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## Genders think differently

BY JEN JACKSON  
contributing writer

Why do men seem to be able to tune women out during a football game? Why do women seem to remember a fight that happened months ago? Are these gender roles created by our society or are they present at birth in differences in our brains?

Recently, more studies that survey the differences between men's and women's brains have begun. CAT scans of both sexes are able to show that certain areas of the brain are enlarged in one sex and contracted in the other.

Psychiatrist Louann Brizendine said the hippocampus in women is larger than it is in men. The hippocampus plays a part in memory and may be the reason behind a woman "never [forgetting] a fight, a romantic encounter or a tender moment — and won't let you forget it, either," she said.

But JMU psychology professor Dr. Arnie Kahn said this is more due to the nurture factor created by society rather than the differences in the brain.

"Boys are taught not to express certain emotions such as sadness; girls are taught not to express anger," Kahn said. He also said that females and males both experience sadness and anger, but each gender has "learned what to express, where to express and how to express differently."

The University of Toronto also studied the differences between men and women. When put in a room full of objects and taken out a few minutes later, women were able to accurately describe and name numerous objects in the room. In contrast, men seemed to typically answer with non-descript words such as "stuff."

Even when it comes to sex, women tend to think of it as an intimate act, where as men sometimes see sex as more casual. Junior Jenna Gilliam attributes this to the fact that "women tend to use their brains, where men tend to use the other organ," she said.

Brizendine also found that female babies tend to connect with faces more so than male babies. Male babies even tend to crawl away from their mothers earlier than female babies.

Freshman Steven Ball agrees that men tend to be more independent.

"[Girls] seem to need to talk to their friends about everything," he said.

## Trojan grades health

### Three state schools ranked in condom makers' poll, Madison excluded

BY SARAH SULLIVAN  
contributing writer

Sex is serious and universities and colleges across the country are working to improve sexual health programs and to promote sexual education among students.

A recent Trojan Sexual Health Report Card ranked 100 schools across the country to highlight sexual health. The University of Virginia came in at No. 41, Virginia Tech at 46 and George Mason University was ranked at No. 66. JMU was not included in the assessment, but sexual health issues are taken seriously by offices like Health Services.

The Office of Health Services manages health programs on campus and has a variety of programs that work to stress the importance of sexual health.

"Our role is to let students know what is available on campus," said Tim Howley, the

JMU coordinator for peer programs. "We are constantly trying to get out word of what is out there."

The Trojan report card, sponsored by the condom company, looked at schools representing 23 percent of the college population. It found that 76 percent of schools do not provide free condoms, 93 percent provide STI testing and 32 percent have a sex-advice columnist at the student paper or online.

College students engage in unprotected sexual activity daily, said a *Collegiate Times* article. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said currently 65 million people in the United States are living with an incurable sexually transmitted infection. The center also anticipates 3 million unexpected pregnancies this year.

JMU has created multi-faceted programs for sexual health issues. At least four buildings — including Varner House, Warren Hall, the Health Center and Blue Ridge Hall — house offices and counseling centers for sexual health-related information.

"There are a variety of different avenues into the system," said Ann Simmons, the coordinator of health promotion. "Someone may not be comfortable walking into the Health Center, but having many health offices makes getting help

easy."

JMU places emphasis on peer educators and student organizations that stress safe sex. The on-campus student group R.E.A.C.H. Peer Educators works to spread the word about healthy sexual relations.

"Sex in the 'Burg' is one example of a R.E.A.C.H. program students present to their peers. The program focuses on safe sex, but also stresses abstinence is the only sure way to prevent STIs and other infections.

"It is great that JMU offers sexual health programs, but abstinence is the surest way to avoid pregnancy and STIs," freshman Jenna Bryant said.

"Sex in the 'Burg' is presented to residence halls, fraternities, sororities and clubs and organizations.

"Our role is to present what is out there," Howley said. "The philosophy of peer education is that students will listen to people in their age group."

R.E.A.C.H. also is responsible for "The Duke is Right" program.

Freshman Alex Ledford thought the program was informative and fun.

"I had no idea that you could get free condoms from the Health Center," Ledford said.

## Plan calls for more students

BY BEN BAYNTON  
contributing writer

Gov. Timothy M. Kaine recently released his economic development strategic plan, which is required by Virginia state law. This plan introduces nine goals, which are expected to be completed by 2010.

One of the goals Kaine plans to accomplish is an increase in the number of Virginia students between the ages of 18 and 24 in a higher-education program. The goal is a 5 percent increase in participation, from 34 percent to 39 percent, or about 34,000 students.

"I think the proposed increase is realistic," said Douglas Garcia, the Virginia Assistant Secretary of Education. Through dual enrollment, AP and IB students can earn credit toward college, decreasing the amount time that student spends in college, and creating space in required 100 and 200-level courses.

Agreements between community colleges and traditional four-year universities such as JMU have created feeder colleges. This allows students to pass from a community college to four-year university without losing many credits.

Another issue is how to get students into college that are currently unable or unwilling to go.

"The main incentive that I feel will get students to come is the realization that we live in a global society where we are not just competing against students from

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### KAINE'S PLAN

EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN 2010

INCREASE NUMBER OF STUDENTS IN HIGHER EDUCATION BY 5 PERCENT (34,000 STUDENTS)

CREATE FEEDER COLLEGES LIKE BLUE RIDGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE, WHICH FEEDS TO JMU.

NATIONAL CENTER FOR PUBLIC POLICY GAVE VIRGINIA AN "F" ON EDUCATION AFFORDABILITY, BUT A "B" FOR PARTICIPATION

LAUREN PACK/art director

Average price for full-time undergrads enrolled for a full year: \$7,200

### Tax credit benefits from undergrads:

- Income of \$15,000 or less: \$144,000,000
- Income of \$30,000-\$49,999: \$1,329,000,000
- Income of \$50,000-\$99,999: \$2,237,000,000

LAUREN PACK/  
art director

## Tax credit benefits wealthy

BY RACHANA DIXIT  
news editor

The National Center for Education Statistics recently released a report showing that the affluent are benefiting more from tuition tax credits than those in the lower average-income brackets.

The report, which for the first time analyzed student financing of undergraduate education from 2003-'04, examined the effects of two programs since their creation in 1997.

The Hope Scholarship, one of the two programs, allows a tax credit of up to \$1,500 during a student's first two years in college.

The Lifetime Learning Tax Credit, the other program being analyzed, allows a tax credit of up to \$2,000 for lower and middle-income students after the first two years.

During the 2003-'04 school year, there were larger federal tax credit benefits for undergraduates coming from affluent backgrounds. Families who earned \$15,000 or less received about \$144 million through the credit programs. Families with an income between \$30,000 and \$49,999 received around \$1.3 billion, whereas falling into the \$50,000 to \$99,999 average gross income bracket generated a total of about \$2.2 billion.

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### POLICE LOG

BY JENESSA KILDALL/senior writer

#### Alcohol violation

JMU students were charged with an alcohol violation in U-Lot Oct. 2 at 1:33 a.m.

#### Larceny

A JMU student reported the theft of an unattended JAC Card in Godwin Hall Sept. 29 between 11 a.m. and 12 p.m.

A JMU student reported the theft of an unattended JAC Card and room key in Hunters Ridge Oct. 1 at 12:30 a.m.

A JMU student reported the theft of a resident parking sticker from R1-Lot at an unknown date and time.

#### Drunk in public

A JMU student was charged with drunk in public in the Dingleline Hall area Sept. 30 at 11:48 p.m.

A JMU student was charged with drunk in public in Frederikson Hall Oct. 4 at 11:39 p.m.

