention. For each candle I saw lit, I didn't see an aborted fetus; I saw a woman who likely struggled morally to make her decision and in the end, decided what was right for her. And as I walked by, I felt so grateful to have the choice to make that decision myself and have access to clean, sterile and safe facilities instead of some dark alleyway with a dirty coat hanger.

Tracie Nelms  
senior biology and psychology major

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## JMU dance company to perform this weekend

After several months of preparation, nine JMU students will showcase their artistic talent on the stage

BY KELLY FISHER  
a&e editor

Imagine taking a final exam in front of hundreds of people. That's the reality for nine JMU students as they take the stage this weekend as the Virginia Repertory Dance Company.

This weekend's show features original choreography from JMU faculty, including artistic director Kate Trammell, who founded the company in 1983 and resident choreographer Suzanne Miller-Corso, as well as several guest choreographers, including Isabel Gutzkowsky, Keith Thompson and the late Ed Tyler.

The company, comprised of students enrolled in DANC 212, is an advanced class offered by the school of dance. The nine students have spent months preparing for the production.

The company is only open to upper-level dance majors. To get a spot in the prestigious company, students must audition and go through an interview process. The company is designed to give students an opportunity to experience what it is like in a small company in the professional world.

Students in the dance program like the concept of the company.

"It's designed to give dance majors a taste of what it's like out in the professional world," senior Jaymie Boudreau

said.

"We look for artists whose work we admire and people who will provide something for the dancers to further their career," Trammell said of how guest choreographers are selected. "We also look for a variation of creative processes."

Trammell's original dance, "mama daddy nurse nurse," will be featured in the show. The solo dance features senior Jess Burgess and focuses on the emotions and strife of recovering from a trauma.

"It's an exploration into the creativity of the body," Trammell said of the dance.

Miller-Corso's piece, "Cafes Cantantes 2006," introduces a Spanish flamenco feel to the production.

"The other modern dances are contemporary, fun and uplifting but ['Cantantes'] brings a jazz dynamic that we haven't seen in while," Larson said, who is featured in Miller-Corso's dance.

The company will also perform "Zero Grid," choreographed by Gutzkowsky, an artistic director of a dance company based in New York City.

"It's all about movement around a grid and the physicality of movement," said Boudreau.

The company will perform "Vignettes," by Thompson, who is based out of Philadelphia, as well as "I Am Not My Little Black Dress," choreographed by Tyler.

"['Vignettes'] has fantastic music and a very different

structure in it that doesn't end with the full company on stage," Boudreau said. "It's all about the folding and unfolding of space."

The company will pay tribute to Tyler, who passed away suddenly last month. His dance features only a trio on the stage and focuses on the importance of a split second.

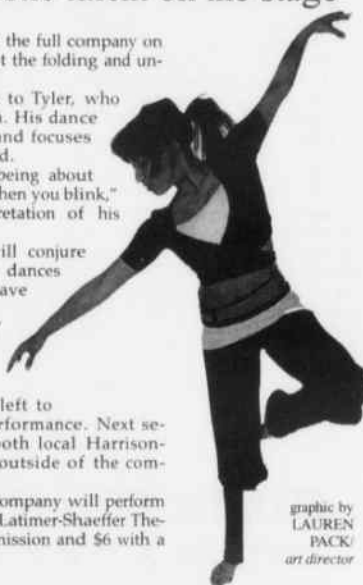
"He described the dance as being about blinking and how much you miss when you blink," Boudreau said of Tyler's interpretation of his dance.

Larson hopes the audience will conjure their own interpretations of the dances that she and her eight classmates have spent months practicing.

"Art can exist in its own nature," Larson said. "It can't always be explained. It's what it means to the individual."

The company still has work left to do after this semester's final performance. Next semester, the company will tour both local Harrisonburg schools as well as schools outside of the community.

The Virginia Repertory Dance Company will perform tonight through Dec. 9 at 8 p.m. at Latimer-Shaeffer Theatre. Tickets are \$12 for regular admission and \$6 with a JAC Card.



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### DVD Review

## 'Pirates' sequel full of computer animation

DVD special features give in-depth look behind the scenes of the movie

BY WILL FAWLEY  
contributing writer

Fans who liked the first "Pirates of the Caribbean" movie will be pleased with its sequel, "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest." The movie delivers even more swashbuckling pirate action that made people fall in love with the original.

