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Our Spring/Summer issue ("Can it be Saved?") elicited some passionate responses on the topic of renewing civil society.

Beyond the familiar

"It was with refreshing pleasure I read the latest issue of *Madison* (Spring/Summer). The article on the women's soccer coach was inspiring as was the space given to the importance of Civil Discourse. Loved the Constitution Day T-shirts ("Thanks Jimmy"). How may I obtain one? Yet perhaps I am equally thrilled to read "Who in the World Comes to JMU?" Yes, international students bring a perspective and different view of the world that helps all of us stretch and grow beyond the familiar. This is absolutely vital in today's world. I attended JMU when it was Madison College. In my first year, we ate 'family style' in the dining hall. In several counties over, at that time, Prince Edward County closed all its public schools rather than follow the national law and integrate. And we were one of the top teacher training institutions in the state! There was absolutely no dialogue on this then-current event! Thankfully, times have changed. The faces of today's students more honestly reflect the Old Dominion as well as our globe. I continue to be increasingly proud of JMU."

— Louise Schullery Cox ('67)

Madison's first Peace Corps volunteer, serving in Sierra Leone as a teacher from 1967 to 1969

Liberal indoctrination

"Gee, what a surprise. Liberal JMU faculty member Benjamin Selznick (pictured in front of the obligatory 'Coexist' diversity symbol) conducts so-called research that concludes—wait for it—that liberal professors are 'doing their job'



Constitution Day brings "Thanks Jimmy" T-shirt-clad students to the life-size statue of James Madison.

rather than indoctrinating students to adopt their beliefs. I've seen this type of 'research' before. Start with a conclusion and pile up anecdotal 'evidence' to support it. Meanwhile, across the nation liberal student bodies—led by liberal faculty members—continue to shout down any conservative voices that dare attempt to be heard—while occupying 'safe spaces' and living in echo chambers. Professor Selznick spouts the usual liberal talking points—and is largely responsible for churning out college graduates who are unprepared for the realities of the world outside the comfortable 'safe spaces' of JMU."

— Alan C. Saunders ('82)

Colonel, U.S. Army (retired)

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Actually, James Madison University is "churning out college graduates" who are quite well prepared for life after JMU. See "Faring well in the real world" on Page 12 for the annual Career Outcomes report on the JMU Class of 2017.

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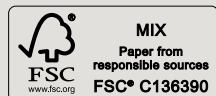
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