Number of drunk in public since Aug. 28: 19

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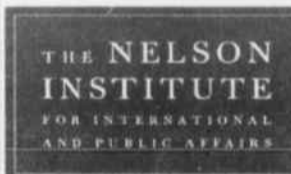
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### Guster tickets still on sale for tonight's show

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Student ticket prices are \$22 with a JAC Card (limit 2), and will be available until this afternoon at 2 p.m. at the Warren Hall Box Office. After 2 p.m., tickets will be available at the door for \$28. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the show starts at 8 p.m.

### College safety expert speaking tonight

Erin Weed, college safety expert and author of "Girls Fight Back! The College Girl's Guide to Protecting Herself," will speak tonight at 7 p.m. in Grafton-Stovall Theatre.

Weed will discuss how to secure dorms and apartments, how to avoid date-rape drugs, cyber crimes and Internet stalkers, and how to stay safe on Spring Break. Her speaking engagement is sponsored by JMU's Campus Assault Response.

## In the Valley

### County sheriff's deputy arrested for DUI

A special prosecutor was appointed Thursday to handle the DUI case against a Rockingham County sheriff's deputy, the *Daily News-Record* reported Saturday. The prosecutor will also investigate whether an additional charge of hit and run should be filed against him, officials said.

Harrisonburg police said they arrested Lt. Craig Herring last Saturday on charges of driving under the influence and refusal to take a sobriety test.

## World & Nation

### Russian reporter gunned down in apt.

MOSCOW — Anna Politkovskaya, a Russian journalist, was fatally gunned down Saturday in the lobby of her apartment building in central Moscow, *The Washington Post* reported yesterday.

Her reporting often clashed with official versions of events such as the hostage crisis at a theater in Moscow in 2002, and she was highly critical of Putin's rule.

She was working on a story about torture in Chechnya, where a Kremlin-backed strongman has all but routed a separatist movement that sparked two bloody wars.

### Injured troops in Iraq continues to increase

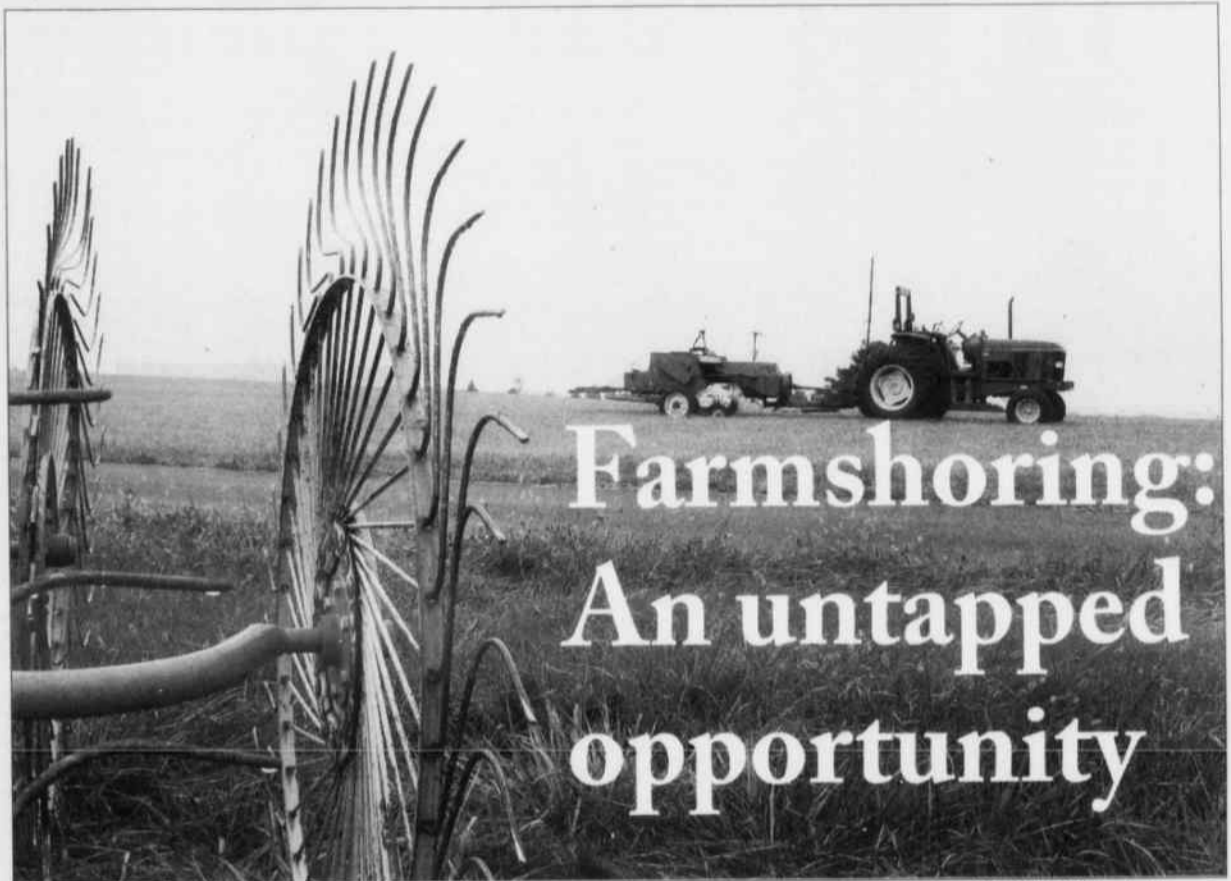
According to yesterday's *Washington Post*, the number of U.S. troops wounded in Iraq has surged to its highest monthly level in nearly two years.

Last month, 776 U.S. troops were wounded in action in Iraq, the highest number since the military assault to retake the insurgent-held city of Fallujah in November 2004, according to Defense Department data. It was the fourth-highest monthly total since the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq in March 2003.

### Army to discuss resource increase with White House

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld is allowing the Army to approach White House budget officials by itself to argue for substantial increases in resources, *The New York Times* reported yesterday.

The decision is a significant divergence from initial plans by Mr. Rumsfeld and his inner circle to cut the Army to pay for new technology and a new way of war.



MINDI WESTHOFF/senior photographer

Rural Virginia may have an upsurge in jobs because of farmshoring, a potential source of employment away from major urban areas.

BY ASHLEY HOPKINS  
contributing writer

Farmshoring, a process by which jobs or contracts are outsourced to rural areas where business can be conducted at lower costs, has become a topic of study at Virginia Tech.

Tech's Office of Economic Development and the Department of Urban Affairs and Planning have partnered with state and local governments to analyze the opportunities and barriers with regard to farmshoring possibilities in rural Virginia.

Known as the Economic Development Studio, this team of faculty and second-year graduate students will conduct qualitative research and work with statistics to investigate the potential of farmshoring in Virginia,

said John Provo, senior economic development specialist with the Office of Economic Development at Tech.

The project, which lasts one semester, is run as a practicum, providing hands-on learning experience for those involved, Provo said. Students contact and deal with clients from eight different partnership communities and use the information gained during their months of research and analysis to prepare a report on farmshoring opportunities for the Virginia Economic Development Partnership.

An aspect of the study that could affect JMU students is study director Jeffrey Anderson's plan to develop a program that will try to market rural Virginia communities in Harrisonburg, Blacksburg, Danville and Lynchburg. This development could shift some

back-office operations to lower cost areas.

According to the Virginia Economic Development Partnership, all four of these cities contain four-year colleges, and with many students in need of jobs, it could be a source of potential employment.