Essentially the storyline is the same, with Barbossa and his pirates replaced by Davy Jones and his crustacean crew. But the special effects are what really make this movie so impressive. Davy Jones' beard is a braided mess of intertwining tentacles that move about independently. They are so well animated, that he can even play the organ with his tentacle-beard.

Seafaring special features fill the two-disc special edition. The usual behind-the-scenes and blooper reels are included, but there are a few special features that make this DVD worth the extra cash for hardcore fans.

### Dead Man's Chest

★★★

Pirates of the Caribbean

One of the most interesting of the features is a look at the "Pirates of the Caribbean" ride in Disneyland that spawned the popular movie franchise. The feature begins with a shot of the old ride, and then goes on to show how it has evolved to accommodate the popularity of the movies.

Another interesting special feature is "Meet Davy Jones: Anatomy of a Legend." The special effects behind the amazingly detailed animation in the movie are shown, revealing how much effort went into this sequel.

Later, the animation of the Kraken, the sea monster in the movie, is explained. The computer animation blends almost seamlessly into the action as the giant beast smashes the ship in two with its massive tentacles.

An in-depth look at the character of Jack Sparrow (played by Johnny Depp) will excite fans of the well-loved character. This section of the DVD mainly focuses on Sparrow's costume, but also explores other elements of his character.

The second film in the series seems to be a little overambitious and the plot even feels forced at some points. But overall, it delivers more of what moviegoers enjoyed in the first film: pure, unadulterated swashbuckling action. The epic, adventurous atmosphere of "Dead Man's Chest" adds a welcome excitement to the series as the pirates battle on rolling wheels, swing in cages made of bones, and are attacked by the massive Kraken. But these same aspects that make the movie exciting also seem a bit too far-fetched and randomly placed in the movie. The dialogue often gives the impression that it has been forced into the character's mouths to move them from one island to another.

Like its predecessor, "Dead Man's Chest" can't be taken too seriously. Its goal is to provide the viewer with a fun adventure, and it succeeds.



### Concert Preview



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Chicago quintet and indie-rock band, Bound Stems, will perform at the Festival Center Friday, Dec. 8 at 8 p.m. The bandmates draw inspiration for their full-debut album "Appreciation Night" from friendships and the busy city they reside in.

## Indie quintet blows into town from the Windy City

Bound Stems will perform Friday night at The Festival Center

BY JILL YAWORSKI  
a&e editor

Never been to Chicago? No problem. Pop in Bound Stems' debut full-length album *Appreciation Night* released by Flameshovel Records and the band will take you there. From sampled noises of the Windy City's O'Hare airport to cab drivers to a recitation of a Thax Douglas poem, the indie-rock record pays homage to the band's hometown.

Bound Stems' seven-song EP *The Logic of Building the Body Plan* was released as an introduction to *Appreciation Night*.

"The EP sets up ideas that become complete in the album," the band's drummer and rock band Harvey Danger

refugee, Evan Sult said. "It describes the temporal place and environment we're living in. The album is a book to the EP's chapter."

According to Sult, *Appreciation Night* explores the lives of the bandmates and the city from their perspectives.

"Our influences are more environmental than musical," he said. "It's more a private act, a journey of how we are working through things as people and friends in the city."

The band even recorded its friends messing around with instruments on the album.

"Those are the people that are constantly surround us, so we wanted their voices on the album too," Sult said. "Our inspirations are as much in the music as they are in the lyrics."

Dan Fleury (guitar), Bobby Gallivan (vocals, guitar) and Dan Radzicki (bass, keys, vocals) started the journey together in high school, when they used to play basketball together. When the three moved to Chicago, they began looking for a project — and Bound Stems was born. Sult arrived from Seattle in 2002 to join the others.

The foursome released *The Logic of Building the Body Plan* EP and *Appreciation Night*. Soon after, the band drafted new singer and multi-instrumentalist Janie Porche. The band reopened the album to Porche so she could be recorded on it.

"She really completed the band," said Sult of Porche, who can play almost any instrument handed to her. "She is one of those people who has the ability to play what's needed and add to each song."

Bound Stems garners its name from an obscure linguistic phrase. It's difficult to explain, but according to Sult it is a word that used to exist by itself, but now only exists with prefixes or suffixes. For instance, the *ruth* in *ruthless*.

Bound Stems is one of the latest indie bands to surface from the musical blogosphere, and the Chicago quintet were rewarded by being named one of the breakout artists at this year's *Computer Music Journal* music marathon awards. The band's EP has also acquired rave reviews from publications like *The New York Times*, *Anthem* and *Entertainment Weekly*.

