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Executive Editor Andy Perrine received this note about the Spring/Summer 2015 issue:

I was reading *Madison*, as I normally do, and felt compelled to write to you. I think you have done a masterful job making this publication highly interesting and relevant. The design, layout, and color scheme are unusually attractive and invite the reader to continue on. ... It is clear to me that this is a highly intentional design, one that works on pretty much every page. I know you have put a good deal of energy and talent into this publication over the years. It has clearly worked. ... We have a one-of-a-kind publication. Seriously.

Eric Pappas, ISAT professor, School of Engineering founding faculty member



Madison continues to receive many examples of engaged learning at JMU, including this note from English professor Mark Rankin, who led a short-term study-abroad course in London this summer exploring the writings of Shakespeare and Queen Elizabeth I.



JMU students show off their printing skills at Oxford's Bodleian Library.

"During an outing, students visited the Bodleian Library's Bibliography Room, Old Schools Quadrangle, Oxford, where they were instructed in the technology of the hand-operated printing press and in the process of type. The students received an opportunity to set their names in a composing stick, transfer their set type to a galley, and print a memento of the visit with their names and the seal of Oxford University. ... The students were giddy with excitement. ... They gained an appreciation of this side of Shakespeare studies, and it was one of the highlights of the trip."

Our cover story in the June digital edition of *Madison*, "Walking the walk," about JMU students following the path of the Freedom Riders of the 1960s through Alabama and Georgia, brought back memories for JMU Public Safety Director Emeritus Alan MacNutt. MacNutt was one of a small party at Robert Gray Army Airfield Operations providing logistical support for the transportation of military police from Fort Hood, Texas, to Selma, Alabama, in March 1965.

"Of all the airlifts we had, that one stands out as the most gratifying. ... We all felt a sense of pride for our efforts at the time. [However] it was not until years later ... during a major anniversary of the Selma march that it hit me, the importance of the role we 15 Army personnel played in facilitating that support operation authorized by President Johnson's Executive Order."

EDITOR'S NOTE: The image that spurred MacNutt's recollection was taken during a spring experiential learning trip hosted by the Center for Multicultural Student Services. See "Full Frame" (inside cover). For more on the trip, visit jmu.edu/madisonmagazine.