"A good percentage of [students] go where the jobs are, which is Northern Virginia," Provo said, and added farmshoring could lead to increased job opportunities in the communities where they live while school is in session.

Besides the benefits farmshoring offers college students looking for jobs, it provides an alternative to the high cost of living in metropolitan areas, which can be 70 percent more expensive than rural areas, according to

Wikipedia.org.

Farmshoring can help rural communities secure jobs and build tax bases while providing urban communities an opportunity to combat traffic congestion common in many urban areas.

Farmshoring could provide an opportunity for rural Virginia to see an increase in both job and tax revenue that it has lost to overseas competitors. Thus, firms that previously off-shored some of their business functions internationally are bringing them back to rural areas within the United States.

With 3 million jobs expected to go overseas in the next few years, farmshoring could be beneficial for those looking to find employment outside of urban areas.

# Va. registration deadline looms

BY JORDAN FUNDQUIBARK  
contributing writer

While Democrats and Republicans vie for power within Congress and struggle to wrestle away as many seats as possible, students 100 miles away from the battle hesitate to get involved.

Come Oct. 10, many students at JMU will have missed the voter registration deadline for the upcoming Congressional elections. Harrisonburg's local voter registration office has not seen an increase in registrations that was expected.

Debbie Logan, Harrisonburg's general registrar, said this year's contests have not been as "busy" as the gubernatorial and presidential elections in years past. She said, however, there has been an increase in absentee ballots filed this year, which she said was a good sign students are getting involved and understand the process.

According to national census polls in 2004, the main reason 18-to-24-year-olds gave for not registering was a lack of interest.

"I think everyone complains about what is going on," junior Emily Galloway said. "But no one signs up to make a difference."

The same polls also showed that 24 percent of the

age group wanted to vote, but missed the registration deadline.

"It seems strange that you would have to register nearly a month in advance when things could be easier if you register when you go to vote," sophomore Alex Story said.

Moreover, just above 25 percent of students felt that their vote would not make a difference. Most young voters feel a need to vote but are stopped by some of its inconveniences.

"It's important that kids get involved in politics because it affects our community," freshman Maria McKenna said.

The lack of any registration surge could be due to the increased applications for absentee ballots. Many students at JMU could already be registered. The 18-to-24-year-old age group in 2004 saw the biggest increase in both voting and registration rates throughout the country.

The lackluster performance in registration numbers is most likely not caused by a lack of motivation in JMU's student body.

When asked why the young population should vote:

"We're 18 now and that's what we should be doing," freshman Cole Lawson said.

## To be eligible to vote in Virginia, a person must:

- Be a resident of Virginia
- Be a U.S. citizen
- Be 18 years old
- Not claim the right to vote in any other state
- Not currently be declared mentally incompetent
- If convicted of a felony, your right to vote must be restored

LAUREN PACK/art director

More voting information can be found on the Virginia State Board of Elections Web site.

# Marine to deliver first-hand account

## A former soldier, JMU alum to discuss war in Iraq

BY VICTORIA SHELOR  
staff writer

Tonight, author and JMU alumnus Mike Tucker will present "The War in the Mosques: A Strategy for Victory in Iraq and The Global War on Terror."

Tucker is a former U.S. Marine with a special operations background. As a Marine, Tucker saw the war first hand and was saw combat at Fallujah and Mosul — some of the most brutal areas in Iraq.

"He has been in the center of action and has been fired at," said political science professor Anthony Eksterowicz, who nominated Tucker to be a visiting scholar.

"Mike always went where the action went," Eksterowicz said.

Tucker graduated from JMU in 1982 with a bach-

elor's in history and received his master's degree in English in 1999.

"[Tucker] is someone we can highlight from the JMU community," Eksterowicz said.

Tucker will discuss how the mosques are related to the war and a possible strategy for success in Iraq and the War on Terror, Eksterowicz said.

Eksterowicz expects there will be a lot of questions for Tucker from students about Iraq at the event tonight.

"We don't have a lot of opportunities to really know what goes on there [in Iraq]," he said. "Reporters are often shielded in the green zone, but Mike's not a reporter, he's a Marine."

Tucker's first book, "The Long Patrol: With the Karen Guerrillas in Burma," documents his experiences camping out with Karen guerrilla fighters behind Burmese Army lines in order to investigate army war crimes.

His second book, "Hell Is Over: Voices of the Kurds after Saddam, An Oral History," contains the discussions Tucker had with Kurdish leaders. Tucker's most recent book is entitled "Among Warriors in Iraq: True Grit, Special Ops, and Lock-and-Load Raiding in Mosul and

Fallujah."

Each semester, a committee of 10 faculty members and one student member vote on candidates nominated for the Visiting Scholars Program at JMU, said David Jeffrey, dean of the College of Arts and Letters and head of the Visiting Scholars Program.

"We ask the nominators to talk about why the candidate would be appealing to students and why students would be interested in hearing from them," Jeffrey said.

Senior Bryan Egan, who has read some of Tucker's work, said he thinks of "countless mistakes" when he thinks of the War on Terror.

"I think we've gone about it the wrong way," Egan said. "We can't leave [Iraq] now because it will make insurgents more powerful."

Likewise, sophomore Irina Rasner said she thinks of death and fear when she hears the phrase "War on Terror."

"Violence isn't always the answer," Rasner said. "I'm personally against the war in Iraq. I think it hasn't helped and if anything, things have gotten worse."

The speech will be held in the War Memorial Auditorium in Memorial Hall at 6:30 p.m. with free admission as part of JMU's Visiting Scholars Program.

# TAX: Monetary amount decreases when students receive other aid

**TAX, from front**  
Linda Combs, director of the University Business Office, said the eligible monetary amount for these credits decreases when students are receiving other forms of aid, including loans, grants and scholarships. For example, she said tuition at JMU for a full-time, in-state undergraduate is \$3,145 per semester. If a student received a grant for \$2,000, only \$1,145 would be eligible for tax credit.  
"It makes sense that the amount would be reduced," Combs said. "The people that are getting grants and scholarships are getting free money."  
For example, students may be eligible for the Federal Pell Grant, a form of gift aid. For the 2006-'07 school year, the maximum award amount is \$4,050.  
But, Combs added that tax credits can only be applied to tuition, and not to room and board fees.  
In addition to the section on

federal tax credits, the NCES report showed that overall lower income students receive more governmental aid than the middle and upper class.  
In the lowest 25 percent income group from 2003-'04, 74.6 percent of undergraduates who applied for aid received it. The total aid amount per student came to \$7,900. But, only 48.6 percent of undergraduates in the highest income group received aid, totaling about \$7,000 per student.  
Senior Josh Hendrick, who has been attending JMU since last year and claims himself as an independent on his tax forms, said he has been getting some form of governmental aid since attending the university.  
"I mainly got loans or grants from the federal government," Hendrick said, adding that he has received Stafford loans to finance his education. "I think the government does a fairly decent job trying to give out student loans and grants."

However, Hendrick said Stafford loans alone might not be enough to pay for college since there are a multitude of other costs, such as textbook and transportation costs.  
"Stafford loans really aren't enough to pay for tuition," he said. "If you don't have another source, like a loan or a grant, you're screwed."  
Regarding tax credits, Hendrick thinks it makes sense that people with higher income may receive more of this type of aid.  
"[Middle and upper-middle-class families] are probably paying more out of their pockets," Hendrick said. Plus, he said, a person eligible for aid has to make enough money to be taxed enough.  
"You have to at least be taxed," he said. "Most students aren't employed full-time, so they're not going to get a tax write-off."  
Combs said she the tax credit system is a fair way of distributing aid because all

people are eligible for the same amount regardless of income.  
"It's across the board," she said.  
Virginia Senator Mark Obenshain (R-26th District) said he is also more likely to support the tax credit approach. Obenshain served on JMU's Board of Visitors until 2003, when policy makers were concerned that Virginia's tuition costs had gotten out of hand.  
"Many families have no choice and can't send their kids to four-year institutions," Obenshain said. "We may have gone too far."  
Although the Virginia General Assembly raised taxes two years ago for higher education, Obenshain said the only way tuition can stay low is if the state provides more direct funds.  
"When the state increases its direct aid to colleges and universities," he said, "it gives them the ability to keep tuition down. The biggest thing the legislature can do is increase direct aid."