The Chicago quintet just recently kicked off a 16-date tour with the band Rahim and are bringing the Windy City to the Friendly City Friday, Dec. 8 at 8 p.m. at the Festival Center.

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## IVY: Lowering expectations at America's finest institutions

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It has been reported that one or more students witnessed cheating on this exam, and without giving names, told the university administration. A student at Columbia, Jack Gillum, 23, said the school will have a "badge of dishonor" and does not want the value of the degree he has to be deflated — especially when he's paying \$43,422 a year by himself for tuition.

Earlier in the year, blatant plagiarism was reported by Harvard University when Kaavya Viswanathan, an undergraduate student, had her book "How Opal Mehta Got Kissed, Got Wild and Got a Life," published but quickly recalled for plagiarizing from more than one source and twice from the same author, Megan McCafferty. When asked in an interview on "The Today Show" with Katie Couric, Viswanathan never once apologized and merely brushed the similarities as "completely unintentional" and must have somehow "internalized" the ideas of McCafferty when reading her work. And perhaps we're wrongfully accusing Ms. Viswanathan all together; maybe McCafferty is to blame for her super mind-reading powers that sneakily published five years prior to Viswanathan.

Viswanathan was never fully punished by Harvard, much to the dismay to the majority of the

students and faculty, and her deceit and dishonor remains within the halls of and her name will forever correspond with the image of the university. As for the ethics class outrage at Columbia, the administration is still scratching their quickly thinning heads in worry, as there are no students coming forward with a scarlet "C" boldly branded on their foreheads or fellow students willing to point any fingers. When no one takes responsibility but there is a certain guilty party, what can be done? If the hardest part of attending a university is getting past admissions, why have the division of Ivy League and "regular" universities become so deep?

Society demands quality, not quantity, yet having the highest GPA, SAT or GRE scores will get us into a better school, land a more successful job and get that nice white picket fence we have always wanted. But if schools such as Harvard and Columbia that are supposed to set the standard for integrity and honor set it as low as cheating on an exam in an ethics class and where plagiarism goes unpunished, why are non-Ivy League schools looked down upon as educational institutes? Go on, Harvard, Yale or Columbia — plagiarize, cheat, put your name on anything with a writable surface and you will see the value of the word "ivy" diminish before your very eyes.

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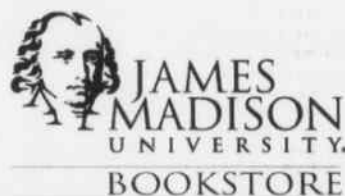
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## Senior citizens

Experience leads team with CAA title hopes

BY BRIAN HANSEN  
sports editor

After a 24-7 campaign last season that saw the JMU women's basketball team finish as the runner-up in the Colonial Athletic Association, coach Kenny Brooks' players thought he was the favorite to win CAA Coach of the Year.

When the award went instead to another coach, his players decided to make him their coach of the year. The team put together a makeshift certificate and gave it to Brooks on the bus ride home, to show their appreciation.

"In every way possible, Coach Brooks has helped us improve," senior point guard Andrea Benvenuto said. "He's pushed us, he's taught us discipline and he's instilled us with confidence."

For Benvenuto and her fellow seniors, it has been a long road to get where they are now. In 2003-'04, Brooks brought in five players for his inaugural recruiting class. Those five included Benvenuto, center Meredith Alexis, guard Lesley Dickinson, forward Shirley McCall and guard Shameena Felix.

Four of those players have been starters for the last two seasons, including Alexis and Dickinson, who have each started more than 90 games since their freshman years.

"We kind of got thrown in here freshman year and didn't really know what to expect," Alexis said. "Coach Brooks stuck with us and we just kept growing every year, until we reached where we are now."

After years of growing pains, now the Dukes are serious contend-



BRIAN HANSEN/senior photographer

This season, JMU women's basketball coach Kenny Brooks is starting four seniors who have been starting for him since their freshman year when they finished 13-18. He has seen the team improve to CAA contenders this season.

ers to end Old Dominion's 15-year run as CAA champions. The Dukes lost out to the Monarchs last season in a down-to-the-wire championship game.

"I've seen each one of them grow each season," Brooks said. "Each and every one of them has improved, and they've really worked hard. They've been a special bunch."

Brooks has taken a team that went 13-18 in its first year to a team that won 24 games and garnered a WNIT bid last season.

