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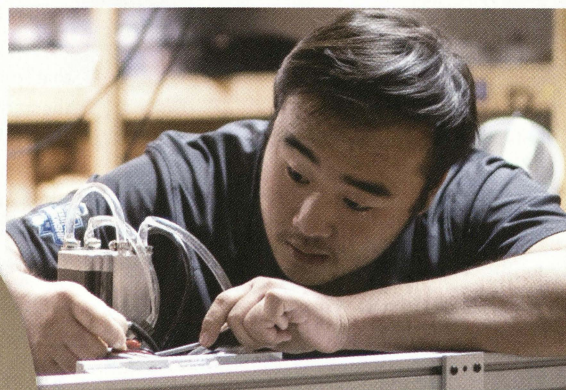
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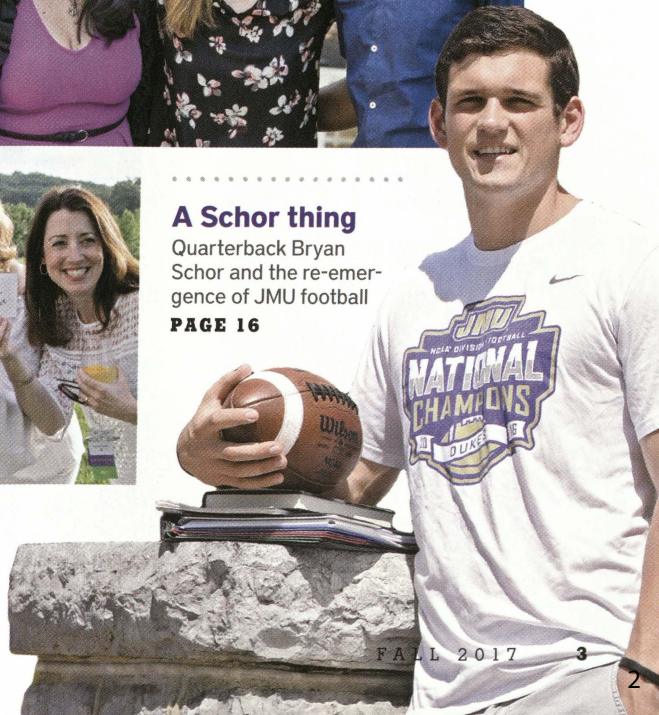
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Upon further review: the Spring/Summer 2017 issue

### The spirit of the university?

I graduated from JMU in 2010 and am always happy to see a *Madison* mag in the mail. This issue, though, I was a little upset to see was all about sports. While I realize that JMU had a successful year athletically and that there is much to celebrate on that front, I didn't feel like it fully captured the spirit of the university. I was never much into collegiate athletics, and instead graduated with a major in biology. I would appreciate seeing more of a well-rounded year in review with a few stories focusing on something other than sports. I just think it isolates a faction of the alumni population when the entire issue seems so one-track-minded. Just some food for thought and congrats on finishing another successful year!

– Christina Bence ('10)

### Sports magazine?

Hi – just curious: Is this now a solely sports magazine? It sends a pretty one-dimensional message of what we all do here at JMU, to me.

– Jeffrey E. Bush, Ph.D., *director, School of Music, James Madison University*

### Remarkable recovery

You should do a video segment detailing the remarkable recovery of JMU quarterback Bryan Schor's return to the playoffs 18 days after surgery for his broken collarbone! Happy to help!

– Dr. Mark D. Miller, *head, Division of Sports Medicine, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, University of Virginia; team physician, James Madison University*

### Special effort

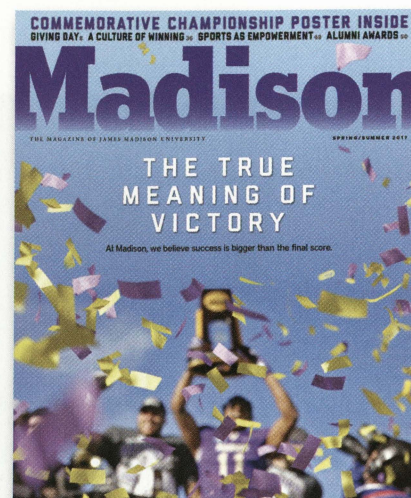
Congrats on an excellent edition. It was a very special effort, and I will put it with my other JMU memories. Thank you and Go Dukes!

– Adam Burket ('86)

### Spot on

Your mentality is spot on. Beautiful balance.

–Bob Schaefer ('07P)



**EDITOR'S NOTE:** In recent years, each *Madison* issue has focused on a particular theme – art, business, culture, health. The Spring/Summer 2017 issue looked at the Madison Experience from the student-athlete perspective. We hope all of our readers will find something of note in this issue's wide-ranging content (and for our sports fans, don't miss the article on Bryan Schor on Page 16.) Please keep your story ideas coming to [madisonmag@jmu.edu](mailto:madisonmag@jmu.edu)!



### The 1973 team, not 1972

To whom it might concern: The picture of Coach Mac on Page 33 of the latest issue is incorrectly dated. It is from the second season, 1973. You can tell by the Bridgeforth Stadium stands present in the picture. They were not constructed in 1972. Chip Deringer (#21 in picture) was a freshman in 1973 and not on the '72 team.

– Daniel Ward ('76) (#24 in picture)

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