# PLAN: Programs will attract students

**PLAN, from front**  
The United States, but students from India, Japan and China," Garcia said.  
Kaine's plan would establish reimbursement or even tuition forgiveness for students studying science-related disciplines, education, nursing and education.  
Rick Siger, the Deputy Secretary of Commerce and Trade believes that the highly specialized programs in Virginia universities will attract students.  
One example is the Information Systems Security Professional program at JMU. JMU is one of only seven designated centers of Academic Excellence in Information Assurance Education in the nation.  
"Because of the success of our universities, companies are attracted to Virginia," Siger said. This is why an increase in student population is an important component of the Strategic Plan.

"The thing I find curious is that we have adapted some policies that are an impediment to those goals," said Virginia State Sen. Mark Obenshain (R-26th District). Obenshain has previously served on the Board of Visitors at JMU.  
Obenshain said the problem is not attracting the students to universities but making them economically accessible.  
"I think those are laudable goals, but we'll see if the governor enacts a tuition freeze," said Obenshain. "JMU has grown faster than state funding."  
In fact, The National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education, a non-profit nonpartisan organization, gave Virginia an F on affordability. However, the organization also gave Virginia a "B" for participation.  
"The last thing we want to do is increase enrollment without increasing economic accessibility," Obenshain said.

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Breeze Perspectives

## Webb is a racist

### But does it matter anymore?

BY ANTHONY RIEDEL  
contributing writer

According to the *Washington Post* last week, a former acquaintance of Democratic Senate candidate James Webb came out saying that while Webb was a freshman at the University of Southern California in the early 1960s, he and members of his ROTC unit "would hop into their cars, and would go down to Watts (a black neighborhood) ... they would take the rifles down there. They would call them (the "n-word"), point the rifles at them, pull the triggers and then drive off laughing. One night, some guys caught them and beat ... them. And that was the end of that."

Imagine for a moment: if this story was about Senator George Allen, you know it would be front-page news. Allen's "macaca" gaffe earned him 10 *Washington Post* front-page articles. However, to find out about Webb doing what he did, you have to go through the *Post*'s B-section and read through the first nine paragraphs of that article. Can someone please show me substantial evidence that George Allen did anything even close to this in severity? Supposedly racist Allen has been getting flack for years for keeping a Confederate flag in his home. There is a major difference between embracing Southern heritage by owning a flag and going around pointing guns at people to intimidate them because they are black.

Keep in mind this is the same James Webb who wrote a book, "Fields of Fire," which is sprinkled with the "n-word" throughout. Keep in mind this is the same James Webb who is running against a man who has served in public office 25 years without anyone accusing him of using the "n-word" until now. Keep in mind this is the same James Webb who, according to the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, portrayed

*There is a major difference between owning a flag and going around pointing guns at people to intimidate them because they are black.*

Democratic primary opponent Harris Miller as a large-nosed Jew with money spilling out of his pockets. Keep in mind this is the same James Webb who received 83,298 votes in the Democratic Senate primary. I, for one, voted for Harris Miller for my own, selfishly Republican reasons. I ask you Democrats, does Jim Webb really stand for your "values"? If an unapologetic George Allen had gone around in a black neighborhood pointing a rifle at people because of the color of their skin, then he would not get my vote.

According to the *Washington Post*, Webb campaign spokeswoman Kristian Denny Todd said of the Allen campaign, "They are pathetic individuals. They are beneath it. They are slime. Here we are trying to talk about the issues. They are completely and totally desperate." Is the Webb campaign really talking about the issues as his spokeswoman said? Does anyone really know where Webb stands on anything except that he is critical of the Bush administration and is opposed to the war in Iraq? Is George Allen really that desperate?

The fact of the matter is that George Allen will win by a substantial margin Nov. 7. The Webb campaign knows they are not going to win on the issues. That is why they are not talking about the issues. What really is going on is a character assassination on behalf of national Democrats to ruin Allen's chances for the presidency. Unfortunately, they have succeeded. This campaign season has ruined the reputation of a man who otherwise would have been the 2008 Republican presidential nominee and if elected, an outstanding president.

Anthony Riedel is a senior communications major who congratulates Allen for asking the campaigns and Virginia Monday night to get back to the issues.

House Editorial

## Banning the banned book display

### Local high school misses the irony, demonstrates the need to protect freedom of expression

At the end of September, the American Library Association celebrated its 24th annual Banned Book Week, which the organization claims "reminds Americans not to take this precious democratic freedom for granted."

And in its own special way, the event did not go unmarked at nearby Harrisonburg High School. In commemoration of the event, also

known as the "Celebrating the Freedom to Read" week, school superintendent Donald Ford banned the banned book display.

Ford's decision was justified by asserting that the freedom to read should be continued

gent upon motivation. "We are not going to send a message to kids encouraging them to read 'banned' books," he told the *Daily News-Record*. "Our message should be to read books, a wide variety of books ... I don't think we should tease kids into reading a book by trying to say, 'there

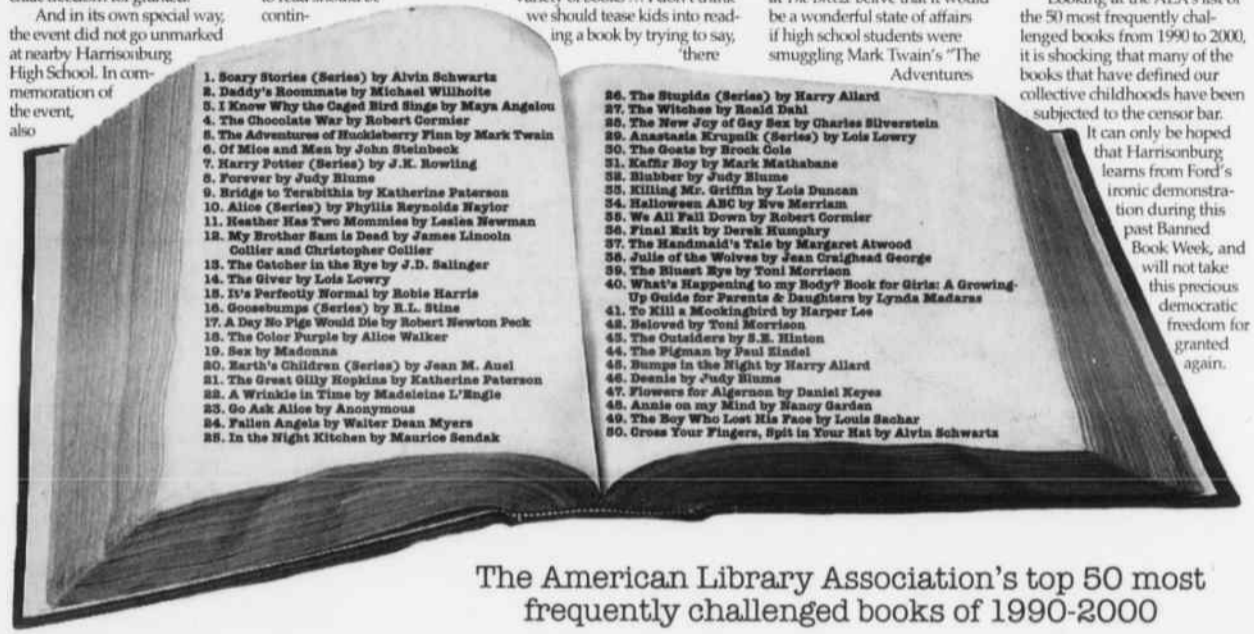
might be something juicy or controversial in this book. Therefore it would be a good one for you to sneak home and read."