They've not only grown as a team, but as players.

"You don't want to take anything away

from the players who have come before them," Brooks said. "But you look at what they've done and you can see that they are special. They've broken a lot of records."

In her junior season, Alexis had already broken JMU's all-time rebounding record and stood to become the first Duke to grab 1,000 career boards Wednesday night against Clemson. She had 991 entering the game.

"There have certainly been a lot of great post players to play here," Brooks said. "But I can't imagine any of them being that much better, if at all, than Meredith."

Alexis is the 22nd player in school history to score 1,000 points, sitting at 1,260.

Dickinson was the 21st. She's scored 1,308 for her career and McCall sits at 907 points and should surpass the 1,000-point plateau later this season.

Benvenuto's 411 assists places her sixth in JMU history.

The players credit most of their success to the coach who had faith enough in them to start them all since their freshman year.

"He knew from the start that we were going to be something special," Alexis said. "He has confidence in us and through that, [he] has instilled us with confidence."

## Red-hot Hoyas beat Madison

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The JMU men's basketball team suffered an 89-53 defeat in non-conference play against Georgetown Tuesday at the Verizon Center.

Freshman guard Pierre Curtis led the Dukes with 14 points, while sophomore forward Juwann James finished with 10.

James hit on four of six field goal attempts and had four rebounds. It was the seventh straight game this season that James scored in double figures and the 11th straight contest over the last two campaigns. Curtis scored on five of eight shots and had a team-high five assists.

The Hoyas got off to an early jumpstart with nine first-half three-pointers, with 6-foot-9 forward Jeff Green scoring three of them. As a team, Georgetown hit on 16 of 33 three-point attempts and shot 58 percent (32-55) from the field. The Hoyas had seven different players score from behind the arc, held a 31-20 rebounding edge over the Dukes and committed only eight turnovers.

The Dukes turned the ball over 15 times. Georgetown improved to 5-3 with the win, while JMU fell to 2-5.

JMU	29	24	—	53
GU	47	42	—	89

JMU: Curtis 5-8 4-5 14, James 4-6 2-2 10, Posey 3-9 0-0 8, Parker 1-1 4-4 6, Chami 2-5 1-2 5, Santos 2-6 0-0 5, Carter 1-4 0-0 3, Bray 1-1 0-0 2, Swanson 0-3 0-0 0.

GU: Green 6-8 2-2 17, Sapp 6-12 0-0 15, Wallace 5-7 0-0 14, Summers 3-5 2-2 10, Egerson 2-8 3-4 8, Macklin 4-4 0-1 8, Ewing 3-4 0-0 7, Crawford 2-4 0-0 6, Hibbert 1-1 1-3 3, Izzo 0-1 1-2 1, Dizdarevic 0-1 0-0 0.

Three-point goals — JMU 4-14 (Posey 2-7, Santos 1-4, Carter 1-1, James 0-1, Swanson 0-1). GU 16-33 (Wallace 4-6, Sapp 3-6, Green 3-5, Summers 2-4, Crawford 2-4, Egerson 1-5, Ewing 1-2, Dizdarevic 0-1). Fouled Out — none.

— from staff reports

## Rascati to join all-stars in Vegas

Former Dukes QB has chance to showcase talents

BY WHITNEY PROFFIT  
staff writer

Nov. 25's playoff loss at Youngstown State marked the end of an era in JMU football.

It was on that night senior quarterback Justin Rascati ended his college football career that included completing more passes, throwing for more touchdowns and winning more games than any other quarterback in Madison history.

Last week, the 6-foot-2, 220-pounder was invited to the Las Vegas All-American Classic, a post-season all-star game for seniors with professional football potential. Ninety-six players, who will be divided into East and West teams, will compete in the game, which will be played on Jan. 15 and air on the NFL network.

"This is an opportunity for me to get seen even more by the NFL scouts," Rascati said. "I've

got to take advantage of that. I'm going to be surrounded by a bunch of guys that come from big-name schools, but I want to show everyone that the guys from I-AA can play with the big-time guys — we're just as good as them."

Along with national recognition, he has also garnered the attention of the national press. Last week, Sports Illustrated.com mentioned Rascati as one of five NFL prospects on the rise.

Said SI's Tony Pauline of Rascati: "One of the nation's top small-school quarterback prospects ... presently sitting as a late-round selection, he is poised to move into the middle frames with good showings at pre-draft workouts." Rascati was the only player from Division I-AA mentioned in the article.

