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A different mentality
One student's career goal inspires him to reach out to the JMU community

By JESSICA LYON
contributing writer
Some JMU students are using their talents and aspirations to help achieve a stronger balance in their academic and personal lives.

Sophomore writing, rhetoric, and technical communication major Gabriel Lee is collaborating with senior media arts and design major David Bittner to produce a documentary tentatively named "Mind and Body." The documentary explores individuals who depict physical and mental resilience.

Lee is the producer of the film, while Bittner serves as the director. Lee hopes to use the documentary as a jumping-off point to revise his ideas. He will be speaking to the SMS community to establish its reputation and hopes to eventually reach the entire nation.

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MOTION

Group tours

informed of relocation

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The beginning of the year is the busiest season for the post office between students buying textbooks online, and receiving care packages and Valentine’s Day gifts that have forgotten. Holidays can also be cumbersome for the post office, this past Valentine’s Day it had a line of Shari’s Berries waiting to be refrigerated.

"The post office is fine where it is. " Operations Manager of the HRECC Dee Dee Sencindiver said. "They are there when you need them, and still there when you don’t." This week, Harrisonburg-Rockingham Emergency Communications Center (HRECC) employees are being recognized for their dedication, and effectively answering 911 calls and dispatching responders hundreds of times each day.

This group handled more than 266,000 telephone transactions and dispatched emergency services, 25,257 times during 2014.

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also hold hackathons, including Virginia Tech, the University of Virginia and Virginia Commonwealth University.

“The big goal is to bring about institutional change,” Timothy Moore, a senior industrial design major and University Innovation Fellow, said. “It’s hard to keep up with other schools, which, right now, they are not.”

The University Innovation Fellows came up with the idea of the event and made up of 10 JMU students: Chris Ashley, a business administration major; Emily Nava, a sophomore history and international affairs double major; and Andrew Carlone, a sophomore international business major, who went through online training and workshops to come up with ideas to make campus more innovative.

Moore hopes that by making Bluestone Hacks a yearly event, students will continuously think of broader ideas to improve JMU’s campus specifically. Bluestone Hacks will be different from hackathons at other universities because the event will entail all majors, according to Moore.

“Every major, whether you’re business or health sciences, has its own abilities to bring to the table,” Moore said.

The University Innovation Fellows partnered up with JMU X-Lab, a group that provides workplaces for students who are interested in solving real world problems through courses, collaboration and entrepreneurship. These groups met at a conference at the University of Virginia in February, where they decided to start Bluestone Hacks.

“The goal is to get more students to participate and include more innovative ideas that solve problems rather than just new apps for smartphones,” Nick Plouffe, the director of X-Lab, which encompasses JMU X-Lab, said.

Judges for the companies who sponsor Bluestone Hacks are PoshCare, CareTaker Medical, Friendship Industries, Inc., Psi Upsilon and AUB. These judges will evaluate each team’s idea based on innovation and how well it’s pitched.

“The goal for the individuals is that people will come out and think more creatively,” Moore said. “They will have the courage to start a business and think about real world problems.

“Since the judges are mostly people who work for the sponsoring companies, students will get face time with potential employers during their pitches.”

Although many college students likely have career aspirations, innovation and entrepreneurship are often seen in small firms by professors as being proactive, creative and unconventional thinking,” Jeff Pompea, the president and CEO of CareTaker Medical and one of the judges of Bluestone Hacks, said.

“Student entrepreneurs have shown innovative ideas that are encouraged by larger hackathons, but they have not gotten much love in the grand scheme of entrepreneurship,” Young said. “So for myself, it is nice to see an entrepreneurship event that is not fixated upon creating the next big app like MyPhone.”

Young is looking to form a team of students that can come up with an idea and turn it into a reality, in the goal of the event.

Students of all majors who have an innovative idea are encouraged to come to Bluestone Hacks.

“I want people to come out, make, create, do and design,” Moore said.

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COMPETITION

Student-run competition encourages creativity

Lee and Bittner are both thrilled to see the final video and its impact on the JMU community. Their final products will be available on JMU’s Facebook page “JMU Students.” While they are not concerned with the sales and earnings for these films, the main goal was to move the idea forward and increase awareness about mental health.

Months of planning and production meetings have turned into a week of filming and post-production duties. Both Lee’s and Bittner’s vision has shifted from planning out the video proposal to actually seeing the actors and notating what they come out in the shooting.

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Marriage apocalypse

Millennials have declining interest in tying the knot

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Editorial

“Would a society without marriage be just as good as this one?”