As lovers of (and participants in) the printed word, we at *The Breeze* believe that it would be a wonderful state of affairs if high school students were smuggling Mark Twain's "The

Adventures of Huckleberry Finn," John Steinbeck's "Of Mice and Men" or Madeline L'Engle's "A Wrinkle in Time" home to read by flashlight under the covers — whether Ford thinks so or not.

Looking at the ALA's list of the 50 most frequently challenged books from 1990 to 2000, it is shocking that many of the books that have defined our collective childhoods have been subjected to the censor bar.

It can only be hoped that Harrisonburg learns from Ford's ironic demonstration during this past Banned Book Week, and will not take this precious democratic freedom for granted again.



The American Library Association's top 50 most frequently challenged books of 1990-2000

It's the End of the World As We Know It

## Brews, beans and bad moods

### It is high time we give our collective caffeine addiction the props it deserves

BY TRACI COX  
staff writer

It's a worldwide pandemic. It affects adults, teenagers and the elderly alike. Ramifications of this highly addictive stimulant result in third-degree burns, car accidents, lawsuits and tremors. What exactly is this horror, which runs our lives, fuels a multi-billion-dollar industry and provides the scent for dozens of home and beauty products? The frenemy is coffee, comrades, a good old cup of joe, a handle of mud, a dark, steaming hot vat of black beauty. Boy, am I thirsty.

You know our nation has a problem with caffeine addiction when you can stand on the street corner and see within eyeshot a plurality of Starbucks in the immediate vicinity.

Ever been to New York City? It's more dependent on coffee than renewable energy. Why do you think it's called "the city that never sleeps?"

Evidence for this despicable dependence on the coffee bean can easily be found on our very own campus. It's become all too fashionable to add a chic Starbucks sleeve and recyclable paper cup to your pajama-bottomed, frazzled-haired, bloodshot-eyed look. Sauntering around campus without one to start your day (or afternoon, or evening) is unthinkable — no coffee means no work, no smiles, and no reason to get out of bed.

"Psh, I don't have a problem. I only drink a cup a day." According to the geniuses at Johns Hopkins Medical Institution (who are all probably

hopped up on caffeine anyway), one cup a day signifies an addiction. The first step is admitting you have a problem, folks. About 80 percent of American adults consume at least one cup a day to avoid a maniacal Jack Nicholson in "The Shining" moment.

So, how do you addicts (yes, I am one of the shaking, drooling people among you) conquer our espresso infatuations? Switch to decaf, maybe. Another possibility is to trick your senses by ordering a similar-tasting steamer instead of a latte, made with just milk and syrup instead of espresso.

Honestly, there really is no hope for you, so you might as well forget about trying to quit. Shucks, go crazy! Think of the plethora of coffee options there are out there!

It's a chai tea drinker's worst nightmare. Chocolate-covered espresso

beans. Coffee scented candles. Lippgloss, lotions and lacquers (yes, even Home Depot is nudging its way into the industry) abounding in flavors, hues and scents to make even the most conservative coffee drinker beg to be hooked up to an IV dripping with this delicious beverage (Now there's an idea).

Yes, coffee does have its negative effects. Yellowing teeth, a rapid heart rate, headaches, occasional halitosis; the prospect of all of these ailments certainly can turn you off as you pass the Folgers machine with wide eyes and a long night of procrastination ahead. Good thing there are solutions to all of them! We have dozens of bleaching products for

those pearly whites, meditation to lower your blood pressure, Tylenol and even after-coffee mints and gum.

How do you know when you've gone too far? When you set your alarm — on your coffeemaker — to brew you a fresh cup as you casually roll out of bed in the morning. Or when your Christmas stocking is filled with nothing except espresso beans and Starbucks gift cards. Perhaps you should seek help if your

desk is littered with more empty Dunkin' Donuts cups than graded papers. How sad. Hey, I'm not judging; I'm the one that secretly fills her Nalgene (yes, all 32 glorious ounces) with select dining hall brew each morning.

A civilization without coffee? It's probably the end of the world as we know it. Heck, I just sucked down a mocha, and I feel fine.

Traci Cox is a sophomore English major.

*No coffee means no work, no smiles, and no reason to get out of bed.*



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A "sidewalks-aren't-one-way-streets" dart to all groups of people who won't be polite and make room for people who are moving in the opposite direction.

From a senior girl who is sick of stepping into traffic or onto muddy grass because you missed the day in kindergarten when they taught how to share.

A "way-to-conserve-water" pat to the cars that drive away from the curb in the rain to avoid splashing us poor walking folk on the sidewalk.

From a junior who already took a shower that day and appreciated not getting another in gutter water.

A "there-are-private-study-rooms-for-a-reason" dart to the freshmen who think that talking as loud as they want in the library is acceptable because they are working on a GCOM presentation.

From an annoyed upperclassman that has had to read the same page five times and misses the idea of peace and quiet.

An "a-party-can-always-make-room-for-one-more" pat to the dude who, instead of mocking us, chose to cut a rug with us at a stoptlight.

From a car full of junior girls who love Britney Spears as much as the next person, and were very glad that you were the next person.

A "tmx-4-p0rning-the-interwebs" dart to the TDU computers for blocking all those potentially harmful Web sites like Gmail, Spark Notes and perhaps most dangerous of all, *The Breeze*.

From a frustrated senior who cannot stand censorship, let alone the mind-numbingly idiotic censor — CONTENT BLOCKED.

A "and-everywhere-that-Mary-went-Mary-went-Mary-went" pat to the three young ladies who were singing "Mary Had A Little Lamb" in front of the library in the rain.

From a [M]U employee who enjoyed the harmonizing and is happy to know that the classics will endure forever.

Letters to the Editor

Fight for the JMU archery team

Over the past 50 years, there have been three powerhouse teams in collegiate archery: Arizona State University, Texas A&M and James Madison University. When I say powerhouse, think University of Florida and USC in football, or North Carolina, UCLA and Villanova in basketball. That's what JMU is in the sport of archery. And until the announcement last week cutting JMU archery's varsity status, essentially eliminating the program from campus, it didn't look like JMU was in any danger of relinquishing that role for a good while longer.

JMU has held individual and team local, regional and national championship titles. In fact, on a grander scale, JMU archers have held world records and proudly represented the United States in collegiate and U.S. Team international tournaments (aka world championships). In the sport of archery, JMU is a juggernaut.

So why would the athletic department cut the varsity status (allegedly under Title IX, though both the men's and women's teams were eliminated) of the most successful team the school has ever known? Is the administration made up of nuts? Have they ever read their own press on the JMU archery program?

The beautiful thing about archery is that anyone can participate. Collegiate archery plays host to men and women of all shapes and sizes. We even have a few Paralympic shooters. These athletes also tend to be excellent scholars, as they have mastered the internal control that allows them to manage time, emotion and information.

Again to the administration: recant this foolish error.