To help facilitate the process, Rascati signed with sports agent Rich Rosa of Eastern Athletic Services in Baltimore. Rosa also represents New York Giants defensive end Michael Strahan.

"I felt comfortable with Rich," Rascati said. "I'm his only quarterback. He's with a pretty big agency, and I like what he has to offer."

So what's next?

"It's a dream to play in the NFL," Rascati said. "These next three to four months are going to be tough, but I've just got to keep working hard and focus on my goals."

Added JMU coach Mickey Matthews, "He's going to go to some NFL pro camp somewhere. I think the only question is whether he is going to be drafted in one of the late rounds or go as a free agent."

Rascati leaves for Atlanta Dec. 16 to start workouts and training at Competitive Edge Sports.

"I think going to Atlanta is going to help me concentrate strictly on football," Rascati said. "That's all we're going to do 24 hours a day — eat, sleep and drink football. I'll be down there with 30 to 40 other athletes in my same situation. It's going to be exciting meeting new people and competing every day."

Rascati also is expected to garner an invite to the NFL scouting combine in Indianapolis in February. The 2007 NFL Draft will be held April 28 to 29 in New York.

"I just want to work my best these next few months and hopefully get drafted," Rascati said. "If not, hopefully I'll get into camp and just make a team;

that's all it's about. Whether you get drafted or not, you've still got to make the roster — you're not guaranteed anything."

Added Rosa, "Almost every NFL team has been through to look at him on tape, which is a very good sign."

Rascati transferred to JMU from Louisville in 2004. In three seasons, he started every game and led JMU to a 29-9 overall record, its first national championship and a playoff berth this year.

He holds five school records including single-season touchdown passes, career touchdown passes, season passing percentage, career pass efficiency rating and career completions. This season he picked up second-team All-Atlantic 10 honors after completing 153 of 231 passes for 2,045 yards and 20 touchdowns while rushing 114 times for 518 yards and five scores.

For his career, the Gainesville, Fla., native completed 487 of 728 passes for 5,912 yards and 51 touchdowns. He rushed for 1,119 yards and 20 touchdowns. Also in those three years, he accounted for 7,111 yards of total offense.



EVAN DYSON/file photo

Senior quarterback Justin Rascati will travel to Nevada to demonstrate his skills in the Las Vegas All-American Classic. Rascati hopes to get an invite to the NFL combine.

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Overall- 96-60



Brian Quitter  
Last Week- 9-3  
Overall- 102-54



Matt Fearless Leader  
Last Week- 7-5  
Overall- 107-49



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Last Week- 8-4  
Overall- 99-57



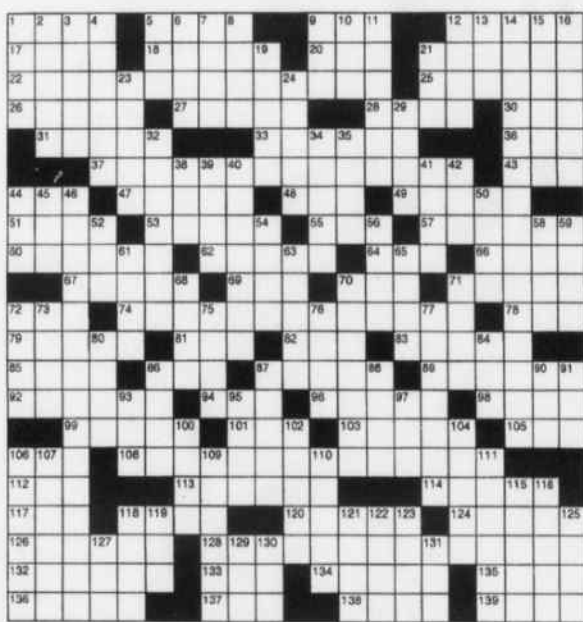
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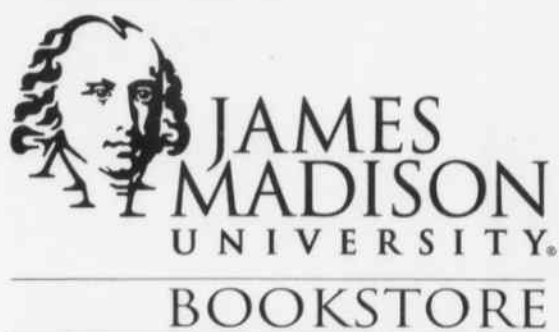
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