At first glance, it seems like an impressive feat that Millennials have chosen to delay marriage, and even avoid marriage altogether. But is it really an accomplishment? Do Millennials want to prove who has the best life with the relationship? Are we really that shallow?

Let’s take a closer look. Millennials are a generation that has spent their entire lives connected to some sort of device. From cell phones to laptops, our devices demand our attention, but they also extend much further beyond that. Millennials have chosen to spend their time not on relationships, but on their devices. They have chosen to live with their parents longer, and even choose to live together without tying the knot.

The National Bureau of Statistics show that the number of Millennials who have married has been steadily declining over the past several decades. In 1960, 32 were married in 1960; in 2013, that number dropped to 26 percent. Millennials have been marriage is outdated, yet expected for married couples.

Young adults don’t want to be burdened with their parents’ debt, and they’re opting out of marriage because of the traditional marriage is not what they want. This means that Millennials are choosing to live their lives without the burden of a marriage.

I believe that Millennials’ choice to delay marriage or avoid marriage altogether is a result of their devices. Millennials have chosen to live in a society where they can be connected to their devices at all times, and they don’t want to be burdened with their own. They want to focus on their own jobs and not on the needs of their parents.

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Gender disparities present in Greek life

By giving fraternity men extraneous resources and privileges, these university and national rules reinforce the patriarchal nature of Greek life.

Net-a-Porter recommendation of the week

Movie: “Paris is Burning” (1990)

I believe a good documentary is supposed to open your eyes to a cause, problem or culture that you’ve previously been unaware of. And that’s exactly what the 1990 film “Paris is Burning” does with the New York City drag scene.

This documentary highlights the culture of drag queens (or non-drag performances and identities) and how they practice their art in a society that, while only 10 to 30 years before our own, was commonly hostile and intolerant of their culture.

Apart from seeing their extravagant performances, humming fans and words and seeing amazing transformations, it’s also a riveting narrative. It follows multiple members of the drag world as they deal with issues like HIV and AIDS and navigate the work industry.

“Paris is Burning” also centers on the characters’ families, how they became involved in drag and what they’re willing to give up for their passion, especially despite some harsh — and often times violent — resistance.

So take a step out of your comfort zone and flip on “Paris is Burning.” Use it to reflect on how far the equal rights movement has come, but most importantly, prepare to gag (that’s a good thing, I promise).
President Alger’s dark world

By SAM ROSENBERG
contribution columnist

Jonathan Alger is one incredible man, and his credentials are astounding: counsel for the American Association of University Professors, senior vice president and general counsel at Rutgers University and attorney-adviser to the U.S. Department of Education.

And what’s more: he accomplished all of it in utter darkness.

Alger, who has been shrouded in a cloak of darkness for over 50 years, is now leading JMU into an uncertain future, with unprecedented growth in both campus and student population size.

Despite the rapid change, Alger has quickly gained the overwhelming approval of JMU’s populace.

Most are unaware that his office is located in a barren, stainless steel chamber three stories below Hillcrest House, accessible only by a dolly-operated elevator.

Alger’s colleagues, who lovingly refer to him as “Our King, Mighty Prince of Darkness,” laud his rapid action on issues which have plagued JMU’s campus for decades, such as diversity and economic inequality.

Professors and administrators alike have demonstrated undying loyalty to his new policies, which he often barks from the corner of his underground lair.

However, he hasn’t come to campus without some criticism.

“I just wish our president was more visible,” senior health sciences major Andrew Levins said of the man who governs JMU from the vast, opaque shadows of the blind night. “I mean, he’s doing great things for the school, but can someone who knows only a world of impenetrable darkness really understand us millennials? I don’t know, maybe.

Alger happily agreed to an interview, on the condition that it be conducted in an earthen den at the end of a several mile-long series of catacombs.

When asked to outline his main objectives for change at JMU, he replied, “I think that we need to provide opportunity for each student to succeed,” in an omnipresent snarl that echoed as though his voice was the darkness itself.

“That means more students from disadvantaged backgrounds, carving our choice of majors and ushering in an age of eternal darkness,” Alger said.

He continued to outline progressive ideals for reducing the risk of sexual violence on campus, new methods of rewarding student achievement and letting the cruel black of the night consume JMU’s campus so as to create a Kingdom of Shadows.

“I just hope students know that I always act in their best interests,” Alger concluded.

Alger’s approach to the presidency comes in stark contrast to one of his predecessors, President Ronald Carrier, who attributes his longevity to never having left a room of 700 32-watt fluorescent light bulbs.