To the students, don't let this travesty happen. Speak out to keep this program, both for the men and women. Your current team and generations past has and have represented your school with honor, elite physical and mental prowess and pride. They truly have been and are the best that collegiate sporting has to offer. Archery is non-traditional, but especially where JMU is concerned, it does not mean that it has no school value.

Kari Jill Granville, JD  
Chairman, USA Archery College Archery Program  
Arizona State University archery program coordinator

Where was the student body before the sports were canceled?

A question to my fellow classmates who are up in arms about the university's decision to cut 10 sports: where have you been for the past four years? Where has the support been for these programs before this decision came down? How

many of you attended a meet at Savage Natatorium? How many went to watch wrestling at the Godwin Gym? Did any of you drive to watch our cross-country team compete? While I am sure some of you have attended these meets, the majority of students have not. JMU was supporting 28 varsity sports, the most in Virginia and seventh nationally. We were up there with Michigan; does anyone think we have an athletic budget like Michigan? Does anyone want to pay any higher student fees? We are already one of the highest in the nation.

Instead of blaming the university, ask the alumni where they were. When you donate to the Duke Club, you can earmark donations for certain sports. If enough donations came in for those sports, you can bet the university would have tried to find another way around this. We still offer 18 varsity sports, which is not too bad. This decision was made five years ago when they cut scholarships. The athletic department was trying to do right by the students then by extending the life of the sports. This is a cut that had to be made.

By saying this, I know this will not make me the most popular person on campus, but I am right. I feel for the athletes and coaches. They put their blood, sweat and tears into their respective sports. They were unfortunately caught in the middle of a politically correct piece of legislation.

Brandon Sweeney  
senior economics major

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## eddie.cain.irvin

JMU's record label, 80 One Records, released Eddie Cain Irvin's debut record in TDU last week



BY KATIE HUDSON  
contributing writer

Two months of planning and years of recording were finally brought together last Wednesday at Taylor Down Under. Senior Eddie Cain Irvin experienced his first CD release show thanks in part to his label, 80 One Records.

Signed to the JMU-based label last spring, Irvin is reaching new heights with his release of *Lifedielife Dedicated*.

Many people noticed Irvin Wednesday night with his upbeat tunes.

"I liked how much energy he had when he was on stage," said freshman Ericha Forest.

In fact, the stage is where Irvin was most comfortable.

"I don't even feel like I am at a show," Irvin said. "It's just like people are listening to my music and I'm just being myself up there."

Irvin opened the show with catchy tunes that listeners can't help but tap their feet to.

"I have been working on some of these songs since 2003," Irvin said.

The CD release for 80 One Records had been in the making since August.

"We're really focused on trying to get the word out about Eddie," said 80 One Records President Maleika Cole. "He's so awesome and he really deserves to get noticed."

The University Program Board put together fliers, put chalk messages on the commons and posted the CD release information on its Web site.

"The biggest thing for this show was the marketing," Cole said. "I'm so thankful for everyone who helped out. We couldn't have done it without them."

The night itself was just as impressive as the marketing. TDU was full of balloons, along with freebies such as candy, glow sticks, goodie bags and more.

"We spent about three hours at Wal-Mart preparing for the release and getting all the decorations," Cole said.

The crowd was also able to enjoy free cake and punch while listening to the performances.

Doug Roberts and the band Scott Norris and the Starving Artists opened for Irvin.

Following Irvin's opening set, the crowd was able to watch his new video, "Ride."

Irvin's second set and finale left the crowd wanting more. After the crowd's pleas for an encore, Irvin finished the night with one of his older songs, "Lullaby."

The show was topped off with a hitting of a stop sign-shaped piñata referencing one of Irvin's songs.

"Everything was so unique about tonight," Irvin said, pointing to the crowd dashing for candy from the broken piñata.

80 One Records is currently looking for new artists and continues to promote Irvin.

"You obviously can't stay on 80 One [Records] forever, so we are trying to show him off to some labels," Cole said. "Tonight was a great way to promote him and I could not be happier with the way things turned out."

Irvin said he feels the same way Cole does about the CD release. "I feel like I am on top of the wave and there is just so much more to go," he said.

### Concert Preview

## Guster to perform at fall Convo show tonight

UPB brings popular bands together under the same roof for an anticipated concert event

BY JACOB WILSON  
contributing writer

"Fa fa fa fa fa fa fa... Never be the same again."

Those eloquent lyrics by Guster can sum up how UPB hopes JMU students will feel after seeing the band perform tonight at this year's fall Convocation show.

Center Stage, the UPB committee in charge of bringing large-scale entertainment to JMU, is organizing the event, which also features openers Copeland and JMU's own Eddie Cain Irvin.

"The fall Convo show has always been a big event for everyone on campus and this year should be no different," said Chris Beach, Center Stage committee head. "I hope that JMU students are willing to open up and try something new."

If UPB's opinion surveys are any indication, then Guster probably won't be new to a lot of JMU students. But for those Dukes who haven't heard the band's acoustic guitars, hand-drum percussion and vocal harmonies, Beach's hope is a good one. The band is definitely worth checking out, both for its poppy, fun music and its usu-

ally heartfelt lyrics.

Guster's members met during freshman orientation at Tufts University in '91 and have been making music together ever since. This college origin may or may not have had something to do with the band's college-rock label, but with the release of its latest album, *Ganging Up On the Sun*, the band has begun breaking out of that mold.

"With the band's pop instincts craftier than ever, these songs might even reach past the keg party," reported *Spin* in a July article, reflecting the band's old stereotype. That may just be the case, with a *New York Times* review stating that, "Angst has rarely sounded sweeter than it does on *Ganging Up on the Sun*, which swirls with classic vocal harmonies, vintage organs and lightly strummed guitars."

Not to give too much weight to professional reviewers, it's good to know that JMU thinks the band is great too. In fact, the band

has been one of the top five most popular bands in JMU opinion surveys for the last three years. With that kind of popularity, UPB expects the concert to draw about 2,500 people to the Convocation Center.

"They were great," said senior Angela Johnson of another live performance she attended. "They had a lot of energy."

"I've been following Guster's music ever since *Lost and Gone Forever* came out, so I'm really excited about the show," said freshman Danny Lampton. A musician himself, as well as a member of UPB's 80 One Records, he said he's also happy to be able to support opener Eddie Cain Irvin, the student-run record label's newest signed artist.

The other opener, Copeland, should put on a good show too. Beach found and booked the band himself and describes them as "mellow indie rock."

"I hope that JMU embraces this concert," Beach said. "Besides what else are you going to do on a Monday night?"

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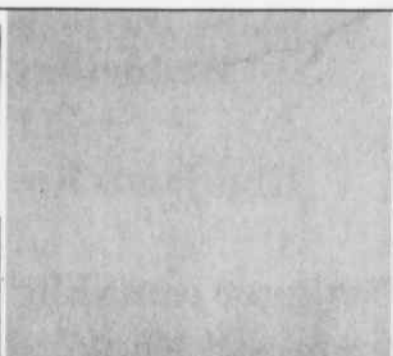
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**CD Review**

## Eat, sleep, listen to Copeland Guster's opening act drops latest album this month

BY KATE GREENBLING  
contributing writer

Listeners of indie-rock band Copeland's third and latest album *Eat, Sleep, Repeat* will appreciate the intimate sound and instrumental talent, as well as identify with the typical emo lyrics focused almost entirely on failed relationships and lost love. Copeland will preview selections from *Eat, Sleep, Repeat* at JMU Oct. 9 as the opening act for Guster.