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By NICHOLAS NICHOLS
Nicholas Richards, a freshman in information sciences, explained why he thought it was important for students to have the opportunity to meet with the instructors.

Interview with instructor Nicholas Richards

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**Sports**

**Gymnastics returns to the top**

Women's club gymnastics team returns to Hart- ington after victory in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Gymnastics Championship April 8-11 in Orlando, Florida. This marks the second year in a row that the team has won the title. The second straight AAI (All Around) points over the weekend, topping their point total of 166.775 last year. Club president and senior Melody Salinas was named to All-CAA for both doubles and singles. Se...
Chip off their shoulders

Dukes look to average last year's conference championship loss against Towson

By Peter Casso

The Dukes

“Train like a champion everyday” — a motto the Dukes have employed, yet never lost

The Dukes look to change that this season. The Dukes are coming off of a 1-1 record in the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) last season. The Dukes have been able to bounce back from last season and are looking to improve the balance of the team, according to Bryce.

The Dukes’ record of 5-24-1 last season shows how much the team has struggled. However, the Dukes have some big names returning this season. The team is looking to get back to the top and have a successful season.

The Dukes have several returning players this season. The team has a lot of returning players, including seniors Stephanie Finley and Tori Good. The team also has several freshmen joining the team this season. The freshmen include redshirt sophomore Betsy Angel and senior Alison Curwin.

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JMU standout aims high

Redshirt senior Lauren Okafor attends 2015 Tampa Combine to showcase her talents

By RICHIE BOZEK
The Breeze

JMU women’s basketball is coming off a 2015 campaign with a career-high 12-4 record, including a second consecutive trip to the NCAA Tournament. Redshirt senior center Lauren Okafor, the Colonial Athletic Association Scholar Athlete of the Year, helped lead the Dukes averaging 12.4 points and 9.8 rebounds per game this season. Okafor recently attended the 2015 Tampa Combine, which was held from April 3 to 5, to perform in front of WNBA and international scouts. We caught up with Okafor to talk about what she’s been up to and what’s next for her.

What has your schedule been like since the end of the JMU season?

I’m just trying to get back into the swing of the end of classes and finishing of strong. Academics are very important to me so I’m really trying to focus in and hit the books.

How long before the combine did you know you were going to be attending?

I got invited via email, so I found out probably close to four or five days before. I wasn’t sure if I was going to be able to go because I had so much stuff coming up with exams and everything the next week and I didn’t want to get distracted. I ended up going and it was a great experience. I’m glad that I decided to go and just showcase my talents.

What were your days at the combine like?

The days started about eight in the morning and went until about six in the afternoon. It was just a bunch of basketball. I thought our practices and my training was challenging, but this was a whole new level. The whole time I was wondering how comparable this would be to a professional team because it was really a lot of basketball. I thought our practices and my training (at JMU) was challenging, but this was a whole new animal.

What was your most memorable part of the weekend?

Reacting with people. There were actually two of my teammates that I played with in AKA (the Amateur Athletic Union) that attended the combine as well, and I didn’t find out that they were coming until about the night before. So it was exciting to see them, and then being able to play with a former point guard again. That was awesome. And just, you know, getting to meet different people. I was also able to connect with one of my old coaches.

You are a pre-med and psychology double major, what about both of those interests you?

I’ve always wanted to be a doctor. Ever since I was younger, I was fascinated by the field of medicine. Being in a doctor’s office I was always touching everything and getting my hands slapped. Psychology and the brain have always been my interests and passions as well. Coming to JMU, I initially hadn’t declared pre-med. I wasn’t sure how much biology I would be able to take, and then being able to play with a former point guard again. That was awesome. And just, you know, connecting with one of my old coaches.

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What are your plans for your classes this summer?

I’m planning on going to Greece for a month. We have a team trip. We will be playing against other college teams and getting to meet different people. I was also able to connect with one of my old coaches.

What do you feel about your performance?

I feel like I did well, considering. It was kind of a different structure than I’m used to. We have 20 minutes to play against other teams, playing with people I’ve never played with before. Every five minutes in games they would rotate in a rotation system and you had about 10 players that you didn’t get into the rhythm or flow in that first five minutes ... you kind of had to wait until the next rotation in that game. It was not anything I was used to, but the end of the last day I feel like I was into a better flow of things even though I was extremely sore ... It was a lot. The whole time I was wondering how comparable this would be to a professional team because it was really a lot of basketball. I thought our practices and my training (at JMU) was challenging, but this was a whole new animal.

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