The beautiful orchestration, lack of rhythm guitar and piano accompaniment in the album is a testament to the band's musicianship and originality. It is appropriate that Copeland tours with Jack's Mannequin, given their similar music.

One key track with single potential, "Control Freak," highlights the mainstream notion of heartbreak:

"You lose your mind if you lose control/ makes you feel ashamed for the hearts you've stole/ now your own heart's scared of an attack/ because you can't give them back."

"When You Thought You'd Never Stand Out" is a quality song, encompassing passionate lyrics, an attuned duet and ingenious instrumentation.

"I'm a Sucker for a Kind Word" is one of the strongest songs on the album due to its use of strings and tempo changes.

Lead singer Aaron Marsh has a tremendous voice that is comparable to John Nolan of Straylight Run. The lyrics are structured for Marsh's voice, yet complimented by the fitting addition of instruments such as the vibraphone and music box. However, his falsetto grows wearisome as the album progresses. Also, his vocalizations and histrionics disrupt the mood of the music and de-

tract from the lyrical emotion.

While the band should be proud of the "organic" or acoustic sound created throughout *Eat, Sleep, Repeat*, its attempt to drastically depart from their previous album, *In Motion*, of more synthesized music isn't fully realized. The songs often sound alike — a textbook result when musicians shoot for musical middle ground that often fails to leave any impression on the listener.

Though *Eat, Sleep, Repeat* is credible, the Florida-bred foursome's hopes that their latest album will be a breakout success may be a disappointment after the album's Oct. 31 release date. Copeland is as talented — if not more so — as similar bands like Snow Patrol, The Fray and Postal Service, but the question remains whether or not they will have the similar crossover success.

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## Wet and wild, but still a win

### JMU tops URI despite running half as many plays at Bridgeforth Saturday

BY BRIAN HANSEN  
sports editor

For a majority of the game, the JMU football team looked more like the team that struggled against Bloomsburg University and Appalachian State than the team that won its last two games by a combined score of 97-21.

#### Football Saturday

URI	23
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"I thought we were fortunate to win," JMU coach Mickey Matthews said. "I'm just glad we won."

It has been said that good teams find a way to win, but Madison took an unorthodox approach to beating Rhode Island 35-23.

"What a crazy game," Matthews said during the post-game press conference.

JMU used scoring drives of three, four, four and two plays, while failing to find much rhythm offensively.

"We got the win and that's all that matters," Dukes senior quarterback Justin Rascati said. "Sometimes it's ugly, but we found ways to win."

After jumping out 10-0 with a 5-yard touchdown run by quarterback Derek Cassidy and a 47-yard Colin Gallagher field goal, the Rams gave up a big kick return to senior wide receiver Ardon Bransford that gave Madison the ball on the URI 36-yard line. Three plays later, senior running back Alvin Banks took the ball into the end zone for a 7-yard touchdown run.

"We started off a little sluggish," Bransford said. "We needed a spark and [the kick return] was it."

Bransford had two catches for 45 yards and one touchdown. The touchdown came with just six seconds left before halftime after the Dukes took the ball 64 yards in just four plays. On the scoring play, Rascati threw the ball up to Bransford despite a defender being right on his back, but the 5-foot-10, 185-pounder came down with the ball in traffic.

"I just went up and got it," Bransford said. "[Rascati] trusts me to go up and get it. That's the kind of relationship we have."

URI controlled the ball for over 37 minutes and ran 86 plays compared to JMU's 47, but the Rams were unable to put the Dukes away when they needed to.

The Rams led 23-21 in the fourth quarter after stopping Madison twice on short yardage plays. Despite getting the ball back, URI was unable to do anything with the ball and forced to punt and hope their defense could make another stop.

They couldn't.

Two plays later, junior running back Eugene Holloman took the ball 64 yards to the end zone to put the Dukes up for good.

"The offensive line was telling me 'you can get outside,'" Holloman said. "I took it outside and it was clear."

It was Holloman's second touchdown run of the season. Both of his scoring runs have been over 60 yards. He finished Saturday with 20 carries for 142 yards and one touchdown.

"He's just a really good player," Matthews said. "He has great vision and he's going to get nothing but better."

On the other side of the ball, it was a tale of two defenses for JMU. Up front, Madison had eight sacks, including two by junior defensive tackle John Baranowsky. The Dukes also forced the Rams into two turnovers. In the second quarter, Madison got an interception from senior line-backer Akeem Jordan that set up a 26-yard touchdown pass from Rascati to senior wide receiver D.D. Boxley. The touchdown was Boxley's first since the 2004 semifinal playoff game against William & Mary.

"I can't explain the feeling," Boxley said. "I was just so excited to get back in the end zone."

The Dukes also recovered a fourth-quarter fumble by Cassidy that senior defensive end Kevin Winston took 28 yards for the game-sealing touchdown.

However, the Dukes secondary played their worst game of the season.

They gave up 172 passing yards to the run-dominant URI team and dropped several sure interceptions.

"I thought our secondary played their worst game in eight years here," Matthews said. "We did nothing right in the defensive backfield today."

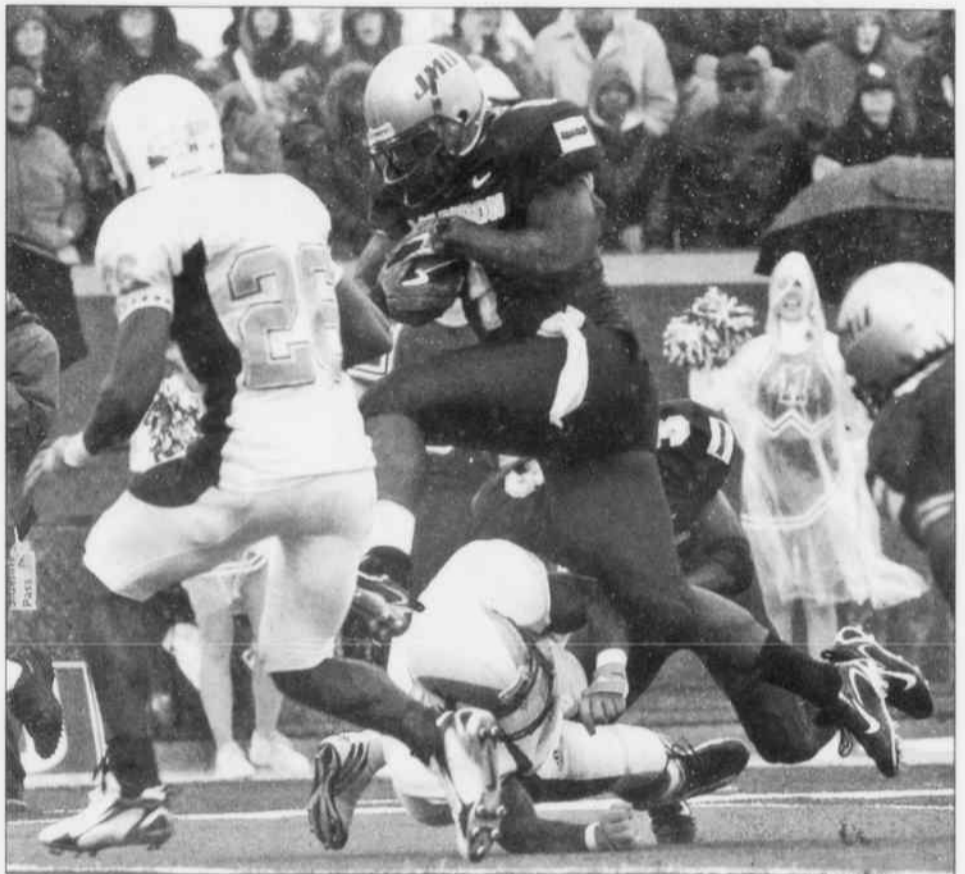
JMU also suffered several key injuries in the game. Banks, senior line-backer Isaiah Dottin-Carter and sophomore wide receiver Patrick Ward all left the game with ankle injuries. Their status for next week's game is unknown.

The Dukes will want to be at full strength as they take on the nation's No. 1 team in New Hampshire next Saturday.

"I've had this game mapped out all season," Rascati said.



Boxley



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Senior runningback Alvin Banks hurdles a would-be tackler to score a touchdown in the rain against URI Saturday.

### Winston passes Haley on JMU's all-time sack list

BY MATTHEW STOSS  
senior writer

Saturday afternoon, Kevin Winston one-upped Charles Haley — he of the five Super Bowl rings.

Winston recorded only one sack, but it was a big one. With it, Winston passed Haley (1982-'85) on JMU's all-time sack list to move into sole possession of seventh place with 17.5 career sacks. Haley played 12 years in the NFL for the San Francisco 49ers and Dallas Cowboys.

Chris Morant (1998-'00) is Madison's all-time leader with 33.

"It's a big honor," the senior defensive end said. "It just means I have to keep working harder."

Last week against Virginia Military Institute, Winston led JMU with seven tackles, and two sacks against an option-style offense similar to what URI runs. Against the Rams, Winston recorded nine tackles, which gives the 6-foot-3, 230-pounder the fourth most on the team with 40.

Against Bloomsburg University, he set a new career-high in tackles with eight, only to break it a week later at Appalachian State when he recorded 11.

His previous career-high was seven.

"VMI was a really good warm-up," Winston said. "They started running [the option] in the spring; Rhode Island has been doing it for years, so they're a little more advanced."

For the team lead in tackles, Winston trails only senior linebackers Akeem Jordan (50) and Isaiah Dottin-Carter (43) and junior free safety Tony LeZotte (43).

"Kevin's an All-American," JMU coach Mickey Matthews said.

"It's been difficult for him because his back's always bothering him. He's a real good player."

Winston had back surgery in the off-season.

"It felt normal," Winston said after the VMI game.

"I just had to start making more plays in the passing game. I'd been good in the run game, but I just haven't been able to rush the passer as well as I could."

Against URI, JMU sacked quarterback Derek Cassidy eight times for 45 yards with seven different players recording sacks including Jordan, Dottin-Carter, junior linebacker Justin Barnes, senior defensive tackle Chuck Suppon, junior defensive tackle John Baranowsky, sophomore safety Marcus Haywood and

senior safety Phil Minafield.

"A lot of the time, I was just trying to hand the ball off to Joe [Cassidy]," Cassidy said. "But they're so fast. They're the most athletic team we've played all year — probably the most athletic team we'll play all year."

Minafield's lone sack came with under two minutes to play when he forced a Cassidy fumble that Winston recovered for a 28-yard touchdown run that put JMU up 35-23 and the game out of reach.

"We [defensive ends] never get the ball thrown to us. We just do the dirty work," Winston said. "So when the opportunity [to score] presents itself, your eyes light up."

"I thought they were going to blow the whistle. Since it doesn't happen that often, you start thinking of all the negatives. Maybe they say he was down or it was an incomplete pass."

The touchdown was the first of Winston's career.

"[JMU] has a strong, athletic defensive front," Rams coach Tim Stowers said. "They did a really good job."

Of note

With the JMU win, Dukes senior quarterback Justin Rascati passes Mike Cawley (1993-'95) to become JMU's all-time winningest quarterback with 24 wins.

Rascati is on the Walter Payton Award watch list. The award is given to the best player in Division I-AA football.



Winston

## JMU sweeps GMU

### Dukes win road match to hold No. 3 spot in CAA

FAIRFAX — The JMU women's volleyball team won its second consecutive match on the way to improving to 11-6 overall and 6-3 in the Colonial Athletic Association Friday night.

The Dukes swept George Mason 3-0



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Freshman Nicole Fenner finished with eight kills and six digs for the Dukes.

and compiled a .300 attack percentage on their way to dropping the Patriots to 5-10 overall and 2-7 in the conference.

In the first and third game JMU jumped out early and never let up. The team controlled both matches, winning 30-19 and 30-16 respectively.

In the second game, the Patriots held a slim lead throughout. The Dukes took their first lead at 20-19, but GMU battled back to force a 25-25 tie. Madison took the lead on a Patriot service error when junior Allyson Halls served out four straight points to give the Dukes the 30-25 win. Senior Ashley Copenhaver put GMU away with the final kill.

Halls led JMU with 11 kills, three service aces and a .500 attack percentage. She also recorded two digs and one block. Freshman standout Nicole Fenner had another solid match for Madison recording eight kills and six digs while hitting at a .583 attacking percentage. Sophomore setter Lauren Miles recorded her 11th double-double of the season, recording 33 assists and 12 digs.

Junior libero Jena Pierson entered the match sixth in the nation in digs. She increased her average to 6.35 per match by recording 20 in the match. It was the seventh consecutive time she's recorded at least 20 digs.

The Patriots were led by Jaqueline Kohler who had a match-high 13 kills. Sam Simmonds had four kills, two assists and a team-high eight digs. Setter Katie Corcoran had 24 assists to go along with four digs for GMU.

Mason only hit at a .070 percentage as a team on its way to tallying 20 attack errors.

The Dukes return home on Tuesday to Radford followed by two crucial CAA matches at home next weekend. Madison will take on Delaware Friday and Towson Saturday. Both games are scheduled for 7 p.m. in Sinclair Gymnasium in Godwin Hall.

— from staff reports

## Freshman firepower

### JMU freshman Bain scores twice, has late game-winner Friday

TOWSON, Md. — The No. 18 JMU field hockey team topped Towson 2-1 Friday at Johnny Unitas Stadium on a pair of goals by freshman forward Meghan Bain, improving to 8-5 overall and 2-1 in the Colonial Athletic Association.

Bain scored the game-winning goal with 3:18 remaining.

It was the third win in the last four matches for the Dukes and the 12th win over the Tigers in the all-time series of 13 meetings. Towson, which received votes in last week's coaches poll, fell to 7-6 overall and 1-2 in conference. It was the first home loss of the season for the Tigers.

Towson took the first lead of the game when junior Gabby Mink found the cage with 10 minutes left in the first half. The goal came after a deflection of a penalty corner play and was assisted by senior Kim McEwen.

Five-and-a-half minutes later, before halftime, Bain scored the equalizer on

an unassisted breakaway move around Tiger's goalkeeper Christina Armer. The match remained a 1-1 tie at the break and through most of the second period.

Then, Bain scored her team-leading eighth goal of the season and fourth game-winning goal with 3:18 left. Like her first score, the game-winner was also unassisted and came on a rebound opportunity. Bain now leads the Dukes with 18 points on the season.

JMU outshot Towson 20-4 and also led 7-3 in penalty corners. JMU freshman goalkeeper Kelsey Cutchins made

her fifth consecutive start and played all 70 minutes with one save to improve to 5-3 in goal. Armer made 10 saves while taking the loss for Towson.

The Dukes were in action yesterday afternoon at the JMU Field Hockey Complex against No. 17 William & Mary to kick off a five-game homestand.

Bain added two more goals Sunday in leading the Dukes to a 4-1 win over William & Mary. The win moved JMU to 9-5 overall and 3-1 in the CAA.

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Bain



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Since losing to Old Dominion University 1-0 at home, JMU has won three straight games over CAA opponents.

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